



Meeting
Thursday March 4, 2021

**Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney
Knights of Columbus Council # 5983**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – *Live & via Zoom*

THURSDAY MARCH 4, 2021

The Meeting was called to order by: Grand Knight Al Lahood 8:00 pm
Traveling Cards were verified by: Warden Gary Rodetis
Opening Prayer led by: Deacon John Horn
Opening Pledge led by: Warden Gary Rodetis
Officers Attendance was announced: Recorder Mike Antonucci

Meeting Attendance: P= Present E= Excused A= Absent L= Late

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Motion by PGK Keith Wilson, 2nd by Giuseppe Mendola. to accept the February 18, 2021 General Meeting Minutes as distributed. **All in Favor, None Opposed Motion Passed**

Correspondence:
None

REPORTS:

Financial Secretaries Report:

FS PGK Phil Bruno reports 21 Members remain unpaid after contact by the retention Committee
5 confirmed resignations

Received \$400 from Super Bowl Pool



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Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Vinnie LoBiondo reports \$ 11,110.37 in Council Checking Account

Trustees Report:

PGK Anthony Scuderi reports next Audit August, 2021

Membership Report:

GK Al Lahood reports No new Members

Advocate Report:

PGK Keith Wilson reminded of the active member & PGK Memorial policy of the Council

SERVICE PROGRAMS:

Church Activities:

SK Mark Antonucci reports St. James Lent Schedule:

Every Friday in Lent showing “THE CHOSEN” at 7pm, Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Every Wednesday in Lent – Prayer Group at the Council 7 pm

Every Sat Men’s Prayer Group 7:30 am in Parish Center

Community Activities:

PGK Keith Wilson advised None

Culture of Life:

PGK Keith Wilson advised current copy of Life News being distributed

Sick & Visitation:

None Reported

Good News Hour:

Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 pm showing the Chosen

Every Wednesday during Lent 7 pm at the Council

Columbiettes Report:

DGK Tom Sommerville Sr. advised None

Sportsman’s Club:

PGK Anthony Amato presented a check for \$200 to the Council

Blood Drive:

SK Mark Antonucci reports for Kevin Kelly no report



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4th Degree:

PGK Keith Wilson reports Assembly meeting March 24, 2021 8 pm
at Floral Park Council
Assembly Dues are due \$20
Scholarship applications available on Assembly website <http://kofca730.org/>

Knight Light:

PGK Anthony Scuderi advised March/April issue has been posted on council website <http://5983koc.com/>

Charity Report:

SK DGK Tom Sommerville Sr. recommends donation to Society of St. Vincent DePaul at St. James

Motion by PGK Anthony Scuderi, 2nd by PGK Stan Wisz to donate \$200 to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. James

All in Favor, None Opposed Motion Passed

Passing the “HAT” for Charity collected \$266.00

Coats for Kids:

Drive has been completed

Food for Families:

GK Al Lahood reports donations continue

Lotto:

(SK Chancellor Matt Antonucci)

Matt Antonucci reports there were 88 participants, - \$5.00 winners and 7 - \$50.00 winners net profit of \$65

ACTIVITY & PARTY REPORTS:

Woodloch Pines Weekend

Chancellor Matt Antonucci reports the Weekend will be April 23,24,25 2021 as of now we have 66 people attending, 29 rooms

St. Patrick's Party

GK Al Lahood reports, Sean O'Conor is collecting money,\$30/person 12 – 5 pm



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Living Rosary:

GK Al Lahood reports to be held Monday March 29, time & Location TBD, St. James Church is unavailable

Hockey Tailgate:

GK Al Lahood reports would like to host event in April
Appointed Gary Rodetis & PGK Anthony Scuderi as Chair
Islander/Ranger Game Fri April 9, Time to be announced

300 Club:

Jeff Manchisi reports drawing will be held tonight
There will be no party, recommend in lieu of the party we will have an additional 5 - \$100 drawings,
total of \$500 in additional drawings

Motion by PGK Anthony Scuderi, 2nd, by PGK Phil Bruno in lieu of the party have an additional 5 - \$100
drawings, total of \$500 in additional drawings

All in Favor, None Opposed Motion Passed

LECTURES REPORT:

Deacon John Horn spoke about Lenten Season also
the recent memorandum regarding the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine (See Attached)

DISTRICT DEPUTIES REMARKS:

DD PGK Vinnie Mineo advised it's a pleasure to be here
Men's Retreat Saturday March 6, 2021

NYS DIRECTOR of MEMBERSHIP REMARKS:

PGK Tom Moran reports NYS Convention will be held on Zoom April 24 for State Officers Only
Membership Madness competition on the Supreme website
New Supreme Knight is Patrick Kelly, Thanks to outgoing Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for a Job Well done

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORTS:

GK Al Lahood reports he has appointed PGK Tom Moran as Scholarship Committee Chair
Delaney Hosting Nassau Chapter Meeting March 19, 2021

GOOD OF THE ORDER/OPEN DISCUSSION:

DGK Tom Sommerville Sr. reminded all of our promise to carry and say the Rosary



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UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

PGK Keith Wilson presented the resolution to the House Rules (see attached)

Motion by PGK Stan Wisz, 2nd, by DGK Tom Sommerville Sr. to adopt the resolution as printed and distributed.

Open for discussion, no comments from the membership

All in Favor, None Opposed Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by PGK Keith Wilson, 2nd, by PGK Mat Ruggerio to send a congratulatory card to the New 14th Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly with a \$100 donation to the Father Michael McGivney Fund in his name

All in Favor, None Opposed Motion Passed

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

SK DGK Tom Sommerville Sr. reports for March
Matteo Ferro

50/50 RAFFLE:

Sean O'Conor reports 50/50 collected \$160 winner of \$80 Matteo Ferro
Bottle of Wine collected \$60 winner DD PGK Vinnie Mineo

MEMBERSHIP/ ATTENDANCE AWARD:

\$15.00 Christopher J. Pendergast – ***Not Present***

Next meeting award \$20.00

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Read by PGK Keith Wilson

CLOSING PRAYER BY: Decon PGK John Horn

CLOSING ODE: "God Bless America"

Motion by Ed Ferro, 2nd by Jeff Manchisi to adjourn meeting

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Next General Meeting: Thursday March 18, 2021 8:00 pm

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday March 30, 2021 7:30 pm

Cancelled

**Next General Meeting: Thursday April 1, 2021 CANCELLED
Holy Thursday**

Next General Meeting: Thursday April 15, 2021 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Michael G.
Antonucci
Recorder



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Resolution to Modify Delaney Council # 5983 House Rules

WHEREAS the Monsignor Delaney Council # 5983 has a Document known as the HOUSE RULES, for the operation of the Council; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to update this document so there is a clear understanding of the use of Electronic Media in the best interest of the Council and members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Monsignor Delaney Council # 5983 modify their HOUSE RULES to address the use of VIRTUAL & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS METHODS to conduct necessary business and communications to maintain the smooth and efficient operations of the Council and to keep the membership well informed

RESOLVED, that the HOUSE RULES be amended, and

RESOLVED, to move Article 8 to new Article 9 MISCELLANEOUS, and

RESOLVED, to replace and rename Article 8 to read:

****ARTICLE 8**-VIRTUAL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION METHODS**

SECTION 1: Upon the occurrence of a National Pandemic or other acts of god when in person meetings are impractical the Grand Knight shall at his Discretion use Electronic or Virtual Communications to keep the council and membership informed and up to date on all fraternal matters.

SECTION 2: Virtual or Electronic means shall mean but not be limited to Zoom teleconference, Go To meetings or other like programs that are available on the open market place which can be utilized to virtually transact council business in the most proficient and cost-effective manner. The council Warden will ensure that all virtual participants are current paid up members. **Call in participants will not allow business access to any non-members while on the virtual zoom program calls. The business of the council is for current members only.**

SECTION 3: The Methodology used will determine the way that the council is able to raise Business issues after recognition from the Grand Knight Virtually. If need be moving the Discussion to a form of a motion, have the motion duly seconded, call for discussion and then if there are no amendments the Grand Knight can call for a vote similar to in person meetings.

SECTION 4: The voting will be equal and binding to that of an in-person meeting and will be carried out and executed by the member or officers assigned by the Grand Knight or by himself whichever is practical and decided upon by the Grand Knight.



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SECTION 5: The Council shall defray the costs of all Electronic, Virtual and Telecommunication means by motion and passage on the floor open to the membership or by including in the annual combined 5983 council and corporation budget as a line item for these means to be utilized.

SECTION 6: The Council and Grand Knight reserves the right to table any matters that they feel will need to be discussed in person and not by virtual means at any given time and the decision will be final and then discussion will proceed in person to be resolved.

SECTION 7: The controlling officer for these Virtual meetings and all other electronic usages like calling post or E-Mails shall be the Grand Knight or his appointed Technology Representative.

SECTION 8: E-mails by way of electronic communication can and will suffice for needed and important voting, which is binding. This can take place if need be by the council or Grand Knights Discretion. E-mail voting should only be used in the most extreme circumstances if an item cannot wait due to timely or other pressing reasons.

SECTION 9: The calling post verbal communications or similar program will only be used to transmit timely information like wakes, funerals, special council announcements or council held socials that may need to be put out to the members where only days notices are practical. The calling post will under no circumstances be used to advocate or control a council vote or position for any other relevant matters.

SECTION 10: The council shall insure annually that our General Liability Insurance coverage if need be, is updated to cover any and all matter pertaining to Electronic or Virtual Communications for the protection of the officers and membership as a whole.

SECTION 11: This house rule can be amended as needed by notification and vote of the membership in timely manner.

SECTION 12: Under NO Circumstances shall proxy voting or absentee voting be allowed virtually or electronically or in person on ANY Council Business.

Per present House Rules Article 8, Section 1 procedure:

Presented to the Board of Directors January 19, 2021

(for Approval)

Presented and Read at the Council Meeting February 4, 2021

(No Discussion)

To be Published in the March-April Knight Light

Motion for Approval and Discussion Council Meeting March 4, 2021

(2/3 of members present and voting)

Upon Approval incorporated into Council House Rules



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POSTED BY THE LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC STAFF



MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rockville Centre
From: Lisa Honkanen, M.D., Director of the Office of Human Life, Family & Bioethics
Re: Moral Questions Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines (Update)
Date: March 3, 2021

As doses of the new COVID-19 vaccines, under FDA emergency use authorization, have begun to be administered to people in our country, a number of questions have arisen regarding the morality of accepting the new vaccines based on the link to abortion in their development and production.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has released a memorandum, entitled *Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines*. This document was authored by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Chairman, Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities. This memo may be found at www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines. In addition, the National Catholic Bioethics Center has released its own memorandum, entitled *Points to Consider on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines*. This memo may be found at www.ncbcenter.org.

This memorandum is meant to give a very simple and general explanation of the morality of using the new COVID-19 vaccines regarding their remote connection to abortion. This memo does not address the personal decision of an individual as to whether to be vaccinated or not. For a more comprehensive Catholic moral analysis of the use of the new vaccines, we encourage you to read both memoranda from the USCCB and the NCBC, as well as going to the website of the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for more information which will be updated periodically: www.drvcclife.org or www.vaccinebioethics.com.

Ideally, a vaccine will have no connection at any stage of development or production with the use of cell lines initially derived from an aborted fetus. Unfortunately, none of the four COVID-19 vaccines either already or soon-to-be available to the public meets this criterion. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, using mRNA technology, do NOT use morally compromised cell lines in the design, development, or production of the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing a cell line connected to abortion was performed on both these vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to abortion, in this case the connection to the initial evil of abortion is very remote and ended. In contrast, the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines, using viral vector technology, are more morally compromised because they rely on cell lines produced from a past abortion in the design, development and production stages of that vaccine as well as in a confirmatory test. Therefore, their connection to abortion, albeit remote, is both greater and on-going.

Consequently, on moral grounds related to their connection to the evil of abortion, it is recommended that, of the alternatives available now or in the very near future, **the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferred to the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines.**

Both the USCCB memo and the NCBC memo concur that, *for grave reasons, it can be morally permissible for Catholics to receive a vaccine remotely connected to the evil of abortion if there are no reasonable alternatives available and they make known their objection to the use of morally compromised cell lines.* Indeed, vaccination under these circumstances may be viewed as an act of self-love and charity towards one's neighbor in limiting a serious infectious disease. However, it should be noted that there is no moral obligation to vaccinate.