

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019. There were 24 members present.

Warden

Warden Dennis Guay attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

Decade of Rosary

Warden Dennis Guay 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
- Springvale Council Grand Knight Bob Tyler
- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials
- Thomas Couture, a new member

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	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Excused
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present

Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
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

Gerry Newport made a motion to accept the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Don Leeman 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 (Totus Tuus meal)		<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:

- 106 Total Members
- 58 Insured Members
- 43 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 11 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. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Chaplain Report

None given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- Merger of Sanford Council 2231 and St. Thomas Council 13861 is being finalized.
- The GK Terry Sylvanus received a thank you letter from Waban Projects for the council's \$638.94 donation made at the Annual Waban Telethon.
- The GK will be attending a District Deputy meeting at Holy Family Church.
- There will be a Delta Church Drive meeting on August 2, 2019.
- There will be a Bi-Centennial celebration at the Brothers in Alfred on Sunday, August 18, 2019. Mass will be at 10:30 am. Honor Guard will be needed, as Bishop Deeley will be present.
- GK Terry Sylvanus met with Father Bill Labbe to discuss the Family of the Month. It was decided that the family of the month will be honored at a mass. Family of the Month awards will begin in September 2019.

Deputy Grand Knight

- Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick distributed packets to each member of the Retention Committee.
- The packets contained response sheets and a list of members for each Retention Committee member to contact.

Gerry Newport

- Gerry Newport reported that he secured dates at Mardens Surplus and Salvage and Shaw's Supermarket.
- The council will be selling raffle tickets at Mardens on Saturday, August 24, 2019 and Sunday, August 25, 2019.
- The Council will be selling raffle tickets at Shaw's on Saturday, October 4, 2019 and Sunday, October 5, 2019.
- Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.
- Anyone interested in selling raffle tickets at any of the above dates should Contact Gerry Newport at 324-2427 or on his cell phone at 432-4928.
- Cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 will be awarded. Drawing will take place at the council's November 14, 2019 meeting.
- The Children's Christmas Party will occur on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Frank Pease

- Frank Pease advised the council that the St. Anselm College walkers will be arriving in Sanford on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. As in previous years the St. Thomas Council will serve the walkers a spaghetti supper with all the fixings. The Parish will also put up the walkers overnight in the Gym. Frank mentioned that volunteers will be needed to prepare and serve the supper.
- Frank mentioned that the Maine Right to Life Committee will sell raffle tickets after all the masses during Labor Day weekend.
- Frank also mentioned that petitions will be put out after all the weekend masses for a citizens veto for the Taxpayer Funded Abortions and Physician Assisted Suicide legislation that was recently passed.
- Frank mentioned that there will be a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood in Portland, Maine from September 25, 2019 to November 3, 2019. This prayer vigil is dedicated for all unborn children.

Dennis Guay

- Dennis reported that the St. Thomas Council worked the concession at 10 Sanford Mainers home games and will receive \$1,000 from the Sanford Mainers.
- Dennis solicited volunteers to work the gate at the Action Fair from Thursday, August 22, 2019 to August 25, 2019. Volunteers will work five-hour shifts.
- Dennis mentioned the upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive on September 14, 15 and 16, 2019.

Old Business

- Motion to make a \$50 donation to the Maine State Council, that was brought up at the July 11, 2019 council meeting, will remain tabled.

New Business

- Springvale Council Grand Knight Bob Tyler mentioned that St. Thomas School is having a family barbeque prior to the upcoming school year. Bob proposed that the Springvale and St. Thomas councils each contribute \$150 for the barbeque.
- Ray Sargent motioned that the St. Thomas Council contribute \$150. Frank Pease seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent made a motion that a \$25 Gift Certificate be awarded to each family of the month. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lectorer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

Warden Dennis Guay was named Knight of the Month for the month of August 2019. GK Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Dennis Guay:

- Since joining the Knights of Columbus in 2005, Dennis Guay has served the Knights of Columbus in many capacities including: Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Worthy Navigator, District Warden and District Deputy.
- He is a true leader, leading by example and admired by his brother knights. If there is a program or event that needs a volunteer or Chairman, Dennis is always ready for the challenge.
- He is actively involved in directing the council's blood drives, coordinating Tootsie Roll drives to benefit Camp Waban, coordinating volunteers at the Sanford Mainers concession stand, working at the Lenten Haddock dinners, volunteering at the Annual Waban Telethon and working at the Annual St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Harvest Fair.
- His enthusiasm and passion for the Knights of Columbus and his faith is an inspiration to his brother knights!

50/50 Raffle

- Bob Black won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$21. Bob donated the money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Bob Tyler
- Ray Sargent
- Bob McKenna
- Joe Garant
- Father Neault
- Rick Bragg
- Larry Paquin

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, September 12, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm

