

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council # 13861 meeting was called to order by Grand Knight John Chandonnet at __7: __00 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2024. __16__ knights were present.

Decade of the Rosary

_____Gregolry Cyr_____ led the council in a decade of the rosary to lead our country to a culture of life.

Pledge of Allegiance

____John Chandonnet_____ led the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Roll Call

The officer roll call was taken and recorded by _____John Chandonnet_____. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight, John Chandonnet:	_____Present_____
Deputy Grand Knight, Greg Cyr:	_____Present_____
Chancellor, Ron Robichaud:	_____Excused_____
Chaplain, Fr. Bill Labbe:	____ _Excused_
Financial Secretary, John Greenlee:	_____Present_____
Recorder, Jonathan Brock:	_____Excused_
Warden, Aaron Downs:	_____Present_____
Treasurer, Matthew Pettine:	_____Present_
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	_____Absent_____
Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud:	_____Present_____
Inside Guard, Gerry Newport:	_____Present_____
Lecturer, Br. Jerome Lessard:	_____Excused_
3rd Year Trustee, Jerry Nulton:	_____Excused_____
2nd Year Trustee, Terry Sylvanus:	____ _Present_____
1st Year Trustee, Ray Sargent:	_Present_____

Reading of the Previous Month Meeting Minutes

_____Jerry Newport_____ motioned to accept the August council meeting minutes as submitted. _____Dennis Breton_____seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The September 2024 minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Matthew Pettine reported:

Starting Balance:	6741.73
Disbursements:	
St Thomas	500.00
Alpha (bottles)	2233.67
Receipts:	
VFW - Christmas	300.00
Donation	30.00
50/50	13.00
Mainers	800.00
Acton Fair	600.00
- Council donates \$200 to Kids' Christmas...	
Ending Balance:	5764.06
Christmas Party:	617.88
Food Pantry:	450.00
General Fund:	4696.18

1. The ALPHA Pregnancy Center check was dropped off.
2. John is meeting soon with Principal Madigan about the Keep Christ in Christmas and Catholic Citizen essay contests.
3. Cash calendars are available for \$10 each. Purchases must be complete by the end of December. The Council agreed to purchase \$100 worth of calendars.
4. The Council Christmas Party will be held in the St Thomas Cafeteria on December 15 from 12-4. The Kinight of the Year will be announced then. We will also begin to collect dues.
5. The Council will hold a turkey dinner on November 2 from 4:30 to 6:30. Seven Knights have volunteered to help.

Grand Knight John Chandonnet reported the following service hours to date:

Faith Service Hours: ___766___

Family Service Hours: ___893___

Community Service Hours: ___390___

Life Service Hours: ___134___

Total Service Hours: ___2053___

New Business

1. Ray Sargent reported that he expects us to be helped by five parishioners and five Rotarians at the upcoming turkey dinner.
2. Terry Sylvanus put in a good word for the upcoming ACTS Retreat.
3. Terry Sylvanus reported that we are coming along with the application for the Columbian Award-which the Council qualifies for based on the activities we hold and participate in.
4. Bob Demers spoke to the store manager at Shaws and has secured the afternoon of October 18 from 12 to 6 for the Tootsie Roll Drive.
5. Terry Sylvanus also reminded everyone present that we have to keep up with KofC SAFE training to protect children at KofC events. This is a requirement and the diocese's VIRTUS training is not a substitute.
6. Bob Demers announced that he is fixing up a meat slicer and will be donating it to the council for dinners.
7. Jerry Newport gave a report about the upcoming Christmas party for children. He has raised over \$2600 so far. He will be meeting with the Springvale Knights soon to get another donation. He will need volunteers to sell tickets this weekend at Shaws. He also asked for help with setup and cleaning the day of the party.

District Deputy Remarks

1. Kevin LaFreniere reminded the council that the Daughters of Isabella are always willing to help-but they need to be asked.
2. Kevin also asked if the Council was doing anything with Coats for Kids. The Council is not participating at the moment.
3. Kevin also recommended that the Council ask smaller businesses for help with soliciting (selling tickets or tootsie rolls), since larger businesses like Mardens and WalMart are difficult to deal with.

District Warden Remarks

1. The Limerick Knights will be holding their Snowflake Trail fundraiser November 8, 9 and 10. Please pay attention to the church bulletin for the menu and prices.
2. A memorial mass for deceased members will be held at St Matthews at 6 PM on October 31

Knight of the Month

_____Bob Demers_____ was selected as the Knight of the Month.

50/50 Drawing

_____ Rauly Sargent _____ won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$ _____ 20 _____,
which _____ 10 _____ donated back to the council.

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Jeanette Chandonnet	All of the people of Florida, Georgia and North
Paul McNutt	Carolina who have been affected by recent storms.
Jerry Nulton	
Connie Littlefield	
Claire Buck	
Joan Breton	
Rob Martin	
Paul Cunningham	
Debra Cyr	
Joe Sylvanus	

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.

Next Council/Zoom Meeting

The next council meeting will be on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at _____ 8:10 _____ pm.

Respectfully submitted,