

## St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2021

### Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021. There were 22 members present.

### Move to Declare This Meeting as an Open Meeting

Ray Sargent made a motion to make this meeting an open meeting – due to a prospective member present. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The meeting was now an open meeting.

### Warden's Report

Acting Warden Dennis Guay attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

### Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus introduced:

- District Warden Ray Sargent
- Brother Jerome Lessard

### Decade of the 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	Kevin LaChapelle	Excused
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Don Leeman	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
Three Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
Two Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
One Year Trustee	Gerry Newport	Excused

### Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the March 2021 meeting minutes, as amended. Rick noted that John Greenlee should have been noted as Knight of the Month for February 2021 and Rick Southwick should have been noted as Knight of the Month for March 2021 – and not visa-versa. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

### Admissions, New Members and Transfers

Membership Director Don Leeman reported a new knight had joined the council: John L'Heureux.

Don Leeman motioned that John L'Heureux be accepted as a new knight in the St. Thomas Council. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:	6728.33
Disbursements:	
Stamps	11.00
Terry – Supplies	13.78
Family of Month	50.00
Supplies KC	42.20
Haddock – supplies	1407.69
Sac Gifts	109.27
Receipts:	
Dues	665.00
Fish Proceeds:	3545.42
50/50	19.00

Donation	19.00
Xfer- former council	1450.27
Ending Balance:	10793.08
Bells:	2367.00
<b>General</b>	<b>8426.08</b>

Ray Sargent 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:

- 149 Total Members
- 68 Insured Members
- 75 Associate Members
- 6 Inactive
- 2 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary report as presented. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Financial Secretary report was accepted as presented.

### **Chaplain Report**

None given.

### **Membership**

No report given.

### **Grand Knight Report**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- There will be a Confirmation at Holy Family Church on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.
- Thanks to all who attended the Zoom Fraternal Benefits Events on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Father Bill requests volunteers to rake up the pine cones in back of Notre Dame Church.

- Star Council Update: the St. Thomas Council is eligible to receive the Columbian Award (FIA programs.) We still need to recruit one more knight in order to qualify for the McGivney Award, the final hurdle to attain Star Council.
- \$500 was presented to Camp Waban from State Charity Fund.
- The St. Thomas Council won \$50 from the Cash Calendar drawing.
- The K of C Maine State Convention will be held in Augusta from May 21 thru May 23.
- St. Thomas School Spring Fever Fair will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Program Director Reports**

Faith Program Director Kevin Neely reported:

- There were 4 adults who were initiated into the faith at the Easter Vigil.
- There will be 32 candidates at the upcoming First Communion/Confirmation service on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The TMIY program has been extremely successful and will continue throughout the Summer.
- Into the Breach Program will run over the next nine weeks.

Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported:

- 83 Faith Service Hours
- 379 Family Service Hours
- 406 Community Service Hours
- 5 Life Service Hours
- 873 Total Surge Service Hours

Life Program Director Ray Sargent:

No report given.

Family Program Director Dennis Guay reported:

- The St. Thomas Council has been asked to work the Acton Fair (August 26 thru 29.) Volunteers will be needed.
- The St. Thomas Council has also been asked to work the concession at Sanford Mainers home games. Again, volunteers will be needed

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

Deputy grand Knight Rick Southwick reported:

- A net profit of \$2,937.86 was realized from the two take-out Haddock dinners on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> respectfully.
- 415 Surge hours were loigged in.

**Old Business**

- There was no old business.

**New Business**

- John Chandonnet, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following progress report on the candidates for the slate of officers for the 2021-22 fiscal year:

Grand Knight	Dennis Breton
Deputy Grand Knight	Don Leeman
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee
Recorder	John Chandonnet
Warden	Kevin LaChapelle
Treasurer	Matt Pettine
Advocate	Jeff Russell
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- Ray Sargent motioned that Fred Daniels be considered as a candidate for State Advocate to be voted at the upcoming Maine State Convention in Augusta. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Fred Daniels will be a State Advocate candidate.
- Rick Southwick motioned that the St. Thomas Council to donate \$100 to Boy Scout Troup #327 for the help they offered for the two take-out haddock suppers. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Remarks from District Deputy**

District Deputy Ray Sargent noted:

- No honor guard will be required at the First Communion/Confirmation ceremony on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church.
- There will be a virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

- There will be a virtual Fraternal Benefits Event on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Lectorer Presentation

- The Easter Octave gospel readings at Mass offer reassuring appearances of Jesus, alive and visiting, ministering to people. The message is: "be not afraid, I am in your midst."
- The second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Mercy is a synonym for Love (St. John-Paul II.)
- Basic message of Jesus - God is love - was delivered in words and in deeds.
- Divine Mercy message: accept the love which God offers you.
- Rejoice, heads up...you are forgiven. Claim your right as a child of God
- This should be the church's main teaching; but it is not reaching people.
- A warning delivered before WWII, as the Fatima message was delivered before WW I
- K of C videos: 2016 conference of Sr. Gaudia Skass, (available via Amazon) on the D.M. painting.
- Feature #1 - the face of Jesus: that of the crucified man... love forgives his killers
- Feature #2: extended pierced right hand in blessing..."I forgive" that is what love does
- Feature #3: rays emanating from the heart...the blood and water of the pierced heart of the dead Jesus. John's passion account: a soldier thrust his lance into his side and immediately flowed water and blood, symbols of the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.
- Feature #4: Jesus' feet.... He is walking to approach us.
- K of C's second video: The FACE OF MERCY (referred to in the last Columbia Mag and in the recent KNIGHTLINE which offers the link to this hour video).
- Sr. Faustina's conviction: I am not alone: We will accomplish this (the resurrected XT is with us)
- D.M. Devotion includes praying the chaplet, Eucharistic adoration which not only to honor Jesus but to lead us to a life of charity, love & mercy, and forgiving.
- "God is love" God creates man in His image, we are made by Love to love...it is our nature to love. We live fulfilled lives when we love, the key to personal happiness
- Forgiveness liberates the offender and the offended ;
- Examples in the video: Rwandan genocide survivor, a widow, a wounded policeman, John-Paul II and his would be assassin. "Lord, may I forgive as I am forgiven; help me love as you love me."

- This is the message of the Divine Merciful Jesus: "let us place our trust in Jesus and his message."

### **Knight of the Month**

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus awarded April Knight of the Month to Matt Pettine. Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Matt Pettine:

*"St. Thomas Council is proud to award Knight of the Month for April 2021 to Matt Pettine, who has been a Knight for eleven years.*

*Many of his years in the Knights of Columbus have been spent serving as Treasurer for the St. Thomas Council. As Treasurer, Matt works hand in hand with the Financial Secretary ensuring that all financial accounting, audits, and reports are completed in a timely manner. Matt has also coordinated several fundraising sub accounts for St. Thomas School and the church bells fundraiser to name a few.*

*Matt was very instrumental in setting up the credit card online system for the council-sponsored Lenten Haddock Dinners and coordinated several volunteers from the Boy Scouts to help with the take-out Haddock suppers.*

*Matt Pettine volunteers on many council programs that include church sanitizing, the Keep Christ ion Christmas Poster Contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Matt is also involved with St. Thomas School, The Boy Scouts and Basketball coaching.*

*The St. Thomas Council congratulates Matt Pettine for his dedication and hard work!"*

### **50/50 Raffle**

- Charles LaChapelle won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$20. Charles donated the money back to the council.

### **Good of the Order**

Prayer petitions included:

- Joanne Cusack
- Shelly Carpenter
- Adreanne Fontaine
- Rebecca
- David Murphy Family
- Joe Sylvanus
- Ed Butler
- Mitch Lizotte
- Judith Spiers
- Dennis L'Heureux
- Heather Lawrence

### 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 8:01 p.m.**

### Next Council Meeting

The next Officer's zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2021

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021.