

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Deputy Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 6:59 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019. There were 30 members present.

Warden

Warden Gerry Newport attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

Decade of Rosary

Chancellor Ron Robichaud led the council in a decade of the rosary for Pro Life.

The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

GK Dennis Breton led the council in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

GK Dennis Breton recognized:

- Ray Sargent, District Deputy
- Brother Jerome Lessard, Lecturer
- Frank Pease, State Staff

Officer Roll Call

The Officer Roll Call was taken by GK Denis Breton and Recorded by Recorder John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight	Dennis Breton	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Present
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Tracey	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Gerry Newport	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Absent
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present

Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
1 st Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Present
1 st Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present
2 nd Year Trustee	David Rynne	Absent

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the November 8, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:		\$4566.78
Disbursements:		
	Per Capita	352.00
	Frank Pease (doughnuts)	51.25
	Postage	50.00
	4th Degree	50.00
	Seminarian	<u>250.00</u>
Total Disbursements:		\$ 753.25
Receipts:		
	Dues	135.00
	Christmas Party Returned Monies	138.53
	50/50	<u>25.00</u>
Total receipts:		\$ 298.53
Ending Balance:		\$4,112.06
Less Christmas Party Fund:		<u>\$ 955.00</u>
Available Balance:		\$3,157.06

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee stated the following data:

- 126 Total Members
- 68 Insured Members

- 58 Associate Members
- 3 Honorary Members
- 10 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members
- ? Members that have not paid their dues

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Chaplain Report

None given.

Grand Knight Report

None given.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- DGK Terry Sylvanus motioned that Frank Pease be reimbursed \$51.25 for doughnuts for *Hands Across the Capital* on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
- Ray Sargent motioned that John Greenlee be reimbursed \$50.00 to cover postage expenses. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
- Ray Sargent also motioned that Josh Guillemette, the Seminarian who the St. Thomas Council is presently sponsoring for \$500 per year, be given the first installment of \$250 in September and the second installment of \$250 in January. That way, each installment would coincide with the beginning of each semester. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
- Don Leeman motioned that the Council donate \$50 for an ad in the 4th Degree exemplification program. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

Remarks From Bob Carr

- Bob remarked that the Ministry at the York County Jail on Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm is going very well; however more volunteers are needed.
- Bob noted that the target date for the Parish Census to begin is May 2019.

Remarks From Frank Pease

- Frank noted upcoming *Hands Around the Capital* on Saturday, January 12, 2019.
- Frank also noted the upcoming bill that is trying to be passed in Augusta. LD20 "*An Act to Provide Coverage for Abortion Services for Maine Care Members*" will be considered by the Legislature soon. Frank urged brother Knights to contact members of the Health and Human Services Committee and voice their strong opposition to this bill.

Remarks From Dan Rooney

- Dan noted that the Spring session of *This Man is You* beginning on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 7:00 am at St. Thomas School. The Wednesday evening session begins on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Notre Dame Rectory.
- Dan also encouraged all brother Knights to bring a canned or dry food item at each monthly Council meeting to aid the Parish food pantry.

Remarks From Dennis Guay

- Dennis noted the upcoming *Youth Free Throw Competition* to be held at the St. Ignatius Gym on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Volunteers will be needed. This will be a joint St. Thomas/ Springvale Council effort. Dennis will attend the Springvale Council monthly meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

Remarks From Ray Sargent

- Ray noted an upcoming Roast Pork dinner at the Parish Hall on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Proceeds to benefit the Sanford/ Springvale 4th Degree Assembly.
- Ray noted an upcoming 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification on Sunday, January 20, 2019.
- Ray noted an upcoming District 15 meeting at the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.
- Ray proposed that a 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification be held at the Parish Hall on wednesday, February 20, 2019.
- Ray recognized George Kanelos for his \$500 donation to the York County Shelter Food Pantry on behalf of the St. Thomas Council of the Knights of Columbus.
- Ray noted that the Knights of Columbus State Council Charity Fund submission deadline is February 15, 2019. Kevin Neely recommended that St. Anthony School in Haiti be submitted to the State Council as a proposed cause. Don Leeman proposed that Waban Projects, Inc. be submitted as a proposed cause. There will be further discussion at the February 14th Council meeting.

- Ray proposed that Father Tracey be considered Chaplain of the Year. Don Leeman offered to do a write-up on Father Tracey.
- Ray proposed that we submit a family in the Parish as K of C Family of the year.
- Ray mentioned that there will be a 4th Degree exemplification in Kennebunk on May 4, 2019.

Lectorer Presentation

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on the book: *the Smoke of Satan* by Philip F. Lawler.

Knight of the Month

No Knight of the Month was named.

50/50 Raffle

Rick Southwick won the 50/50 raffle. Prize was \$30. Rick donated his prize money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Joe Sylvanus
- Vern Duprey
- Joe Garant
- Sr. Lorraine
- Dopriss Watson
- State Commander D.A.V.
- Wife of Vice Commander D.A.V.
- Doris Watson

Closing Prayers

Both the Father J. McGivney prayer and the Bill Sheehan prayer, which were recited by the council, were dedicated to the above prayer petitions.

Father Michael J. McGivney Prayer:

God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael McGivney to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your son, Jesus Christ more closely in fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his body which is the church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in

your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your Holy Will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here we make our request) through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bill Sheehan Prayer:

Glory be to you Father, Creator of the world. Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. I exalt you Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the world. Please bless, heal and save all those on our K of C prayer line.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm