

MINUTES OF KOFC COUNCIL 8157 GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT __7:30__ P.M. ____

OPENING PRAYER __Our Father____ BY _ Grand Knight__

OPENING ODE AND PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE _____ BY _ Grand Knight__

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: JIM RUSSELL: P INSIDE GUARD: EFRAIN OCHOA: P

CHANCELLOR: MIKE FITZGERALD: P OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: P

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: P LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P 1ST YR TRUSTEE: DAVID DYBALA: P

RECORDER: RAMON PRESAS: P 2ND YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P 3RD YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: EX

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: _____ Warden confirmed _____

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the June 2, 2021, meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Gentlemen, I thank all of you for being Knights. Tonight, we begin our new fraternal year 2021-22, starting to celebrate going back workplace, does not feel good, I think it does. I want to welcome our new Chancellor Mike Fitzgerald starting this month and Recorder Ramon Presas both new. Of course, we all know Mike has been in our council awhile, in every other role, except Grand Knight. Mike has been every post and leadership post. Mike- "oh not at all Allen Reitmeier has been every post". Also, I want to welcome David Dybala as 1st year Trustee. Thank you, David for joining us there.

We have much to look forward to and we plan to make this very, very successful Star Council year. Just a note, many of are familiar Star Council Award, we came close last year, it was a COUVID year, a fine year we came close. This incoming year a most successful one. We will be forming a recruitment committee to focus on not just meeting but exceeding our membership goals. My new membership goal 50 this year, and that maybe increased once the committee is formed. I really do believe we that ability to recruit very easily 50 members this year. And that is my goal for the recruitment committee. The recruitment committee have to ability to increase the goal. There is no reason why we would not be able to invite more brothers into our Parish, now that we are opening up and the enthusiasm is beginning to build up again.

We will also begin to review our Officers handbook from time to time, to make sure we all know what our jobs are as Officers.

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We have scheduled our first Council Exemplification Ceremony for next Tuesday at Holy Spirit gym. Father Steve will be present as the Chaplain. So will be at 7pm. All are invited, you do not have to be a first degree, I believe 5 new first-degree knights, any first-degree knight can attend. This is also open for spouses to attend. If you have not seen the new Ceremony, I encourage you to attend, only last 30-35 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

Installation of Officers Ceremony will be happening July 21, 2021 that is a Wednesday, at 6:30pm, there will be lite dinner and refreshments served, again all spouses are invited to attend. Formal ceremony where Officers begin their role. At Holy Spirit dinner room.

Big Award Dinner, a Saturday in August. Spouses are invited, Knight of the Year is announced, and Scholarships are awarded. The church looking at which Saturday, either the 7th, or 21st, or 28th. Beer and wine, dinner, and dancing. So please keep in mind and come party with us.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer advised the Council of the most recent monthly bank account balance.

As of 7/6/21 this afternoon @ 3PM: \$93,182.07

W/DRAWS- \$2,857.64

DEPOSIT- \$318.32 (SINCE BASE BALL IS OVER WITH)

END BALANCE- \$93,643.05

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership stands at 223.

2 recent additions- Edgar Cerantes and Jerry Smith

Jerry- Applaud for Jerry – Already visited by Paul Ryan and Field Agent. Happy to be a Knight.

Recognized Sir Knight Larry Balagna with Official Honorary Life Membership Card- 25 years of membership

Membership dues collected year to date 71%

New year Star membership goal is 11

Year ending (end of June 2021) 62% of budget, 19K under spent.

Dues received 800.00

200.00 back from Supreme reimbursement – food for families

45.00 received for shirts

Forms due 6/30/21- submitted

Forms for Family of the month

Columbia appreciated award form submitted

Report of Officers chosen

Outstanding forms due

Semi Audit 8/15 due

Service program personnel report 8/1 due

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Grand knight- membership dues collected at 70% is good?

Financial sec- Last year were stood at 72%, so not bad

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE (JIM KOWALSKI (SP):

We are looking a few to help with recruitment. 4 knights doesn't matter how long you been a member or degree level. I prefer volunteers, I do not like to assign. It not going to be that different. You do not have to tell me know. You can get with me after meeting, will take your name/number or think about it and call me at 214-663-3657, leave a message if I do not answer. Then we can get together for coffee or come to my house at your convenience, my wife likes to host.

Our goal of 50 is doing.

Grand knight- Our goal of committee is to form of a plan of attack. We will have tables to help meet a goal of 100.

Jim- St. Jude (Downtown) was a big success...26 new members in one mass.

Grand Knight- There are a lot of good men out there, like Jerry Smith. New members ask, why didn't I join earlier" Members continue to keep coming back. We can easily get 50 new members. A plan is to have representative at end of every mass. I been attending the Spanish mass, there is a lot of potential for growth in the right direction.

Fr. Steve- I can volunteer to help, since I have time. I can make a short announcement after mass in English and Spanish.

Grand knight- We can make this an easy, efficient way to sign up new members.

Fr. Steve- After mass, there are Knights present. I can announce to meet with Knights.

Field Agent (Bob)- Do you need recruiting material in Spanish and English? I have everything for recruiting English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

ADMISSION COMMITTEE (RUSSELL GULLY):

Met with 4 prospective members, good guys, explained the requirements. 3 should be able to attend Exemplary ceremony next Tuesday. We are off to a good start.

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Grand Knight- We have 2 more guys, one due to work cannot make ceremony. So, we have 2 more joining

FAITH DIRECTOR (DEACON AL EVANS)- EXCUSED

FAMILY PROGRAM DIRECTOR (DAVID DYBALA): No activities

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (JORGE RUIZ):

Members are

Jorge Ruiz, Jeff Miller, Dan Murphy, Jim Russell, and Eric Conner

4 applicants very impressive, 4.0GPA, all going to good colleges, one already is in college.

Committee meeting in next 2 weeks to make recommendations

Difficult dilemma is we are set for 3 scholarships. We are wanting to award 4, not 3, this means additional 1K. Committee members are so extremely impressed with the applications. Exceedingly difficult to ask for a vote to award 4 scholarships, but we feel we cannot deny.

Question was raised- Highly qualified students, do any of them have other scholarships/grants? If so, then we are adding another 1K and if they do not use it, then student will pocket funds.

Grand knight- We sent money directly to admissions.

Reply- When food/books are paid for, and any monies left over after the semester. Then money is given to student. We have to be careful.

Grand knight- One applicant has applied for Knights State scholarship and has won it, not sure if over 1K.

Comment raised- If a student is going to attend a division 1 school, 1K is not a lot of money. I been grateful to help some grandkids to school. 18-20K is the costs, even with a free ride, something is going to come up that 1k will be of some help. Pocketing the monies is unlikely.

Tom Greco- I trust the committee, I move to funding an additional a 4th scholarship for 1K.

Grand knight- we have motion on the floor. And we did get a 2nd.let's have a bit more discussion

Jim Russell- I have a grandson...who has Athletic scholarship at Maloy(sp) in Wisconsin. He has to come up with 4k every semester, the school is paying the other 48k.

Chancellor- Can we have the names of applicants

Grand knight- Committee has not met to make it official. Applicants are:

Madison Goza, Abigail Trapp, Elizabeth Meyer, Zara Montoya

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We will meet into the next few weeks.

All in favor? - Eye

Any objections-

Motion passes

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ):

Per Allen Reitmeier: 3 new knights, all knights past due on dues have been contacted. There has been some positive effective.

Doing a good job- Grand knight

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT (JIM RUSSELL)-

Flag retirement ceremony – after 18 months of trying to find a place. Boy Scout 21 joins us

Still collecting flags for next spring.

Dedicating a chalice and presenting during next week's ceremony to SK Ernie Coy to his widow.

Grand knight- SK Coy is also a fourth-degree knight and will deserving of this armor. Coy widow is invited, and hope will attend.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ):

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY): EXCUSED- EMERGENCY

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The number of projects since our last meeting was: 8____

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
	Moving pews to Narthex		

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CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): Excuse- Allen tending out of town guest for a week.
Baseball season concluded.
With gross sale \$8,165.00, very low. COUVID cancelled a lot.
Winter season is coming, looking forward

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) Has not made it in yet

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) - Has not made it in yet

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT)

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO)

First Exemplification next week. Invite all brothers who are first degree, after ceremony you will be third degree.

Grand knight- this will be in the gym...

Tom- will see if dining room is available for refreshment.... all please come.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH):

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (DR. ROBERTO NIETO):

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (DAVID DYBALA):

Knight of the Month: Paul Ryan - (Grand knight- 4 years and part of retention committee...really a great guy)

Family of the Month: Keith and Mary Archer (Grand knight- Keith and Mary perform a lot of functions together)

Any Brother Knights in need of prayer- Bill Chalko...doing a lot better
Bob (Field Agent)

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OLD BUSINESS:

GRAND KNIGHT- Budget was approved, we need to do a second vote. Budget lower by a couple of thousands from previous year's budget.

