

MINUTES OF ST. THOMAS COUNCIL MEETING – 11 APRIL 2024

Grand Knight John Chandonnet called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. Prior to the start of the meeting, PSD Ray Sargent, Recorder 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, Advocate Ron Robichaud, Inside Guard Gerry Newport, Lecturer Brother Jerome Lessard, and Trustee Jerry Nulton were excused. Trustee George Kanolas was absent. There were 21 members and guests present as well as District Deputy Kevin LaFreniere and District Warden John Dientes. Proposed new members Richard Caroti, Ralph Mitchell, Dennis Oliveira and Jonathan Brock were present. GK John acknowledged the presence of Connie Littlefield, DD Kevin, DW John and PSD Ray.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published on email. The motion to accept was made by DGK Don Leeman and seconded by Trustee Terry Sylvanus.

Treasurer Matt Pettine's report included a balance of \$11,513.56 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 12 under suspension because they haven't paid dues for several years. He said suspension letters were sent out.

Grand Knight Report:

- GK John reported that Bob Demers purchased the 2 bikes for the St Thomas School Fair.
- The Waypoint Telethon will be June 1. GK John will check to see what our involvement will be.
- GK John announced the upcoming exemplification for the candidates. It will be held after the 10AM mass on Sunday followed by coffee and donuts at St Thomas School cafeteria.
- Trustee Terry made the motion to donate \$2,000 from the haddock supper profits to St Thomas School. The motion was seconded by PSD Ray. The motion passed. GK John will make arrangements to present the check to the school Principal Madigan.

Faith in Action:

- Program Director Terry said that the weekend of April 27-28 will be the Consecration of the Holy Family. Help will be needed on April 25th at the parish office to stuff flyers in the bulletins and to hand out prayer cards before each mass.
- Family Director Greg asked for consensus to hold a yard sale at Father Bill's old residence in Springvale. PSD Ray suggested the sale be held on Saturday, April 20 from 8AM – 3PM. All were in agreement.
- FD Greg discussed Sanford Mainers concession stand schedule including June 13 which conflicts with the regular meeting date. It was agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday, June 12 to eliminate the conflict. We 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.

New Business:

- PSD Ray said that Supreme asked all councils to donate to the ASAP program like we did last year. Checks to be given to the State Council at the convention. PSD Ray moved that we donate \$200 which was seconded by FD Greg. The motion passed.
- 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, 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 suggested we hold the Tootsie Roll Drive in October. We may be able to stand outside Walmart and Shaws this year. Need to get new aprons.
- PSD Ray said the next Fourth Degree exemplification will be in Rockland on May 18th and encouraged all third degree members to consider making their fourth degree. He made the motion to purchase a full page ad with the Assembly for \$75. FD Greg seconded the motion. It passed.

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- Bob Demers said he met with Principal Madigan about the council help put on monthly suppers as a fund raiser for the school. He will provide more information at the next meeting.
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Lecturer Report:

- Brother Jerome is recuperating from a heart attack on March 25.

DD Report:

None given.

FBE:

Fraternal Benefits Representative Aaron Weiss made an excellent presentation about financial planning and the ability to care for those we leave behind. He said 80% of parishioners are underinsured. He proceeded to answer all our questions.

Good of the Order:

- OG Rene Robichaud won the 50-50 which he donated to the council. (\$22)
- Prayers were requested for Brother Jerome and Terry Sylvanus.
- The next meeting will be at 7:00PM on Thursday, May 9.
- 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 7:55PM followed by refreshments and socialization..

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Sargent, PSD, Recorder

GRAND KNIGHT – John Chandonnet

CHAPLAIN – Father Wilfred Labbe

TREASURER – Matt Pettine

CHANCELLOR – Ron Robichaud

INSIDE GUARD – Gerry Newport

LECTURER – Brother Jerome Lessard

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

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Don Leeman

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – John Greenlee

RECORDER – Raymond Sargent, PSD

WARDEN – Aaron Downs

OUTSIDE GUARD – Rene Robichaud

ADVOCATE – Greg Cyr