

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING -, March 1, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT__7:25____ P.M.____

OPENING PRAYER __Our Father____ BY _Fr. Steve Antes____

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: 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: EX

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: P

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1ST YR TRUSTEE: DAVID DYBOLA: P

RECORDER: RAMON PRESAS: P

2ND YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: Ex

3RD YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: Ex

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: _____Warden confirmed____

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: Gentlemen would like to start again by thanking all of you for becoming Knights. Tonight we have a full agenda with fish fry starting this week and with the upcoming wheelchair drive, so we may go a little bit longer tonight. Also as a reminder, safe environment compliance is recommended for all who want to participate in the Fish Frys. If you've never had safe environment you will make an appointment, you can also take the safe environment program online from the Supreme website, either one will be accepted. So if anyone who has not done it and wants to participate, highly recommend you do. This doesn't mean you cannot participate, but it means that you want to be around someone who has. The fish Frys is a little bit different than it was last year and more restrictive.

Into our main program, our first ever wheelchair drive will be taking place on Sunday March 13th here at Holy Spirit. We have here tonight is Sir Knight Bill Weber, the Texas wheelchair mission chairman for the past four years. His home council is #11716 which is Prince of Peace in Plano. They just held their 12th annual wheelchair drive over the last couple of weekends ago. I believe it was a very successful drive and they have raised this last time, that the story that was published on the Dallas Knights of Columbus website says that it was not they raised \$91,814. I just found out tonight that that number has been adjusted to nearly \$130,000. Clearly some parishes just do a really tremendous job with wheelchair drives. That's not to say that we need to start feeling the pressure to keep up with the Weber's. Yet is it's a nice thing to look up to we are going to hear how to do it from Mr. Weber himself today. Funds will go towards providing a large container of 280 wheelchairs and 100 specialty wheelchairs.

Video is shown:

Mr. Bill Weber- Gentlemen thanks for your willingness to do this Wheelchair Sunday and help these children in need in Mexico. You are helping to raise money for the La Paz CRIT (Childrens Rehabilitation Institute Telethon) Center. And they do great work with the children and theres 22 of them spread out across Mexico, and those trips are open to anybody who wants to go on it they told me they will come later ever wants to go there after an expense usually over a four day. Traveling on each hand he saw they distributing wheelchairs at the CRIT center and then they go through about four or five homes as well. A wonderful experience, there's only a trip scheduled for La Paz, we can let you know about it and you could actually be there. We could help raise money for each wheelchair deliver changes or improves an average of 10 lives. A wheelchair you see like the yellow ones sell for over \$500 at the medical supply store. But the American Wheelchair Association mission are able to find them for \$150 each and when somebody gives \$150 they can request a certificate of thanks that could be personal lies in the name of our memory of a loved one. If someone donates \$500 you've got framed a Lady of Guadalupe lithographs has been blessed at the Basilica in Mexico City. For your drive will have some of those on hand so that somebody comes to the table and then makes \$500 award, they can take it right away. If by chance, we run out of them over the weekend they can have one sent to them directly. People are able to pay cash, credit card, or make a check. We are going to have a basket and donation forms like this that all the exits so people tend to they want to when they're leaving they could just drop me cash the donation for is going to have information how they could do anything online or where they can send a check we have a table set up. If you want to donate on the spot, request a certificate of thanks or lithographs. We are going have a big display board that has is 6 foot long by two foot high and it's going to have pictures of people receiving wheelchairs. Jim going to be passing around a sign up sheet and could really use your help 'cause a lot of people were finding on time that more on these wheelchair Cindy had a lot of people are just they just wanna take the form home and take care of it there you know mail it in or donate online, so you give a lot of activity in do you feel a lot of donations that receive that way online. Also at the table will have newsletters that people want more information there's also DVD's that people can pick up. For anybody that helps with wheelchair drive you'll get one of these Wheelchair Mission KC pins. If someone is working toward their pro-life ace wings, working at a wheelchair drive council is one of your events. I like to mention is that the Knights of Columbus provides grant each year to wheelchair mission to cover their overhead costs, so 100% of the donation goes towards the purchase and delivery of wheelchair. Donations are not paying somebody salary or overhead. You know that you're impacting the family with the \$450. We do have a wheelchair available locally in Plano, so this kind of reason but we've got some available if you hear someone who needs a wheelchair, let me know and work something out. There is a great need in La Paz, other parishes are raising funds for other areas. Any loose cash that you collect, your council will write a check for that amount. So I'm sure there's no doubt that you collect over \$500 in cash, you can take one of those lithographs. If there is a place somewhere you want to have on display or give it to your pastor or auction off. Any questions about the wheelchair standing or anything about the wheelchair program or anything.

Manufactured in China. Some changes thru supply chain, some delays.

6 or 7 months from time chairs are ordered to delivery.

St. Anthony in Wylie raised money for La Paz

GrandKnight -Donations are accepted online or paper form

Pulpit talk will be done before every Mass.

We will be in Dining Room with forms, tables, video, and brochures.

Any monies are greatly appreciated.

Website provides picture of Lithograph

34 X 23 is size of Lithograph

Please make sure when donations are made online to reference Holy Spirit.

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Also, this will be a recruitment effort will take place.

Summary is provided weeks later to parish to publish how much is raised.

Information is provided on trip when wheelchairs are delivered.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Pete Perta): Membership stands at 227 while we transfer out Doug Maddox, he moved to Florida last year, finally transferred to another council. Introduced a new member from just weeks ago Antonio Liska.

My name is Antonio, live in Cedar Hill four years so, I know some of you guys from ACTS and from mass. I have 3 kids under 4 years old.

Grandknight- He has help from his lovely wife Diana. Since we have just introduced Antonio we also have Eduardo Florentez.

I been here in Cedar Hill barely a year now, I have a new wife, last April we married. I am working on my residence.

Pete- Dues collected about 41%, star council progress a quota of 11 period now 9 money you received dues reflected, to the treasurer \$1195.77 cents the reason arriving amount is odd because when you pay and line through square can take a small percentage 12 money paid online cash checks etc we also received \$120 for polo shirts, so we bought 4 polo shirts money paid. We paid our RSVP, our seminarians support only 500.00. We gave our annual donation to Holy Spirit of \$3500. Forms submitted family of the month for February has been submitted, annual survey of fraternal activity that was already submitted. We sign our council audit tonight.

Knight in need, the new members here we started a call 98 it's just a voluntary if people want to donate and it's for design for our brother Knights for some reason they're out of work, for some reason we had this plugged available. We're not taking out of our council fund, collect the money from donations and then we had this money available to help out some of our brother Knights in unfortunate events. Right now we're in our balance is \$304.94 that's also on our website if you're paying your dues online you could donate today. I keep account of this money, separate for council funds.

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

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE (JIM KROWASKI (SP): We need everyone to help out for Wheelchair Sunday. I am passing out a voluntary sheet, please put your name down.

We need everybody here to sign for one or two masses.

Special Olympics- We had 4 people, 3 from our council. Jeff Miller, myself and Kent Merrick. If there's any chance you can help next time, make yourself.

Kent- 40 athlete smiling...such a warm experience.

Wheelchair and recruiting weekend.

I trust everyone will be their name to volunteer. We need as much new members as possible.

Grandknight- We have a great opportunity to recruit!!! Teach others about Knights of Columbus

After all masses...3/13/22

ADMISSION COMMITTEE (RUSSELL GULLY)- No report

FAITH DIRECTOR (DEACON AL EVANS) no report

FAMILY PROGRAM DIRECTOR (DAVID DYBOLA):

Family of the month; Jon and Marge Ballasa. Big help with Hospitality, very handy with projects (Knight Hands) . They are moving to Kentucky.

Grandknight: Thank David for buying flowers for the ill/recently passed

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR (DAN MURPHY) – no report FISH FRY

Everybody knows we start this Friday 3:00 we start setting. When you get off work or whatever come over, we start serving at 5:30 to 8pm. Different this year: We cook and make up the packages on table, then we deliver out. We are going to try to pre-sale to people attending Church from 6:30 to 7:30. We need to be ready. Fish has gone up in cost. We expect a \$1 loss, yet this is a community service.

Indoor?

Grandknight- Possibly we can have dining, we must see what the Diocese decides. We have good experience with drive in dining. We prefer for people to order online and/or square. Check and cash are accepted. \$2.00 less than 2 years ago.

Dan- We will need help directing traffic. When you show up to help, be flexible on where help is needed.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) – Attending a Scout meeting.

A report: One Democratic Senator voted no to an abortion bill. If passed, it would have negated Texas Abortion bill.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (JORGE RUIZ): Scholarships are open from April 2 to June 1, so spread the word.

Applicant has to be a member of a Knight's family. Even if Knight is deceased.

\$1,000,00 Scholarship

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO) –1 new member. Nelson Zavala.
Ceremony's are in Sanctuary.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT)-

KNIGHT HANDS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER)-EX

Following projects completed: David Dybala

Moved furniture in Rectory.			
Replaced a toilet			

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER); EX
Baseball starts late March. Expecting a good season

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

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT (JIM RUSSELL)- Plans for flag ceremony in June, you have a flag that needs expiring. Planning a dinner 2nd of November.

GrandKnight- Let turn to Sir Knight Alex Sabo. As you know, Alex usually takes care of selling raffle tickets for the bishops Pro-Life Dinner.

Alex- I have the best standard wheelchair that insurance provide. I am really blessed and even most important part of the wheelchair are the wheels. Many people comment that you got now you have failed and so the quality of the wheelchair makes one big difference in life. As in the video, you are so elevating a person's life. They in a whole new world for them and they can go to places they might not t wise get to, there's no way to transport them and there is some very once you really care and even if you go into the store. It's like that moment of freedom that you have and it's really important for small child they make very first time I will say that the website is very easy to use.

I'm here tonight to talk about Bishop Pro Life dinner on April 30th. We are already got Fr. Eugene to allow me to sell tickets on Sundays leading up to April 30.

I also point out that last year I had the pleasure of selling the grand prize winning ticket for \$10,000.
ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

Like all things you know the cost goes up every year, we do this for good news, just like today. We won that battle, for now.

Grandknight- We can purchase tickets online.

Alex- Yes. Please note Holy Spirit when purchasing tickets.

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: We have we made an announcement that we want to start training some new people to help us do all the things we do online including sending out emails preparing articles for the website making connections links to different events and fundraising programs that are necessary and since I will be retiring from being GrandKnight in three or four months. I want to use this this this little bit of time left to make sure that I train two or three people as well as I can to make sure that they continue interacting with our website and that continue to handle all the little technical parts that need to be handled on the regular basis so that we continue our communication and going out so happy to announce that Stephen Reid answered that call he wants to be our email admin so he will I'm gonna be training him and we're going to meet meeting with him and few days is a little bit under the weather or he would have been here tonight but he's really excited about it and he wants to do the email handling all the emails. That still leaves room for two or three other people to become more involved with working with our website may not be happy to train anybody every one of us in this room are capable of doing that I think I just saw a little hand, Antonio. I will be in contact with you and so again there's room for not just one 2-3 people it takes a lot of work to keep a website going believer not adding pictures writing stories we we're fortunate to have Jeff Miller as well green brighter he still writes all the articles for the family of the month in the night of the month I don't even have to tell he's I don't know probably just drops an article on the website and I just kind of know going and colorize it little bit a lot of pictures so all of those things are open so thank you wait I'm Antonio just volunteer!!! ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Hector Rubio and myself are going to be the delegates representing our Council in Corpus Christi at the state convention at the end of April. Jim Krowalski is also going to be there.

We're going to be hosting a hospitality suite. Next year state convention will be in Dallas at the Hilton.

Jim Russell if your third degree, 4th degree I have several applications here create an application we will then I used patient where will he help how much is going to cost normally it's been awhile since I was there it's like 75 bucks and something like that you're right this is going to do a change That evening only takes place during used to be a required to wear a tux longer required tuxedo is acceptable for sure you really have any questions please come to see me after meeting as far as one is the next step.

Exemplification should be one in the fall normally there is one in the spring. 4th degree was established in 1900. Parade in New York City 10,000 4th degree Knights at that time it was by invitation. Last couple of decades it open so every 3rd degree Knight wishes to participate. 4 degrees provides an opportunity for Knights should together discuss events that their council is doing which may helpful to someone else council and get to know each other a little bit better.

NEW BUSINESS- I do want to bring up a an idea that I mentioned to Mark Evans. Mark you'll know representative of ACTS retreats for several years and now that he is brother night there is an opportunity to for us to start our own our committee where we can encourage Knights to attend retreats. This falls under the umbrella of our faith programs so Mark I would love to invite you to start that committee and we will all contribute to helping encourage anyone who has never gone to our retreat. Help to figure out how it all works and Mark would probably be the best person to let somebody know how that program works so I'd like to invite you to do so and if you would like please volunteer and accept thank you. ROUND OF APPLAUSE

OK yeah so you know obviously servers have their they have been excellent experience since I know for all of you I know mine was so I'm really looking forward to having our own our source of re treatments coming from our council so thank you for that just let us know what you need and I can get you the links to the literature that explains how the council could run and retreat program OK so very good thank you.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH- (GK)- Ramon Presas

FAMILY OF THE MONTH- (GK)- Jon and Marge Balassi

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER): Absent

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: (KEITH ARCHER):.

Display of gifts for

First Communion: In a bag a Bible and Cross, and a letter from our GrandKnight with a picture

RCIA changing to OCIA – receive a rosary and explanation of Knights purpose for “under God” in Pledge of Allegiance.

Mckessa- crystal Cross

70 gifts

28 first communion rest are Confirmation and RCIA

McKessa is available for purchase for \$11.00, let me know.

Grandknight- Keith and Mary Archer work really hard at this. We sponsor the Bibles, but they put in a lot effort to organize this.

Keith- It is our pleasure

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): NO REPORT

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): EX

TBD

PRAYERS OFFERED TO BROTHER KNIGHTS :

Ed O'Brien

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

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER _Our Father____ _ BY Deacon Al

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:48 PM

50/50 Drawings: 82143

Meeting Winner:

Meeting Attendance: 34