

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

The St. Thomas Council meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2020. There were 26 members present, plus two guests.

Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Brother Jerome Lessard
- Frank Pease, Maine State Right to Life Committee
- George Duranleau, District Deputy
- Bob Tyler, Springvale Council Grand Knight

Warden

Warden Chris Gauthier 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

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus led the council in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Roll Call

The Officer Roll Call was taken and recorded by Recorder John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick	Present
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Chris Gauthier	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Excused

Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
Three Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
Two Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Present
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Present

Lecturer Presentation

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on the book: *The Time is Now* by St. Joan Chittister, OSB.

A beloved nun and social activist offers a soul-stirring guide for all who feel disillusioned and dissatisfied with the power-hungry institutions and systems of this world.

In *The Time Is Now*, Sister Joan Chittister—a rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice and fervent proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment—draws on the wisdom of prophets, both ancient and modern, to help us confront the societal forces that oppress and silence the sacred voices among us.

Pairing scriptural insights with narratives of the truth-tellers that came before us, Sister Joan offers a compelling vision for readers to combat complacency and to propel ourselves toward creating a world of justice, freedom, peace, and empowerment.

For the weary, the cranky, and the fearful, this energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action; this is practical and powerful activism for our times.

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Manny DeAmaral made a motion to accept the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Dennis Breton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Admissions Committee

The Admissions Committee reported:

- Four new members joined the St. Thomas Council.
- The goal is seven new knights for this fiscal year.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- Advocate Dan Rooney was excused from attending tonight's meeting due to illness.

- The Mens' ACTS Retreat will occur in Alfred from Thursday, March 12th thru Sunday, March 15th.
- There is a new Ceremonial team to conduct the Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification. The first ceremony will be conducted on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Holy Family Church, following the 11:00 am Mass. This will be a half-hour ceremony.
- Birthday cards will now be sent to knight's wives. Interested knights to submit wife's name and birth date to the Grand Knight.
- There will be a First Communion and Confirmation ceremony at Holy Family Church on Sunday, May 10, 2020.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus proposed that the council give a gift to each Boy and girl who makes his/her First Communion and Confirmation. (See New Business.)
- The Youth Basketball Free Throw Competition will take place at the St. Ignatius Gym on Sunday, February 23. Sign up is from Noon until 1:00 pm. The competition will run from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Medals will be awarded to the winner in each division immediately following the competition. Pizza, chips and soda will be served downstairs. Each participant will receive a certificate.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:	\$ 5,265.66
Disbursements:	
Terry Sylvanus (supplies)	\$ 71.44
Monica Newport (Party)	70.00
K of C - Per Capita and Supplies	297.01
St. Thomas (Family Month)	50.00
St. Therese (March for Life)	200.00
Matt Pettine (Safe Serve)	130.00
K of C (Wheelchair)	150.00
Frank Pease (Food for Hands Around Capitol)	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 1,068.45
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 145.00
50/50	25.00
Donation	25.00
Bean Supper	<u>409.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 604.00

Ending Balance:	\$ 4,801.21
Less Christmas Fund:	.00
Less Bell Fund:	<u>2,367.00</u>
Available Balance:	\$ 2,434.21

Trustee George Kanelos made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 105 Total Members
- 59 Insured Members
- 43 Associate Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- 13 Honorary Life Members
- 3 Inactive Members
- 4 Disability Members
- There are 24 unpaid members

Manny DeAmaral made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dennis Breton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Old Business

- Treasurer Matt Pettine made a motion that Financial Secretary John Greenlee be added to the council's checking account. Frank Pease seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Treasurer Matt Pettine made a motion that debit cards be issued to Treasurer Matt Pettine, Financial Secretary John Greenlee and Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus. Frank Pease seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease motioned that the Council provide funds to connect the new hand sink in the kitchen and to reconnect one of the ovens. Frank Pease is to have Doug Buck, the facilities manager, consult with the necessary repair technicians. The Trustees will discuss the necessary financial arrangements with Treasurer Matt Pettine. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

New Business

- George Kanelos motioned that the council donate \$200 to Donna Jacques husband Mike to help with his traveling expenses to and from Mass General, where Donna is staying. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease made a motion that the council donate \$100 to go toward the purchase of baby bottles for the upcoming Baby Bottle Drive. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Dennis Guay motioned that the council purchase a gift for each boy and girl making their First Communion and Confirmation on May 10th. The cost will be \$150. Frank Pease seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease made a motion that the council contribute \$100 to go toward the Parish Food Closet. Dennis Guay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Warden Chris Gauthier made a motion that the council contribute \$200 to a friend of Chris whose daughter is terminally ill. The motion was tabled pending review by the Trustees.

Deputy Grand Knight

No report given.

Frank Pease Report

Frank Pease, Maine State Right to Life Committee reported:

- The 2020 Baby Bottle Drive will take place from Mothers Day to Fathers Day.
- Respect for Life Day took place at the State Capital in Augusta on Wednesday, February 12th.

District Deputy Report

District Deputy George Duranleau reported:

- There will be a First Communion and Confirmation at St. Matthews Church in Limerick on Sunday, May 3, 2020.
- State Convention packs to be mailed out to the Council Grand Knights on March 1, 2020.

Springvale Council Grand Knight

Grand Knight Bob Tyler reported:

- The Springvale council will also donate money to Mike Jacques, husband of Donna Jacques.
- The Springvale Council will also donate money to the Parish Food Closet.
- The Springvale Council will split the \$150 cost with the St. Thomas Council for the purchase of gifts for each boy and girl making their First Communion and Confirmation on May 10, 2020.
- Notre Dame Church will re-open when Lent begins.

50/50 Raffle

- Trustee George Kanelos won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$21. George Kanelos donated his winnings back to the council.

Knight of the Month

Jim Sanger was named Knight of the Month for the month of February 2020.
Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Jim:

Jim has been a Knight with the Council for the past four years. Jim is always willing to roll up his sleeves and pitch in on various council activities. He has worked various dinners put on by the St. Thomas Council. Both he and his wife Anne Marie are very involved in the parish, serving as Eucharistic Ministers, serving at funeral masses and serving on the parish food pantry.

Kudos to Jim Sanger for his dedicated service!

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Steve Ganaway
- Joe Garand
- Manny DeAmaral
- Greg Semo
- Bob Tyler
- Donna Jacques
- Rick Bragg
- Sr. Anne Daniels
- Maurice Hebert
- Baker Knight
- Maurine Martin

Closing Prayers

The Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, the Father J. McGivney prayer and the Bill Sheehan prayer, which were recited by the council, were dedicated to the above prayer petitions.

Prayer to St. Michael:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 for the prayer petitions we now present 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 8:12pm.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm