

MINUTES OF ST. THOMAS COUNCIL MEETING – 8 FEBRUARY 2024

Grand Knight John Chandonnet called the meeting to order at 7PM. Prior to the start of the meeting, Chancellor Ron Robichaud led a decade of the rosary for the unborn. GK John opened the meeting by leading the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers – all were present except Father Bill, Trustee Terry Sylvanus and Family Director Greg Cyr who were excused. Rene Robichaud was absent. At the meeting, there were 22 members including DD Kevin Lafreniere and Fraternal Benefits Representative Aaron Weiss. GK John acknowledged the presence of DD Kevin and PSD Ray Sargent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published on email. The motion to accept was made by Trustee George K. and seconded by Gerry Newport. The motion passed.

Treasurer Matt Pettine's reported a balance of \$4772.42 with \$100 for the children's Christmas party and \$420 for the food closet.

FS John Greenlee reported there are currently 156 members. He received \$555 in dues and read a thank you note from the State Deputy for our donation to the Lewiston Relief Fund. He added that 14 non-active members will be added to the state affiliate list and 38 members still have not paid their dues for the year.

Grand Knight Report:

- Jeff and Barbara Russell are moving to Kentucky. Mike Roy and his wife will be taking their place managing the food closet.
- Terry Sylvanus stepped down as membership director and sending birthday cards. GK John is looking for a replacement.
- GK John attended a planning meeting for Father Bill's 25th anniversary of his ordination on May 25th. It will begin with a noon mass in Limerick on June 3 and then a barbeque put on by the Knights. RSVP's will be sent out for a head count. The next meeting is on March 5 at 4PM.
- A men's retreat will be held in Lisbon Falls on February 17. All are invited to attend. See John.
- The monthly zoom meeting is held the first Sunday of every month and everyone is invited to attend. FS John sends the link with the minutes every month.

Lecturer Report:

Brother Jerome was absent, so no report.

Faith in Action:

GK John said the Faith Program reported 524 faith, 162 family, 56 community and 104 life service hours so far this year. Life Director Ron said that on January 21 they led the Life rosary program and the walk around Holy Family Church.

New Business:

- GK John read a thank you note from the Childrens' party team.
- Ray moved we donate \$150 to the Youth Ministry Program for a bus to take the kids to Windham for a day of tubing. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. It passed.
- Ray moved we table the request for donations to the hermit nun in Waterville who is sponsored by the Waterville Council. Trustee George seconded the motion. It passed.
- Paul Normand reported on the warming shelter at Lafayette School. He said they are in need of zero gravity chairs. Gerry moved we donate \$260 to purchase 2 chairs. Kevin Neely seconded the motion which passed. A couple members made personal donations after the meeting.
- Gerry Newport said he received permission to sell Parish Raffle tickets at the Haddock suppers.

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- Aaron Weiss said he is moving to Acton and may transfer to our council. He said there is a FBE in Kennebunk tomorrow.
- Bob Demers said that the Principal said she could use 10-15 more tables for their Spring Fever Fair. We are going to check if we have any they can borrow.
- Ray read the letter from Terry asking for volunteers for the Haddock suppers. Kevin and Paul Normand volunteered to work mornings.

DD Report:

DD Kevin and GK John presented PGK Dennis Breton with the Columbian Award the council earned last year. Kevin then read the letter from SD Jon Harvey which included the need to recruit new members and listed the due dates for the reports, resolutions, requests, etc.

Good of the Order:

- GK John presented the Knight of the month to Treasurer Rick Southwick.
- Ray won the 50-50 which was donated to the council.
- Prayers were requested for Jesus Zunia, Bruno Valdez, Georgette Zunia, Mike Roy, Nancy L'Heureux, Jeannette Chandonnet, Bill Flynn, Joe Sylvanus, Paul Cunningham, Louis Coluni, Eleanor Leeman, Don Leeman, Shirley Newport, Bill Sheehan, Paul McNutt, James Sylvanus, Thomas Travis, Josn Breton, John Dicentes friend who just passed and Lewis Robichaud.
- The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, March 14.
- Closing prayers were said for all of our deceased members as well as those listed above. GK John recited the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael J McGivney, the Bill Sheehan prayer, a Hail Mary and Glory Be. The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Sargent, PSD, Recorder

GRAND KNIGHT – John Chandonnet

CHAPLAIN – Father Wilfred Labbe

TREASURER – Matt Pettine

CHANCELLOR – Ron Robichaud

TRUSTEES – Terry Sylvanus (3 yrs), Jerry Nulton (2 yrs), George Kanalos (1 yr)

INSIDE GUARD – Gerry Newport

LECTURER – Brother Jerome Lessard

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Don Leeman

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – John Greenlee

RECORDER – Raymond Sargent, PSD

WARDEN – Aaron Downs

OUTSIDE GUARD – Rene Robichaud

ADVOCATE – Greg Cyr