

## **St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 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 Thursday, May 14, 2020. There were 20 members present.

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

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials Director
- George Duranleau, District Deputy

### **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	Present
Three Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
Two Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Absent
One Year Trustee	George Kanelos	Absent

### **Lecturer Presentation**

Brother Jerome Lessard stressed the need to honor Mary in May and pray the (family) rosary especially for protection during the pandemic.

May has been the month during which we honor Mary in special ways. The more traditional ways, centered around parish activities, have been denied us by the pandemic.

Since our foundation the Knights have demonstrated a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin. This month is an excellent time to draw inspiration from this historic devotion.

The need to pray for Mary's intercession is all the greater during this crisis.. Recent communications from headquarters keep this message up front. KNIGHTLINE has issued special editions. In this month's COLUMBIA magazine, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori suggested we perform "inward pilgrimages" during our isolation.

This is what I did yesterday, May 13, the feast of O.L. of Fatima. I reviewed the souvenirs of my September 2017 pilgrimage to Fatima, read through my picture book and recited my rosary in front of the campus grotto, praying that we and our loved ones experience Mary's loving protection.

Devotion to Mary has always been a means to a greater attachment to Jesus. Mary keeps telling us as she said at Cana, "Do as He tells you.". So as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, let us be open to what is being asked of us in our role as responders in meeting the needs of the people around us who may need our help during this pandemic. This may call us to reach out in a safe way, offering charity in donations, one's time and assistance – running errands, checking up on the house bound. In today's gospel selection at Mass we heard Jesus' command: love one another

Earlier this month Pope Francis in his Marian message urged us to pray all the more, using the traditional Family rosary. I suspect that many households might benefit in many ways from a peaceful moment of family prayer. Right, Matt !

I read somewhere this week that the young Fatima visionaries Francisco and Jacinta barely 10 years old when they died may have been victims of the 1917-18 flu pandemic. Let us invoke these saints as we face the challenges of our times.

Please join me in praying the Fatima prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

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

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the April 6, 2020 meeting minutes with the exception of the spelling of Ecuador. The spelling has since been corrected, so Don motioned to accept the April 2020 minutes as presented. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted, as ammended.

### **Admissions Committee**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus presented two prospective members: Kevin LaChapelle and Michael Jalbert. They were both accepted by Father Bill Labbe. Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick made a motion to accept both prospective members as new knights for the St. Thomas Council. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- Father Bill Labbe is making plans to re-open masses at Holy Family Church. Only 50 persons would be allowed at each mass. Persons would have to reserve their spot online or calling the Parish office ahead of time. Persons would be allowed to attend mass once or twice a month.
- Father Bill has requested that Knights will be required to sanitize the pews after each mass.
- Father Bill indicated that the Parish is holding its own amid the Covid-19 crisis and the shutting down of the church. Although, the Parish is dipping into its savings to meet expenses.
- The St. Thomas Council will receive a Star Council award.
- Terry Sylvanus is looking elsewhere to purchase birthday cards, as Supreme is charging \$154 per 100 for K of C birthday cards.
- Terry Sylvanus will check with Supreme about the possibility of restoring in-person meetings.
- The family of Kevin and Cathy Neely were named Family of the Month for April 2020. The award will be presented at a later date.
- Rob Martin was named Knight of the Month for March 2020. The award will be presented once in-person Council meetings resume.
- Dave Murphy was named Knight of the Month for April 2020. The award will be presented once in-person Council meetings resume.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$ 7,393.68

Disbursements:

Stamps	11.00
Donation to David Wright	100.00
Order Checks	46.24
KC - Supplies	18.46
Google Bank Charge	<u>844.00</u>

Total Disbursements: \$ 1,019.70

Receipts:

Google Reimburse	\$ 844.00
Dues	<u>125.00</u>

Total Receipts:	\$ 969.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 7,342.98
Less Bell Fund:	2,367.00
Less Kitchen Fund:	<u>387.68</u>
Available Balance:	\$ 4,588.30

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:

- 152 Total Members
- 70 Insured Members
- 75 Associate Members
- 4 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 7 Inactive Members
- 4 Disability Members
- There are 15 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**

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus thanked all those who helped with the Leave No Neighbor Behind program.
- Kevin Neeley thanked those who contributed to the David Wright Relief Fund. Over \$3,000 was raised to help David after his barn burnt down in February 2020.

### **New Business**

- W. Robert Bachelder Assembly 357 Faithful Navigator Dennis Guay presented the following slate of Assembly officers for the 2020-21 Fiscal year:

Faithful Navigator	Dennis Guay
Faithful Captain	Don Leeman
Faithful Friar	Fr. Bill Labbe
Faithful Comptroller	John Greenlee
Faithful Scribe	John Chandonnet

Faithful Pilot	Gerry Newport
Faithful Purser	Dennis Breton
Faithful Admiral	Peter Godin
Outer Sentinel	Jim Delamarter
Inner Sentinel	Rene Robichaud
1st Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield
2nd Year Trustee	Wilfred Doiron
3rd Year Trustee	Ray Sargent

Don Leeman motioned that nominations cease. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. Dennis Guay cast one ballot. Above candidates were voted in as next year's officers.

- St. Thomas Council #13861 Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus presented the following slate of Council officers for the 2020-21 Fiscal year:

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Chancellor	Ron Robichaud
Chaplin	Father Bill Labbe
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Lector	Br. Jerome Lessard
1-Year Trustee	Greg Semo
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3-Year Trustee	Gerry Newport

Rick Southwick motioned that nominations cease. Ray Sargent seconded the motion. Terry Sylvanus cast one ballot. Above candidates were voted in as next year's officers.

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

No report given.

### **Frank Pease Report**

No report given.

### **District Deputy Report**

- District Deputy George Duranleau congratulated the St. Thomas Council on its winning of a Star Council Award.

- George Duranleau also mentioned that Supreme is having several online degree exemplifications.

### **50/50 Raffle**

- There was no 50/50 drawing.

### **Knight of the Month**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus named David Murphy as Knight of the Month for April 2020.

### **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 8:07 pm.**

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2020.  
Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.  
Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm