

# St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2019

## Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 6:57 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2019. There were 25 members present.

## Warden

Warden Dennis Guay 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

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus led the council in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee
- George Duranleau, District Deputy
- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director
- Jon Dientes, Limerick Council Grand Knight

## Officer Roll Call

The Officer Roll Call was taken and recorded by Recorder John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick	Absent
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Dennis Guay	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present

Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Absent
Three Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
Two Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Present
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Excused

### Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the September 12, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. Dan Rooney noted that the phrase "This is the sixth and final season of this program", referring to *This Man is You* program, should be stricken from the September 2019 minutes, as *This Man is You* is an ongoing program. The Recorder so noted and will ammend the September 2019 minutes. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$4024.24

Disbursements:

DAV Chapter	\$ 50.00
Ray Sargent (Aprons)	50.00
Terry (Delta Church Supplies)	32.13
Assembly #357 donation	525.00
Presence Radio	100.00
Right to Life	150.00
Monica Newport (Church Fair)	100.00
Josh Guilmette	250.00
Northeast Passage	<u>50.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$1,307.13

Receipts:

Reimburse for Totus	\$ 115.00
Dues	25.00
Raffle Sales	550.00
50/50	24.00
Donate	24.00
Donate Christmas Party DAV	300.00
Mainers	1,000.00
Acton Fair	1,100.00
Reimburse KC for Seminarian	100.00
Reimburse for Ad	<u>50.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$3,288.00

Ending Balance: \$6,005.11  
Less Christmas Fund: (\$930.50 + \$550.00 + \$300.00) = \$1,780.50  
Available Balance: \$4,224.61

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Dennis Breton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 104 Total Members
- 60 Insured Members
- 41 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 13 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members

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

### **Chaplain Report**

None given.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- A check in the amount of \$2,118.72 was presented to the St. Thomas Council from the Maine State Council as a result of St. Thomas Council's involvement in September's Tootsie Roll drive. This check will be presented to Waban Projects, Inc.
- Knights from the St. Thomas Council will be recording mass attendance at all the weekend masses at Holy Family and Notre Dame Churches. This count, which is mandated by the Diocese of Portland, will take place throughout the month of October 2019.
- \$3,900 has been raised so far for the Church Bell Fund. The cost to install new bells at Holy Family Church will be approximately \$10,500.
- There will be a Bean Supper on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the parish hall immediately following the 4:00 mass. Proceeds to go toward the Church Bell Fund. (See New Business.)

- There will be a church recruiting drive during the weekend of October 19 and 20, 2019.
  - a. There is a Delta Church Drive on-line 1-hour training.
  - b. 1,500 packets were ordered.
  - c. There will be an announcement in the church bulletin, three weeks prior to the recruiting drive.
  - d. Cards to be handed out to all men and women after each mass - one week before the recruiting drive.
  - e. Thomas Couture will give a brief talk about the Knights of Columbus prior to the Saturday 4:00 pm mass and the Sunday 11:00 mass. John Chandonnet will do the same prior to the Sunday 9:00 am mass.
  - f. Dress will be casual.
- Help is needed immediately following the council meeting to set tables upstairs in the gym for the Parish Harvest Fair.

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

No report given.

### **John Chandonnet**

John Chandonnet reported the following:

- Ron Robichaud is collecting pennies for Waban Projects, Inc. He will be collecting pennies from now until the Waban Telethon in March 2020. General Electric Corporation will match the penny donations on a one-to-one basis. In other words, if \$500 is collected, GE will match it with another \$500. All council knights are encouraged to bring in their pennies for Ron at each monthly meeting.

### **Dennis Guay**

Dennis Guay reported:

- Help will be needed at the Parish Harvest Fair for the Turkey Supper which will be served on Friday, October 26, 2019.
- Help will also be needed to serve breakfast and lunch on Saturday, October 27, 2019.
- Help will also be needed to serve breakfast and lunch on Sunday, October 28, 2019.

### **Don Leeman**

Don Leeman reported:

- The 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification that was scheduled at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Westbrook, Maine for September 28, 2019 was cancelled.

- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Brewer, Maine on November 3rd.

### **Gerry Newport**

Gerry Newport reported the following:

- There will be a ceremony at the Sanford Memorial Gym on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019. During the ceremony, an award will be presented to Owen Martin for all his contributions to the community.

### **Frank Pease**

Frank Pease reported the following:

- There is a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood Center in Portland, Maine. It started on September 25, 2019 and will continue thru November 3, 2019.

### **Matt Pettine**

Matt Pettine reported the following:

- The Students at St. Thomas School are participating in a Fun Run as a fund raiser for the school. Anybody can sponsor a St. Thomas Student.

### **Dan Rooney**

Dan Rooney reported the following:

- This Man is You program has started on Saturday, September 14th. This an ongoing program. All are invited to attend. Meet at St. Thomas School at 6:30 am every Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts at 6:30 am, followed by a video, then group discussions. Session will adjourn at 8:00 am.
- There will be a Mens' Conference at St. Maximilian Kobe Church in Scarborough, Maine on October 19, 2019.
- Help is needed to help run the 50/50 drawing at the Parish Harvest Fair. There are a number of shifts that are open and need to be filled.

### **Old Business**

- A Motion to make a \$50 donation to the Maine State Council, that was brought up at the July 11, 2019 council meeting, was previously tabled. After a discussion among the three trustees, it was decided that the council not make the \$50 donation.

## **New Business**

- Dennis Guay motioned that St. Thomas Council donate \$200 to the 4th Degree Master's fund. Don Leeman seconded the motion. there was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Dennis Guay motioned that the St. Thomas and Springvale councils split the costs of the November 9th Bean Supper. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- John Chandonnet motioned that \$225 be contributed toward the purchase of three \$50 Walmart gift cards and three \$25 Walmart gift cards from St. Thomas School. These gift cards will be handed out to the winners and runner-ups of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest sponsored by the St. Thomas Council. Dan Rooney seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Dennis Guay motioned that \$57 be allocated by the St. Thomas Council to have brochures printed. Greg Semo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Name badges will be furnished to any new knight and any existing non-officer knight who wishes one. John Chandonnet will be in charge of ordering badges. John Jalbert, Kevin Neeley, Richard L'Heureux, Charles LaChapelle and Larry Tremblay wish to each have a name badge.

## **Remarks from Jon Dientes, Limerick Council Grand Knight**

Jon Dientes remarked:

- He was impressed with the large attendance at St. Thomas Council meetings.
- There will be a Right to Life Fund Drive in Limerick during the weekend of October 11th thru 13th.
- Vicky's lobster rolls are for sale at \$10 each to help the regalia fund.
- There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, November 2, 2019.
- There will be a Craft Fair in Limerick on November 18, 2019.

## **Remarks from District Deputy**

District Deputy George Duranleau remarked:

- That a council has to go through the Membership Director of the Knights of Columbus State Council in order to remove delinquent members.

- The victims of Hurricane Dorian received lots of donations from the Knights of Columbus.
- Congratulations go out to the St. Thomas Council for all the donations it made during 2019.

### **Lecturer Presentation**

None given.

### **Knight of the Month**

Thomas Couture was named Knight of the Month for the month of September 2019.

GK Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Rene Robichaud:

*"The October 2019 Knight of the Month is a fairly new knight, having come aboard at our August Council meeting. This knight immediately hit the ground running by participating in various council activities - such as working at the Acton Fair and the tootsie roll drive. He will also be involved with the upcoming Church Recruiting Drive later on this month. In fact, he will be one of the speakers. Won't you please give a round of applause to Thomas Couture!"*

### **50/50 Raffle**

- Don Leeman won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$22. Don donated the money back to the council.

### **Good of the Order**

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Jean Stephensen
- Bob Tyler
- Vi LaMontagne
- Holly Jones
- Joe Garand

## **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 8:15pm.**

## **Next Council Meeting**

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

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm