

# **St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Dennis Breton at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019. There were 23 members present.

## **Warden**

Warden Gerry Newport attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

## **Decade of Rosary**

Chancellor Ron Robichaud led the council in a decade of the rosary for Pro Life.

## **The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

GK Dennis Breton led the council in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests**

GK Dennis Breton recognized:

- Brother Jerome Lessard, Lecturer
- Ray Sargent, District Deputy

## **Officer Roll Call**

The Officer Roll Call was taken by GK Denis Breton and Recorded by Recorder John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight	Dennis Breton	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Present
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Tracey	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Gerry Newport	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Absent
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present

1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Absent
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present
1st Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present

### **Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Gerry Newport made a motion to accept the February 14, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:		\$4112.06
Disbursements:		
	KC - Supplies	39.56
Total Disbursements:		\$ 39.56
Receipts:	Dues	500.00
	Donation	18.00
	50/50	<u>18.00</u>
Total receipts:		\$ 536.00
Ending Balance:		\$ 4608.50
Less Christmas Party Fund:		<u>\$ 955.00</u>
Available Balance:		\$3,653.50

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported that he collected \$225 in member dues. John Greenlee also stated the following data:

- 125 Total Members
- 67 Insured Members
- 59 Associate Members
- 3 Honorary Members
- 10 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Disability Members

- 38 Members that have not paid their dues

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Chaplain Report**

None given.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Dennis Breton read the following communication from Tim Cole:

*"My Thursday nights continue to be busy as I am taking a class for the next few months that happens on Thursdays. Anyway, I haven't forgotten about my council. I met with some of my fellow soccer board members and we are looking to add a U9/10 festival in addition to the Columbus Day and U11 tournament we already do. We are looking to find a group who would be interested in operating the concession stand for that one festival if we can get it assigned. Again, extremely likely. It would be Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th the weekend after Columbus Day.*

*In exchange the soccer board will make a charity donation to the council for \$500. The soccer board will be responsible for getting the food. The council will be responsible to operate the stand including cleanup at the end of the day.*

*I request that you talk about this opportunity at the next meeting and if interested let me know."*

Please refer to **New Business**.

### **Nomination Committee Report**

John Chandonnet, representing the Nominating Committee, reported the following:

The tentative slate of officers for the upcoming 2019-2020 Fiscal year:

- For the position of Grand Knight, the candidates are: Grand Knight Dennis Breton and Deputy Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus.
- For the position of Deputy Grand Knight, the candidate is Don Leeman.
- For the position of Chancellor, Ron Robichaud wishes to remain in that position.
- For the position of Recorder, John Chandonnet wishes to remain in that position.
- For the position of Treasurer, Matt Pettine wishes to remain in that position.
- For the position of Lecturer, Brother Jerome Lessard, FIC wishes to remain in that position.

- For the position of Advocate, Dan Rooney wishes to remain in that position.
- For the position of Warden, the candidate is Dennis Guay.
- For the position of Inside Guard, Rob Martin wishes to remain in that position.
- For the position of Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud wishes to remain in that position.
- Greg Semo will become 2nd Year Trustee.
- George Kanelos will become 2nd Year Trustee.
- Herb Littlefield will become 1st Year Trustee.
- For the position of Chaplain, Fr. Philip Tracy will remain in that position.
- For the position of Financial Secretary, John Greenlee will remain in that position. However, this position is not voted in by the council. The position of Financial Secretary is approved by Supreme.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

- Dennis Guay motioned that the council accept Tim Cole's offer to operate the soccer field concession on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. However, after some discussion, a concern came up as to whether or not the October 19th and 20th dates would conflict with the annual Parish Harvest Fair. Dennis Guay then amended his motion that the council will operate the concession stand on the forementioned dates, provided it would not conflict with the Parish Harvest Fair weekend. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Dennis Guay motioned that the council donate \$50 to the Hermit nun. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Terry Sylvanus motioned that the council pay for two knights to attend a one-day Serve Safe Certification training in Biddeford or York, Maine. Cost is \$130 per person. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. The motion passed. Gerry Newport and Ray Sargent will undergo the training. Dennis Guay will also undergo the training; but at his own expense.
- Ray Sargent motioned that the council donate \$500 to go toward the construction of the new gazebo at St. Andre's Home. Don Leeman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Frank Pease motioned that the council reimburse him in the amount of \$169 roll-away bed he donated to Milestones Family Services. Terry Sylvanus motioned that the council reimburse Frank for \$169. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Remarks From Don Leeman**

Don Leeman addressed the council on the proper protocol of addressing the Grand Knight.

### **Remarks From Dennis Guay**

- Dennis Guay recognized Jim Sanger, Romeo Zuniga, John Jalbert and Greg Cyr for making their second and third degree.

### **Remarks from Ray Sargent**

- Ray Sargent thanked all those who volunteered to help out at the Youth Free-Throw competition on February 24th.
- Ray reminded John Greenlee to submit a list of deceased knights to the State Secretary to be mentioned at the Saturday afternoon mass at the Maine State Convention in Newry on April 27th.
- Ray mentioned that the Annual Waban Telethon will be held at the St. Ignatius Gym on Saturday, March 16th.

### **Remarks from Frank Pease**

- Frank Pease mentioned the Maine State Legislature proposed LD 820 bill demanding funding for elective abortions. Frank urged everyone to contact their elected officials to vote NO on this bill.

### **Lectorer Presentation**

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on the book: *Praying the Angelus* by Jared Dees.

### **Knight of the Month**

Two Knights of the Month were named:

- Dan Rooney, Knight of the Month for November 2018, for all his work for the church, the Annual Harvest Fair and *This Man is You* program.
- Brother Jerome Lessard, Knight of the Month for March 2019, for all the informative and inspirational talks he has delivered at each council meeting.

## **50/50 Raffle**

Brother Jerome Lessard won the 50/50 raffle. Prize was \$23. Brother Lessard indicated that he would donate this money to a charity of his choice.

## **Good of the Order**

Prayer petitions included:

- Eleanor Leeman
- Janette Chandonnet
- George Kanelos
- Rob Martin
- Paul Newport
- Joe Garand
- Joe Sylvanus
- Norm Sirois
- Mike Fontaine
- Bob Tyler
- Joan Breton
- Vern Duprey's family

## **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.

Father Michael J. McGivney Prayer:

*God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael McGivney to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your son, Jesus Christ more closely in fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his body which is the church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your Holy Will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here we make our request) through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Bill Sheehan Prayer:

*Glory be to you Father, Creator of the world. Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. I exalt you Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the world. Please bless, heal and save all those on our K of C prayer line.*

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

## **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019.  
Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.  
Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm