

K of C Meeting Minutes for St. Thomas More Council # 7121, June 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 PM by the Grand Knight, Br. Tom Kelly.

A quorum of members was determined present (18 members) by Warden Alex Stamatelos.

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

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

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| — P Grand Knight – Br. Tom Kelly | — | — P Advocate – Br. Bob Wesselman |
| — X Chaplain – Rev Fr Timothy Lindenfesler | | — P Warden – Br. Alex Stamatelos |
| — X DGK – Br. John Decknick | | — X Outside Guard – Br. Greg Meese |
| — P Chancellor – Br. Bill Remy | | — P Inside Guard – Br. Tommy Murphy |
| — P Recorder – Br. Dave Look | | — P Trustees – Br. Tom Peckenham (1 year), |
| — P Financial Secretary – Br. John Parkey | | — X Br. Don Fox (2 year) |
| — P Treasurer – Br. Paul Doran | | — X Br. Fred Hernandez (3 year) |
| — P Lecturer – Br. John Alexander | | |

Dignitaries/visitors/new members in attendance: none

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

The minutes from the May 24, 2018 business meeting were approved as read

Membership/Admissions/Initiations: None

Grand Knight's Report: Good ideas must have a plan to make them happen, get other people involved, and have someone to lead the effort.

We are excited to have 5 new members. Brian Schoonover forwarded a list of 10 potential candidates, and the list will be divided up for Brothers to get together with these men at a social gathering.

Copies of the Service Program organizational chart was passed out. We will be trying to fill the 5 main director positions.

Thanks to the 12 Brothers who showed up as a group for Dr. Dave Risch's funeral.

FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: – Br. Paul Doran reported the balance in the Fr. Seamus Fund to be \$14,446.77 with a pending expense of \$5000 for ten \$500 scholarships.

Treasurer's report showed income of \$1,485.79 (of which \$1000 was dues), expenses of \$1,302.85, and balance of \$6,545.13. The balance in the Sunshine Club account is \$80.

Reading of Bills and Communications: None

Financial Secretary: We have 141 members on the rolls, 28 honorary life, 2 disabled, 111 dues-paying members, 53 of whom have already paid. 2nd dues notice going out Jul 15. We have 15 members whose dues are many years in arrears, and will try to purge them from the rolls before the end of August.

Trustees Report: No report. Audit is due Aug 15

Chancellor's Report on Vocations: No report.

SERVICE PROGRAMS and COMMITTEES: GK stated that the way we have been running this council is not sustainable, asked for 5 volunteers to fill the 5 major Service Program directors: Membership, Church, Council, Family, and Youth. Description of the duties of each position was downloaded from the Supreme website and passed around, will be emailed to everyone. We must be organized in our communications with the parish office, follow the chain of command to show that we know what we are doing. Pushing for another face-to-face meeting with Fr. Tim.

Social: June 7 grilled chicken dinner by chefs Fred & Ricky Hernandez, guest speakers Karen Hensel from St. Francis House was attended by 75 people; \$231 in dinner donations were received, expenses were \$181.24 Sr. Anne Halpin drew her own ticket to win the 50/50 pot of \$90.

Bar Report: After providing free beverages to 250 people at Deacon George and Dawn Murati's retirement party, the end of year bar balance was \$68.12, which was forwarded to the FS. Total bar income for the year was \$1954, expenses \$1197.19, donations to the council totaled \$756.81.

Coffee & Donuts: Cancelled until September

Food Drive Report: No report

OLD BUSINESS: Skipped

NEW BUSINESS: John Alexander stated that he is looking for ideas for social events at other locations on other days besides Thursday. Consider having an outside excursion event every other month (such as a dinner boat cruise, Jumbo Shrimp baseball game, golf outing, Flagler sports events) instead of a social dinner. Can we change the time of our dinners to 5 or 6 PM instead of 7 PM?

Bill Remy passed out e-membership cards from the State Convention and presented 2 fund raising ideas that he will personally run:

1. State KC Charity raffle booklets handed out. Ticket donations are \$1 each. First prize is \$25000, total of \$40000 in cash prizes, council receives half of ticket sales. Drawing held at 2019 State Convention.
2. Keep Christ in Christmas magnets, St. Anastasia church Christmas cards, new Christmas cards. Must first get Fr. Tim's permission, then plan for holiday sales

Bill volunteered to be on Membership committee. Dick Connally stated he will be Membership Director.

Dick stated that we should push subtle membership recruitment every weekend by wearing membership badges to be more easily recognized. BIG EVENTS take lots of people to make them happen. What are the general procedures for bringing ideas to Fr. Tim to obtain permission? Most popular idea: coffee and donuts after both Masses on Sunday morning. Someone must be in charge and lead each of our events.

Bill Remy asked why only one name appeared in the Co. 7121 necrology report at the state convention. Only the GK has access to this report, unless the Fraternal Agent files one for an insured member.

Tom Peckenham wanted to know why the list of scholarship winners was not published in the bulletin or the newspaper. Short answer was that no one was in charge of the event, things slipped through the cracks.

We are most probably going to have to start charging for social dinners, either by direct donations or by paid RSVP.

Recommendations will be solicited for Altar Server of the Year awards.


FOURTH DEGREE: No report

FRATERNAL AGENT: No report

DISTRICT DEPUTY: No report

GOOD OF THE ORDER/Welfare &/or Distress: Alex Stamatelos, Greg Meese, Ed & Nellie Mulvey, repose of the soul of Dr. Dave Risch

The closing prayer was led by the GK. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Submitted by: 

Approved by the members on July 26; 2018 per the Grand Knight.

Attested by *Dave Look*, Recorder