

## **St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2020**

### **Meeting Called to Order**

The St. Thomas Council on-line meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020. There were 16 members present.

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

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director

### **Warden**

No report given.

### **Decade of Rosary**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus led the reciting of a decade of the Rosary.

### **Pope Francis Prayer to the Virgin Mary**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recited the following prayer by Pope Francis to our Virgin Mary to protect all from the Coronavirus:

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### **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	Absent
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Chris Gauthier	Absent
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Absent
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent
Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Absent
Three Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Absent
Two Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Present
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Absent

### **Lecturer Presentation**

None given.

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

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the March 12, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Rick Southwick indicated that a change had to be made in the New Business portion of the Minutes regarding a vote for the second delegate to the State Convention. Rick Southwick e-mailed John Chandonnet of the change. There was also a change that had to be made in Frank Pease's report. Frank Pease had e-mailed John Chandonnet of another change regarding LD13. John Chandonnet will ammend the March 2020 minutes accordingly. There was no further discussion beyond that. The minutes were accepted, as ammended.

### **Admissions Committee**

State Ceremonials Director Don Leeman reported that he is trying to admit a new member into our council. This gentleman is from Equidor. Don has agreed to cover this gentleman's dues.

Currently Brother Leeman is awaiting a response from the State Deputy to admit this gentleman into the council.

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus has two prospective knights: Elisha Alexandre and Peter Cusack.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- Sandy Jalbert is requesting that persons bring Easter Lillies to Holy Family Church on Saturday, April 11, 2020 after 9:30 am in order to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday.
- Father Bill Labbe is requesting volunteers to aid shut-ins, such as shopping for them.
- Father Bill Labbe indicated that the Parish is holding its own, as far as finances are going - so far. Father thanked all those who have been keeping up their weekly contributions.
- The council is starting a "calling tree" to check in on ALL council members. Volunteers to e-mail Rick Southwick at [southwick@metrocast.net](mailto:southwick@metrocast.net) as we need to get this program going quickly.
- The council is also asking for volunteers to help us "grocery shop" for any shut-ins during these difficult times. e-mail Dennis Guay at [dennisgh@metrocast.net](mailto:dennisgh@metrocast.net)
- The State Convention will be on video only.
- The Family of the Month award presentation will continue despite the Coronavirus pandemic. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus has families in mind for the months of March and April 2020.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$ 5,140.37

Disbursements:

Exemplification Lunch	
Elaine	20.98
Bea	8.00
Sandy	13.38
Lucille	71.00
Arlene	13.04
Terry Sylvanus (Stamps/Scrapbook)	24.68
Fish	995.00
Fish Supplies	25.16
KC - Supplies	26.38

Terry - Ink	50.07
Fish	<u>976.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 2,223.69
Receipts:	
Haddock	\$ 2,054.00
Reimburse	50.00
Dues	285.00
50/50	22.00
Donation	21.00
Fish	1,795.00
Dues	<u>250.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 4,477.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 7,393.68
Less Bell Fund:	2,367.00
Less Kitchen Fund:	<u>387.68</u>
Available Balance:	\$ 4,639.00

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 151 Total Members
- 70 Insured Members
- 74 Associate Members
- 4 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 7 Inactive Members
- 4 Disability Members
- There are 11 unpaid members

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report as presented. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Financial Secretary's report was accepted as presented..

### **Old Business**

- There will be a run-off election for the position of Warden. Don Leeman and Chris Gauthier are running for this position. Members present at this meeting will e-mail their choice to Recorder John Chandonnet at [jchando@metrocast.net](mailto:jchando@metrocast.net).
- John Chandonnet will tally the votes and e-mail the results to Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus. Deadline to cast votes is April 12, 2020.

### **New Business**

- Don Leeman suggested that the council contact area youths perform community services, such as assisting shut-ins, doing shopping, yardwork, etc. Dan Rooney suggested that Shelly Carpenter of the Youth Ministry be contacted.

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

No report given.

### **Frank Pease Report**

No report given.

### **District Deputy Report**

No report given.

### **Knight of Columbus Field Agent Report**

- Mark Adams, Field Agent reported that despite the volatility of the Stock Market over the past weeks, the Annuity Market has been consistently posting gains.

### **50/50 Raffle**

- Greg Semo won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was ? Greg Semo donated his winnings back to the council.

### **Knight of the Month**

Although there was no Knight of the Month for April 2020, Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus has chosen one for April 2020 to be named later.

### **Good of the Order**

No prayer petitions were presented.

### **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 7:45 pm.**

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm