

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019. There were 22 members present.

Warden

Acting Warden Ray Sargent 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
- Brother Jerome Lessard

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	Present
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Dennis Guay	Excused
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Absent
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent

Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
Three Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
Two Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Absent
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the June 13, 2019 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:	\$4829.66
Disbursements:	
Terry Sylvanus (postage)	11.00
Bank Fee (check copies)	2.00
KC Per Capita	334.03
Frank (Togus)	<u>229.69</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 576.72
Receipts:	
Convention Refund	45.00
Dues	50.00
Donation	23.00
50/50	<u>22.00</u>
Total receipts:	\$ 140.00
Ending Balance:	\$4392.94
Less Christmas Party Fund:	<u>\$ 978.00</u>
Available Balance:	\$3414.94

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Treasurer 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 \$50 in member dues. John also reported:

- 107 Total Members
- 59 Insured Members
- 43 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 12 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members
- 24 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

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported that Father Bill Labbe is willing to be Chaplain for the St. Thomas Council. GK Terry Sylvanus also commented that Father Labbe is also a good cook.
- Terry Sylvanus suggested that we start putting on bean suppers again.
- Terry Sylvanus named the following Program Directors:
 - a. Dennis Breton, Faith Director
 - b. John Chandonnet, Community Director
 - c. Bob Black, Vocations Director
 - d. Frank Pease, Right to Life Director
 - e. David C. Wright, jr., Health Services Director
 - f. Manny DeAmaral, Public Relations Director
 - g. Dennis Guay, Family Director
 - h. Don Leeman, Membership Director
 - i. Dennis Guay, Insurance Promotion
- Terry Sylvanus advised the council that this year's recruiting goal is seven new members.
- Terry Sylvanus named the following Recruitment Committee:
 - a. Don Leeman
 - b. Dan Rooney
 - c. Frank Pease
 - d. Dennis Breton
- Terry Sylvanus indicated that one goal he had was to earn a Star Council Award. In order to achieve this, one of the requirements is to submit a sufficient amount of SURGE reports in each of the following areas:
 - a. Church - Spiritual Reflection
 - b. Family - Consecration of the Holy Family
 - c. Community - Helping Hands

- d. Life - Novena for Life
- Terry Sylvanus also wants to have a family of the month and appointed the following Family of the Month Committee:
 - a. Rick Southwick
 - b. John Chandonnet
 - c. Dennis Guay
- Terry Sylvanus appointed the following Retention Committee:
 - a. John Chandonnet
 - b. Matt Pettine
 - c. Rene Robichaud
 - d. Terry Sylvanus
 - e. Frank Pease
 - g. Don Leeman
 - h. Ray Sargent
 - i. Dan Rooney
 - j. Dennis Guay
- Terry Sylvanus reported that he and Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick cooked the spaghetti meal for the Totus Tuus supper at the Parish Hall on July 10th. They worked a combined 56 hours!
- Terry Sylvanus also advised the council that there will be an Officers' meeting prior to each monthly council meeting. The Trustees and the four SURGE directors will also attend.

Remarks from John Chandonnet

- John Chandonnet advised the council that we are going to resume using the attendance book. John indicated that he done away with this book when he was Grand Knight. John admitted that this was a mistake. John advised the council that when they show up for a meeting, they should write their name in the book. John explained that he maintains a database of everyone's attendance. He can see who regularly attends meeting. Since he's on the nominating committee, he will know who's shoulder to tap and "encourage" them to consider coming aboard as an officer.
- John advised the council that we are also going to resume using the Surge book. John advised the council that when they show up for a meeting, they should write their name in the book, along with their church and community service hours. John stressed that a council of our size should put in at least 5,000 Surge hours per year. John indicated that he compiles all these hours into another database and he also keeps track of each of the member's individual Surge hours. This aids in selecting the Knight of the Month.
- John stressed that the council isn't tallying Surge hours to inflate its ego. Surge hours are needed to maintain the council's tax exempt status.

- John reported that the St. Thomas Council has been extremely busy over the past two months. As a result, he submitted a lot of articles for the web site and the York County Coast Star. Recent articles included: the Memorial Day Parade, the Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremony at St. Matthews in Limerick, the Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremony at Holy Family, the Flag Day ceremony at City Park, the Installation ceremony at last month's meeting and Operation Wheelchair at the VA Medical Center in Togus. John stressed everyone to logon to our website and read up!
- Additional articles that John was working on include our council working at the concession during Sanford Mainers games, the Totus Tuus dinner, the Right to Life Walk that is coming up on Saturday and Knight of the Month.
- John indicated that he submitted a Surge report on the trip to Togus on June 30th for Operation Wheelchair.
- John suggested that we should submit a Surge report for our working the concession at Sanford Mainers games for eight dates.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Gerry Newport volunteered to be Chairman of this year's children's Christmas party. Rick Southwick motioned that Gerry be made chairman. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Don Leeman made a motion that the St. Thomas Council donate \$50 to the Maine State Council. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was tabled pemnding review by the Board of Trustees.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Remarks from Frank Pease

- Frank Pease reported that an Ultrasound Machine is being installed at the Open Arms Pregnancy Center. Cost is \$34,000. The maine Right to Life Committee and Supreme each contributed \$17,000.
- Frank mentioned the upcoming Right to Life walk around Number-One Pond in Sanford on Saturday, July 13th. Everybody is invited and no set pledge amount is required.

- Frank reported that the Maione Right to Life Committee is collecting signatures in order to initiate a citizens' veto to overturn recent legislation on taxpayer-funded abortions and physician-assisted suicide.

Lectorer Presentation

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on Bishop Claude Champagne's retreat in Edmundston, New Brunswick. The key points were as follows:

- We are called to make disciples.
- Bring God to people in the person of Jesus.
- From one's personal encounter with Jesus, to a sharing of the good news.
- In a spirit of respect and loving friendship.

Knight of the Month

Recorder John Chandonnet was named Knight of the Month for the month of July 2019.

GK Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about John Chandonnet:

- John joined the Knights of Columbus in 2011 and quickly took his third and fourth degrees. John is an Honor Guard with the Knights, as well. As a Past Grand Knight, John is very active in the church serving as a Lectorer, Eucharistic Minister as well as baking for and organizing the hospitality gathering after the 9:00 am Sunday mass. John has also organized the St. Thomas School poster contest and supported the Waban Telethon refreshment booth.
- On many occasions in which John volunteers, he usually drives to the event directly from his job in Manchester, NH.
- Still working full time, John made the trip to Togus with several brother knights to honor disabled veterans.
- As a Past Grand Knight, John has shared his experience and knowledge of the Knights of Columbus with incoming Grand Knights.

50/50 Raffle

- Ron Robichaud won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$23. Ron opted to donate the money to the children's Christmas Party.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Joe Sylvanus
- Jean Sylvanus
- Rob Martin's sister
- Chris Gauthier's Mother

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 8:12pm.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm