

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2024

Installation of Officers

The meeting was preceded by the installation of officers for the new fiscal year. District Warden Jon Dientes conducted the following installation ceremony for the new St. Thomas Council officers for the upcoming 2024-2025 fiscal year:

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

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council # 13861 meeting was called to order by Grand Knight John Chandonnet at 7:20pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. 17 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:	Present

Warden, Aaron Downs:	Absent
Treasurer, Matt Pettine:	Excused
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	Present
Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud:	Present
Inside Guard, Gerry Newport:	Present
Lector, Br. Jerome Lessard:	Excused
1st Year Trustee, Ray Sargent:	Present
2nd Year Trustee, Terry Sylvanus:	Present
3rd Year Trustee, Jerry Nulton:	Excused

Reading of the Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Don Leeman motioned to accept the May 2024 council meeting minutes as submitted. Greg Cyr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The May 2024 minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance:	7007.46
Disbursements:	
KC – Supplies	5.25
KC – Exemplification Fee	55.00
Receipts:	
Reimburse	50.00
Donate	8.00
Cash Cals	130.00
Dues	120.00
50/50	15.00
Donate	5.00
Ending Balance:	7285.21
Christmas Party:	267.88
Food Closet:	420.00
General Fund:	6597.33

Financial Secretary's Report

149	Total Membership
86	Associate Members
55	Insured Members
8	Inactive Members
34	Honorary Life Members
6	Disability Members

Grand Knight's Report

GK John attended Fr. Bill's 25th jubilee meeting on Wednesday, June 5th. The date of the jubilee will be Sunday, June 23rd at St. Matthews Church in Limerick. There will be a 12-noon mass, followed by the festivities. The Limerick Council will purchase the food and beverage. The total cost will be divided equally among the St. Thomas Council, the Springvale Council, both 4th

Degree Assemblies and the Limerick Council. The Limerick Council has not arrived at a cost; but the approximate head count will be 300. During the June 12 meeting a motion was made, seconded, and accepted to gift Fr. Bill \$250 from the St. Thomas Council.

GK John thanked Greg Cyr, Terry Sylvanus and Richard Caroti for volunteering at Waypoint's Music Fest on Saturday, June 1. GK John also received emails from Kristina Billings, Manager of Events & Office Administration and Jennifer Putnam, Executive Director of Waypoint thanking volunteers for their support of the event.

St. Thomas Knights worked the concession at Sanford Mainers home opener on Thursday, June 6th. Present were Don Leeman, Terry Sylvanus, Rene Robichaud, Romeo Zuniga, Richard Caroti, Dennis Breton, John Chandonnet, Greg Cyr, as well as wives of Knights and other volunteers.

Trustee Ray Sargent received a letter from State Deputy Jon Harvey thanking councils for their support during his term as State Deputy, and for their fundraising efforts at state convention. In his letter SD Jon Harvey also urged the councils to continue recruitment efforts to hit our goal by end of June given by Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly (74 new members at time of writing).

SURGE Service Hours to Date

Grand Knight John Chandonnet indicated the following service hours to date:

Faith Service Hours:	680
Family Service Hours:	677
Community Service Hours:	102
Life Service Hours:	104
Total Service Hours:	1,563

New Business

Trustee Terry Sylvanus announced that there is a non-profit night at the Sanford Mainers game on July 24. Terry ordered K of C brochures as if we participate this could be a good opportunity to recruit new members. To be discussed further at July 11 regular meeting.

IG Gerry Newport is looking for a volunteer to show how to run the childrens' Christmas party.

DGK Greg Cyr stated that the council is seeking volunteers for the Acton Fair.

Bob Demers provided an update on the St. Thomas School monthly bean supper plan. The PTO is in agreement they will support. The planned months are September - May, but not in conflict with other bean suppers or fish dinners. The planned time and date would be the first Saturday of the month after 4pm Mass.

There was discussion of participating in the Elks June 15 Flag Day ceremony.

The St. Thomas Council was slated to volunteer for Operation Wheelchair at Togus VA Medical Center on June 23. Because this date conflicted with Fr. Bill's jubilee, GK John planned to call coordinator Joe Murphy to swap dates with another council.

The St. Thomas Council received a supreme award for our Into The Breach program, including a plaque.

DGK Greg Cyr stated that the council's parade banner is now in the storage closet at the school.

Trustee Ray Sargent noted that of 60 councils in Maine, the St. Thomas Council is one of five to make star council status.

Trustee Terry Sylvanus asked each member present to commit to getting one new member this year.

Trustee Terry Sylvanus proposed a blanket order for official K of C T-shirts to save on shipping and have stock on hand for members who want to buy them. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to spend \$350 on K of C t-shirts for the blanket order.

Knight of the Month

Richard Caroti was selected as the Knight of the Month.

50/50 Drawing

Jonathan Brock won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$15, which Jonathan donated back to the council.

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Bob Demers
Br. Jerome Lessard

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 Officer's Zoom Meeting will be on Sunday, July 7th at 7:00 pm.

The next Council meeting will be on Thursday, July 11th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan T. Brock, Recorder*