

## St. Thomas Council Zoom Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2021

### Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting (Zoom) was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:06 PM on Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There were 20 Members Present.

### Warden's Report

There was no wardens report given or required as this was a zoom meeting and only those holding a valid membership card were invited.

### Decade of the Rosary

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus 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

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized Brother Jerome Lessard and District Warden Ray Sargent.

### Officers Roll Call

The Officers Roll Call was not formally taken as the Recorder was absent, Attendance was as follows.

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick	Present
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Absent
Chaplain	Ft. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Excused
Warden	Chris Gauthier	Excused
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Don Leeman	Present
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 the December Meeting**

A motion was made by Rick Southwick to accept the minutes of the December meeting  
Motion was seconded by Manny DeAmaral. There was no discussion, Motion Passed.

**Admissions, New Members and Transfers**

Membership Director Don Leeman reports that we have one new member/Transfer,  
Charles Nobel who became a knight online and just transferred into our council.

**Lecturer Presentation**

Lecturer Br. Jerome Lessard started out by thanking the council for the donation of \$50.00 to  
the mission in South Sudan.

Br. Jerome has been reading the Book of Joy about the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.  
He talked about having Joy in your life instead of sadness and anger.

**Treasurer Report**

Starting Balance: \$6157.25

Disbursements:

Family of the Month	\$50.00
Donation to Brothers	\$50.00
Gifts to sisters	\$100.00
Seminarian	\$250.00
Walmart Poster Contest	\$75.00
Stamps	\$11.00

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Receipts:

50/50	\$19.00
Donations	\$17.00
Undeposited Prizes	\$650.00
Dues	\$145.00
Meat Raffle	\$4678.90
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Dues	\$840.00

Ending Balance: \$11,971.16

Bells: \$2367.00

Raffle: \$6775.81

General \$2828.35

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented.

Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

The Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

**Financial Secretary Report.**

No new bills that need to be paid, still collecting dues.

**Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus mentioned that the meat raffle was a great success raising \$6500.35. He thanked the brothers that made several donations to the expenses of the raffle. He explained that the officers talked at their meeting about how to split the donations to Holy Family Church and St. Thomas School. The Officers and Trustees decided to give a check for \$500.00 to Holy Family Church and \$6000.00 to St. Thomas School. Don Leeman made a motion to make the above-mentioned donations and Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There

was no discussion. The motion Passed and Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus and Deputy Grand Knight Rick Southwick will present the checks to the church and school.

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus informed the council the Warden Chris Gauthier is stepping down for his position. We are looking for someone to step up and fill the remainder of the year for the Warden Position. Please submit names to Terry ASAP.

Terry Sylvanus announced that the Officers Trustee meetings will be held the first Sunday of each month via Zoom at 7PM. He will send out email to the entire council inviting them to join in. We ask if you have anything that you would like to bring up to the council that would require the officers and trustees act on to please bring it up at this meeting. This will allow you to make a motion at the regular meeting on the subject if it is approved at this meeting.

The next council meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Feb 11 2021 at 7PM. Terry will send out the invitation email closer to the meeting date.

The next Webinar is 1/21/2021 on Strategies for Success. If you are interested in attending and do not have the link to register, please let Terry know so he can send you the link.

### **Program Directors Report**

Community Program Director-John Chandonnet Excused No report Given.

Family Program Director-Dennis Guay No Report Given

Faith Program Director-Kevin Neeley

- Asked that we keep our brothers in Haiti in our thoughts and prayers. They should have finished up work today and will be traveling back home on 1/15/2021.
- This Man Is You program is starting back up via Zoom on Saturday 1/23/20221 at 7AM.

Please let Kevin know if you are interested so he can include you in the Zoom email link to join the meeting. Kevin said the parish has purchased a Zoom program that will allow them to hold this type of meeting. The plan is to all be in the same meeting to start and watch the video and then be able to split off into smaller groups of like five people for discussion.

Kevin said that this year's program is the best they have had so far.

Life Program Director-Ray Sargent

- January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon we will be having our first annual Hands Around Holy Family Church celebrating the Row verse Wade decision made 48 years ago. The plan is to walk around Holy Family Church while the bells ring 48 times in celebration of Row vs Wade. Father Alex will be gathering with us at the monument for the unborn child to pray.

### Committee Report

Bylaws Committee:

Motion was made by Matt Pettine to adopt the bylaws changes sent out to council via email, Rick Southwick Seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ray Sargent said he had sent in some comments that he would like incorporated into the new change. Delete the initiation fee from the bylaws. John Greenlee explained that we could delete that from the bylaws, but the other comments would have to be incorporated into a Council only rules.

Rick Southwick rescinded his second motion and Matt Pettine revised his motion to read "adopt the bylaws as sent out in the email and delete the requirement for an initiation fee from the bylaws". Rick Southwick seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion Passed

Haddock Dinner: Rick Southwick gave a report on what we have in mind for the upcoming Haddock Dinners.

- The first this we need to do is get permission to have the Take-Out dinners and sell tickets in the back of the church before or after mass.
- The plan is to cook the dinners and place them in take-out containers to be picked up outside the gyn. The meal will consist of a 6oz piece of Haddock, mashed potatoes, Vegetables, coleslaw, Tartes sauce, Butter and two cookies for dessert.
- We need to purchase 4oz clear cups with lids for the coleslaw, packets of butter, tartes sauce, 3 compartment foam carryout containers, cutlery with napkins, salt and pepper, T-Shirt Carry-out bags, Sandwich Bags.

- We will not be asking for deserts, but instead will purchase cookie dough and bake the cookies ourselves.
- Matt Pettine investigated setting up a web site that would allow people to purchase dinners online and pay with a credit card. He also is looking at getting a Gismo to swipe credit cards at the back of church. This would cost \$50.00 for the gismo and each credit card transaction cost \$.10 and 2.6% of the sale. Example a \$10.00 dinner we would get \$9.64 if charged.
- Next step is to meet with Terry and Herb to try and come up with a cost per meal to see if this would be worthwhile.
- There was talk about traffic problems and Keven Neeley suggested have everyone drive around back to pick up.
  - Problems with hill and lighting will talk more on this subject.
  - Matt suggested when purchasing tickets, we assign a time block for pickup to stager the traffic as well.

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> Degree Report**

Dennis Guay the Faithfull Navigator announced there is going to be a ZOOM 4<sup>th</sup> degree on February 20<sup>th</sup> if any knights are interested. Registration will be 12PM to 1PM and the ceremony will be 1PM to 2PM. The fee is \$40.00. If interested please contact Dennis, Ray or Terry for the form in advance.

Terry Sylvanus questioned if the applicants can use the online form or do they need the 4-part form to send to the state? Dennis and Ray will check into that and het back to Terry.

Dennis also said that the 4<sup>th</sup> degree also received Thank You cards for the sisters for the gift cards at Christmas.

#### **OLd Business:**

None

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#### **New Business**

None

### **Knight of the Month**

The knight of the month for January was John Chandonnet who was absent from the meeting.

#### January

Our Knight of the Month served our council as Grand Knight for three years. He serves us as our Worthy Recorder, Worthy Program Director, and Worthy Community Program director. He gathers everyone's surge hours either at our council meetings or through e mails, keeping a spread sheet on all the various categories of service. Annually, he summarizes these surge hours and submits the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.

John also serves on the Knight of the Month and the Family of the Month nominating committees. He is a participant on the Sanitizing team and serves as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Altar Server. Prior to COVID-19 he also organized the coffee social after 9:00 am Sunday mass.

John prints the certificates for Knight and Family of the Month and submits articles to both the parish bulletin as well as the newspaper.

Just this past month John planned, organized, and staged the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest with St. Thomas School.

Please join me in congratulating John Chandonnet our Knight of the Month for January.

### **Good of the Order**

Prayer Petitions Included.

Eleanor Leeman

George Watson

Georgia Zuniga

Our Brothers in Haiti

## Closing Prayer

Both the Father J McGivney and the Bill Sheehan prayer, 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 apostle of Christian family life and to lead the youth 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 Michel J McGivney on earth according to the design of your Holy Will. Through his intercession grant the favor I now present through Christ out Lord Amen.

### Bill Sheehan Prayer:

Glory be to the 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 and save all those on our K of C Prayer Line.

## Meeting Adjourned at 8:10

### Next Council Meeting:

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 7PM Officers Zoom Meeting

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 7PM Reguar Zoom Meeting