

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020

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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, March 12, 2020. There were 28 members present.

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
- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director

Warden

Acting Warden Ray Sargent 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	Absent
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Absent

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	Absent
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Absent

Lecturer Presentation

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered a presentation on the book: *The Passion and the Cross* by Ronald Rolheiser, one of the most influential spiritual writers of our day. The book offers profound reflections on the central mystery of our Christian faith. His beautifully written meditations on the passion and the cross invites you to a new understanding of redemption and offers insight into the meaning of your own loss and suffering. It allows the reader to take a journey into the deeper meaning of pain with guidance from a trusted spiritual advisor.

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the February 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Admissions Committee

No report given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The St. Thomas Council has taken in five new knights. One requirement for the Star Council award is that a council must take in seven new knights.
- The St. Thomas Council has one newly insured knight. Another requirement for the Star Council award is three newly insured knights.
- Due to the Coronavirus, the last Haddock supper will be served on Friday, March 13th.
- So far, eight knights have come up to sign up their wives to receive a birthday card. Terry indicated that he proceeded to order new cards; but the cost for 100 cards would be \$150. Terry will look in to having the birthday cards printed locally for a fraction of that cost.
- The sacramental gifts for First Communion and Confirmation candidates are in.
- The merge with the former Sanford Council #2231 has been finalized. There are 46 knights - 24 of which are Honorary Life knights.

- Terry read a report submitted by Michael Giroux, Maine State Advocate of the March 1st Exemplification ceremony done by the St. Thomas Council on March 1, 2020. In general, Mr. Giroux was impressed on how the Exemplification was conducted by the St. Thomas Council. There were a few minor details to be ironed out at the next Exemplification ceremony the St. Thomas Council is to conduct.
- Terry presented 3rd Degree certificates to Jeff Russell, Fred Daniels and Charlesv LaChapelle, who had taken their 3rd Degree at the Exemplification at Holy Family Church on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$ 4,801.21

Disbursements:

Seminarian	\$ 250.00
John C. (Badges)	13.00
Terry Sylvanus (Family of the Month)	50.00
Food Closet	100.00
Baby Bottles	100.00
Donna Jacques	200.00
Terry Sylvanus (Kitchen)	121.32
Dennis Guay (Free Throw Competition)	101.09
St. Thomas Fun Run	20.00
Sacramental Gifts	161.37
Fish	<u>1,026.00</u>

Total Disbursements: \$ 2,142.78

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 325.00
50/50	21.00
Donation	21.00
KC Supreme Food Reimbursement	100.00
Kitchen Donation	100.00
St. Thomas Fun Run	20.00
First Haddock Supper receipts	<u>1,893.94</u>

Total Receipts: \$ 2,480.94

Ending Balance: \$ 5,140.37

Less Bell Fund: 2,367.00

Less Kitchen Fund:	387.68
Available Balance:	\$ 2,385.69

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

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 152 Total Members
- 70 Insured Members
- 75 Associate Members
- 4 Honorary Members
- 37 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. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Financial Secretary's report was accepted as presented..

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus will be a voting delegate at the Upcoming Maine State Convention during the weekend of April 24 to 26, 2020.
- Both Ray Sargent and Rick Southwick were nominated to be the second delegate for the state convention. Ray Sargent was nominated by Terry Sylvanus. Rick Southwick was nominated by Don Leeman. Both Ray Sargent and Rick Southwick left the room while the members voted on who should go. Rick Southwick won.
- Don Leeman motioned that Ray Sargent and John Chandonnet be alternate voting delegates at the Maine State Convention. Rob Martin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ray Sargent and John Chandonnet were voted to be alternate voting delegates.
- Recorder John Chandonnet stressed the importance of all knights reporting their service hours, as the council is under reporting fraternal activity hours to Supreme. John

suggested that individual knights submit activities and hours they perform on a regular basis in an e-mail to John Chandonnet at jchando@metrocast.net.

Nomination of Officers for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus appointed John Chandonnet, Frank Pease and Gerry Newport as the nominating committee.
- Slate of Officers is as follows:

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud
Chaplin	Fr. Bill Labbe
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee
Recorder	John Chandonnet
Warden	Chris Gauthier and Don Leeman
Treasurer	Matt Pettine
Advocate	Dan Rooney
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1-Year Trustee	Greg Semo
2-Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield
3-Year Trustee	Gerry Newport

Deputy Grand Knight

No report given.

Frank Pease Report

Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee reported that LD820 was the original bill to enable taxpayer funding of abortion. The title of LD 1613 is: An Act to Ensure Access to Women's Health & Economic Security. How disingenuous! Bill sponsor, Sara Gideon testified that

federal funding was “lost”, and now the state would have to make up the loss. Not true. Planned Parenthood and Family Planning of Maine chose not to accept these funds under the finalized rule. Now they are asking for \$3M from taxpayers.

Planned Parenthood and affiliate Maine Family Planning told lawmakers the funds wouldn't be used to perform abortions, and patients will be without any healthcare. If that were true, why didn't they accept the federal funds? Their own website has the answer. Their lead service is abortion. We need to ensure our lawmakers know we do not want any taxpayer funding for abortion.

District Deputy Report

No report given.

Gerry Newport

Gerry Newport, who is coordinating the upcoming Memorial Day parade, advised anyone who is driving a vehicle in the parade will need to complete a form. Gerry Newport has the form.

50/50 Raffle

- Rene Robichaud won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$28. Rene Robichaud donated his winnings back to the council.

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus was named Knight of the Month for the month of March 2020. Recorder John Chandonnet, who presented the award, had the following to say about the worthy grand knight:

Our worthy grand knight Terry Sylvanus approached me at Holy Family Church this past Sunday and asked me if I had anybody in mind for the Knight of the month for March. I told him that Ray Sargent had suggested someone. Terry also had a name in mind. I suggested that we save that individual for April.

The knight of the month for March joined our ranks two years ago. He promptly took his second and third degree. From there he took his fourth degree to become a Sir Knight. He worked with Ray Sargent as District Warden and became our Deputy Grand Knight last year. He is now our Grand Knight. As Grand Knight he has taken on ambitious projects, such as the Bell Fund which financed the new church bells at Holy Family Church and bean suppers to finance improvements to the Parish Hall kitchen. He played a key role in instituting and coordinating the Family of the Month. You'll always see him lending a hand at the Lenten Haddock Suppers, the Childrens' Christmas Party, Church Recruiting Drives and Degree Exemplifications. I only mentioned a few things he has accomplished. I don't want to be up here all night. As a result of

his leadership and direction, the St. Thomas Council has become a very active and vibrant council – one of the top councils in the state of Maine!

Won't you give a round of applause to Terry Sylvanus!

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Doris Watson
- Steve Ganaway
- Joe Garand
- Donna Jacques
- Greg Semo
- Bob Tyler
- Donna Jacques
- Bill Sheehan's daughter
- Maurice Hebert
- Maurine H. (Rob Martin's daughter)

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, April 9, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm