

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 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, September 12, 2019. There were 28 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
- Tony Welch, a representative of the Acton Fair

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

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the August 8, 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:		\$ 4392.94
Disbursements:		
Gerry Newport (Party raffle tickets)		47.50
St. Thomas Barbeque		150.00
Frank Pease (Road to Hope)		<u>263.20</u>
Total Disbursements:		\$ 460.70
Receipts:		
Dues		50.00
Donation		21.00
50/50		<u>21.00</u>
Total receipts:		\$ 92.00
Ending Balance:		\$ 4024.24
Less Christmas Party Fund:		<u>\$ 930.50</u>
Available Balance:		\$ 3093.74

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

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 105 Total Members
- 60 Insured Members

- 41 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 12 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dennis Breton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Chaplain Report

None given.

Tony Welch

- Tony Welch, who represents the Actor Fair, presented a check in the amount of \$1,100 to the St. Thomas Council for work performed at the gates during the 2019 Acton Fair.

Dennis Guay

- Dennis Guay presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the St. Thomas Council for work performed at the concession area during Sanford Mainers home games at Goodall Park.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The Perreault family was selected Family of the Month for September 2019.
- He along with Bob Rizzo and Springvale Council Grand Knight Bob Tyler met with Father Bill Labbe regarding church bells for Holy Family and Notre Dame churches. Father Bill would like to have the Knights of Columbus councils coordinate the fund raising. Father Bill stressed that all monies should go to the Knights of Columbus, who would (in turn) present the money to the parish. If the parish were to raise the money itself, then 12% would have to go to the Diocese. Having the Knights of Columbus raising the funds would avoid this 12% pay out. Approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 would be required for each church.
- 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.

- There will be a Faith in Action webinar on October 24, 2019 at 8:30 pm.
- Terry Sylvanus mentioned an article in the September 2019 issue of Columbia magazine which deals with Safe Environment. He urged all knights to read the article.

Deputy Grand Knight

- Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick expressed his disappointment with members of the Retention Committee, as he had not received reports from any member of the Retention Committee regarding following up on the names that each member of the committee was assigned.
- Rick Southwick mentioned an elderly knight who lost his driving privileges; but wishes to attend council meetings. Larry Tremblay, who is 95 years old, needs a ride to council meetings.

John Chandonnet

- John Chandonnet mentioned that 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.

Gerry Newport

Gerry Newport reported the following:

- Raffle tickets, to benefit the Childrens' Christmas Party, are available. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- Raffle tickets are also available for the Parish Harvest Fair. Tickets are \$2 each or \$10 for a book.
- The St. Thomas Council will be selling raffle tickets for the Childrens' Christmas Party at Shaw's Supermarket in November.
- Monica Newport will need help two weeks before the Harvest Fair to set up the St. Ignatius Gym.

Frank Pease

Frank Pease reported the following:

- There will be a fund raiser for the Alpha Pregnancy Center on October 17, 2019.

- There will be a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood Center in Portland, Maine from September 25, 2019 thru November 3, 2019

Dan Rooney

Dan Rooney reported the following:

- This Man is You program will be starting on Saturday, September 14th. This is the sixth and final season of this 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.

Bob Carr

- Bob Carr reported that there will be a special mass at the Brothers ion Alfred, Maine on October 1, 2019. Mass is at 7:00 pm.

Don Leeman

- Don Leeman reported that there will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Westbrook, Maine on September 28, 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

- Dennis Guay suggested that a motion be made to donate 25% of the \$2,100 received from the Acton Fair and the Sanford Mainers to the W. Robert Bachelder 4th Degree Assembly. The amount would be \$525. Frank Pease motioned. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease motioned that \$150 be contributed for an ad in the Maine Right to Life publication. Dan Rooney seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease motioned that \$100 be contributed to the Penny Auction at the upcoming Parish Harvest Fair. Dan Rooney seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

- Gerry Newport motioned that \$250 be contributed to the Seminarian, Josh Guillemette. Greg Semo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent motioned that \$100 be contributed to Presence Radio in Presque Isle, Maine to help cover their fire loss. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- George Kanelos motioned that \$50 be contributed for Veteran Recreation Program. Greg Semo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- George Kanelos motioned that \$50 be contributed for DAV Golf Tournament. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus suggested that the \$25 gift card for family of the month be increased to \$50. Don Leeman motioned. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Remarks from District Deputy

- District Deputy George Duranleau mentioned an upcoming Soccer Challenge at Shaw Field in Sanford. Soccer Challenge will occur on September 28, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Lecturer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

Outside Guard Rene Robichaud was named Knight of the Month for the month of September 2019.

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

- This brother knight has been bestowed the honors of Knight of the Month multiple times - and for good reason!
- Four words that best describe this brother knight are: He Is Always There. Whether it is checking for membership cards and rosaries before council meetings; greeting parishioners and collecting money at the 4:00 pm Saturday masses; selling raffle tickets for the children's Christmas party; making popcorn at the Sanford Mainers Concession; working at the gate at the Acton fair or working in the kitchen at all the Knights of Columbus dinners, you will find him there!
- You need any help? He is your go-to guy!
- His enthusiasm and passion for the Knights of Columbus is an inspiration to us all!

50/50 Raffle

- George Kanelos won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$24. George donated the money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Bob Tyler
- Ray Sargent
- Joe Garand
- Chris Semo
- Sara Newport
- Rick Southwick

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, October 10, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm