



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8157

General Membership Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 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 creates a sense of depth and movement, with highlights and shadows on 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

December 1st, 2020

- Call to Order – Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Grand Knight's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Secretary Report
- **Tonight's Program:**
 - **FAITH: Brotherhood**
- 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	P
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

- As the Christmas season approaches, we turn our attention more toward **Charity**. At the present time we are helping three brother knights in need of assistance.
 - Earlier this year a committee was established to help needy families in our council and in our community, severely impacted by COVID-19. The committee set a financial limit and we are still well below that limit.
 - Some charity is being given in the form of Knight Hands projects.
 - Some charity has been given as financial assistance, and some as both.
 - We have provided financial help to a brother knight undergoing medical disability due to injury; and hired a plumber to help find gas leak at home.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SK James Smith

- Report of financial obligations of the council
- Will add GK as bank account signer
- **Inventory of council shirts:**
 - Long Sleeve button down shirts:
 - **2** (3XL) Black
 - Polo shirts:
 - **1** (2XL) Black w/white 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**



FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Peter Perta

- Membership: **222**
- YTD Dues Collected: **75%**
- YTD Budget Spending: **31.6%**
- Supreme has waived collecting Supreme per Capita and Catholic Advertising/Culture of Life: Saving our Council: **\$1,400**
- Budgeted RSVP sponsorship of 5 seminarians; checks due by Friday
- November Family of the Month Form Submitted

FAITH – Deacon Al Evans

INTO THE BREACH

Tonight's Program:
BROTHERHOOD



*Man was not meant to “go it alone,” but to be in communion with others. It is important to build close friendships with other men of faith. Master Sergeant **Sompaul Vorapanich** shares lessons on the importance of brotherhood.*

FAITH – Deacon Al Evans

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

Faith In Action, Into the Breach - video series

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

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

Websites:

- Council 8157: <https://kofc8157.org>
- Dallas Chapter: <https://kofcdallas.org>
- Texas State Council: <http://tkofc.org>
- Supreme Council: <https://kofc.org>

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – SK James Smith

- No report

CONCESSIONS – Allen Reitmeier

- We have completed the baseball analysis and Treasurer James Smith is ready to send a check to **Cedar Hill Baseball Association**.

COMMUNITY – SK Dan Murphy

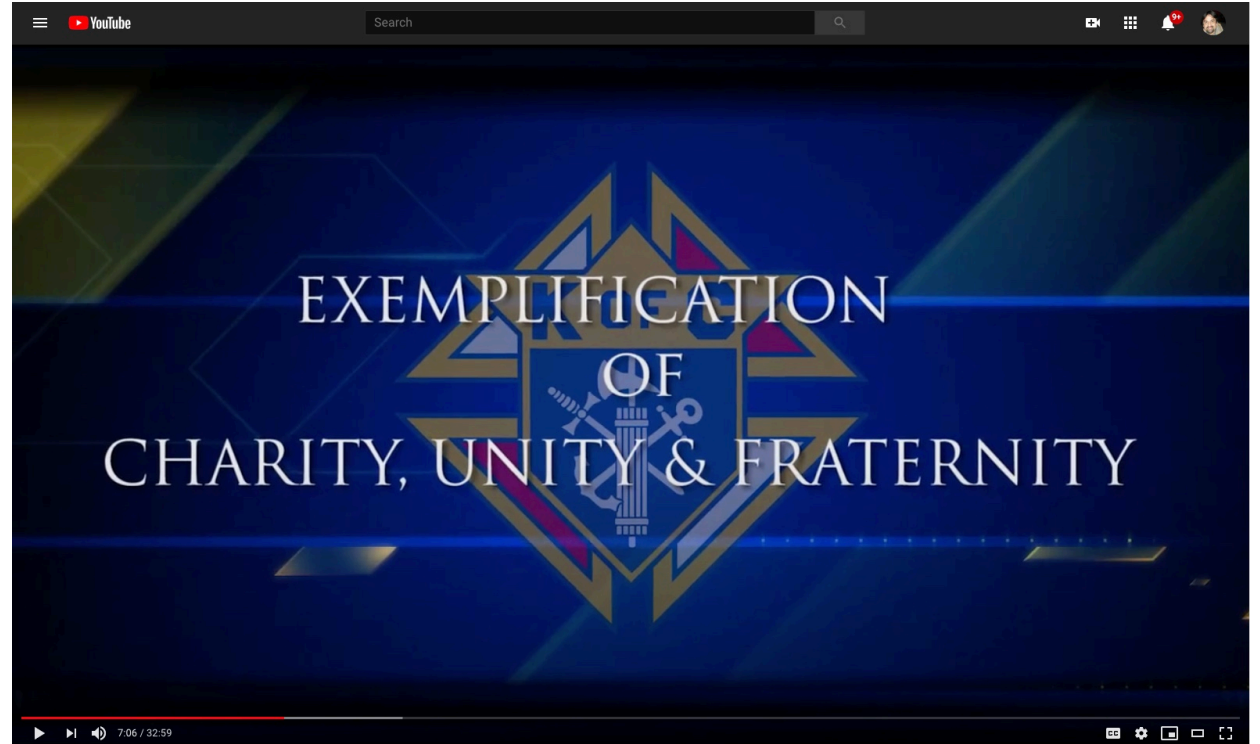
- We're working on setting up providing lunch meals to the DeSoto Police Department.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – (Vacant) Jorge Ruiz

- **Reminder:** Need to plan our next **Appreciation Dinner** and **Corporate Communion Masses**.
- Judging based on the recent number of reported infections it is still not a good time for large gatherings.

DEGREE TEAM – SK Tom Greco

- Working on rebuilding Team
 - Have secured dining room for practice
- **Video:**
 - Exemplification of Charity Unity Fraternity.
 - <https://youtu.be/-FjLa1tKNuo>
 - <https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification>



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – SK Wendell Jeanpierre

- No report

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – David Dybala

- **December 2020 Family of the Month:**
 - **MIKE & KAREN MOLOUGHNEY**
- Have requested permission from Fr. Eugene to hand out **Christmas Gift Bags** after mass in Courtyard on Sunday December 5th.
 - Bags contain: a Christmas ornament of the Nativity scene and a Holy Family prayer card, a peppermint candy cane, an apple and an orange.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES – SK Lou Lemons

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

Holy Spirit Christmas Market – SK Mike Moloughney

- **The Christmas Market has been postponed due to concern over the reported rising number of COVID infections.**
- May be rescheduled in Spring 2021.
- Thanks to the following knights for their efforts:
 - Mike Moloughney, Market Chairman
 - David Dybala, Family Booth
 - Gamaliel Hernandez, Operations Chair
 - Allen Reitmeier, Music Stage
 - Efrain Ochoa, James Smith, Dan Murphy: Food Booths

KNIGHT HANDS – Allen Reitmeier

- Since our last meeting we have completed 4 projects.
- Ernest Alvarez gas leak at home
- Tony Gonzalez home remodeling help – Saturday Dec 5th

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

- New members: **Robby Zablan** and **Russ LeRoy** attended our Exemplification ceremony at Jim Kowalski's house Monday night.
- New member **Ryan Daugherty** could not attend at the last minute and will be rescheduling his Exemplification ceremony.
- New transfer: **David Scholl**.
- **La'Don Wright Jr.** will be joining us over the holidays.

RETENTION – Allen Reitmeier

- **December 2020 Knight of the Month: ROY CORMIER**
- Retention Committee has been making calls to non-dues paying Knights.
- “Big brothers” will be assigned to the new Knights.

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

- Supreme Council Safe Environment Program compliant:
 - **Community Director, Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director.**
 - Number of knights who have completed KC SEP: **10**
 - **Online Training at:**
 - <https://www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program/index.html>
- Catholic Diocese of Dallas Holy Spirit Safe Environment Program
 - Number of knights who are **current** with HS SEP training: **38**
 - Total number of knights who have taken HS SEP training: **64**
 - **Online Training at:**
 - <https://www.cathdal.org/a-safe-environment>
- Check our website for your reported dates of training:
 - <https://kofc8157.org/membership/members-list/>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Families in need of assistance this Christmas season

NEW BUSINESS

FOURTH DEGREE – SK Jim Russell

- No report.
- Searching for 55 Gal drum

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

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

LECTURER – SK Wendell Jeanpierre

- **December Lecture:**
 - **ADVENT 2020: A SEASON OF JOY IN A YEAR TO REMEMBER**
 - <https://kofc8157.org/lectures/advent-2020/>

Good of the Order

- Prayers for the Fitzgerald family and daughters with covid19
- 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
- Warren and Linda Ussery
- Larry Balagna's uncle
- Lawrence Defreitus (France's brother)
- Brother SK Art Senato



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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