

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2021

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021. There were 26 members present.

Warden's Report

Warden Kevin LaChapelle attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

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	Excused
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Kevin LaChapelle	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Don Leeman	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Present
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Present
One Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
Two Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
Three Year Trustee	Gerry Newport	Present

Recognition of Distinguished Gueste

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Brother Henry Monday
- Brother Jerome Lessard
- District Warden Ray Sargent
- Limerick Council Grand Knight Jon Decenses

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the April 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. George Kanelos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Admissions, New Members and Transfers

Membership Chair Don Leeman reported that two new knights have joined the St. Thomas Council. They are John and Josh Murphy.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following disbursements and receipts:

Starting Balance: \$10792.08

Disbursements:

Family of Month	50.00
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Boy Scouts	100.00
Liturgical Pub	628.00

Receipts:

Dues	90.00
50/50	20.00
Donation	20.00
Fish Supper	24.00

Calendar Proceeds	<u>50.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$10,168.08
Less Bells:	<u>2367.00</u>
General:	\$ 7,801.08

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

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 150 Total Members
- 69 Insured Members
- 75 Associate Members
- 6 Inactive
- 2 Honorary Members
- 36 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

Don Leeman made a motion 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

None given.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- Lindsay Duchesneau and Alexia Co-Chair the PTO at St Thomas School. St. Thomas School is hosting the Annual Spring Fever Fair this year on Saturday, May 29th at St Thomas School. They are in need of more hands on deck for the night before the event, set up and clean-up day of the event and any pop ups available to use the day of the event. They would welcome help. Friday, May 28th late afternoon to early evening, they need help loading yard sale items and boxes in the U-haul at St Ignatius Gym. They also need help on Saturday May 29th - set up 6 am and clean up 3pm.

- Boy Scouts from Troup 327 raked pine combs behind Notre Dame Church. Special thanks goes out to Scout Master Matt Pettine.
- The Knights of Columbus has secured six dates to work the concession during Sanford Mainers home games. The dates and arrival times are as follows:
 - Friday June 4th, arrive at 5:00pm, game at 6:30pm
 - Sunday June 6th, arrive at 3:00pm, game at 4:30pm
 - Friday June 11th, arrive at 5:00pm, game at 6:30pm
 - Saturday June 19th, arrive at 5:00pm, game at 6:30pm
 - Friday July 9th, arrive at 5:00pm, game at 6:30pm
 - Friday July 30th. Arrive at 5:00pm, game at 6:30pm

If interested in helping out, contact Dennis Guay at 632-2945.

- The St. Thomas Council is now eligible to receive another Star Council Award, as two new knights have been recruited. See Admissions, New Members and Transfers report.
- We have landed on the official date for the convent furnishings liquidation sale. The sale will be held Saturday June 12th from 9am to 3pm on site at the convent. We need volunteers to assist in advertising, planning/organizing, pricing, and moving all the furniture down to the first floor. All those willing to help please e mail me so I can get a list of helpers and begin this process. ALL proceeds will go directly to St. Thomas School. The committee will consist of Terry Sylvanus, John Chandonnet, Herb Littlefield and Ray Sargent.
- St. Anslem's Road to Hope walkers will once again stop at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish for a spaghetti supper and overnight stay. They plan to arrive on August 17th and depart on August 18th.
- Ray Wallace and Kevin Neely will deliver a presentation in order to solicit help from the St. Thomas Council to clean and restore various shrines on the grounds at the Brothers in Alfred.

Program Director Reports

- Faith Program Director Kevin Neely reported:

The St. Thomas Council will initiate an Into the Breach program. This program will run on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am at the Parish Hall. There will be 12 sessions in all.

- Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported:

169	Faith service hours
552	Family service hours
504	Community service hours
5	Life service hours
1,180	Total Surge service hours

- Life Program Director Ray Sargent reported:

On Tuesday, May 18, six Pro-Life bills will go before the State House for a vote.

- Family Program Director Dennis Guay reported:

No report given. However, Grand Knight Terry sylvanus mentioned the six dates the Knights of Columbus has at the Concession during Sanford Mainers home games.

Deputy Grand Knight

- No report given.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

John Chandonnet, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following slate of officer candidates for the 2021-22 fiscal year to be voted on:

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
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After calling three times for nominations from the floor, Advocate Don Leeman motioned that nominations cease. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Nominating Committee Chair John Chandonnet cast one ballot for the candidates. Ballot was approved and presented candidates will now be the council's new officers for the 2021-22 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Remarks from District Warden

District Warden Ray Sargent reported:

- There will be a memorial mass for all our deceased knights. Date to be determined.
- Fred Daniels is nominated as State Advocate.

Brother Henry Monday

Brother Henry Monday reported that much work has to be done to restore the shrines at the Brothers in Alfred.

Ray Wallace proposed the following:

- There is work needed on the shrines.
- The stones need some attention.
- There are dead trees threatening the shrines and those who wish to worship there as well.
- It's important to note that the terrain from the road to the shrine is tough. Perhaps this might be addressed as well.
- Propose the date of Saturday, June 5, 2021 to begin the work.
- I think it best to have two shifts. I will be present on site at the Brothers at 8:30am.
- I will also be present on site at the Brothers at 1:00pm for those who are not early risers.

I hope to see you there!

Lector Presentation

Brother Jerome Lessard delivered the following presentation on The Risen Lord:

How did the Apostles continue to relate to Jesus now in heaven? From face-to-face conversion while he was on earth...to praying to Him. The conversations they were used to having now become a prayer, each maintaining contact with Jesus. When we pray we are continuing this practice.

An introduction to Jesuit Fr. James Martin's latest book, LEARNING TO PRAY, a conversation on private prayer.

Highlights from his chapter 1 on personal prayer

- Every person can pray, there is no wrong way to pray, each person has their own comfort approach.
- Prayer is basically a one-on-one personal conversation with God/Jesus, but it should be a two-way communication...both parties talk and listen.
- Prayer calls for faith, faith in God, belief in an unconditionally loving God, a God who is accessible, who wants to relate with us in a very personal way.
- One's way of praying is personal and evolving, a child's prayer is not a husband's prayer and is not that of an octogenarian or widower.
- Personal prayer may rely on formulas as a starter (to get God's attention) and can happen in any setting. Where you are, God is.

It is better if one takes time to pray, making it a conscious effort. This prayer truly enriches one's life because it reveals how the loving God is active in one's life. Hence prayer gives meaning to one's life.

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If these thoughts appeal to you, take up this book (or one of so many on Prayer)

We Knights recite formal prayer and hopefully enjoy a rich personal prayer life, the fruit of years as a practicing Catholic. Perhaps some of us are called to become ambassadors of prayer to the younger generation or to persons still in search of meaning to their life. Let's not miss this opportunity and thus accept ascending Jesus' parting invitation to make disciples of his in every nation.

Knight of the Month

- Jim Sanger was named May Knight of the Month. Since Jim was not present at the meeting, Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus will present the award at the June 10th council meeting.

50/50 Raffle

- Brother Jerome Lessard won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$15. Brother Jerome will donate his winnings to a charity of his choosing.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Joe Sylvanus
- James Sylvanus
- Adrienne Fontaine
- Rob Martin
- Jasmine Chaloux
- Heather Lawrence

- Juan Jalbert

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, June 6, 2021

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021.