

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2020

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Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020. There were 22 members present.

Warden's Report

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

Decade of the 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.

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	Excused
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Vacant	
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Excused
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Absent
Third Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
Second Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
First Year Trustee	Gerry Newport	Present

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Admissions, New Members and Transfers

Membership Director Don Leeman reported that there were two new applications:

- Brother Albert Heimrich
- Steve Beaulieu

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:	\$5,521.80
Disbursements:	
Badges	26.00
Maine Per Capita	1,263.30
Meat Raffle Tickets	<u>104.30</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$1,403.60
Receipts:	
50/50	16.00
Donation	16.00
Ad Reimburse	85.00
Ad Reimburse	85.00
Total receipts:	<u>\$ 202.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$4,330.20
Less Bells	\$2,367.00
Less Kitchen	387.68
Raffle	<u>(104.30)</u>
Available Balance:	\$1,679.82

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 152 Total Members
- 67 Insured Members
- 78 Associate Members
- 7 Inactive
- 4 Honorary Members
- 35 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

John Greenlee also reported that he received a \$100 RSVP refund.

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary report as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Financial Secretary report was accepted as presented.

Chaplain Report

None given.

Membership

No report given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The Meat Raffle to benefit the Parish and St. Thomas School is proceeding very well. The meat and tickets were paid for via a donation, so all proceeds from raffle ticket sales will be clear profit. There will be three prizes given away:
 - a. First Prize: 40 pounds of meat
 - b. Second Prize: 20 pounds of meat
 - c. Third Prize: 10 pounds of meat
- Prizes will be drawn on Christmas day.
- Jim Sanger sold 1,100 tickets so far.
- It had been brought to Terry Sylvanus' attention that the St. Thomas Council had not been sanitizing the premises after each meeting. Terry will make it a point to sanitize after each meeting.
- Father Bill request that the St. Thomas Council Knights rake leaves on Notre Dame Church grounds on Saturday, November 14th.

- Terry Sylvanus recognized Ron Robichaud for all the raking he had done this year at the home of Steve and Mary Ganaway.
- Terry Sylvanus presented this years Star Council Award and presented a lapel pin to Membership Director Don Leeman and Program Director John Chandonnet.
- Terry Sylvanus outlined the following goals for another Star Council Award:
 - a. The Council must sponsor two Fraternal Seminars
 - b. The Council must recruit seven new members
 - c. The Council must sponsor three Fraternal programs in each of the following areas: Family, Faith, Community and Life
- The St. Thomas Council will establish a Covid Awareness Program.
- Terry Sylvanus thanked the following knights for raking at Steve and Mary Ganaway's house on Saturday, November 7th:

Terry Sylvanus
 Dennis Guay
 Ron Robichaud
 Ray Wallace
 Jim Sanger
 Dennis Breton

- Cash Calendars are still available.

Program Director Reports

- Faith Program Director Kevin Neely reported:
 No report given. Kevin Neely was absent.
- Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported:
 - a. The St. Thomas Council put in 917 Community Service hours and 2,930 overall service hours.
 - b. Matt Pettine and John Chandonnet met with St. Thomas School Principal Jessica Rice on October 29, 2020 to kick off the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

The Poster contest will begin on November 30, 2020 and be open to Kindergarten thru Fifth Grade students. There will be two divisions: Kindergarten thru second grade; and third thru fifth grade. Deadline to turn in posters will be December 11, 2020. Posters will be judged on December 14, 2020. There will be a \$50 First Prize and a \$25 Second Prize for each division. Each contestant will receive a Participation Certificate.

The Essay contest began on November 2, 2020 and was open to sixth thru eight graders. The contest involves writing a 500 to 750 word essay on a designated topic. Deadline to turn in essays is December 18, 2020. Essays will be judged on January 4, 2021. There will be a \$100 First Prize and a \$50 Second Prize. Each contestant will receive a Participation Certificate.

- Life Program Director Ray Sargent reported:
 - a. The St. Thomas Council conducted a fund raiser at Special Olympics this summer in Bangor.
 - b. Ray Sargent is planning a Rosary for Life Program.
 - c. Ray is also planning a Novena for Life Program.
 - d. There will be a Hands Around the Capital in Augusta in January 2021.
- Family Program Director Dennis Guay reported:
 - a. The Tootsie Roll Drive at Shaw's Supermarket and at weekend masses raised \$1,423.
 - b. Terry Sylvanus will submit a "Helping Hands" report for the raking that was performed at the Ganaway residence and Notre Dame Church.
 - c. John Chandonnet is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for the students at St. Thomas School.

Deputy Grand Knight

- No report given.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- John Chandonnet made a motion that a total of \$344 be disbursed for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Breakdown is as follows:

\$100 Walmart Gift Card for Essay Contest First Prize
\$50 Walmart Gift Card for Essay Contest Second Prize
\$50 Walmart Gift Cards for Poster Contest First Prize for Grade 3 - 5 Division
\$50 Walmart Gift Cards for Poster Contest First Prize for Grade K - 2 Division

\$25 Walmart Gift Cards for Poster Contest Second Prize for Grade 3 - 5 Division
\$25 Walmart Gift Cards for Poster Contest Second Prize for Grade K - 2 Division
\$44 Reimbursement to John Chandonnet for Postern Paper purchased at Staples

Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

- Don Leeman made a motion to assume the vacant Advocate position. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. Recorder John Chandonnet asked if there were any more motions from the floor. There was no discussion. Don Leeman was nominated as a candidate. John Chandonnet cast one ballot. Don Leeman was elected as Council Advocate.
- Ray Sargent made a motion to raise annual Council Membership dues from \$25 to \$30. In the 15 year existence of the St. Thomas Council, membership dues had never been raised. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Rick Southwick made a motion to accept Steve Beaulieu as a new Council member. Jerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Steve Beaulieu was accepted as a new Council Knight.
- Rick Southwick, John Chandonnet, Matt Pettine and John Greenlee to review St. Thomas Council bylaws.
- Jeff Russell reported that the Parish Food Closet is prepping for the Thanksgiving holiday. The food closet will prepare Thanksgiving meal packages. In addition, the Food Closet will also hand out hats and gloves. Jeff also mentioned that canned beans and tuna are mostly needed.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lectorer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

- Kevin Neely was awarded November Knight of the Month. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Kevin Neely:

"St. Thomas Council is proud to award Knight of the Month for November to Kevin Neely. Kevin has been a Knight for three years.

Kevin is a leader on the ACTS team, a leader of our That Man is You weekly program, Kevin is an Altar Server, a Eucharistic Minister, serves on the RCIA team and is Faith Program Director for St. Thomas Council.

As Faith Program Director, Kevin planned and organized a very successful Night of Prayer on the eve of Father Michael McGivney's Beatification. The evening was attended by 17 Brother Knights and 18 parishioners. After the evening's program, several persons were very complimentary of the program. They are hoping that the St. Thomas Council offer more programs. Please join me in congratulating Kevin!"

50/50 Raffle

- Ray Sargent won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$22. Ray Sargent donated the money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Bob Tyler
- Eleanor Leeman
- Dick L'Heureux
- Frank Pease's son
- George Watson
- Heather Lawrence

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 8:16 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm