

St. Thomas Council Zoom Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2021

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021. There were 15 members present.

Warden's Report

No report given.

Decade of the Rosary

Recorder John Chandonnet 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.

Recognition of Distinguished Members

Ray Sargent, District Warden
Br. Jerome Lessard, Worthy Council Lecturer

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	Vacant	
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Don Leeman	Absent
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Absent
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent
Lecturer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
Third Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present

Second Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
First Year Trustee	Gerry Newport	Present

Review of Minutes of Previous Officer's and Council Meeting

- Rick Southwick motioned to accept the January 2021 officer's and council meeting minutes as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The January 2021 officer's and council meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Admissions, New Members and Transfers

- Michael Roy was proposed as a new council knight. Jeff Daniels motioned that Michael Roy be accepted as a new council knight. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Michael Roy was accepted as a new council knight.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance: \$ 11,971.16

Disbursements:

Jerry's (Raffle)	\$ 50.00
Donate to Parish	500.00
Donate to St. Thomas School	6,000.81

Receipts:

None	\$.00
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Ending Balance: \$ 5,195.35

Bells:	\$ 2,367.00
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Raffle:	\$.00
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General	\$ 2,828.35
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John Chandonnet motioned to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 148 Total Members
- 68 Insured Members
- 74 Associate Members
- 6 Inactive
- 4 Honorary Members
- 34 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

John Greenlee also reported there are 41 unpaid members.

John Chandonnet motioned to accept the Financial Secretary report as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Financial Secretary report was accepted as presented.

Chaplain Report

- Br. Jerome delivered a brief presentation on what to do differently this coming lent. Br. Jerome stressed the importance of showing love and reaching out to others, especially those in need. We should also contemplate as to what keeps us from loving and reaching out to others.

Membership

No report given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- There will be a Fraternal Benefits events Webinar on March 31, 2021.
- Live council meetings will resume in March 2021.
- Father Bill is greatly in favor of having Lenten Haddock dinners. Terry Sylvanus and Rick Southwick will work out the details.
- Leftover money in the Bell Fund totals to \$2,367. Terry Sylvanus will discuss disbursement of these funds with Father Bill.
- Father Bill wrote a thank you letter to the council for all the work the council has performed to benefit the parish.
- Received a thank you letter from a family of the month (name not given) expressing how it was an honor to receive such a distinction.
- Received a thank you card from Father Bill.

- St. Thomas Council is 100% Safe Environment compliant.
- Due dates for forms and reports are as follows:
 - a. Resolutions: February 15, 2021
 - b. Chaplin of the Year submission: March 1, 2021
 - c. Charity Fund submission: March 1, 2021
 - d. Faith in Action reports: March 1, 2021
- Terry Sylvanus urged all knights to redouble their efforts at recruiting new members.

Program Director Reports

- Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported the following:
 - a. 95 St. Thomas Students participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. A \$50 Walmart gift card was awarded to the winner of each of the three divisions (K thru 2, 3 thru 5 and 6 thru 8.) A \$25 Walmart gift card was awarded to the runner-up in each division. Participation certificates were given to each participant. Submitted both a Fraternal Programs Report Form and a SURGE report to Maine State Council.
 - b. 15 6th, 7th and 8th graders participated in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. A \$100 Walmart gift card was awarded to the winner and a \$50 Walmart gift card was awarded to the runner-up. Each participant received a certificate. Martin McKeon, a teacher at the school coordinated the contest and judged the essays along with another teacher. Submitted both a Fraternal Programs Report Form and a SURGE report to Maine State Council.

John Chandonnet expressed his gratitude with St. Thomas School for its enthusiasm and support for the Poster and Essay contests and looks forward to coordinating these programs in 2021.

- Life Director Ray Sargent reported that 50 persons attended the Hands Around the Church ceremony at Holy Family Church on January 22, 2021. To mark the 48th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, the church bell rang 48 times.

Deputy Grand Knight

- See Old Business.

Old Business

- Rick Southwick reported that take-out haddock dinners will be served on March 5, 2021 and March 12, 2021. Cost will be \$12 per meal.

- Take-out meals to consist of: 6 oz. baked haddock, mashed potatoes, peas, cole slaw and tartar sauce.
- There will be a meeting at the parish hall on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm for all those interested in helping out.

New Business

- Proposed candidates for Family of the Year includes:
 - a. The family of Kevin and Dawn LaChapelle
 - b. The family of Ray and Claire Sargent
 - c. The family of Jim and Ann Marie Sanger
 Rick Southwick motioned that the family of Kevin and Dawn LaChapelle be named family of the year. Ray Sargent seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The family of Kevin and Dawn LaChapelle was named family of the year.
- Ray Sargent motioned that Rick Southwick be advanced \$700 to cover initial expenses for the take-out haddock dinners in March 2021. Jeff Daniels seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Fred Daniels was named as a Council Warden to replace Chris Gauthier who had resigned.
- Father Bill was named State Chaplin of the Year. Advocate Don Leeman to compose a writeup to submit to the Maine State Convention.
- Br. Jerome Lessard was named as State Spiritual Advisor.
- Kevin LaChapelle was named District Warden.
- No candidate was named as State Charity Fund recipient.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus and Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick were named as voting delegates to the upcoming Maine State Convention.

District Warden Remarks

- Ray Sargent advised that there will be a 4th Degree Virtual Exemplification on February 20, 2021. Candidates include: Kevin Neely, Josh Trivilino and Father Bill.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lectorer Presentation

None given.

Knigh of the Month

No knight of the month for February 2021 was named.

50/50 Raffle

- There was no 50/50 raffle.

Good of the Order

- The following prayer petitions were presented:

Joan Breton
Rick Bragg
Bob Tyler
Joe Sylvanus
Judy Spiers
David Chandonnet

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 8:15p.m.

Next Officer's and Council Meeting

The next officer's zoom meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The next council meeting will be held at the parish hall on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm.