



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8157

General Membership Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.



Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
10 Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread;
12 And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our
debtors;
13 And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
14 For if you forgive men their tre
sures, your heavenly Father also w
if you do not forg

The background of the entire image is a close-up, high-resolution photograph of the United States flag. The flag is shown waving, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes on the right. The stars are white and five-pointed, arranged in a grid pattern. The stripes are horizontal and of equal width. The lighting is bright, creating a sense of depth and movement in the fabric of the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Council 8157 General Membership Meeting

November 10th, 2020

- Call to Order – Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Grand Knight's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Secretary Report
- **Program: Christmas Market**
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Fourth Degree Report
- District Deputy Report
- Good of the Order
- Prayer & Adjournment

Virtual Meeting Procedures

- Learn how to **mute/unmute** your mic. Your computer or smart phone mic is very sensitive, it picks up every sound. **Best to keep yourself muted until you need to speak.**
- **Only call or login once.** If someone joins via computer and calls in on their cell phone, that may result in echo and feedback noise.
- Review the **CHAT Feature**, you can type messages as well.

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr Steve Antes	EX
Grand Knight	Jorge Ruiz	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Eric Conner	P
Chancellor	Jim Russell	P
Financial Secretary	Peter Perta	P
Treasurer	James Smith	P
Recorder	Mike Fitzgerald	EX
Advocate	Russell Gully, PGK	P
Warden	John Espree	P
Inside Guard	Efrain Ochoa	P
Outside Guard	Steve Reid	P
Lecturer	Wendell Jeanpierre	P
Board of Trustees	Tom Greco, PGK	P
	Allen Reitmeier, KH Dir	P
	Jim Richardson, PGK	EX

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS | P = Present | A = Absent | EX = Excused

Committee Directors

Awareness	Jorge Ruiz
Church	James Smith
COMMUNITY	Dan Murphy, PGK
Concessions	Allen Reitmeier
Council Activities	
Degree Team	Tom Greco, PGK
Disaster Preparedness	Wendell Jeanpierre
FAITH	Deacon Al Evans
FAMILY	David Dybala, PGK
Health Activities	Lou Lemons
Knight Hands	Allen Reitmeier
Membership	Jim Kowalski, PGK
LIFE	Mike Moloughney
Retention	Allen Reitmeier
Sacramental Gifts	Keith Archer
Safe Environment	Jorge Ruiz, GK
Youth Activities	Mike Moloughney

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT – SK Jorge Ruiz

- We are fortunate to have the **Concession stand in Cedar Hill** as a source of revenue. Our council has started earning money once again! We are blessed and grateful for Allen and all the Knights who stepped up to work this past weekend and this fall season. Full report later.
- Our main program tonight is on **Holy Spirit Christmas Market**, Sat Dec 5th, the church's main fundraiser this year. SK Mike Moloughney is in charge and he needs the full support of his brother Knights.
- We expect our council will participate in **a future project to help replace the carpet/floors** in the main church building. We may be removing the pews and the old carpet. The proceeds from the Raffle will fund the carpet, so please remember to buy tickets.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT – SK Jorge Ruiz

- New member transferred in: David Scholl and wife Patricia.
- Our council is in full compliance with all **Safe Environment requirements** from the Supreme Council and the Dallas Diocese.
- **Veteran's Day is Wednesday Nov 11.** We're privileged to honor and give thanks to men and women in uniform, past and present, and in particular the members of our council. **Brothers we thank you for your service and are forever proud to call you brothers!**
- Finally, as our country tries to move forward through a contested election, let us be mindful that we gather and respect one another because of our commonalities rather than our differences:
We are brothers in Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SK James Smith

- Report of financial obligations of the council
- **Inventory of council shirts:**
 - Long Sleeve button down shirts:
 - 2 (3XL) Black
 - Polo shirts:
 - 1 (2XL) Black w/white piping
 - 1 (2XL) Purple w/black piping
 - 1 (L), 3 (2XL), 1 (3XL), 1 (5XL) Red w/white piping
 - 1 (L) Grey w/camp shoulder
- **Total shirts 11. Sale Price: \$24 - \$28**
- Our cost per shirt has increased, we may be looking for new vendor.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Peter Perta

- Membership: **218**
- Dues Paid: **75%**
- Budget YTD: **25.2%**
- Our Council's annual **Insurance Policy** (provides liability only), is with Lockton Affinity, LLC and is up for renewal. The premium payment of **\$877.80** is due. James Smith will mail check tomorrow morning.
- We're looking at making a change to the Supreme Policy but before we switch, suggest our Advocate Russell Gully give it a look over.

