

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Dennis Breton at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019. There were 24 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
- Robert Tyler, Grand Knight, Springvale Council

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	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Excused

1 st Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Present
1 st Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present
1 st Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:		\$8509.87
Disbursements:		
Liturgical Publications		592.00
St. Therese (from Haddock Supper Proceeds)		2,274.41
Father Tracey		500.00
ACTS		<u>77.00</u>
Total Disbursements:		\$3,443.41
Receipts:		
Dues		75.00
Reimbursements		394.66
50/50		<u>23.00</u>
Total receipts:		\$ 492.66
Ending Balance:		\$5,559.12
Less Christmas Party Fund:		<u>\$ 955.00</u>
Available Balance:		\$4,604.12

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

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported that he collected \$75 in member dues. John Greenlee also mentioned that he sent out 27 notices to members whose dues were in arrears. John also reported:

- 125 Total Members

- 66 Insured Members
- 59 Associate Members
- 3 Honorary Members
- 10 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members
- 27 Members that have not paid their dues

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

Chaplain Report

None given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Dennis reported:.

- The St. Thomas Council received a thank you letter from St. Angre's for the \$500 donation to their Memory Park.
- The St. Thomas Council also received a thank you letter from Dan Rooney, Kevin Neeley and Dennis Guay for the \$50 donation each received, as they are riding in the Trek Across Maine in June.
- There will be a Rosary Service at Holy Family Church at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 20th.
- Four St. Thomas knights had taken their 4th Degree to become Sir Knights. They are: John Jalbert, Rick Southwick, Steve Belanger and Greg Semo.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Bob Tyler, Grand Knight of the Springvale Council proposed that the St. Thomas Council donate \$500 to Father Tracy to cover his moving expenses. The Springvale Council had already donated \$500 to Father Tracy. Ray Sargent made a motion to donate \$500. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent motioned that \$2,274.41 of the Lenten Haddock Suppers proceeds be donated to St. Therese of Lisieux Parish. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Remarks from Deputy Grand Knight

- Deputy Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus remarked that the Concession Stand at the Goodall Baseball Park will be renamed. Also, Dennis Guay has secured at least two dates where St. Thomas Council Knights will be working the concession stand during Sanford Mainers games.

Remarks from District Deputy

District Deputy Ray Sargent remarked:

- St. Thomas and Springvale Council Knights will be passing out Carnations at the end of each of the four weekend masses on May 11th and 12th. Volunteers will be needed.
- There will be a potluck supper following the 4:00 pm mass at Holy Family Church on Saturday, May 18th. Honor Guard will be present at the mass.
- The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 27th. Honor Guard to meet at the National Guard Armory at 9:00 am.
- Honor Guard will be needed for the First Communion Ceremony at St. Matthews Church in Limerick on Saturday, June 8th, at noon. Honor Guard will also be needed that same day at Holy Family Church for the First Communion Ceremony at 4:00 pm.
- Honor Guard will be needed at the Flag Day Ceremony at Sanford City Park on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 am.
- The St. Anselm College Road for Hope walkers will be coming into town on Tuesday, August 20th. The Parish will put them up overnight at the St. Ignatius Gym. The St. Thomas Council will also be serving the walkers a spaghetti dinner.

Presentation of Awards

- The St. Thomas Council Knights of Columbus received several awards and accolades at the Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention at Sunday River Resort in Newry, Maine during the last weekend in April.
- The St. Thomas Council received the Maine State Council Award for Outstanding Life Activity and an Award for Outstanding Faith Activity. District Deputy Ray Sargent presented both of these awards to Grand Knight Dennis Breton.
- The St. Thomas Council also received a Columbian Award for submitting Surge Reports, recruiting new Knights and undergoing safety training. Ray Sargent presented this award to Past Grand Knight John Chandonnet, because this award was won during John Chandonnet's final year as Grand Knight.
- In addition, the St. Thomas Council received several Certificates of Appreciation for the many activities in which the council partook. Ray Sargent presented these certificates to Grand Knight Dennis Breton. These certificates were for:

Sponsoring Father Tracy as Maine State Chaplin of the Year.

Sponsoring various blood drives.

Sponsoring St. Anthony the Hermit Parish for the Charity Fund.

Partaking in various Faith in Action activities.

Participating in the Hands Around the Capital rally.

Sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest at St. Thomas School.

Participating in the Marian Icon for Christian Persecution program.

Membership recruitment.

Participating in the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Undergoing Safe Environment training.

Participating in the Silver Rose program.

Sponsoring a Youth Basketball Free-Throw competition.

Participating in the Ultrasound Initiative program.

Lectorer Presentation

- None given. Brother Jerome Lessard was excused from the meeting due to Brother Marcel's funeral.

Knight of the Month

- The St. Thomas Council named Herb Littlefield as Knight of the month for May 2019. Herb, who has been a knight for four years, is a Sir Knight, as well as a Third Degree Knight. Herb is also an Honor Guard. Herb serves the council as a Trustee and helps out at many Knights of Columbus functions - especially the benefit dinners.

50/50 Raffle

- Kevin Neeley won the 50/50 raffle. Prize was \$23. Kevin gave the money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Paul Newport (cancer)
- Gerry Newport (cyst in his chest)
- Manny DeAmaral (back)
- Bob Tyler (cancer)
- Joan Breton (pneumonia)
- Gloria Rooney (skateboard injury)
- Joe Sylvanus (cancer)
- Chris Gauthier (for a safe trip to California and back)
- Father Tracy's parents
- Steve Gannaway's mother-in-law (for the repose of her soul)

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, June 13, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm