

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING -, February 1, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY \_ Grand Knight AT\_\_7:31\_\_\_\_ P.M.\_\_\_\_

OPENING PRAYER \_\_Our Father\_\_\_\_ BY \_GRANDKNIGHT\_\_

OPENING ODE BY GRAND KNIGHT AND PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE \_\_BY \_Deputy Grand Knight\_\_

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

CHAPLIN: FR. STEVE ANTES: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P

WARDEN: JOHN ESPREE: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: JIM RUSSELL: P

INSIDE GUARD: EFRAIN OCHOA: Ex

CHANCELLOR: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: P

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: P

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1<sup>ST</sup> YR TRUSTEE: DAVID DYBOLA: P

RECORDER: RAMON PRESAS: P

2<sup>ND</sup> YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: Ex

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3<sup>RD</sup> YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: Ex

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Begin with the approval of the meetings the minutes from the previous meeting of course we had a very short meeting. So there will be no meetings from the previous meeting in January. We basically just had a social gathering. So we are now moving to our office as well my secretary so officers please stand.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Start my Grand Knights report by first of all again thanking all of you for becoming Knights. And as we turn the corner into the new year we are reminded that the next five months will also be the last five months of my term as your Grand Knight. And with that fact, there will come some changes we must start gearing up the leadership that will continue at the helm of the council by appointing an elections committee soon to help to help guide us through this transition into the new officer's team. We must also encourage our current program directors and committee directors committee chairs all of whom have done outstanding work over the last 18 months to remain in their posts so that we may continue to benefit from their experience and their wise guidance. To help to make a smooth transition into our new leadership team in July, before we know it will arrive presented with a new slate of officers, then we have elections in June, and finally an officer's installation in July. In the next three months will bring our drive-thru fish fries and spring baseball concession stand business. It will take all our efforts, so I ask all of you once again to begin saving some time out of your lives for our concession stand business so that we may continue to do the charity work that is our number one mandate as Knights of Columbus. I also want to invite all who may not have served in a previous office position, to consider doing so coming in and starting in July. Start thinking about where you might fit in. We do need you, the leadership in our community to be up here and run this council, so that we may continue to do all that great work that we've been doing.

Our state convention will be happening at the end of April in Corpus Christi. I believe we do send a couple of delegates from our council, so those of you who may not have ever attended a convention before please start considering becoming one. Consider representing our council, we usually send two. If you have any interest, please let any of the officers know that you have an interest. I believe we pay for all the expenses for you being there, travel so I believe that right, done in the past, so that is also accounted for. If you've never been an officer before, you might consider attending a state convention. A great time, it tends to kind of catapult you, your enthusiasm level to wanting to serve in office. I always encourage any new Knight who hasn't attended before to consider.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Pete Perta:

Membership stands at 227. We welcome back of Jerry Jacobs transferred back to our council. Also we have a Jorge Vardage transfer out to Irving council. Membership dues collected 30% year to date. With Star council we have a membership goal of 11 we're currently in 8. Insurance they don't spot us the goal but we're at net minus 2. Budget spending year to date we spent 45.3% of our budget which calls from July 1st to June 30th so more than halfway through the budget. Forms we are current, annual survey for turn activity that was due at the end of January hasn't submitted working in the semiannual council audit which is in February 15<sup>th</sup>. Council taxes have been submitted, also completed our RSVP where we sponsored 5 seminars for \$500 each that's been mailed out to web seminarian director. Check for our annual donations to Holy Spirit for \$3500.00

Grandknight: Any questions? None

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

Grandknight: We need to report on Knights in Need Fund, going forward.

#### RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE (JIM KROWASKI (SP):

I'll just go through some information here and we've got right at the present a prospect of OK I don't know 15 we've got three new members that were voting on this evening, two more that are favorable. 1 that's not interested, 5 no response, 3 that we had bad phone numbers, and one that's going to join in April. We've already got 8, with the 3 we're gonna vote on, we are at quota and we've already got one to jump off with in April. So we still need to be recruiting and in the meantime if each of you will think about a way that we can encourage all of our membership to go out and recruit or ask one person between now and June the first. So we can get done with our quota, we could do triple if we really work at it. Presently the state has a contest for every person you recruit your name will go in a pot for a drawing for a travel get away. I like their contests, but I think we should come up with a better idea of a contest.

Wheelchair Sunday coming up. Prince of Peace is the largest contributor to the wheelchair in the state of Texas. The state of Texas does more for wheelchairs than the rest of the country combined! This gives you an idea how well we're doing, it's something that we should be pushing. We are trying to plan on a wheelchair Sunday coming. And by the way, the donations tell you is not affected Sunday donations, every Sunday and on he has so that's not our argument.

I also spoke this week with Paul Alley our field Agent and just like everyone else he thinks this is his best counsel and we want to keep it that way, we want our entire Diocese to know that. Does anyone here know LaDon Wright? Or knows him well? His son is an E-member, and we have not been able to reach him. If someone could go to his house, if not I will go. We have a quota of 11, we can do double/triple of our quota. There are 2 guys from our group that have done a heckuva job stand up Raymond and Robert yes absolutely that's what I've done just remember asking or give me the names and we'll contact them!

Grandknight: to make sure that Robert and Raymond are recognized for the effort that they have put out there. Contacting everybody that showed an interest in becoming a Knight, they have been on the phone with them, I'm sure making multiple calls trying to get people to come into an admissions meeting, so that they would have a brief interview, and then again we have to remind them to come in the ceremony which we are it's going to be putting on next Tuesday here in the sanctuary. Of course to make sure that we get them all the way across the finish line into that ceremony, so if there's anything that you guys need to make sure that we get we get them there please let us all talk after this meeting so make sure that we get candidates for that ceremony. We should easily have the three candidates that are interested and hopefully maybe even more.

#### ADMISSION COMMITTEE (RUSSELL GULLY)

The committee has met twice since our last meeting and one of the one of the meetings we visited with Nelson Zavala from Duncanville, looks like he gonna get involved right away. And we also separately visited with Jason Erdmann, an airlines mechanic and with Anthony Liska who lives in Cedar Hill. Committee approved all three of these candidates. And move them to through next week's ceremony.

Motion passed for all 3.

JIM KROWASKI : All of these 3 men went through admissions and asked more good questions about what the noise is all about. They were really interested in acting like they're interested in and really wanted to be a part of all three of great!

#### FAITH DIRECTOR (DEACON AL EVANS)

FAMILY PROGRAM DIRECTOR (DAVID DYBOLA): No activity. Delivered flowers on our behalf to G. Harding, for her donation.

Family of the month; Ken and Patrica Merrick

Grandknight: Any contact with any Knights who are ill.

David: Deacon Al

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR (DAN MURPHY) – B. O'Brien is not doing well.

St. Joe is lockdown right now.

Can we deliver food?

Not able to see people, right now...past 2 weeks.

Grandknight: Fish Fry

James Smith: Dan and I trying to get the kitchen and dining area so we can cook it yeah plus it will go check 1-5 or 6:00 PM. We paid for our fish last year \$59.51 a case this year and I checked out this was as of 12:30 is \$99.50. Everything is just gone up, in terms of increasing the price we're talking like doubling it \$10 it's got \$2 right OK so alright so we're looking at probably maybe word 8 to 10 bucks. I mean it's not a deal breaker I don't think you know we used to be \$10-12.00 and I think most of the I don't know maybe Kieran can probably offer a little input while other area councils do but the check even a \$10 price tag doesn't seem extremely high for a you know a Friday evening meal but it is cooked it is I mean it is what it is it is the price that we might have to pay so rather than going I mean it's not a money making operation but we don't wanna lose money. I have to go shop around for Sunday scales for French fries.

DD- Anybody who has gone to Pappadaux over the course of the last two years you're the cost of your plate is gone up \$9 I don't think anybody is expecting our prices to remain the same everything to 2-4 dollars increase with breaking bodies sense of fairness in terms of our process we don't have the same discount ability this is what we gotta go with, and we would flex it least periods of trying to raise some money as opposed to just donate food. I would for your consideration and increase over what prior prices have been I want you to make money I want it to make sense for everybody those who are coming to those who are serving at the end of the day it's about the community coming together, even if it's going drive thru.

James Smith; No hot dogs for Super Bowl this time. Another group will provide hot dogs.

Grandknight: the price to around you know nine dollars \$10 a plate and just concentrate on fries, filets and hushpuppies and cole slaw. OK and all that's coming up at the end of February is third party match right now so I'm sorry yeah and then of course at about the same time we were considering doing a wheelchair drive and we had targeted March as a potential time for holding that but now maybe we ought to reconsider being March and fish fries at the same time what do you think we have let's let's think about that game do you think but we did tell Bill Webber that we were thinking about doing that in March so we might have to revisit that maybe push it out to April.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) – Absent

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (JORGE RUIZ):

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO) –EX

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT)-

KNIGHT HANDS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER)-EX

Following projects completed:

Repaired a leaky faucet			
Repaired a leaky toilet			
Hook up washer/dryer			
Repair a backyard fence			
Delivered a 3 wheel scooter	For David Scholls		
Remove bees from a fireplace			
Repaired a car's power steering			
Overhead doors are automatic			

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER);

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (DR. ROBERTO NIETO): No Report.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT (JIM RUSSELL)-

I did get an email from Alan and part of the retention committee's purpose is to select the Knight of the month and the gentlemen we have selected for February has been with us for several years he is highly active in church activities youth group and the Boy Scouts and recently was responsible or in charge of our December festival so we have elected Mike Maloney as the Knight of the month for February.

GrandKnight- thank you Sir well very well deserved clearly everyone knows how hard he worked on that.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ):

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) NO REPORT

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT) – NO REPORT

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH): NO REPORT

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (DAVID DYBALA): NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: do we have any update on the Knight in need fund he started it September last year took it \$490 through our website to our credit card donations through square and also we took in a \$100 check out of the five 7089 because we do pay 3.9% square so we lost like \$19.00 I think we estimated we paid out about \$333.22 so maybe at about approximately \$237.

Grandknight: so we put to use 300 in jail for a night in need yes OK very good thank you

NEW BUSINESS-

We have a we've been asked by father Stephen and father Eugene to assist them with their moving swapping suites I think is really what they're doing father Eugene is moving up and father Steve is moving down there had been apparently a flood in directory and so there was damage insurance has come in and has appraised the value and they are replacing tiling or something to the extent that is only limited to replacing tile and flooring but what they're asking us to do is to help repair the rooms like as we did in the past for further Steve when he moved in so that we paint prep the room painted and move a couple of his pieces of furniture down from the upstairs room to the downstairs roughly I think when

we did it last time it took us about a day and a half and remember you guys Remember few days yeah Steve Zender came in spread everything we taped everything off it's pretty much the same to do in the in the downstairs room and so now island and I looked at it but a month ago and then of course island good afternoon so to since then a lot of things happened so I kind of let it go by the way that our little bit but the pressures on again asking us if we want to help out and participate in that and so I just want to see I mean first of all we've done it before it's a fairly simple project that we can probably gather you know maybe a dozen guys on a Saturday and probably make a big dent into it so just want to make sure that I have your support in in wanting to take care of that for our priests so that there's no question that we are going to make the effort but also looking for someone to want to spearhead this project now I mean I know it's it was willing to but he's going to be gone for another 10 days maybe I think but so I think now they're looking for us to get into the project as soon as possible and we're basically just all we have to do is just gather a few guys we have somebody spearhead the project is do we have any volunteers to play contractor or coordinator for little bit OK but that's fine I don't want to put in the question I have is are we to wait till father Eugene comes back on the I think he's supposed to be back on the 7th or they wanting us to move east there I think they want us to do it now. I just got an email from Leonardo today yeah I got an email from me saying that the flooring contractor is trying to coordinate their steps and so they're basically waiting on and asked to so we coordinate together whether we go in and prep the room. I think I saw it then put his hands up to I mean I will also jump in there and you know the three of us I'm sure we will we'll get this going but what's that Leonardo you know and yeah so you know I mean I think we can probably go in there and set it up we can think we can consider rolling the walls and just want a fresh white paint that's what we did last time except no last time we sprayed point in and take off everything and then we roll we roll yeah it would be faster anyway yeah gigantic well his most prized possession is the big screen TV and yes and you know and at the top of it at the wall you know it's like here you know 'cause he likes to sit way back that leaning back so he wants it just right the flooding was broken water line is that through the kitchen floor so that's what yeah so apparently that doesn't you know include doing much else I think even the war base so we'll have to we'll have to go in there and take a look at it David if you want to let's go in there and take a peek at it sometime I mean we can we can get going on this you know this weekend if you want to I see this Saturday out I won't be here Saturday but maybe the one after that or maybe even during the week or one day during the week with my consider doing OK I'll get ahold of OK wonderful OK thank you

Field Agent: Paul Alley is new Agent; he will be calling you.

DD- yes Sir just as a question I have an impression and I don't want to go too far with it with my impression. How long has it been since a field Agent been present at this meeting? Bob came to one of our meetings at the Fieldhouse last summer. It was at our recruitment Sunday at church recruitment Drive, which was like in November, I think. How long has it been since your field agent has done a one on one? I just want to hear from you thank you.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH- (GK)- Mike Maloeny

FAMILY OF THE MONTH- (GK)- Ken and Patricia Merrick

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER):

Things that were discussed I think first of all I would identify an opportunity for those of you who have not yet been in leadership, think about attending the state convention. There are some things that this council does really well. Every time I walk in here, hearing how many good things this council is doing but you don't always get the sense of cohesion to the bigger picture. The state convention and if you get the opportunity to go to the National Convention offer and that gives you a bigger sense of the bigger picture and some connection to some things that at the council level in the height of everybody's good intentions we can't be everything to everybody and always something that I wish I could be word doing that it happened a promise going to the state convention. You may begin the initiative on your part... I could be deputy grand knight, I could be getting one of these positions and it may encourage you to actually step out and run this council. We always need a refresh and somebody ideas are always good if you're in leadership that's a great opportunity to provide those ideas so those are big pitches think about who wants. Please consider being a part of leadership of this council continued the excellence that this council. To point out one thing mid-April 17<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday. Fat Tuesday is celebrated, is this an opportunity for this Council to have an event to profit from.

You have until June 30<sup>th</sup> excuse me you have until state convention to make sure that all the per capita stuff is done I'm not worried about. There's another fraternal benefit tonight that will take place this six months we need to plan for that as well I want to commend every single one of you for being outstanding brothers outstanding men to make sure that this council continues to function with all of the order posit circumstance that it usually does we had to temper things down a little bit it's not anybody's fault I'm also going to ask everybody here to think about this we are in a time of the year with Valentine's Day coming up. I'm gonna go old school there are people who need to hear from people because the people they were used to hearing are not here anymore. There are some people who are we used to some warm hands touching though their hearts those warm hands or six feet under there's some people who are used to some old friends reaching out and they can't reach out anymore there are people who are missing folks who need to get phone calls who needs some visits who needs to know that some other people that thinking about them in ways that only heights can do so does that mean that we have a valid graph type of event where we set up a liners through the website of course work. Hey if you find this candy cane here's an electronic message that we will make sure it gets delivered to your person it's just an idea I'm just coming up with it on the fly but that could be a way to generate a little goodwill in this parish with parishioners it gives us an opportunity to see and speak to people we haven't seen or spoken to in a while because they may have health concerns or whatever but it allows the Knights to be Trail Blazers once a year in ways that people are not expecting tonight to leave and it'll make it feel they have little candy cane these little gumbo to the end of the day whatever it's it's a nice opportunity so just as a thought please consider it for whatever price sentence you might think it's worth and what you decide I'm cool with I want you guys to be healthy I want you to be happy this whole time, is not quiet but you gotta continue to do our work so please continue thank you so much for being the great for Knights.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: (KEITH ARCHER):.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): NO REPORT



LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): EX

TBD

GrandKnight Summary:

PRAYERS OFFERED TO BROTHER KNIGHTS :

Grandchild of a Brother Knight

Efran Ochoa's mother house burned down, then a cousin passed away

Ed and Betty O'Brien

Art Sonato- in a care facility in Arlington.

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER \_\_\_\_ Hail Mary \_\_\_\_ BY GrandKnight

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:27 PM

50/50 Drawings: 84124

Meeting Winner:

Meeting Attendance: 23