Holy Spirit Christmas Market – SK Mike Moloughney

- **Saturday December 5th, 2020 from 8:30am – 3:30pm**
- **Food Trucks/Vendors, Games, Flea Market, Music**
- Council to set up festival equipment:
 - Thursday or Friday, December 3-4 set up equipment
 - Prepare smoker, refill propane tanks
 - Set up full stage with tents in back for musicians
 - 10 tents needed in east parking lot with tables for local food vendors (including our council) and game booths.
 - No additional tables/chairs will be set up for the public due to Covid.
- Council to take down and store equipment. Date & time TBD. Call for volunteer to oversee Operations (set up and take down)

Holy Spirit Christmas Market – SK Mike Moloughney

- Family-Booth – Santa and sleigh photos and gifts for children and their families (David Dybala)
- The Knights will prepare and sell the following food items:
 - **Smoked Turkey Legs** (Efrain Ochoa/James Smith?)
 - **Funnell Cakes** (Dan Murphy)
 - Check with Duncanville Fire Marshall and Food Permits Dept
- KofC Council 8157 Recruitment table – promotional items, pens, etc. (Keith Archer)

Committee Reports

- Awareness Committee
- Church Activities
- Concessions
- COMMUNITY
- Council Activities
- Degree Team
- Disaster Preparedness
- FAITH
- FAMILY
- Health Activities
- Knight Hands
- Membership
- LIFE
- Retention
- Sacramental Gifts
- Safe Environment
- Youth Activities

AWARENESS – SK Jorge Ruiz

- Website has been updated:
 - Prayer Requests are being published on the website, not emailed.
 - All the meeting minutes for the current fraternal year have been published on our website.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – SK James Smith

- Participated in Halloween BOOlevard distributing candy to trick-or-treaters.

CONCESSIONS – Allen Reitmeier

- The fall baseball season was concluded this past weekend with the end of year league tournament. The numbers for the fall season look like this:
 - We attended a total of **54 games**
 - Gross sales of **\$4,562.05**
 - From this we will bank **\$2,588.24** – that's about **57%** net profit- just a bit above what we are accustomed to.
- All leftover good were donated to the Cedar Hill Food Bank – just a total of **\$51.66** worth of goods. The concession stand and equipment is all cleaned and stored away for the winter ready for spring baseball – **Thank you James Smith.**
- Thanks also to the baseball committee consisting of **Jeff Miller, Eric Conner, James Smith and Greg Warr** for their work throughout the fall season.

CONCESSIONS – Allen Reitmeier



During the regular season Eric Conner and Allen Reitmeier handled most games but were assisted by **Efrain Ochoa, Larry Balagna, Russell Gully and Ken Rarick.**

For this past weekend's tournament I want to thank **Tony Almanza, John Espree, Mario Ramos, Steve Castillo, Dan Murphy, Eric Conner, Trevor Edwards, Efrain Ochoa, Russell Gully, Juan Hernandez, Paul Ryan and Robbie Zablan** (wants to be a Knight).



COMMUNITY – SK Dan Murphy

- Provided approximately 100 meals for Cedar Hill Police Department over a two-day period, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13-14, 2020.
- Provided approximately 85 meals to the residents of St. Joseph's Residence on Saturday, Nov 6th 2020.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – (Vacant) Jorge Ruiz

- **Reminder:** Need to plan our next **Appreciation Dinner** and **Corporate Communion Masses**.

DEGREE TEAM – SK Tom Greco

- Video: Exemplification of Charity Unity Fraternity.
<https://youtu.be/-FjLa1tKNuo>



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – SK Wendell Jeanpierre

- No report

FAITH – Deacon Al Evans

- The Faith In Action, Into the Breach video series
 - <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – David Dybala

- **Family of the Month, Nov 2020: David & Veronica Ybarra**
- Propose the Knights sponsor a **FAMILY Booth** as a family activity. We will be using the St Nick costume and sleigh. I suggest we have a tent to keep the goodies and St Nick (safe and possibly dry).
- We will hand out **Christmas bags**, each containing:
 - an apple, an orange, a peppermint candy cane, and a nativity scene ornament along with a **Holy Family** prayer card.
- Estimate we will hand out **176** bags.
 - The apples and oranges are \$200.
 - The candy canes are \$60.
 - The bags and ornaments are \$138.
 - If approved I will request funding not to exceed \$450.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES – SK Lou Lemons

- No report
- Lou is recovering well and feeling much better.

KNIGHT HANDS – Allen Reitmeier

Since our last regular business meeting Knight Hands completed 5 projects:

1. We installed bottom trim and repaired the door on Mary Flusche's shed. Thank you **David Ybarra and Jack Ramsden**.
2. We fixed the dimming lights for Leo Mattingly. Thank you **Hector Rubio**.
3. We built a retaining wall for Mary Flusche. Thank you **Mike Fitzgerald, David Dybala and Jack Ramsden**.
4. We straightened the backyard fence for Mike Moloughney. Thanks **David Ybarra and Russell Gully** (first time for Russell – he jumped right in).
5. We replaced a rotted 2"X6" on the deck of David Scholl (our newest Knight). Thank you **Jack Ramsden**.

The next big project is this coming Saturday when we are [trimming the trees in the church courtyard](#) and cutting bushes along the west side of the church property. Many of you have already committed to help with this project. This will be project #362.

LIFE – SK Mike Moloughney

Know the issues...Know the facts:

<https://www.prolifedallas.org/Issues-Home>

Hike for LIFE Texas is on and is virtual

- Our Council Goal: \$2000 (we are at 21%)
- Visit our Council's Hiker page:
- <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=5004478>



MEMBERSHIP – SK Jim Kowalski (Jorge Ruiz)

- New Member transferred in: David Scholl and wife Patricia
- La'Don Wright Jr. will be joining us soon when he returns home from college for the holidays. His dad hopes to have him to attend an Exemplification church ceremony around that time.
- Robbie Zablan wants to become a Knight.

RETENTION – Allen Reitmeier

- **November 2020 Knight of the Month – SK Jeff Miller**
- *The mission of the Retention Committee is to inspire membership to participate in the activities of this Council by identifying the needs and wants of all members and matching their needs and wants to our programs.*
- The committee (Jorge Ruiz, Jim Russell, John Espree and Allen Reitmeier) will be sending postcards to all Knights with dues in arrears. Will follow up with a personal phone call the week after just to say hello and verify contact information. Next meeting is set for Wednesday night, where we will explore how to inspire all Knights to be more active in the Council.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS – SK Keith Archer

- [Baptism](#)
- [Reconciliation](#)
- [First Communion](#)
- [Confirmation](#)
- [Anointing of the Sick & Funerals](#)
- [Marriage](#)
- [Holy Orders](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT – SK Jorge Ruiz

- Council 8157 is compliant with Supreme Council's requirements for:
 - **Community Director, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director.**
 - A total of **10** knights have completed Supreme Safe Environment Training.
- Number of knights who are current with Dallas Diocese Holy Spirit Safe Environment training: **37**
- Total number of knights who have taken the Dallas Diocese Holy Spirit Safe Environment training: **63**
- Check our website for your correct dates of training:
 - <https://kofc8157.org/membership/members-list/>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The recipient of the Knight of the Year 2019-2020 award will be announced at our next Appreciation Dinner. This great honor should be bestowed in person and with all of us present.

NEW BUSINESS

- Families in need of assistance for Thanksgiving
- Families in need of assistance for Christmas

FOURTH DEGREE – SK Jim Russell

- No report.

DISTRICT DEPUTY – SK Kebran Alexander [#109](#)

- Our New Worthy DD Kebran Alexander, PGK Council #7017 Holy Cross, started July 1st 2020.

LECTURER – SK Wendell Jeanpierre

- **November Lecture: Christian Duty And The Body Politic**
- <https://kofc8157.org/lectures/christian-duty-and-the-body-politic/>

Good of the Order

- Prayers for the family of Bonnie and John Espree
- Prayers for our nation's Veterans
- Prayers for our First Responders
- Prayers for SK Al Alonzo
- Prayers for SK Wendell JeanPierre



Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



We are adjourned.



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COUNCIL 8157

