

K of C Meeting Minutes for St. Thomas More Council 7121, Dec. 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Grand Knight Bill Remy.

A quorum of members was determined present (18 members) by the Chancellor.

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

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

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

Dignitaries/visitors/new members present: Allen Gieselman, representing the District Deputy. The council also welcomed Nelson Jambard and Ed Rice, both of whom have recently transferred to our council.

The Grand Knight led the singing of the opening ode.

The minutes from the Nov. 21st business meeting were approved as read.

Membership/Admissions/Initiations:

The council welcomed our newest Brothers, Allen Cole and Dean Cox who took their First Degree on Dec. 12.

Grand Knight's Report:

- The GK thanked Steve Barthelmes for the fantastic effort during the 12 Knights of Christmas party. By all accounts the party was a great success and the GK received zero complaints.
- The Fr. Seamus Dinner is January 24th. Br. John Alexander noted that it will be catered by Carrabbas. Tickets will cost \$20 but we get to keep \$10 for scholarships. They will provide and serve the food, so the main thing we need to do is provide the bar, sell tickets and clean up afterward. Tickets will go on sale after all masses starting in January; need three sellers at each door and especially need volunteers to cover the 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses. Please let the GK know when you can support.

FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: With interest income of \$5.02, the balance in the Fr. Seamus fund is \$9399.82. The general fund began the month with \$3939.51. Income was \$6134.83; expenses were \$772.50, leaving a balance of \$9301.84. Of note was the 12 Knights of Christmas event, which yielded a net profit \$2748.44. The GK also noted that we sold 12 large and 11 small Keep Christ in Christmas decorations and many magnets.

A copy of the treasurer's report is attached.

Reading of Bills and Communications: None.

Financial Secretary: Membership at 140. We received an Honorary Life Membership for Nelson Jambard.

Trustees Report: None.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations: Br. Tom reported that he recently spoke w/Fr. Tim and learned that we have five potential seminarians in the works.

SERVICE PROGRAMS and COMMITTEES:

Social: Our first social meeting of the year will be on Thursday, January 2nd. It will be potluck, so please support. The February 6th social will be a chili cookoff and wings feast prepared by Steve Barthelmes. Bring

your best chili and put Steve to the test. We need volunteers to take the lead for the March social and beyond.

Bar Report: Gross income from the 12 Knights of Christmas dinner was \$377. Future concerts in Celebration Hall include the Ben Rosenblum Jazz Trio on Jan 18 and the Paul Brock Irish Band on Mar 1.

Second Sunday Breakfast: On Dec 8th we served 80 breakfasts and there was a good turnout of people for cleanup after. Income was \$275, expenses were \$192.40 with a net profit \$82.60, forwarded to treasurer. The next breakfast is Jan. 12.

Food Drive Report: The next drive is Jan 18-19 and will continue to emphasize monetary donations.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The GK noted that it is time to start sending letters to solicit candidates for the Fr. Seamus scholarships. The Scholarship Committee is Mark Hansen, Steve Barthelmes, Tom Kelly, Bob Wesselman and Tom Alexander. The committee should coordinate with Denise Pressley concerning the letters.
- Steve Barthelmes announced that he needs help with financing and preparation for the confirmation dinners that will be held quarterly for 65-70 people starting January 19th. He asked for \$100 per quarter and the council approved.
- The GK announced that Sr. Ann is seeking socks and t-shirts for the needy in St. Augustine. Tim Buckley noted that this is a recurring need, since the homeless have no place to wash their clothes so they are frequently discarded after a few uses. The GK stated that we will have a donation box at all future meetings.
- Supreme has announced that there will no longer be 1st-2nd-3rd degree ceremonies, just one ceremony that will convey full knighthood upon initiation. It will no longer be a secret ceremony and families will be encouraged to attend. Details will be announced in 2020.

FOURTH DEGREE: PFN John Alexander reported that the Christmas banquet held on Dec 15th was a great success with 51 people attending. The banquet was held at Martins Restaurant and afterward they attended a Navy Band concert at Flagler Auditorium. The event was open to third-degree knights and he encouraged more third-degree knights to participate in these activities.

FRATERNAL AGENT: Br. Stan noted that the new year is a good time to reflect on the gifts that God has given us and the ways the knights have used these gifts to do good things. He reminded members that it is also a good time to think about taking care of families financially and providing for their peace of mind.

DISTRICT DEPUTY: Allen Gieselman reported that the St. Girard House needs a new sonogram machine. The last one cost about \$5000 but he expects the next one to cost less as technology improves. The Laps for Life events are helping but he would like to get a commitment from our council to help raise additional money as may be needed. Jim Faulkner agreed to serve as the council POC for this effort.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/Welfare &/or Distress: The council noted the passing of PGK Art Casale and Lydia Deloretto. Prayers requested for Jim Waggoner, Fraternal Agent's PGK in Port Orange, The Holy Family and Ulla Remy.

The closing prayer and ode were led by the GK. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Cozby

Approved by the members on Jan. 23, 2020 per the Grand Knight.

Attested by *Rick Cozby*, Recorder

Council 7121 Treasurer's Report

	November 21	----	December 18		
Father Seamus O'Flynn Scholarship Fund Savings Account					
Membership Savings Account				\$ 5.00	
Father Seamus O'Flynn Scholarship Fund Money Market Account				\$9,394.79	
Interest 10/31				\$5.02	
Balance				\$9,399.81	
					\$9,399.82
Council 7121 Checking Account					
Balance as of 11-01-2019				\$3,939.51	\$3,939.51
Deposits					
Seasonal Silhouette Sales				\$945.00	
Small Silhouette				\$60.00	
Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets				\$155.00	
Additional Magnet Sales				\$165.00	
Second Sunday Breakfast 11-26				\$279.07	
Second Sunday Breakfast 12-11				\$82.00	
Donations Widows Breakfast				\$50.00	
Initiation Dues				\$20.00	
Council Share of Raffle Sales				\$60.00	
Christmas Party Advance Sales				\$2,555.00	
Additional Party Sales				\$1,570.00	
Final Party Income				\$193.44	
Interest (11-30)				\$0.32	
Total				\$6,134.83	\$6,134.83
Expences					
Silhouettes				\$705.00	
Supreme Council - Publications				\$67.50	
Total				\$772.50	\$772.50
					\$9,301.84
Balance as of 12-19-2019					