

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - December 2, 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 Monday, December 2, 2024. 19 knights were present.

Decade of the Rosary

Chancellor Ron Robichaud led the council in a decade of the rosary to lead our country to a culture of life.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Knight John Chandonnet led the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Roll Call

The officer roll call was taken and recorded by Recorder Jonathan Brock. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight, John Chandonnet:	Present
Deputy Grand Knight, Greg Cyr:	Absent
Chancellor, Ron Robichaud:	Present
Chaplain, Fr. Bill Labbe:	Excused
Financial Secretary, John Greenlee:	Present
Recorder, Jonathan Brock:	Present
Warden, Aaron Downs:	Excused
Treasurer, Matthew Pettine:	Present
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	Present
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:	Excused

Reading of the Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Gerry Newport motioned to accept the October council meeting minutes as submitted. Romeo Zuniga seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The November 2024 minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Matthew Pettine reported:

Starting Balance:	5215.99
Disbursements:	

Essay, Cards, Contests	651.75
Tootsie Roll	330.00
St. Thomas Pantry	500.00
Hannaford	14.60
Shaw's	11.97
Jerry's	571.55
St. Therese	1025.81
Raffles	600.00
Receipts:	
T-Shirts	40.00
Turkey Dinner	1857.00
Donation Pantry	100.00
Tootsie	330.00
Christmas Donation	200.00
50/50	18.00
Donation	18.00
Ending Balance:	4073.31
Christmas Party:	217.88
Food Pantry:	50.00
General Fund:	3805.43

Financial Secretary's Report

FS John Greenlee reported:

146 Total Membership
81 Associate Members
57 Insured Members
8 Inactive Members
1 Honorary Member
32 Honorary Life Members
5 Exempt Members

FS John will be collecting dues at the Christmas Party on December 15. On December 16, he will begin sending email reminders to members who haven't paid their dues yet. For ease of accounting, John requests that Fourth Degree members pay with separate checks for their Fourth Degree Assembly and Third Degree Council dues.

Grand Knight's Report

GK John Chandonnet reported:

- The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest which kicked off today. Both are due on Friday, December 13th. Father Bill will hand out the awards on Wednesday, December 18th at a mass for the St. Thomas School students.
- I have 17 cash calendars remaining that I'd like to sell, that I hope to sell this evening. I also have calendar stubs and money for Ray.

- I want to thank Rick Southwick again for recommending Richard and Janet Cloutier as family of the month for December. However Richard declined the honor of being the December family of the month. I have not had any luck in getting family of the month honorees. Two out of the last three prospective family of the month honorees have declined.
- Both Wayne Demers and Bob Demers requested a name badge.

SURGE Service Hours to Date

GK John Chandonnet reported the following service hours to date:

Faith Service Hours:	969
Family Service Hours:	1685
Community Service Hours:	470
Life Service Hours:	104
Total Service Hours:	3228

New Business

Grand Knight John Chandonnet would like us to add \$500.00 to next year's budget to fund visits to the National Shrine of Our Lady La Salette in Attleboro, MA. Director of Parish Mission Ashley Buxton has been looking for a local Council contribute \$500.00 to this cause. 2nd Year Trustee Terry Sylvanus will make a note for the Council Trustees to discuss.

Inside Guard Gerry Newport is looking for volunteers for the kids' Christmas party. Volunteers are needed to help wrap presents at the parish office on December 13 at 6pm, to help set up at the VFW on School St. on December 14 at 9am, and to help with the party on December 14 at 12pm. Terry Sylvanus noted that for this event there should be at least two Safe Environment certified volunteers.

Bob Demers remarked that since the Council took over running the bean suppers, we should be logging community service hours. Terry Sylvanus said that he calculated the hours and submitted the SURGE reports. Bob also said that left over supplies from previous fundraisers will help defray the cost of the upcoming dinners.

There will be a turkey dinner held by the St. Thomas Council at the St. Thomas School cafeteria on Saturday, January 18.

In May there is no St. Thomas School class designated to support a bean supper, so our council will hold a bean supper.

2nd Year Trustee Terry Sylvanus noted that Aaron Weiss put in an application to transfer to our Council. Terry motioned to accept the transfer and John Greenlee seconded. The motion passed.

Terry mentioned a few upcoming events that brother knights are encouraged attend:

Light Up for Christ: December 3 at 8pm in Sanford's Central Park. Join us for songs and prayer as we light up the creche. This is the time decided by Supreme Council for all councils so that our songs and prayer can be lifted at once.

K of C Christmas Party: December 15, 12-4pm at St. Thomas School cafeteria. Optional yankee swap (gifts wrapped, \$15 limit), pot luck.

New Member Exemplification: January 6, 6:45pm just prior to the Council meeting. Brother knights are encouraged to attend.

Walk Around Holy Family: January 26. A pro-life walk around our church with prayer where carnations are placed at the unborn baby memorial.

Gerry Newport stated that this Saturday, December 7, at 9am there will be a wreath ceremony at Number One Pond in remembrance of Pearl Harbor. The event is sponsored by the Sanford Veteran Memorial Committee.

District Deputy Remarks

District Deputy Kevin Lafreniere presented Grand Knight John Chandonnet with the Star Council award for St. Thomas Council # 13861.

District Deputy Kevin suggested that we invite other local councils for the Walk Around Holy Family event. Terry Sylvanus will extend the invite.

Knight of the Month

Jerry Nulton was selected as the Knight of the Month.

50/50 Drawing

Rick Southwick won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$18, which Rick donated back to the council.

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Georgette Zuniga
Paul Cunningham
Joe Sylvanus
Shirley Sheehan
David Wright

Connie Littlefield
Jerry Nulton
Paul McNutt
Rob Martin
Steve Gannaway

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 Monday, January 6 at 7:00pm. There will be an Exemplification at 6:45pm prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan T. Brock
Recorder