

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020. There were 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

Recorder John Chandonnet 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	Absent
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
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Absent
Three Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Excused
Two Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
One Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Absent

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the August 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Admissions, New Members and Transfers

Membership Director Don Leeman reported that there were no new applications. Don stressed the importance of always having a Form-100 handy to give to a potential candidate. Don distributed a Form-100 to each attendee at the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:	\$6,342.28
Disbursements:	
Family of the Month	50.00
Supplies	17.94
Sacramental Gifts	54.15
Maine State Council	110.00
St. Thomas School	300.00
Postage	<u>11.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 543.09
Receipts:	
50/50	26.00
Donation	26.00
Donation	<u>4.00</u>
Total receipts:	\$ 56.00
Ending Balance:	\$5,855.19
Less Bells	2,367.00
Less Kitchen	387.68
Available Balance:	\$3,100.51

Rick Southwick 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:

- 153 Total Members
- 68 Insured Members
- 78 Associate Members
- 7 Inactive
- 4 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

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

Chaplain Report

None given.

Membership

No report given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The Parish Food Closet is now accepting food donations. Food may be deposited at Knights of Columbus meetings or in back of the church at Holy Family Church. Food items most needed are canned beans and canned soup. Volunteers are also needed at the Food Closet.
- First Communion and Confirmation ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 and Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Holy Family Church in Sanford and St. Matthew Church in Limerick. There are presently 39 candidates.
- The St. Thomas Council will hand out gifts to all candidates.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus will prepare a report for the Maine State Council on the Leave No Neighbor Behind program. Terry directed all attendees to turn in their service hours to John Chandonnet. John will report the hours on the Supreme Council website.
- Cash Calendars are now available. Cost is \$10 each.
- Father Bill needs help to construct a new garden near the Rectory at Notre Dame Church.
- There will be a Fraternal Benefit Event, in the form of a webinar, on October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Program Director Reports

- Faith Program Director Kevin Neely reported:
 - a. This Man is You program starts on Saturday, September 14, 2020 at the Parish Hall at 7:00 a.m.
- Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported:
 - a. The St. Thomas Council put in 466 Community Service hours and 1708 overall service hours.
 - b. After receiving service hours from Jeff Russell, John Chandonnet prepared and submitted a SURGE Report on the St. Therese of Lisieux Food Closet.
- Life Program Director Ray Sargent
 - No report given.
- Family Program Director Dennis Guay
 - No report given.

Deputy Grand Knight

- No report given.

Gerry Newport

- Gerry Newport mentioned the possibility of having a "drive up" bean supper as a means of raising funds for a Children's Christmas Party.

Dennis Guay

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Old Business

- The sanitizing of the church after each mass by St. Thomas Council knights is running smoothly.

New Business

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus mentioned that any knight who wishes to have a name badge is to see John Chandonnet.

- In light of the latest Covid-19 outbreak in Sanford, there is a possibility that the October 2020 Council Meeting may be a zoom meeting if need be.
- A possible September Family of the Month is that of Steve and Connie Guillemette. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus with check with Springvale Council Grand Knight Peter Auger.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lectorer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

Ray Sargent was named Knight of the Month for the month of September 2019.
GK Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Ray Sargent:

The September Knight of the Month has 27 years of service with the Knights of Columbus and has served in every in our Council and every position on the State council, including State Deputy.

Ray Sargent been one of my mentors, keeping me, as Grand Knight, informed and in tune with everything needed to make Our council a STAR council.

After all those years and all those programs he has worked on one would think he might take a step back. However, Ray always responds to the need, always answers the call for help, direction, or advise.

With great pride and appreciation we award Ray Sargent our Knight of the Month for September!

Certificate of Excellence

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus presented a Certificate of Excellence to Dan Rooney. GK Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Dan Rooney:

This Certificate of Excellence is awarded to our Brother Knight, Daniel Rooney, for Excellence in Leadership.

In appreciation of your 26 years as a Knight of Columbus, your years dedicated to our parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Your years of Leadership on The ACTS team as well as That Man Is You.

We applaud Your Leadership within our council, highlighted by your four years as Grand Knight during which the Council achieved STAR Council for 2006-07, and 2007-08 and Double Star Council for 2008-09 and 2009-10. You have set the bar very high!!

We thank you and wish you well as you relocate to sunny, warm, (no snow) Florida.

50/50 Raffle

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

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Bob Tyler
- Field Agent Mark Adams
- Rob Martin
- Chuck Landry
- Donna Jacques
- Aaron Masterson
- Holly, Rob Martin's sister
- Denise Cunningham
- Larry Thibideau
- Doris Watson

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 8:01 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm