

# **St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019**

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Dennis Breton at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019. There were 29 members present.

## **Warden**

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

## **Decade of Rosary**

Grand Knight Dennis Breton 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
- Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee

## **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	Absent
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	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent

Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present

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

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the March 14, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Bob Carr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:	\$4,608.50
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Disbursements:

Frank Pease (Bed Donation)	169.00
Dennis Guay (Free Throw)	57.82
John Chandonnet (Supplies)	39.57
Hermitage Sister (Donation)	50.00
Wells K of C (Memory Park)	<u>500.00</u>

Total Disbursements:	\$ 816.39
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Receipts:

Dues	225.00
Haddock Supper Proceeds 3/29/19	1,084.89
Haddock Supper Proceeds 4/5/19	970.02
Haddock Supper Proceeds 4/12/19	817.03
50/50	<u>22.00</u>

Total receipts:	\$3,118.94
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Ending Balance:	\$6,911.05
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Less Christmas Party Fund:	<u>\$ 955.00</u>
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Available Balance:	\$5,956.05
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Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported that he collected \$125 in member dues and paid a bill from Supreme in the amount of \$9.17 to cover per capita expenses. John Greenlee also stated the following data:

- 124 Total Members
- 66 Insured Members
- 58 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. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Chaplain Report**

None given.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Dennis Breton reported that the St. Thomas Council has won a *Making the Difference* Award from Waban Projects at the annual Waban Telethon on March 17th for all the contributions this council has made to Waban.

Grand Knight Dennis Breton also read a thank you letter from Sister Emmanuel for the \$50 donation she received from the council.

### **Retention Committee Report**

Deputy Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus presented the following report:

- There are 48 Brother Knights listed on the report as not having paid their dues for 2019.
- A Knights Alert Letter was mailed to all, dated 2/14/19, signed by Grand Knight Dennis Breton. Attempts to contact all listed were made between 3/12 and 3/18 with follow-up e-mails as well. All communications did inform members that only current years dues were needed. Any past years dues have been forgiven by state as a "one-time" offer.
- Six Knights had no current information. Seven indicated they were sending in their dues.
- One indicated that he wished to opt out due to failing health.
- One possibly deceased, although no obituary can be located.

Findings:

- This Council is carrying 40 non dues paying at a substantial cost. This assumes that seven Knights have paid their dues and one is deceased.
- A Form 1845 must be filled out for each individual, signed by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and all three Trustees. This form must be then submitted to the District Deputy.

### **Council Elections**

District Deputy Ray Sargent conducted the election process.

The following Knights were elected as officers to serve in the St. Thomas Council for the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year:

The Elective Officers are as follows:

Grand Knight:	Terry Sylvanus
Deputy Grand Knight:	Rick Southwick
Chancellor:	Ron Robichaud
Recorder:	John Chandonnet
Treasurer:	Matt Pettine
Advocate:	Dan Rooney
Warden:	Dennis Guay
Inside Guard:	Rob Martin
Outside Guard:	Rene Robichaud

The Trustees are as follows:

Second Year Trustee:	Greg Semo
Second Year Trustee:	George Kanelos
First Year Trustee:	Herb Littlefield

The Appointive Officers are as Follows:

Lecturer:	Brother Jerome Lessard
Chaplin:	Father Philip Tracy (until June 30, 2019)
Financial Secretary:	John Greenlee

Don Leeman motioned that nominations from the floor cease. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Nominations from the floor ceased.

Recorder John Chandonnet cast one ballot for the elective officer candidates. The elective officers were voted in.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

- Ray Sargent motioned that Steve Guillemette, a transfer Knight from Knights of Columbus Council #2231 be allowed to transfer to the St. Thomas Council. Don Leeman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent motioned that the St. Thomas Council contribute \$50 each to Dan Rooney, Kevin Neeley and Dennis Guay who are riding in the Trek across Main in June. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Manny DeAmaral suggested that the St. Thomas Council contribute \$50 to take out an ad in the Annual D.A.V. Convention program. Ray Sargent motioned that the council make such a contribution. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Remarks from Ray Sargent**

- Ray Sargent suggested that the Knights organize a Potluck Supper on May 18, 2019 at the Parish Hall following the 4:00 mass at Holy Family Church.
- Ray Sargent mentioned that there will be a Silver Rose celebration at Holy Family Church on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm.
- Ray Sargent mentioned that there will be a second private showing of the movie *Unplanned* at Smitty's Cinema on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm.
- Ray Sargent mentioned a possible Open House for Father Phil when he leaves this Parish to take on his next assignment in Falmouth, Maine.
- Ray Sargent mentioned the upcoming Haddock Supper at the Parish Hall on Friday, April 12, 2019. This will be the final Haddock Supper for this Lenten season.

### **Remarks from Don Leeman**

- Don Leeman mentioned that Father Phil application has been submitted to Maine State Knights of Columbus to be possibly chosen at the Annual State Convention during the weekend of April 26 to 28, 2019.

### **Remarks from Bob Carr**

- Bob Carr mentioned that the Saturday York County Jail Ministry has been extremely successful and that more volunteers are needed.

### **Remarks from Dan Rooney**

- Dan Rooney mentioned that there will be a 30-Day Novena with St. Joseph starting on May 1, 2019.

### Remarks from Gerry Newport

- Gerry Newport mentioned the upcoming ACTs Retreat which will take place in Alfred, Maine from June 27 thru June 30, 2019. Gerry also mentioned that Kevin Neeley and Dan Rooney are on the ACTs team as well.
- Gerry Newport also mentioned that anyone who marches in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday morning, May 27, 2019 may attend the barbeque at the American Legion Hall on Main Street.

### Remarks from Frank Pease

- Frank Pease read aloud the following letter from Bishop Robert Deeley:

*April 10, 2019*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*May the peace and hope of Jesus be with you as we begin Holy Week, a time of reflection on the greatness of God's love each of us as we accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross and resurrection.*

*The Catholic Church has long been a powerful moral voice proclaiming the truth of Christian morality and the dignity and worth of every human life. As early as this week, legislation (LD 820), which would have Maine taxpayers fund abortion services, could head to a vote by the state legislature. The cost of an abortion that is not covered by federal funds would be paid for with state funds, Any carrier offering a health plan in Maine that provides coverage for maternity services would also be forced to provide abortions.*

*Catholics, members of other faiths, and many thoughtful people who do not observe any religious tradition find this legislation abhorrent. A test of society is its commitment to protect and care for its most vulnerable members, specifically, the unborn. This proposed legislation dismisses the sacredness of life from conception to natural death and the immorality of the intentional taking of any human life. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person, among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. This teaching is unchangeable, and LD 820 forces taxpayers to fund an immoral act, one that cannot be justified in conscience or law.*

*As your bishop, I urge you to pay serious attention to the profoundly challenging moral issue involved in this legislation and the ramifications it would bring. I am only one voice. Therefore, I ask you to call your state senator at (207) 2874 540 and your state representative at (207) 2874400. State your name, where you live and that you oppose LD 820. If you do not know who your senator or representative is, visit [www.faithfulcitizenme.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenme.org) to discover who they are. Speak out against these actions and let your voice be heard before it is too late.*

*Please join me in praying that our opposition will stir the consciences of our elected officials into a more active promotion of the defense of all human life.*

*With prayerful wishes for a blessed Holy Week, I am Sincerely in Jesus, our Merciful Savior.*

C /L4s

*Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D.  
Bishop of Portland*

Don Leeman made a motion to post this letter in the April 2019 minutes. Kevin Neeley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

### **Lectorer Presentation**

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on the book: *Imagining Jesus in His Own Culture* by Jerome Neyrey, SJ. Brother Jerome emphasized Chapter 4 of the book entitled: *Shaming an Innocent Man to Death*.

### **Knight of the Month**

Two Knights of the Month were named:

- Bob Carr, Knight of the Month for February 2019, for all his work for the This Man is You program and the York County Jail ministry on Saturdays.
- Rick Southwick, Knight of the Month for April 2019, for all the Knights of Columbus activities in which he has worked and the Childrens' Liturgy at the 9:00 mass at Holy Family Church.

### **50/50 Raffle**

Norm LaChance won the 50/50 raffle. Prize was \$22. Brother Lessard indicated that he would donate this money to a charity of his choice.

### **Good of the Order**

Prayer petitions included:

- John Chandonnet's mother
- Sam Carr
- Brother Albert's deceased sister
- Terry Sylvanus' brother
- Joan Breton

### **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 8:15 pm.**

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm