

# **St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019**

Revised 12/14/19

## **Open Meeting Called to Order**

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Acting Grand Knight Dennis Guay at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019. There were 27 members present.

Since there were two non-knights present, Arnaldo Negron and Stephen Buck, Acting Grand Knight Dennis Guay suggested that this meeting be open. Ray Sargent motioned that this meeting should be open. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

## **Warden**

Acting Warden Ray Sargent attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

## **Decade of Rosary**

Recorder John Chandonnet led the council in a decade of the rosary for Pro Life.

## **The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Acting Grand Knight Dennis Guay led the council in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests**

Acting Grand Knight Dennis Guay recognized:

- Bob Tyler, Springvale Council Grand Knight
- George Duranleau, District Deputy
- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director
- Brother Jerome Lessard
- John P. Perrow, a visiting knight

## **Officer Roll Call**

The Officer Roll Call was taken and recorded by Recorder John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Excused
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick	Excused
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Absent
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	Absent
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Excused
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 made a motion to accept the October 11, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. 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: \$6,005.11

Disbursements:

Family of the month	\$ 100.00
Badges	34.00
Supreme Supplies	26.38
Master's Fund	200.00
Ray - printing	57.00
Script for Christ in Christmas	225.00
Deposit for Bells	<u>5,315.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 5,957.38

Receipts:

Children's Party	\$ 894.00
Bells	11,241.00
50/50	22.00
Donation	22.00
Fun run	<u>1,110.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$13,289.00

Ending Balance: \$13,336.73

Less Christmas Fund: 2,675.50

Less Bell Fund:	5,926.00
Less Fun Run Fund:	<u>1,110.00</u>
Available Balance:	\$ 3,625.23

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. George Kanelos 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
- 13 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

John Greenlee also indicated that he would start collecting membership dues at the December 2, 2019 4th Degree Assembly meeting.

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Tom Couture seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Chaplain Report**

None given.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Acting Grand Knight Dennis Guay reported:

- Dennis Guay thanked all St. Thomas knights who were involved in October's Church Recruiting Drive.
- Dennis Guay also thank those knights who recorded mass attendance at all the weekend masses during the month of October.
- \$272 was donated by the Springvale Council to cover expenses incurred in putting on the Bean Supper to benefit the Church Bell Fund.
- \$1,181 in proceeds were collected at the benefit Bean Supper. There was an attendance of 124.
- \$12,782 was raised thus far for the Church Bell fund. The St. Thomas Council received an additional \$250 before tonight's council meeting.

- Dennis Guay thanked the council for the tremendous support given by the knights, as Dennis Guay quoted: "knights were all over."
- There will be a Memorial Mass to honor all deceased brother knights at Notre Dame Church during the 7:30 am service.
- There will be a potluck lunch at the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 17, 2019 for all those who worked at October's Harvest Fair. Harvest Fair Chairperson Monica Newport will present the final numbers.
- The Lighting of the Creche will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. All are welcome. Meet at the Parish Hall at 7:15 for a Rosary. Following the Rosary, participants will walk up to the City Park for the Creche lighting ceremony.
- There will be a Christmas potluck lunch at the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 8, 2019. This luncheon is open to all area knights. Bring a dish to share.
- The annual Childrens' Christmas Party will occur on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Parish Hall. The party will run from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. This is a party for area needy children. The children will be served pizza and cake. Each child will also receive a gift from Santa.
- Help will be needed on Friday, December 13, 2019 to wrap the gifts for the Childrens' Christmas Party.
- Herb Littlefield will be attending a Serve Safe course in Biddeford on November 16, 2019.

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

No report given.

### **John Chandonnet**

John Chandonnet reported the following:

- John Chandonnet met with St. Thomas School Principal Donna Jacques on Friday, November 8th to finalize the details for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
  1. There will be three divisions: Kindergarten thru First Grade; Second and Third Grade; and Fourth thru Seventh Grade.
  2. There will be a First Prize of a fifty-dollar Walmart gift card and a Second Prize of a twenty-five dollar Walmart gift card for each division.
  3. Posters will be judged on artwork, slogan and overall impact.
  4. Deadline to submit posters will be Friday, December 13th.

5. Posters will be judged the following Monday on December 16th at 6:30 pm in the St. Thomas School cafeteria by Donna Jacques, Terry Sylvanus and myself.
  6. Father will present the awards at a children's Mass on Wednesday, December 18th.
  7. Each participant will receive a certificate.
- Last Sunday, John Chandonnet approached Jason and Corinna Tremblay and asked them if they would accept the honor of being Family of the Month for December. They accepted. John Chandonnet will interview the family this coming Sunday and take their picture in order to prepare a write-up for the Parish website.
  - John Chandonnet ordered and received name badges for: Lawrence Tremblay, Charles LaChapelle, Richard L'Heureux, Kevin Neely and John Jalbert. Anybody else who wishes to have a name badge should see me after the meeting. John Chandonnet urged those who have name badges should wear them at Sunday Mass and at any Knights of Columbus function, that we show our colors!

### **Don Leeman**

Don Leeman reported:

- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Sanford at the Parish Hall on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Biddeford on January 11, 2020.

### **Gerry Newport**

Gerry Newport drew the winning names for the Raffle to benefit the Childrens' Christmas Party. The winners were as follows:

\$300	Robin Abbott
\$200	Rick LaCroit
\$100	Keith Destoien

### **Bob Black**

Bob Black read aloud a Thank You letter he received from Josh Guillemette. Josh is a Seminarian that the local Knights of Columbus councils are helping to support.

### **Bob Tyler**

Springvale Council Grand Knight Bob Tyler reported the following:

- The Springvale Council is doing a Coats for Kids program. 57 coats were purchased. The Council also approved \$500 for coats for next year's program.
- The Springvale Council is sending Josh Guillemette, a Seminarian, a check.
- The Springvale Council named the Guillemette family as Family of the Year.

### **Old Business**

No Old Business.

### **New Business**

- The St. Thomas Council will reimburse Ray Sargent and Dennis Guay for expenses they incurred doing the benefit bean supper for the Church Bell Fund.

### **Remarks from District Deputy**

District Deputy George Duranleau reported the following:

The Maine State Council will have a Training Program for Faith in Action on Friday, December 6, 2019 in Westbrook. The program will run from 8:00 am to noon.

### **Lecturer Presentation**

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on Living in Thanksgiving. Major points included:

- It is our duty to give thanks.
- We should maintain an attitude of gratitude.
- We should count our blessings.
- We should maintain a gratitude journal and have a gratitude jar.

### **Knight of the Month**

Gerry Newport was named Knight of the Month for the month of November 2019.

Acting GK Dennis Guay had the following to say about Gerry Newport:

*The question for this month's knight of the month is: what does he not do? Well... he's not Mayor of Sanford. Local politics is probably the extent of what he doesn't do.*

*Here's a little of what he does... He is this year's chairman of the Children's Christmas party. He's the Faithful Pilot of the 4th Degree Assembly. He, along with his daughter Monica, was heavily involved in this year's Parish Harvest Fair. He helped set up for the fair and spent that weekend selling raffle tickets. You might say that he practically lived, ate and slept in the St. Ignatius Gym during the month of October. He's involved in the local VFW where he coordinated this year's Veteran's Day ceremony at the Sanford Memorial Gym. He also coordinated this year's Memorial Day parade, served as Grand Marshall and rode in that cute convertible. Let's not forget that he is a greeter and passes the collection basket at the weekly Saturday afternoon service at Holy Family Church.*

*His only fault is that he's a New York Yankees fan. Hey, nobody's perfect! By the way, we're sorry your team didn't come in this year! Let's give a well-deserved round of applause to our brother knight Gerry Newport!*

### **50/50 Raffle**

- Steve Belanger won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$20.

### **Good of the Order**

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Bob Tyler
- Steve Ganaway
- Joe Garand
- Bill Sheehan
- Rob Martin
- Pete Talas
- Germain Nobert
- Alan Ireland
- Ray Sargent
- Rene Guillemette

### **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, December 12, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm