

K of C Final Meeting Minutes for St. Thomas More Council # 7121, Mar 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m. by the Grand Knight, Br. Tom Kelly.

A quorum of members was determined present (17 members) by the Grand Knight.

The opening prayer was offered, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll of officers (P=present, X=excused, A=absent):

— P Grand Knight – Br. Tom Kelly	—	— P Advocate – Br. Bob Wesselman
— X Chaplain – Rev Fr Timothy Lindenfelser		— P Warden – Br. Alex Stamatelos
— P DGK – Br. John Parkey		— X Outside Guard – Br. Brian Foy
— P Chancellor – Br. Bill Remy		— P Inside Guard – Br. Tommy Murphy
— P Recorder – Br. Rick Cozby		— X Trustees – Br. Don Fox (1 year)
— P Financial Secretary – Br. Dave Look		— X Br. Paul Doran (2 year)
— P Treasurer – Br. Greg Meese		— P Br. Chuck Nitsch (3 year)
— P Lecturer – Br. John Alexander		

Dignitaries/visitors/new members: None

The minutes from the Feb 28th business meeting were approved as corrected.

Membership/Admissions/Initiations: FS reported that a new first degree candidate has been identified and will be vetted.

Grand Knight's Report:

- The St. Patrick's Day Brunch event was a great success and the pastor was very pleased with how it was conducted. The GK thanked John Parkey for chairing the event, all the volunteers who helped and particularly the kitchen staff who did a superb job. He further noted that this was a great example of why we are here – brothers voluntarily coming together to do good things for our parish and our faith. It is important to remember that we are all volunteers and that we need to be respectful and courteous to each other as we go about our execution, especially during highly stressful periods. The GK asked for a final accounting of the finances for this event and also asked for an estimate of the cost of the food donated by the "Fish Fry Team."
- GK has discussed with the pastor the possibility of presenting the Fr. Seamus Scholarship awards during an upcoming 10:30 a.m. mass. The pastor has responded positively, so the scholarship committee needs to meet ASAP to make their selections.
- We are approaching the time to nominate a new slate of officers for the next fraternal year. Officers who wish to remain in their position are welcome to do so and should inform the GK at their earliest opportunity.

FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Brother Greg Meese reported the opening balance in the Fr. Seamus Scholarship fund to be \$9541.40. Interest earned was \$12.32 and \$3554.67 was received from the council general fund, resulting in a final balance of \$13,113.89. The council general fund opening balance \$10,486.62. Total income from interest, bar receipts, the Fr. Seamus Dinner, the St. Patrick's Brunch and raffle tickets was \$6133.48. Expenses were \$100.98 for St. Patrick's Brunch decorations and baskets, \$160.00 for the initial shipment of Building the Domestic Church pamphlets, and the transfer of \$3554.67 to the Fr. Seamus Scholarship Fund, resulting in a final general fund balance of \$12,803.45.

Reading of Bills and Communications: None reported.

Financial Secretary:

Reported that the council now has 139 members and the only bill is for the pamphlets mentioned earlier.

Trustees Report: No report.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations: Chancellor provided an overview of the various ways that the Knights of Christ book can be used beyond daily meditations, such as for retreats, small gatherings and Bible studies. He also noted that the book is available as mobile phone application for only \$2.50. He further noted that state raffle ticket books sold well during the recent fish fry events and that only 38 books remain.

SERVICE PROGRAMS and COMMITTEES:

Social: FS reported sales of 198 tickets for the St. Patrick's Brunch yielding \$3966.00.

Bar Report: FS reported total bar income from the recent concert series was \$819.15.

Coffee & Donuts: No report.

Food Drive Report: FS reported that the March food drive provided 2100 pounds of food to charities including the St. Francis House, St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries and Catholic Charities. Donations of cash, checks and Publix gift cards totaled \$1610, including a generous gift of \$107 to Catholic Charities from Tim Buckley's 50/50 winnings during the St. Patrick's Brunch. Special thanks to Joe MacDonald, Chuck Nitsch, John Decknick, Nick Modock and the Brian Schoonover family for their support.

Food bags will be distributed on March 16th. Will need someone with a truck to help with bag collection on March 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- FS announced that December 14th is the date of the Christmas Party and that this will likely be a parish-wide event.
- Need to discuss Tootsie Roll campaign status at the next meeting.
- Steve Barthelmes volunteered to lead the parish picnic/Oktoberfest this fall. He noted that volunteer support for the fish fry events has been outstanding and is seeking a couple of volunteers to "learn the business" so that he has backup support when needed.
- GK announced that Tara Provini, the volunteer coordinator for Catholic Charities, needs help with food pickups in Daytona. This is about a four-hour time commitment; please contact her if you can help.
- Tom Murphy announced that our social meetings have returned on the first Thursday of the month. The April meeting will feature a luau theme and will be an informal pot-luck style event.

FOURTH DEGREE: FN John Alexander reminded that the fourth degree meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Elections will be held next month, and the assembly will be looking for a new leader as John looks forward to retiring and doing some travelling. He announced that they received enough funding to place an advertisement in the local paper concerning the Easter parade and this will be done next month. He also noted that the movie, "Unplanned," is out and that Knights should see the movie and tell others about it.

FRATERNAL AGENT: No report.

DISTRICT DEPUTY: No report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/Welfare &/or Distress:

- Tom Minas requested prayers for our General Agent Jim Spinelli, whose son has a brain tumor.
- Alex Stamatelos requested prayers for Br. Tom Ford, who recently acquired a pacemaker and requires kidney stone surgery.
- Dave Look requested prayers for his wife's aunt, who has entered hospice.
- Tom Kelly requested prayers for his neighbor, Chuck Schwartz, who is in hospice.

The closing prayer and ode were led by the GK. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Cozby

Approved by the members on April 25, 2019 per the Grand Knight.

Attested by *Rick Cozby*, Recorder