

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council # 13861 meeting was called to order by Grand Knight John Chandonnet at 6:58 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024. 20 knights were present.

Decade of the Rosary

Chancellor Ron Robichaud led the council in a decade of the rosary to lead our country to a culture of life.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Knight John Chandonnet led the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Roll Call

The officer roll call was taken and recorded by Recorder Jonathan Brock. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight, John Chandonnet:	Present
Deputy Grand Knight, Greg Cyr:	Present
Chancellor, Ron Robichaud:	Present
Chaplain, Fr. Bill Labbe:	Excused
Financial Secretary, John Greenlee:	Present
Recorder, Jonathan Brock:	Excused
Warden, Aaron Downs:	Excused
Treasurer, Matthew Pettine:	Present
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	Present
Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud:	Present
Inside Guard, Gerry Newport:	Present
Lecturer, Br. Jerome Lessard:	Excused
3rd Year Trustee, Jerry Nulton:	Present
2nd Year Trustee, Terry Sylvanus:	Present
1st Year Trustee, Ray Sargent:	Present

Reading of the Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Gerry Newport motioned to accept the October council meeting minutes as submitted. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The October 2024 minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Matthew Pettine reported:

Starting Balance:	5764.06
Disbursements:	

St Thomas (suppers)	886.00
Maine State Council	100.00
Joseph Beale RSVP	250.00
Walmart	9.70
Dollar Tree	7.91
Walmart	107.30
BJ's	27.47
BJ's	19.98
BJ's	20.00
McDougal's	37.70
Receipts:	
St. Thomas Supper	886.00
50/50	10.00
Donation	10.00
BJ's (Refund)	11.99
Ending Balance:	5215.99
Christmas Party:	617.88
Food Pantry:	450.00
General Fund:	4,148.11

Financial Secretary's Report

FS John Greenlee reported:

146 Total Membership
81 Associate Members
57 Insured Members
8 Inactive Members
1 Honorary Member
32 Honorary Life Members
5 Exempt Members

Dues next month should be collected by the 15th.

\$500.00 will be issued to the food pantry per the budget.

A \$400.00 check for matching funds from Supreme Council was received. Chancellor Ron Robichaud to deliver to Alpha Pregnancy Center on Monday, November 18.

Grand Knight's Report

GK John Chandonnet reported:

- [GK John] met with St. Thomas School Principal Angela Madigan on October 25th to kick off both the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest (open to all grades) and the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest (open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders.) We are awarding a \$50 Walmart gift card for the winning poster in each grade and a \$25 Walmart gift for the runner-up poster in each grade. We are also awarding a \$100 Walmart gift card for the best essay and a \$50 Walmart gift card for the second best

essay. Tiffany Bourque, a sixth grade teacher will be judging the posters. For the past years, Martin McKeon had judged the essays; but has since retired. Posters and essays are due on Friday, December 13th. Father Bill will present gift cards to all the winners and runners-up at a mass for the St. Thomas School students on December 18th.

- There was a raking party at the home of Steve and Mary Gannaway on Saturday, November 9th, starting at 9:00 to rake pine needles. Five knights worked three hours to get the job done.
- [GK John] awarded the family of Jonathan, Catherine and Clara Brock as Family of the Month for the month of November prior to the 10:00 service this past Sunday.
- Total expenses on our K of C credit card for our November 2nd Turkey dinner:

\$841.18
- \$11.99

\$831.19

SURGE Service Hours to Date

GK John Chandonnet reported the following service hours to date:

Faith Service Hours:	894
Family Service Hours:	1613
Community Service Hours:	395
Life Service Hours:	104
Total Service Hours:	2163

New Business

2nd Year Trustee Terry Sylvanus reported that the council collected approximately \$1857 from the turkey dinner. This netted around a \$1000 profit.

1st Year Trustee Ray Sargent suggested holding the Fourth Degree Assembly meeting and St. Thomas Third Degree Council meeting on the same night, at the same place (St. Thomas cafeteria) on the first Monday of the month. After discussion it was proposed that the Fourth Degree Assembly meeting would be held at 6:15 pm, followed by the Third Degree Council meeting at 7:00 pm. The change would be effective for the next month with the next Third Degree Council Meeting held Monday, December 2 at 7:00 pm. In the event of holiday or snow storm, the plan is to hold the meeting on the second Monday of the month pending availability of the school cafeteria. Ray would also ensure the church bulletin be updated with the new meeting information. A motion was made to enact this proposal by Gerry Newport and seconded by Greg Cyr. The motion passed.

1st Year Trustee Ray Sargent confirmed that the the turkey dinner raised \$1025.81, and that the Fourth Degree Assembly would match \$974.19 to make a total \$2000.00 fund for the parish building capital campaign.

There was discussion of holding another turkey dinner fundraiser in January. The third Saturday in January was proposed. The turkey quantity to order will be revised based on lessons from the first turkey dinner. A motion to hold another turkey dinner on the third Saturday of January pending cafeteria availability was made by Ray Sargent and seconded by Rick Southwick.

The next St. Thomas school bean supper will be Saturday, December 7.

Deputy Grand Knight Greg Cyr remarked that we will need to set up the Christmas creche. It was mentioned that a good time to do it may be after That Man is You on a Saturday morning.

Bob Demers thanked John Greenlee for providing all the squash for the turkey dinner fundraiser.

Ray Sargent mentioned that the new owners of Jerry's Market went to great lengths to support the council's turkey dinner. When the order of potatoes for the turkey dinner arrived at the store and was home fry cut potatoes instead of mashed potatoes the new owners wanted to make sure the food for the dinner still went as planned. They proceeded to peel, cook, and mash 60 lbs. of potatoes in time for the dinner. A certificate of appreciation will be issued to Jerry's Market.

Inside Guard Gerry Newport stated that the Kid's Christmas Party will be held at the VFW on Saturday, December 14. Help is needed at 9am that day to set up. \$3688.00 has been raised so far for the Christmas Party. Gerry anticipated another ~\$200.00 from the Springvale Council. The VFW donated the use of their hall.

On Sunday, December 15 from 12-4 pm there is a Knights of Columbus Christmas party and yankee swap at the St. Thomas school cafeteria. This is sponsored by the Fourth Degree Assembly.

Guest Field Agent Aaron Weiss remarked that those over the age of 73 should maximize distributions to avoid tax burden.

Ray Sargent suggested a church drive for membership. We still need eight new members this fiscal year.

District Deputy Remarks

Winning names and posters from the Keep Christ in Christmas contest need to be submitted for the State Council winter meeting.

The National March for Life is on Friday, January 24 in Washington, DC. The Roman Catholic Dioceses of Portland has arranged for travel to the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world!

March for Life Itinerary:

Thursday, January 23

6 am - pick up at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

Noon - stop for lunch

5 pm - estimated time of arrival at Westin Washington, DC Downtown

Mass in evening with Bishop James Ruggieri

Friday, January 24

11 am - pre-rally concert

Noon to 1 pm - Rally

1 pm to 4 pm - March

5 pm - pick up at hotel for travel back to Maine

Cost for college students (18+) is \$100 per person, double occupancy.

Cost for all others is \$300 per person, double occupancy.

Space is limited to 44 individuals, first come, first served. Reservations must be secured by [December] 8, 202[4] through Dube Travel. Contact Terry Carpentier at tcarpentier@dubetravel.com or 207-241-5276.

Knight of the Month

Michael Roy was selected as the Knight of the Month.

50/50 Drawing

Gerry Newport won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$36, which Gerry donated back to the council.

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Shirley Sheehan

Paul McNutt

Terry Sylvanus

Georgette Zuniga

Rob Martin

Gerry Nulton

David Wright

Connie Littlefield

Paul Cunningham

Steve Gannaway

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.

Next Council/Zoom Meeting

The next council meeting will be on Monday, December 2 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan T. Brock
Recorder