Second motion heard to approve budget

All in favor? Eye

Any objections?

Budget is approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Church floor- David Dybala update

David- Moving pews was Knight hands project. we got in done in 2 hours. Contractors were shocked how fast...

Some asbestos, very little in kitchen it was removed.

Any demolish was done

Concrete work being done...

8/17/21 is expecting to finish.

Classrooms will be done.

Alter steps will be in porcelain tile

7/18/21 expecting to move pews back.

Dan Sheridan, retired. has been a big help...we need to get him into the Knights.

Larry Balagna - Did they add coloring for the floor?

David- yes coloring is added. Concrete is polished and leveled out the floor. Next week they are going full force.

Grand knights- Any cracks?

David- very little ...concrete in great shape...

Grand knight- David and Dan Sheridan...working together...

FALL FESTIVAL-

GRAND KNIGHT- the festival committee is looking in 9/25, a one-day festival. A small committee and behind. I will be meeting with committee to see what Knights can do to help with this upcoming event. I will not over promise...expect what we have done in the past...food, and any other assistance. Again, one day on Saturday 9/25.

ANNOUNCEMENT- DR. NIETO- Carter Blood Care, there have 9/12/21 as date to run a blood drive. The other date is 8/1/21, which is too soon.

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Mobile unit? Yes

Grand knights-We start with appointments...in the morning

Jim Russell- We have a table set up weeks before after masses, to make appointments.

Grand knight- Do they require a certain number of appointments?

Jim Russell- I believe they require at least 25 appointments

Grand knight- Please go forward to see what is needed from us, you are our point of contact.

Dr. Nieto- Yes, I will get back to them and find out what they need from us.

Jim Russell- In the past, they have furnished brochures and material leading up to event

FIELD AGENT REPORT: ():

Grand knight- Bob, has been under the weather of recent months.

Bob- Jim go ahead and add me to recruitment committee.

Nice to be back. Previous Agent John, broken collarbone weeks after her left.

Last 10-11 weeks of my life have been bad. Went to a primary care unit, I think having a heart attack. Doctor said no...you are not. You are dripping with sweat...ice packs coming...you need to go to hospital. 5500 is white cell counts, your count is off the chart. You are having acute pancreatic attack. YOU NEED TO GO TO HOSPITAL.... YOUR CHOICE...

3 times in hospital, lose 45 lbs. Going to have 3rd surgery, remove a cyst size of a chestnut. I will be out for a few days. ASKING FOR PRAYERS...

I am one of 7 from 80 agents who can sell Mutual Funds.

I am here to help this council...and your Grand knight Jorge

Grand knight- Fraternal Knight seminar: Supreme council added an extra to quality for Star Council. Seminars

Bob- Virtual or in person. Of a council of 200, Supreme expects 7/8 members. Seminars are presented by experts...and Supreme expects full attendance if done virtual.

Presenters talk for an hour, and only spoke about insurance for 5 min. A lot of information is discussed, reversed mortgage(s), annuities, retirement pay outs.

Grand knight- Not everyone has to attend, some may have an interest...please inform if you attend. Email with links will be sent.

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Two seminars are required participated...to watch a year.

Bob- Joe Jordon spoke...4th degree he talked about living a life of significance. He was scarred about insurance, his dad cashed in life policy, purchased an apt. complex. 2 years later his dad died. Widow knew nothing about running an apartment complex. 2 brothers/2 girls a widow had to make a decision. She put the 2 boys to school and the girls would have to marry good. This cost my sisters a college education, the boys got.

Grand knight- It makes us all question about insurance how much/not enough

MISC: From Officers handbook- Roles of: Grand knight and Deputy Grand Knight are read

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SAME PLACE...

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER):

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: (KEITH ARCHER):

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE):

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): EX

Jesus is Lord- published on website

The Grand Knight called for the Good of the Order: 32-year-old daughter of friend of Grand knight (Lauren Metcalf) in a terrible accident

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER ____ Hail Mary ____ BY _ Father Steve ____

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:15 PM

50/50 Drawings: 0223738

Meeting Winner: Richard Mosconi

Meeting Attendance: 25