

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

The St. Thomas Council meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019. There were 29 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:

- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director
- Brother Jerome Lessard
- Frank Pease, Maine State Right to Life Committee

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	Present
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	Excused
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman pointed out that the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Biddeford, which was noted as occurring on January 8, 2020, is to occur on January 11, 2020. Recorder John Chandonnet so noted the change and will amend the November 2019 council meeting minutes.

Don Leeman then made a motion to accept the November 14, 2019 meeting minutes as ammended. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:		\$13,336.73
Disbursements:		
Pledge Star (Fun Run)	\$	304.15
KC - Supplies		41.85
John C. - Badges		50.00
Dennis G. – Bean Supper		27.00
Monica N. – Christmas Party		1,500.00
Script for Christ in Christmas		225.00
Raffle Winner		300.00
Raffle Winner		200.00
Ray S. – Bean Supper		232.39
DFS – Servpro		390.00
St. Thomas Fun Run		6,306.81
Maine State KC		1,006.60
Terry S. – Postage/Family of the Month		<u>61.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$	10,419.80
Receipts:		
50/50	\$	24.00
Reimburse Bean Supper		272.00
Fun Run		22.00
Bells		<u>22.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$	7,552.96

Ending Balance:	\$10,469.89
Less Christmas Fund:	2,675.50
Less Bell Fund:	<u>5,926.00</u>
Available Balance:	\$ 2,212.39

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:

- 104 Total Members
- 60 Insured Members
- 41 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 14 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

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:

- There will be a 1st Degree Exemplification before the January 2020 Council meeting.
- There is presently a \$2,367 balance in the Bell Fund.
- The church bells at Holy Family Church rang for the first time at 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 1999.

Deputy Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick reported:

- Upcoming council events will now be posted on Facebook, as Rick will now make it a public place.

Don Leeman

Don Leeman reported:

- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Biddeford on January 11, 2020.
- There will be another 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in late February 2020. Actual date to be announced.
- The next 4th Degree Exemplification will occur in Presque Isle, Maine on May 19, 2020.

Frank Pease

Frank Pease reported:

- There are presently six Ultrasound monitors in Maine; four Ultrasounds in New Hampshire; Three Ultrasounds in Vermont and seven Ultrasounds in Massachusetts.

Dan Rooney

Dan Rooney reported:

- The final meeting for the Fall session of This Man is You will occur on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Gerry Newport

Gerry Newport reported:

- Help is needed to wrap gifts for the Childrens' Christmas Party. Please meet at the Parish Hall on Friday, December 13th at 5:30 pm.
- Help will also be needed at the Childrens' Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th to pick up pizza and to help out at the party. Meet at the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.

Ray Sargent

Ray Sargent reported:

- Brother knights Chris Gauthier and Tom Couture took their 2nd and 3rd Degree.

Bob Carr

Bob Carr reported:

- The Saturday evening York County Jail Ministry is going very well. Five brother knights are involved and it is being well attended by the inmates.
- The Diocese is presently developing a mentor program for newly released inmates.

Brother Jerome Lessard

Brother Jerome Lessard reported:

- The Brothers of Christian Instruction in Alfred, Maine are endeavoring to raise a fund to aid their Brothers in Uganda.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

- The Admissions Committee proposed that the following prospective knights: Fred Daniels and Tom Couture be admitted into the St. Thomas Council. Ray Sargent motioned and Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Dennis Guay motioned that the council give a \$100 Hannaford gift card to Srs. Elizabeth and Karen. Frank Pease seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Bob Carr motioned that the council give \$100 to go toward the purchase of stationery and business cards for the York County Jail Ministry. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus proposed that the council put on a Bean Supper to raise funds for a new refrigerator for the kitchen at the Parish Hall. Tom Couture seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. The Bean Supper will occur on Saturday, January 25, 2020.
- Matt Pettine motioned that a debit card be set up for the council. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Tom Couture made a motion that the council furnish Christmas gifts for the remaining Giving Tree tags. Rob Martin seconded the motion. Ray Sargent proposed that the amount spent by the council not to exceed \$300. There was no further discussion. The motion passed that the council furnish gifts for the remaining tags, not to exceed \$300.

- In an effort to get new knights involved as officers, Dennis Guay motioned that he respectfully resign his post as Warden in favor of appointing Chris Gauthier as the new council Warden. Don Leeman seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chris Gauthier is the new St. Thomas Council Warden. John Chandonnet will have a badge made for Chris Gauthier.

Remarks from District Deputy

No remarks.

Lecturer Presentation

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Catholic accounts claim that the Virgin Mary appeared four times before Juan Diego and once more before Juan Diego's uncle. According to those Catholic version accounts, the first apparition occurred on the morning of December 9, 1531, when it is said that a native Mexican peasant named Juan Diego experienced a vision of a young woman at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which would become part of Villa de Guadalupe, in a suburb of Mexico City.

Knight of the Month

Dennis Breton was named Knight of the Month for the month of December 2019. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Dennis:

This month's Knight of the Month is a longtime knight and a Past Grand Knight with the St. Thomas Council. Although he is retired, both he and his wife are very active in the Parish. He will help out at all dinners put on by the Council. Both he and his wife serve as Eucharistic ministers at the 9:00 am Sunday service. He and his wife are also preparing Second Graders at St. Thomas School for their First Communion. This ceremony will take place in the Spring of 2020. Won't you give a round of applause to Dennis Breton!

50/50 Raffle

- George Kanelos won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$27. George donated his winnings back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Steve Ganaway

- Joe Garand
- Manny DeAmaral
- Monica Newport
- Anne Glazier
- Romeo Zuniga's two daughters
- Jean
- Holly

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 8:17pm.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm