

# **St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The St. Thomas Council meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2019. There were 31 members present.

## **Warden**

Warden Chris Gauthier 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
- George Durandau, District Deputy

## **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	Chris Gauthier	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	Present
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present

### **Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Don Leeman then made a motion to accept the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes as ammended. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$10,469.89

Disbursements:

Gerry Newport – Christmas Party	\$ 400.00
John Chandonnet - Badges	13.00
Verdin – Bells	5,315.00
KC Council Accounts - Supplies	36.93
Gift for Sisters	100.00
Prison Ministry	100.00
Terry Sylvanus – Cleaning of Pews	17.35
Terry Sylvanus – Tree Gifts	251.16
Terry Sylvanus – Christmas Pot Luck	<u>46.79</u>

Total Disbursements: \$ 6,280.23

Receipts:

50/50	\$ 27.00
Donation	49.00
Dues	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Receipts: \$ 1,076.00

Ending Balance: \$ 5,265.66

Less Christmas Fund:	175.50
Less Bell Fund:	<u>2,367.00</u>

Available Balance: \$ 2,723.16

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
- 42 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 14 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members
- \$1,000 in dues was collected
- There are 82 paid members and 34 unpaid members
- Supreme billed the St. Thomas Council for \$297 to cover per capita fees.

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:

- There will be a Bean Supper at the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Parish Hall kitchen.
- Father Bill has requested more ushers and collectors for the weekend masses - especially the 7:30 am mass at Holy Family Church.
- There is a \$2,367 balance in the Bell Fund. The money will stay in this account for the time being.
- The leftover funds in the Bell Fund will not be used to purchase a defibrillator, as it would require trained personnel to operate it.
- The kitchen at the Parish Hall requires some updating.
- There is a possibility that some of the kitchen equipment at Notre Dame can be moved to the Parish Hall kitchen.

- Met with Shelly Carpenter regarding Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest the St. Thomas Council plans on sponsoring. Shelly was very enthusiastic. The essay contest will be open to students from Grades 8 thru 12.
- The family of Dan and Gloria Rooney was named Family of the Month for December 2019.
- Operation Wheelchair will occur on 6/28/20. Knights from the St. Thomas Council will travel to the Veteran's Hospital in Togus to escort disabled veterans to the Chapel to attend Sunday mass.
- Received a thank you letter from St. Thomas School Principal Donna Jacques for the \$150 the council contributed to the Welcome Back Barbeque.
- The St. Thomas Council received a \$35 gift certificate for attending all webinars.
- There will be an upcoming webinar on *the Second Half*.
- Matt Pettine, Terry Sylvanus, Dennis Guay and Herb Littlefield have completed a Serve Safe course and are now certified. A plaque was placed outside the kitchen.

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick reported:

- I want to thank the brothers that have returned the survey sheets that I handed out back in August, but I handed out these sheets to all of you on this email and several others and asked to have them returned at our December meeting, but only two plus mine have been returned. I did not ask you to be on this Committee but instead you were asked at a meeting by Ray Sargent and each of you said yes you would be willing to be on the Committee. I am asking again for you to return the sheets that I handed out at the meeting this Thursday 1/9/20. Without the returned sheets this is a total waste of time as we have nothing to review to determine why attendance is low. I understand everyone is busy, but so were your brothers that turned in their sheets.
- With the exception of John Chandonnet, all members of the Retention Committee turned in their sheets before the January 2020 council meeting

### **Don Leeman**

Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director reported:

- There is a new Knights of Columbus Degree Ceremony that will be effective on March 1, 2020. Major changes include:
  - a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications will be combined in a single ceremony.

- b. There will no longer be secrecy. The general public (wives included) is invited to attend.
  - c. Each Council will have its own Degree Team.
  - d. The ceremony will be held in church.
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- The 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification, originally scheduled in Biddeford on January 11, 2020 was cancelled.
  - There will be another 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification in late February 2020. Actual date to be announced.
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, originally scheduled in Presque Isle, Maine on May 19, 2020 was cancelled.

### **Frank Pease Report**

Frank Pease, Maine State Right to Life Committee reported:

- Novena for Life program will be underway.
- Hands Around the Capitol day will occur in Augusta on January 18, 2020.

### **Ray Sargent Report**

Ray Sargent reported:

- Possible locations for the next 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification are Biddeford and Wells.
- There are currently 25 degree candidates.

### **Gerry Newport Remarks**

Gerry Newport remarked:

- Gerry Newport thanked all those who helped out at the Childrens; Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Gerry gave full credit to his wife Shirley and Daughter Monica for the success of the party.

### **District Deputy Report**

District Deputy George Durandean reported:

- A DVD of the new 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification ceremony is now available to all councils. The new ceremony takes effect on March 1, 2020.
- The reasons for the new Degree ceremony are as follows:
  - a. The new ceremony will spur growth.
  - b. This will be considered a Faith in Action program.
  - c. This will also be a charitable outreach program.
  - d. This will increase the number of knights to be insured.
- Retention begins with the sponsor.
- The Tootsie Roll Drive raised over \$110,000.

### **Old Business**

No Old Business.

### **New Business**

- Father Bill proposed that the St. Thomas Council put on a Matthew meal. This would make two Matthew meals per month - the first being put on by the Youth Ministry. Ray Sargent motioned that the proposed second Matthew meal be reviewed by the Trustees for feasibility. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. This matter was tabled.
- Frank Pease motioned that the St. Thomas Council sponsor a youth to go to Washington, DC to take part in the March for Life for \$200. Dan Rooney seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Rick Southwick made a motion that the St. Thomas Council contribute \$150 to the Global Wheelchair program sponsored by Supreme. Chris Gauthier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- The Right to Life Committee will serve coffee and doughnuts during Hands Around the Capitol. Frank Pease made a motion that the St. Thomas Council pay for the coffee and doughnuts - no more than \$100. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent made a motion that the St. Thomas Council contribute \$130 for five baldrics to be worn by the Degree Team. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease made a motion for the St. Thomas Council to reimburse Matt Pettine to cover his \$130 fee to cover his Serve Safe Certification. Rob Martin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

## **Lecturer Presentation**

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on *Christ in Crisis*, a book by Jim Wallis.

- Jim Wallis is an iconic Christian activist, preacher, justice advocate and a globally respected writer of 12 books. Jim is also the founding editor of *Sojourners* magazine and a teacher of ethics in public life at Harvard and Georgetown Universities.
- Major points outlined in the book include:
  - a. Jesus is the answer humanity is seeking.
  - b. We need to reclaim Jesus and his way of life.
  - c. We need to close the gap between Jesus and Christian and thus help save the soul of our nation.

## **Knight of the Month**

Matt Pettine was named Knight of the Month for the month of January 2020. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Matt:

*Matt is a longtime knight with the St. Thomas Council. Matt has been a knight in this council for 10 years. Matt holds the very demanding position as Treasurer for the council. Matt has handled the council's finances for the past several years. Things tend to get busy for Matt toward the end of the council's fiscal year, as well as toward the end of the calendar year. In addition to handling all the finances, Matt has managed the funds for the Church Bell Fund Drive and the Kids Fun Run at St. Thomas School. We at the St. Thomas Council value Matt's hard work and dedication!*

## **50/50 Raffle**

- Herb Littlefield won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was 25. Herb Littlefield donated his winnings back to the council.

## **Good of the Order**

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Steve Ganaway
- Joe Garand
- Manny DeAmaral
- Gerry Newport
- Greg Semo
- David Murphy

- Monica Newport
- Holly Hill
- Ray LaChance
- George Semo
- Austin

### **Closing Prayers**

The Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, the Father J. McGivney prayer and the Bill Sheehan prayer, which were recited by the council, were dedicated to the above prayer petitions.

Prayer to St. Michael:

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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 8:40pm.**

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm