

## K of C Meeting Minutes for St. Thomas More Council 7121, Oct 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by the Grand Knight, Bill Remy.

A quorum of members was determined present (22\_members) by the Warden.

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

Dignitaries/visitors/new members: Nelson Jambard, new member, was welcomed and asked to introduce himself.

**The minutes from the Sept 26 business meeting were read by the DGK and approved as corrected.**

A correction was offered to the Grand Knight's Report. Instead of "All but the Chancellor Agreed" at the end of his report referring to the motion on John Parkey's resignation, the new language should read: "The Majority of those present agreed". *Motion made by Br. Bob Wesselman.; seconded by Steve Barthelmes*

### **Membership/Admissions/Initiations:**

Transfers and reinstatements have been processed by Supreme for Jimmy Faulkner, Dan Terrell, Dennis Tucker and Nelson Jambard. We have candidates Dean Cox and Allen Cole awaiting their First Degree.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Thur Nov 7 at the Cody Center at Old St. Augustine & Loretto Rd. All eligible first degree members will be invited. Meet at St. Anastasia, leave at 6 pm.

**Grand Knight's Report:** The GK stated that he is initiating a plan to get the Knights more active in saying the rosary. All Knights should always have a rosary in their possession. Prior to each Business Meeting, starting in November, The GK will lead the rosary starting at 6:00pm in a separate room. All Knights are encouraged to join him. If enough Knights start attending on a regular basis, the rosary will be moved to the Business room. The rosary will last approximately 15 minutes.

The GK distributed a sign-up sheet and encouraged all members to sign up to lead one of the many service programs offered by the Council. Any empty positions will be filled in by the Grand Knight! The DGK will serve as Program Director.

The GK also distributed a sign-up sheet for Members to indicate their preference in helping with Breakfasts, Receptions, Coffee/Donuts (when asked), and other Parish events. Opportunities include: Bar service; cooking; clean-up; collecting money; etc.

### **FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** With interest income of \$5.01, the balance in the Fr. fund as of 9-30-19 is \$8,884.59. The general fund began the month with \$3,795.28. Income was \$451.35; expenses were \$272.28, leaving a balance of \$3,973.95. A copy of the treasurer's report with corrections is attached.

**Reading of Bills and Communications:** None.

**Financial Secretary:** Membership count has increased from 136 to 140. \$25 in dues was received from Bill Boozang, who moved to MA 2 years ago. A call to the Supreme Membership got his 60 years of membership (not continuous) upgraded to Honorary Life, so he stays on the rolls but does not pay dues.

Aside from the 10 members on the perpetual “lost” list, there are only 2 brothers whose dues are in arrears – Brian Walls and Jean Girouard. Jean has been ill; we have apparently lost contact with Brian.

**Trustees Report:** No report.

**Chancellor’s Report on Vocations:** None.

### **SERVICE PROGRAMS and COMMITTEES:**

**Social:** Altar Server of the Year recognition will take place on 27 Oct in conjunction with coffee & doughnuts.

- The Football Fun Fest will take place on Sat 2 Nov; a few helpers (3) will be needed starting at 11:00am. Everyone else who can help should be there by 3:00pm
- The Sun 3 Nov Memorial Mass Breakfast has been scheduled at the Marsh Creek Country Club. Br. Alex Stamatelos reported that the cost is \$20 pp. Deacon George will be there.
- Sat Nov 16 – Concert 7 pm in Celebration Hall, Knights run bar before concert and during intermission. 2 Bartenders will be needed.

**Bar Report:** Gross income from the Respect Life Conference on Oct. 12 bar run by Council 611 was \$318. Half of this (\$159) is the average profit. A check for \$159 was forwarded to the treasurer. The agreement with Co. 611 was that all proceeds would be forwarded to St. Gerard House. *A motion was made by Br. Tom Drygas; seconded by Br. John Alexander to approve sending a check in the amount of \$159.00 to the St. Gerard House.*

**Coffee & Donuts:** We, as a Council, no longer coordinate coffee and donuts.

**Second Sunday Breakfast:** First attempt Sunday Oct 13 yielded an income of \$335; expenses were \$300.03. The net profit of \$34.97 was turned over to the treasurer. Next breakfast is Sunday Nov. 10. Br. Steve requested more Knights participate in helping serve this breakfast and clean-up.

**Food Drive Report:** The November food drive will emphasize monetary donations as more effective than food; we will begin including donation envelopes in the food bags distributed on Nov 9-10, collected on Nov 16-17.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The GK called for nominations for the vacant Chancellor position. Br. Tom Mina nominated himself. No further nominations were made. *Motion was made and seconded to approve Br. Tom Mina as the new Chancellor, effective immediately.*
- Br. Bob Wesselman asked if the Council would be interested in catering/tending bar for the Dine with Nine Christmas Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. *After lengthy discussion and concern about overcommitments, the Council agreed they will ONLY commit to tending the bar for this event.*
- Br. Derek Dubrow mentioned that he had further investigated the Council sponsorship of a Walk/Run for Charity. This will require more planning and will be tabled for now.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nov & Dec business meetings moved up to 3rd Thursday (Nov 21 and Dec 19)
- The GK reported that he will be selling Christmas Decorations (“Tis the Reason for The Season.”) after the 4:00pm Masses in the Narthex starting on October 26. The smaller decoration costs \$60 (\$10 back to the Council) and the larger decoration costs \$120 (\$25 back to the Council). Assistance in this fundraising effort is most welcomed. Fr. Tim has promised to make announcements about this.
- The GK also reported that he will be selling Christmas magnets at \$5.00 each. This is pure profit to the Council.
- The GK requested that all members help with the selling of the State Council Raffle Tickets. Books are \$12 each (\$6 back to the Council). *The raffle books were made available after the meeting.*

**FOURTH DEGREE:** PFN John Alexander discussed the impact of Supreme’s decision to require all 4th Degree Knights to wear the new regalia at all public events. No exceptions. The cost of the regalia can exceed \$550 and many 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights have opted not to purchase or participate. As the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps is the public face of the Knights of Columbus, this reaction has caused concern. There are currently very few 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights available to participate in Funerals and other special church functions. To incentivize 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights to purchase the new regalia, Assembly 0166 (Bishop Verot) is offering to make a \$100 donation to each 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight who agrees to purchase the new regalia and participate in the Color Corps. To further incentivize, the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Council is also asking that each regular Council match this \$100 donation with a \$100, thereby lowering the overall cost to just over \$300.00. The request is to set aside \$300 for three potential Knights. After some discussion, Br. John Alexander made a motion that Co. 7121 contribute (set aside) up to \$300 (\$100 per knight for three Knights) as a subsidy to any Co. 7121 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member who wishes to upgrade to the new beret-style regalia and participate in the Color Corps. ***Motion tabled until next business meeting.***

**FRATERNAL AGENT:** Not present.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY:** No report.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER/Welfare &/or Distress:**

- Prayers requested for the repose of the souls of Terri Risch, widow of Brother Dave Risch, and Lou “Rita” Goodhope, widow of Brother Andrew Goodhope.
- Friends and family members in distress include Tom Donna (Colorado), Nancy Alexander, Tom Drygas, Greg Meese, Alex Stamatelos, and Jean Girouard.

The closing prayer and ode were led by the GK. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Submitted by Brian Foy

Approved by the members on Nov 21, 2019 per the Grand Knight.

Attested by *Rick Coghly*, Recorder

## Council 7121 Treasurer's Report

| SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 24  |  |                   |                   |
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| <b><u>Father Seamus O'Flynn Scholarship Fund Savings Account</u></b> |  |                   |                   |
| Membership Savings Account   |  | \$ 5.00           |                   |
| Father Seamus O'Flynn Scholarship Fund Money Market Account          |  | \$8,884.58        |                   |
| Interest 9-30  |  | \$5.01            |                   |
| <b><u>Balance</u></b>  |  | <b>\$8,884.59</b> |                   |
|  |  |                   | <b>\$8,889.59</b> |
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| <b><u>Council 7121 Checking Account</u></b>                          |  |                   |                   |
| Balance as of 9-01-2019  |  | \$3,795.28        |                   |
| Deposits   |  |                   |                   |
| Dues   |  | \$125.00          |                   |
| Raffle Ticket Profits  |  | \$132.00          |                   |
| Bar Proceeds RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE                                 |  | \$159.00          |                   |
| Profits Second Sunday Breakfast                                      |  | \$34.97           |                   |
| Interest   |  | \$0.38            |                   |
| Florida KoC Charties   |  | \$66.00           |                   |
| Bill Remy Seasonal Sillouettes                                       |  | \$180.00          |                   |
| Bill Remy Supplies   |  | \$26.68           |                   |
| Balance as of 10-24-2019   |  | <b>\$3973.95</b>  |                   |