

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020. There were 21 members present.

Warden's Report

Warden Chris Gauthier 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.

Recognition of Distinguished Members

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized District Warden Ray Sargent.

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	Don Leeman	Present
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

Rick Southwick noted a change to the November 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Rick Southwick should have been included along with John Chandonnet, Matt Pettine and John Greenlee to review St. Thomas Council bylaws. Rick Southwick then made a motion to accept the November minutes as amended. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

Admissions, New Members and Transfers

Membership Director Don Leeman reported that there no new applications.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$4,330.20

Disbursements:

Family of the month	50.00
KOC Supplies	9.18
John C. (Supplies)	45.98
Raffle Tickets	62.80
St. Thomas Prizes	300.00
Raffle Tickets	60.34
Stamps	11.00
Raffle Tickets	31.65
Rosaries	51.99

Total Disbursements: \$ 622.94

Receipts:

50/50	22.00
Donation	22.00
Raffle Donation	985.00
RSVP Reimburse	100.00
Raffle Donation	275.00
Raffle Sales	1,046.00

Total receipts: \$2,450.00

Ending Balance: \$6,157.26

Less Bells \$2,367.00

Raffle

2,046.91

Available Balance:

\$1,743.35

Chris Gauthier made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented.

Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 150 Total Members
- 66 Insured Members
- 78 Associate Members
- 6 Inactive
- 4 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary report as presented. Don Leeman 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 St. Thomas Council has recruited two new Knights so far during this fiscal year. The goal is to recruit seven new knights by the end of the fiscal year.
- Terry Sylvanus suggested serving prepaid fish dinners, where patrons would pick up the dinner at the Parish Hall to eat at home. This could be an alternative to the weekly Lenten Haddock suppers in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- A sympathy card for Gerry Brennan is being circulated around for any brother knight who is willing to sign it.

- Received a Thank You card from Father Bill thanking all those brother knights who raked leaves at Notre Dame on Saturday, November 14, 2020.
- The Supreme Council suspended the Per Capita tax for 2021.
- Received a Thank You card from Camp Waban thanking the council for the \$1,074 check from Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds.
- Knights from the St. Thomas Council swept the church pews at Holy Family Church on December 8, 2020.
- Knights from the St. Thomas Council will wash the pews on Monday, December 14, 2020.
- The Meat Raffle is going very well, as over \$7,000 was collected. Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas School.
- Received a Thank You card from St. Andre's Home for the support received from St. Thomas Council.
- Jeff Russell went up to Deer Isle to assist, as a Covid-19 outbreak had occurred. Dr. Russell put in 60 hours over a five-day period.
- Jerry Newport is in the hospital for rehab; but is not Covid-19 positive.
- The Food Closet need canned goods such as beans, tuna and vegetables.
- The Food Closet shops for some of their items at the Dollar Tree.
- The St. Thomas Council has applied for Federal assistance to non-profits.
- Cash calendars have sold out.
- The next Fraternal Benefits Webinar will occur on June 10, 2021.

Program Director Reports

- Faith Program Director Kevin Neely:
 - a. Kevin encouraged everyone to say Grace before each meal.
 - b. Kevin also encouraged everyone to attend Tuesday or Thursday evening Adoration
- Community Program Director John Chandonnet:

No report given.
- Life Program Director Ray Sargent reported:

No report given.

- Family Program Director Dennis Guay reported:

No report given.

Deputy Grand Knight

- No report given.

Old Business

- Matt Pettine presented the following suggested changes to the Bylaws:
 - a. Update the annual dues to \$30 as passed at the November Council meeting.
 - b. Lower the quorum to the minimum participation of 8. This won't matter most of the time; but during snowstorms or Zoom-storms we could see a low turnout and I'd just as soon let the council continue to vote in these circumstances.
 - c. Raise the maximum disbursement to \$500 at a regular meeting; because that is what we do. Presumably, if we need to spend more, we'd vote in advance (I'm thinking Fun Runs or Fish Suppers that we vote for way in advance.)
 - d. Should we check the radio button for the Annual Memorial Mass? I do believe that we do this.
 - e. Update officer names.

New Business

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus asked for suggestions for the December Family of the Month. There was no response. Family of the month committee will meet on November 15, 2020 at the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.
- Denis Guay made a motion to donate \$50 to the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Alfred to support their mission in Africa. Kevin Neely seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus suggested that the January Council meeting be an open meeting, in which wives and prospective Knights be invited. Don Leeman motioned and John Chandonnet seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Rick Southwick mentioned that he had received a Thank You card from Sisters Elizabeth and Karen for the gift cards they received from the St. Thomas Council last year. Rick Southwick then motioned that the Council give a \$50 Hannaford's Gift Card each to Sister Elizabeth and Sister Karen. Ray Sargent seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Rick Southwick motioned that the St. Thomas Council send Seminarian Josh Guillemette a check for \$250. John Greenlee mentioned that these monies were already in the budget and did not require a vote.

Kevin Neely Remarks

Kevin Neely suggested that the St. Thomas Council gets other parishes in the state of Maine to twin with other parishes in Haiti. Ray Sargent will check with the State Deputy on this matter.

Ray Sargent Remarks

- District 15 Deputy Kevin LaFreniere has resigned his position due to family hardships.
- Ray Sargent awarded Don Leeman a 25-Year pin for his years of service of the same number in the Knights of Columbus.
- Springvale Council Grand Knight Peter Auger, during a Zoom Meeting, challenged everyone to perform a charitable act every day.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lectorer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

Romeo Zuniga was awarded December Knight of the Month. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Romeo Zuniga:

St. Thomas Council is proud to award Knight of the Month for December to Romeo Zuniga. Romeo has been a Knight for two years.

Since joining the St. Thomas Council, Romeo has actively supported many of its programs and fundraising events. Romeo is a quiet man with a big heart and is always ready to help his brother knight.

When the St. Thomas Council started a fundraiser to replace the church bells, Romeo was the first brother knight to contribute to the cause. Once again, during the planning stages of the Meat Raffle, Romeo contributed toward the expenses of the fundraiser.

participant of the "That Man is You" program. He was also among the first to arrive at Notre Dame to rake leaves - again after working late the night before. It is Brother Knights of Columbus like Romeo who have made the St. Thomas Council so successful!

50/50 Raffle

- Manny DeAmaral won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$20. Manny DeAmaral donated the money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Jeff Russell
- George Watson
- Gerry Newport
- Eleanor Leeman
- Lorraine Boucher
- Steve Ganaway
- Maria Martin

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 8:11 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm