

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

The St. Thomas Council meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020. There were 25 members present.

Installation of Officers for Upcoming 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

Newly appointed District Deputy Kevin LaFreniere installed the following Officers-Elect:

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud
Chaplin	Father Bill Labbe
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee
Recorder	John Chandonnet
Warden	Chris Gauthier
Treasurer	Matt Pettine
Advocate	Dan Rooney
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud
Inside Guard	Rob Martin
Lector	Br. Jerome Lessard
1-Year Trustee	Greg Semo
2-Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield
3-Year Trustee	Gerry Newport

Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director

Warden

Warden Chris Gauthier reported that all present carried a valid member's card.

Decade of Rosary

Chancellor Ron Robichaud led the reciting of a decade of the Rosary.

Pope Francis Prayer to the Virgin Mary

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recited the following prayer by Pope Francis to our Virgin Mary to protect all from the Coronavirus:

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent
Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Excused
Three Year Trustee	Gerry Newport	Present
Two Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present

One Year Trustee

Greg Semo

Absent

Lecturer Presentation

None given.

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the May 14, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted, as submitted.

Admissions Committee

Membership Chairman Don Leeman reported that Br. Albert Heimrich is a prospective member. John Greenlee made a motion to accept Br. Albert as a new knight. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. Joseph Candaleria was accepted as a new knight.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The St. Thomas Council will receive a Star Council Award for this past fiscal year.
- Terry Sylvanus outlined the new requirements for a council to achieve Star Council status:
 - a. Council must be safety compliant.
 - b. There must be a monthly Officer's meeting over and above the monthly council meeting.
 - c. Council must partake in a Regional Webinar.
- The Maine State Council has achieved the Circle of Honor
- The Parish Food Closet will now accept food donations.
- Rick Southwick is to be commended for setting up the gym for tonight's council meeting.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$ 7,102.98

Disbursements:

Father Jack Gift 500.00

Family of the Month	50.00
Jerry's (Supplies)	<u>6.09</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 556.09
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 100.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 6,646.89
Less Bell Fund:	2,367.00
Less Kitchen Fund:	<u>387.68</u>
Available Balance:	\$ 3,892.21

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 153 Total Members
- 69 Insured Members
- 77 Associate Members
- 4 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 7 Inactive Members
- 4 Disability Members

Manny DeAmaral made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report as presented. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Financial Secretary's report was accepted as presented..

Service Committee Reports

- Outgoing Right to Life Director Frank Pease advised the Council of the upcoming St. Anslem College Road to Hope Walk in August.
- Frank Pease also indicated that Maine Right to Life raffle tickets will soon go on sale.
- Frank Pease made a motion that the Council donate \$300 to the Baby Bottle Initiative. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick contacted Dist 33 State Senator David Woodsome to ascertain if Maine is providing grants to non-profits in light of the fact that the council has missed out on revenue from the Haddock Suppers, Sanford Mainers and the Acton Fair due to the pandemic.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus will approach Fr. Bill Labbe to find out if there will be a Parish Harvest Fair this year.
- Advocate Dan Rooney is looking for volunteers to do some landscaping around the Parish Hall.
- Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick offered to have the Council reimburse Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus for supplies he purchased. Terry Sylvanus declined Rick Southwick's offer.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus advised the Council of the upcoming Annual Harold Bouchard Memorial Golf Tournament at Hermon Meadows Golf Course in Bangor, Maine on Saturday, August 15th. Cost per person is \$85.
- Dennis Guay made a motion that the Council donates \$100 for a Seminarian. Jim Sangar seconded the motion. Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick pointed out that the Council already sponsors a Seminarian. The motion was defeated.

Deputy Grand Knight

No report given.

District Deputy Report

- District Deputy Kevin LaFreniere urged all Knights to submit their Surge hours.

50/50 Raffle

- There was no 50/50 drawing.

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus named Fred Daniels as Knight of the Month for July 2020.

Terry Sylvanus had this to say about Fred:

Our Knight of the Month for July is Fred Daniels. Fred joined the KofC in 1993 in Massachusetts. When transferring into our council he assured me he is a Knight of Action and would be as involved as he could. He immediately became involved with our Lenten Fish dinners, volunteering in the kitchen and donating deserts as well. He made his 2nd & 3rd degree at our Exemplification on March 1, 2020. He is an active participant in our events, most recently volunteering on our "sanitizing team". It is Brother Knights, men of action, that make our council thrive. Please join me in congratulating Fred Daniels!

Awards

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus presented the following awards:

- \$500 to Father Jack Dickinson for three years of dedicated service as Associate Pastor for our Parish.
- April Knight of the Month to Rob Martin
- May Knight of the Month to Rick Southwick
- June Knight of the Month to Dave Murphy
- July Knight of the Month to Fred Daniels
- April Family of the Month to Kevin and Kathy Neely
- May Family of the Month to Frank and Jean Pease
- June Family of the Month to Ray and Claire Sargent
- Family of the Year to Jim and Ann Marie Sangar
- Council Recruiter of the Year to Don Leeman
- Conferring Officer of the Year to Ray Sargent
- Recognition for Coordinating the Lenten Fish Dinner Award to Frank Pease
- Supreme Certificate of Commendation to Ray Sargent
- Supreme Certificate of Commendation to Dennis Guay

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Gerry Newport
Breydan Piantdosi
Rob Martin's Wife

The repose of the soul of Ron Nobert
Kevin Neely's Sister
Terry Sylvanus' Sister
Larry Thibideau

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 for the prayer petitions we now present 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 8:10 pm.

Next Council Meeting

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

Officers meeting 6:30 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 pm.