

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL 8157 GENERAL MEETING

May 4, 2021

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY \_ Grand Knight AT \_\_7:30\_\_ P.M.\_\_\_\_

OPENING PRAYER \_\_Our Father \_\_was led by Fr. Steve at Grand Knight's request\_\_

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE \_\_\_\_\_led by \_ Chancellor\_\_

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: P=PRESENT, A=ABSENT, EX=EXCUSED

CHAPLIN: FR. STEVE ANTES: P

GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P

WARDEN: JOHN ESPREE: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: ERIC CONNER: A

INSIDE GUARD: EFRAIN OCHOA: P

CHANCELLOR: JIM RUSSELL: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: EX

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETER PERTA: EX

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: P

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: EX

1<sup>ST</sup> YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

2<sup>ND</sup> YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3<sup>RD</sup> YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: EX

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: \_\_\_\_\_Warden confirmed\_\_\_\_\_

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the April meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: The GK thanked us for being Knights and remaining active during the past year. He then gave individual recognition to each of our Council Officers, Program Directors and Committee Directors making specific mention of those who are Past Grand Knights. We are an outstanding Council and at the GK request the Council stood and we gave ourselves a round of applause. The GK pointed out that several Knight, himself include, were wearing multiple hats and solicited volunteers to please come forward and get more actively involved in the Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GK reported on behalf of the Treasurer the Council's most recent monthly bank account balance.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership stands at \_ 221\_\_.

Gerry Jacob has transferred his membership to the St. Francis Council in Lancaster. We have a reinstatement (which counts as a new member) of Paul DesCamps.

Dues collected for the 2021 calendar year stand at fifty-two (52%) percent.

The Council's 2020 Federal Taxes have been filed.

We are current on all form submissions to Supreme including Family of the Month for April.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: (JIM KOWALSKI): As of the end of March Council 8157 was at forty-five (45%) percent of our 2020/2021 new member goal compared to the Diocese of Dallas which is at a negative fifty-three (-53%) of their 2020/2021 new member goal.

Jim provided us with a report on the State Convention held in Houston which he attended.

As an organization the Knights of Columbus made charitable gifts of  
77,000 man hours of service

\$187,000,000

100,000 wheelchairs

Recruiting has really suffered in 2020/2021. There are 838 Councils in Texas. Only 412 Councils have been successful in recruiting one (1) or more new members this year.

Seventy-seven (77%) percent of new member Knights have joined the order on-line.

Texas' recruiting ranking as of

July 6, 2020	13 <sup>th</sup>	#1 Ontario
September 2, 2020	3 <sup>rd</sup>	#1 Ontario
December 31, 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup>	#1 Ontario
Today	1 <sup>st</sup>	Finally caught and passed Ontario

Jim provided two (2) hand-outs at the end of our meeting on  
effective Recruiting via email and text  
the tangible and intangible benefits of being a Knight of Columbus

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DEACON AL EVANS):

Holy Spirit is taking on additional Masses. There is a need for more volunteers both as Hospitality Ministers and to sanitize the church after services. The Bishop holds Mass at 10:00 am every Sunday for the young men at the Dallas Convention Center which is another opportunity to help.

The Bishop has announced the formation of the Diaconate Class of 2027. If anyone knows of a young man in our community considering a religious calling, please let them know of this opportunity to answer the call.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ):

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY): This month has been relatively quiet. This being our first in person meeting in months, Dan recounted our good efforts to provide meals for Charlton Hospital EMT's, Duncanville and Cedar Hill Police Departments and the great success of our drive-thru Lenten Fish Fries.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The number of projects since our last meeting was: six (6)

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost and/or Donation
Donna Luce April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Air Conditioner Repair	Jose Montoya (3)	\$32.46 Materials

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Hector Rubio April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sliding Glass Door Installation	Allen Reitmeier, Jamess Smith & Jose Montoya (6)	
Jesse Anne Nobles April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Repaired/Replaced Discolored Drywall	Steve Zehnder and Allen Reitmeier (4)	\$61.66 Materials \$100.00 Donation
Billy Smith April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Built a new set of Steps	David Dybala (4)	\$78.43 Materials \$60.00 Donation
Jesse Anne Nobles April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Repaired multiple lights	Juan Hernandez (4)	
Randi Horn (a Garbriel Mom) April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Refrigerator repair & delivery and bunk bed assembly	Jose Montoya, Billy Callender, Mike Fitzgerald and Allen Reitmeier (11)	Refrigerator was donated by Diane Lightbody

Since we began Knight Hands in May 2010 we have now done three hundred eighty-seven (387) jobs.

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): Although we have been having games on a regular basis, there are few teams who signed up this year and the number of games is down. We have had thirty-three (33) games so far with gross sales of \$3,453.51. We are averaging \$104 per game which is slightly more than in the past.

The thirty-five (35) game mid-year tournament was rained out. Thank you to those who had signed up to work that tournament. Hopefully, you will be available to work when that tournament is rescheduled. A big thanks to all of those who have worked thus far; Russell LeRoy, Larry Balagna, Peter Perta, John Espree, Efrain Ochoa, Ken Rarick, Jim Kurowski, Steve Zehnder, Russell Gully, Greg Henzle, Linda Reitmeier and James Smith.

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): We continue to contact inactive Knights. Thank you to Ed O'Brien, David Dybala, Art Senato and David Scholl and the committee members; Jorge Ruiz, John Espree, Jim Russell and myself.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No Report

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): On Mike's behalf GK advised the Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner was a great success despite the low in person attendance. Our own Alex Sabo sold the 1<sup>st</sup> prize (\$10,000) winning ticket to one of his neighbors. All the more reasons you (and the Council) to buy your (our) tickets from Alex.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT): No Report

DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO): No Report

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH): No Report

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): Article published May Mental Health Awareness Month

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (DAVID DYBALA):

For the month of May

Knight of the Month: Alex Sabo

Family of the Month: Russell and Patricia Gully

This being the first in person meeting in over a year, Jim Russel took the opportunity to present the following Certificates

Knight of the Month for

January 2020 - Efrain Ochoa

May 2020 - David Ybarra

Family of the Month for

May 2020 - Dan and Pat Murphy

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: (KEITH ARCHER): I try to have our annual sacramental gift giving plan in place by the first of the year with a target completion date of the week before Easter. This year we are dependent on Holy Spirit to give out the gifts when the sacraments take place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 2021/2022 budget was proposed last month. The Council provides up to three (3) scholarships annually. The proposed budget includes increasing the scholarship amount from \$500 per scholarship to \$1,000 per scholarship. The other area of increase was our support of Seminarians (RSVP) from \$2,500 (5) to \$3,000 (6). The additional \$1,500 in scholarship funds and \$500 in RSVP has been more than offset by reductions in

Sacramental Gift budget (\$1,000)

Equipment Expense (\$500)

Degree Program expenses (\$500)

Liability Insurance (\$400)

The 2021/2022 budget of \$48,400 is \$400 less than our 2020/2021 budget. A second vote on the proposed budget was taken and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: (RUSSELL GULLY):

2021/2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS to be voted on at the June general meeting

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETER PERTA - APPOINTED BY SUPREME

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE – APPOINTED BY GRAND KNIGHT

Additional officer nominations can be made from the floor at the June General Meeting. If you are thinking about nominating someone, please visit the potential nominee to confirm his willingness to serve if elected.

The Grand Knight has received a letter from the Duncanville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association seeking donations for their annual banquet benefiting the police. There was a motion and second to make a contribution of \$499. The matter was opened for discussion. As a result of the discussions, it was agreed to table this matter, obtain additional information and take the matter up at the next Directors and Officers meeting.

David Dybala highlighted the fact that we needed to mark our respective calendars for pew removal and floor replacement. Requests for bids will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Masses will be held in the Sanctuary through the last weekend in May. June 1<sup>st</sup> we will be unbolting pews and a week later (June 9<sup>th</sup>) we will be moving the pews to the narthex and classrooms. Reinstalling the pews will happen on or about July 10<sup>th</sup>.

FIELD AGENT REPORT: (Bob Hoholick): No Report

4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE: (JIM RUSSELL): We are planning a flag retirement ceremony in coordination with the Boy Scouts.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER): No Report unable to attend.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): The lecture this month is entitled "Faith and Family" has been posted on-line.

The Grand Knight called for the Good of the Order: Several prayer requests were made

CLOSING PRAYER \_\_\_and Blessing led by Fr. Steve at the Grand Knight's request.

CLOSING ODE AND \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_ Grand Knight\_\_\_\_

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: \_\_\_8:43\_\_\_ PM

50/50 Drawings:

Meeting Winner: La'don Wright

Meeting Attendance: Al Alonzo - Not present