

MINUTES OF ST. THOMAS COUNCIL MEETING – 14 MARCH 2024

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

Roll call of officers – all were present except Chaplain Father Bill, DGK Don Leeman, Treasurer Matt Pettine, Advocate Ron Robichaud, Inside Guard Gerry Newport and Trustee Jerry Nulton were excused. Trustee George Kanolas was absent. There were 12 members present as well as District Warden John Dientes and prospect Richard Caroti. GK John acknowledged the presence of DW John, Brother Jerome and PSD Ray Sargent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published on email. The motion to accept was made by Recorder Ray and seconded by Trustee Terry. The motion passed.

Treasurer Matt Pettine's report included a balance of \$6,146.17 with \$204 dedicated to the children's Christmas party and \$420 for the food closet.

FS John Greenlee reported there are currently 156 members with 28 who haven't paid dues for the year. He said suspension letters will be sent out soon.

Grand Knight Report:

- Kevin Lafreniere's family was named Family of the month.
- The Waypoint Telethon will be June 1. GK John will check to see what our involvement will be. I asked if we got the check from our Tootsie Roll proceeds but nobody knew so I will check with Anthony Alfiero.
- GK John reported 644 community service, 108 Faith, 77 Family and 104 Life hours this year.
- GK John attended another planning meeting for Father Bill's 25th anniversary of his ordination on May 25th. The celebration will begin with a noon mass in Limerick on June 23 and then a barbeque put on by the Knights. RSVP's will be sent out for a head count.
- 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.

Faith in Action:

- GK John said the Faith Program reported 572 community, 180 faith, 77 family, and 104 life program service hours so far this year.
- Family Director Greg reported we have committed to working the concession stand at 8 Sanford Mainers games, the first of which is June 6.
- FIA Program Director Terry said that we are in good shape for meeting all the requirements for the Columbian Award. He is ordering prayer cards for the Consecration of the Holy Family which will be held on July 27-29. He made the motion the council spend \$105 for materials. It was seconded by Jim Sanger. The motion passed.

New Business:

- GK John listed the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers for next year. Continuing for another year are GK John, DGK Greg Cyr, Chancellor Ron, FS John, Treasurer Matt, Warden Aaron, IG Gerry, OG Rene, and Lecturer Brother Jerome. Vacancies include Recorder, Advocate and 3 year trustee. Trustees Terry and Jerry do not have to be re-elected.
- Bob Demers said that Principal Madigan 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.
- PD Terry said that Sharon Kostis asked for a donation to the Spring Fever Fair on April 28. He made the motion we spend up to \$300 to purchase 2 bicycles. Greg seconded the motion. It passed.
- GK John said he appointed himself and Recorder Ray as delegates to the State Convention. He asked if anyone was interested in being an alternate. Nobody responded. Terry made the motion to spend up to \$1,000 for the delegates to attend the convention.
- Terry said that Donna Landry had heart surgery and is recuperating. Her house is boarded up due to a fire on the second floor. He will look into what her needs are.
Terry said he found materials to present as gifts for the 25 candidates for confirmation. He made the motion to spend \$200 on them. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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- Terry said that Father Bill asked the council to sell the contents of the rectory in Springvale one day in April. Proceeds to go to the Capital Fund. Terry made the motion and Greg seconded that we support the sale. The motion passes.
- GK John said we need to nominate a family of the year by the end of the month. Ray moved that the GK and Family Director decide who to nominate from the list on monthly winners. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Terry made the motion that we donate \$500 to offset the moving costs Father Bill incurred this month. The motion was seconded by Warden Aaron. The motion passed.
- GK John asked that we support Father Bill's Jubilee on June 23. Cost of barbeque to be shared among the councils and assemblies. Terry moved that we support the event financially and with manpower. Romeo seconded the motion.

Lecturer Report:

- Brother Jerome talked about the many Catholics who are no longer practicing their faith. He read the book "Return" which discusses how and why to bring them back in a loving way.

DD Report:

DW John said that their council is working at the St Paddy's supper this Saturday. There will also be a silent auction. Cost is \$15 and proceeds go to the church. Hours 4-6 before the 6pm mass.

Good of the Order:

- GK John presented the Knight of the month to Aaron Downs.
- Terry won the 50-50 which was donated to the council. (\$12)
- 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, Joan Breton.
- The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 11. At that meeting Aaron Weiss will make a presentation that should meet our FTE requirements.
- 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 8:13PM.

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