

St. Thomas Council Officer's Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2021

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 Sunday, January 3, 2021. There were 8 members present.

Warden's Report

No report given.

Decade of the Rosary

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus 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

No distinguished members were recognized.

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	Absent
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Don Leeman	Absent
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Absent
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Absent
Third Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
Second Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present

First Year Trustee

Gerry Newport

Excused

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Review of December 2020 meeting minutes to be done at the January 14, 2021 council meeting.

Admissions, New Members and Transfers

- Chuck Noble to be voted as a transfer knight at the January 2021 council meeting.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$ 6157.26

Disbursements:

Family of the month	\$ 50.00
Donate to Brothers	50.00
Gifts for Sisters	100.00
Seminarian	250.00
Walmart -- Poster contest	75.00
Stamps	11.00
Family of Month	50.00

Receipts:

50/50	\$ 19.00
Donation	17.00
Undeposited Prizes	650.00
Dues	145.00
Meat Raffle	4678.90
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Dues	840.00

Ending Balance: \$11,971.16

Bells: \$ 2,367.00

Raffle: \$ 6,775.81

General ~~\$ 2,828.35~~

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. John Chandonnet 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

John Greenlee also reported that \$1,210 was collected in dues. There are 63 unpaid members.

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary report as presented. John Chandonnet 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:

- Terry Sylvanus appealed for new member recruitment. So far, the St. Thomas Council recruited three new knights. Four more are required in order for council to meet its yearly quota of seven new knights.
- Terry Sylvanus proposed to have an Officer's meeting on the first Sunday of each month. This meeting would be over and above the monthly council meetings. The new meeting format takes away planning at monthly council meetings and places it in the Officers meeting.
- Proceeds of the Meat Raffle amounted to \$6,775. \$500 of the proceeds will go to the Parish. The balance of \$6,275 will go to St. Thomas School.
- Terry Sylvanus directed the council to look into a possible candidate the St. Thomas can submit to the Maine State Council's Charity Fund. This candidate would be a person or family in need who is experiencing a hardship.
- Don Leeman received his 25-year pin at the December council meeting.

- Rene Guillemette is also eligible for a 25-year pin. John Chandonnet has an extra 25-year pin.

Program Director Reports

- Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported the following:
 - a. 95 St. Thomas Students participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. A \$50 Walmart gift card was awarded to the winner of each of the three divisions (K thru 2, 3 thru 5 and 6 thru 8.) A \$25 Walmart gift card was awarded to the runner-up in each division. Participation certificates were given to each participant. Submitted both a Fraternal Programs Report Form and a SURGE report to Maine State Council.
 - b. 15 6th, 7th and 8th graders participated in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. A \$100 Walmart gift card was awarded to the winner and a \$50 Walmart gift card was awarded to the runner-up. Each participant received a certificate. Martin McKeon, a teacher at the school coordinated the contest and judged the essays along with another teacher. Submitted both a Fraternal Programs Report Form and a SURGE report to Maine State Council.
 - c. Submitted a Fraternal Programs Report Form and a SURGE report to the State Council for Rosary program at Holy Family Church. A rosary, focusing on the Joyful Mysteries, is recited each Saturday before the 4:00 pm service. John Chandonnet leads the rosary.
- Life Program Director Ray Sargent reported the following:
 - a. Ray Sargent is proposing a Hands Around the Capital program on January 1, 2021. This program will be done locally, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Deputy Grand Knight

- Rick Southwick suggested that Father Bill make an effort to attend monthly council meetings, as this would mean a lot to our knights to have our chaplain attend a meeting occasionally.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- The Creche at Sanford City Park must be taken away by January 6, 2021, as the city-issued permit expires on that date. Dennis Guay will organize a team of four knights to take the Creche away on Monday, January 4th.
- Father Bill wants the Creche in Holy Family Church and that in Notre Dame Church to remain until Sunday, January 10, 2021, which will be the last Sunday in the Christmas season.
- 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.

District Warden Remarks

- Ray Sargent advised that there will be a 4th Degree Virtual Exemplification on February 20, 2021. Candidates include: Kevin Neely, Josh Trivilino and Father Bill.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lectorer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

50/50 Raffle

- There was no 50/50 raffle.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Gerry Newport
- Bob Tyler
- George Watson
- Terry Sylvanus' brother
- Steve Ganaway

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