

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2025

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council # 13861 meeting was called to order by Grand Knight John Chandonnet at 7:04 pm on Monday, March 3, 2025. 23 knights and one guest were present. Ray Sargent motioned that the guest be admitted to the meeting, Terry Sylvanus seconded. The motion passed.

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:	Excused
Treasurer, Matthew Pettine:	Present
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	Absent
Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud:	Present
Inside Guard, Gerry Newport:	Absent
Lecturer:	Vacant
3rd Year Trustee, Jerry Nulton:	Excused
2nd Year Trustee, Terry Sylvanus:	Present
1st Year Trustee, Ray Sargent:	Present

Reading of the Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Dennis Breton motioned to accept the February council meeting minutes as submitted. Greg Cyr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The February 2025 minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Matthew Pettine reported:

Starting Balance:	4864.89
Disbursements:	
St. Thomas	1000
Prayer Cards	8.60
Receipts:	
Dues	300
T-Shirts	65
Bean Supper	959
50/50 & Donation	27
Ending Balance:	5207.29
Christmas Party:	117.88
Food Pantry:	50
General Fund:	5039.41

Financial Secretary's Report

FS John Greenlee reported:

146 Total Membership
80 Associate Members
58 Insured Members
8 Inactive Members
1 Honorary Member
32 Honorary Life Members
5 Exempt Members

Dues: as of last count we were down to 32 Knights with outstanding dues.

Grand Knight's Report

Grand Knight John Chandonnet reported:

Rick Southwick suggested that [GK John] compose and distribute a letter to all members outlining all projects in which the council is involved and suggesting that everyone get involved with the council. [GK John] did so and [he] heard from a few brother knights over the past week.

GK John heard from Bill Sheehan, Brother Jerome, Gerard Burggren, and David Wright.

A relative of Gerald T. Schulmaire informed GK John that Gerald had passed away.

GK John reported that in general, he's glad he sent out that letter, as we are making an effort to get in touch with all our brothers. I hope to hear from more of our brothers.

GK John also stated that he will lead the Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church on Friday, March 7th at 4:00 pm.

Program Directors' Report

2nd Year Trustee Terry Sylvanus reported:

In order for the Council to support sacramental gifts, we need to get a list of names for confirmation and first communion candidates. Terry to get list of names from Kim Parello.

Faith in Action program summary with points earned towards Columbian Award--

Faith: Into the Breach (*2 pts*), RSVP (*2 pts*), TMIY (*1 pt*), Sacramental Gifts (*planned--1 pt*).

Family: Food for Families (*2 pts*), Keep Christ in Christmas (*1 pt*), Childrens' Christmas Party (*1 pt*).

Community: Essay Contest (*1 pt*), Helping Hands [community service] (*1 pt*), St. Thomas Bean Suppers (*1 pt*), Lenten Haddock Dinners (*1 pt*), Tootsie Roll Drive (*1 pt*).

Life: ASAP Support (*2 pts*), March for Life (*2 pts*), Special Olympics (*2 pts*), Novena for Life (*planned*).

Novena for Life will be a nine day prayer program, March 25 to April 2 at 7pm.. Terry reported that permission was received from F.r Bill to do the novena in church. The novena will be live streamed from the church and promoted in the bulletin. There will be prayer cards. The week prior to the novena we will hand out prayer cards. The intent is to also put the novena on the K of C state calendar.

Baby Bottle Drive: Though we have some bottles from last year that can be reused, more are needed for fundraising this year. We ran out of bottles last year which may have hampered our efforts. Terry ordered 140 of the baby bottles to replenish the Council's stock for this year's fundraising. The cost was \$180.00. Greg Cyr motioned to reimburse Terry, George Kanelos seconded. The motion passed without discussion.

Maine State Convention Delegates

John Chandonnet and Ray Sargent are appointed as delegates and Dennis Breton is appointed as an alternate delegate at the upcoming Knights of Columbus Maine State Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn, Maine from Friday, April 27th thru Sunday, April 29th.

Terry Sylvanus nominated John Chandonnet and Ray Sargent, Greg Cyr seconded. The motion passed without discussion. Delegates must be registered to attend the convention and must attend meetings.

Terry Sylvanus motioned to reimburse the delegates, George Kanelos seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.

Nominating Committee Report

Nominated officers for May council meeting to vote on:

Grand Knight

Greg Cyr

will serve as Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight	John Chandonnet	will serve as Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	will serve another term
Chaplain	Fr. Wilfred Labbe	appointed position
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	will serve another term
Recorder	Jonathan Brock	will serve another term
Warden	Aaron Downs	to be contacted about serving again
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	will serve another term
Advocate	Richard Caroti	to be contacted about serving again
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	will serve another term
Inside Guard	Gerry Newport	to be contacted about serving again
Lecturer	[Vacant]	a brother knight is considering
3 rd Year Trustee	Gerald Nulton	George Kanelos will serve as 1 st year trustee
2 nd Year Trustee	Terry Sylvanus	will be 3 rd year trustee
1 st Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	will be 2 nd year trustee

Old Business

Bob Demers reported a summary of the St. Thomas Bean Suppers:

\$5202 was raised for the school. The bean suppers were very successful with lots of help. Thursday, March 6 at 8:30 am there will be an assembly at St. Thomas School and any Knights that participated in the suppers are encouraged to attend so the school can put a face with the names of those who helped.

Bob will ask the Council to vote on doing the bean suppers again next year. For next year, Bob is asking for help starting in the mornings for cooking. Bob is requesting help from a couple more people from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturdays.

Any leftover food will be brought to the food pantry. The school would like to do the bean suppers again next year. Ray received a thank-you email from the school.

New Business

Haddock suppers start this Friday. Cost is \$15 for adults and children under 12 are \$10. If someone comes with a bag of canned goods or non-perishable foods to donate, they will get a 50/50 chance.

Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Ray Sargent is working with other Councils to get access to the icon for a Saturday prayer service after the novena for life is done.

To request more funds from the State Council for the Tootsie Roll Drive, a letter must be submitted to State Deputy Michael Giroux for review.

Aaron Weiss gave a fraternal benefits explanation for the benefit of new members, guest, and council at large. This will give our council credit when an 11747 form is filled out and submitted.

New/Renewed/Transferred Members:

Stephen Kent was voted in to the Council (transfer). Jim Landry was voted for re-membership. Nate Libby was voted in as a new member.

Knight of the Month

Terry Sylvanus was selected as the March Knight of the Month.

50/50 Drawing

Jim Landry won the 50/50 drawing.

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Shirley Sheehan
Paul McNutt
Joe Sylvanus
Paul Green
David Wright
Connie Littlefield
Paul Cunningham
Rob Martin
Gerry Nulton
Steve Gannaway
Nancy L'Heureux
Louis Melanson
Fr. Richard Rice
Reynald Berard
Gerald Schulmaire

Closing Prayers

Both the Father M. 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, April 7 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan T. Brock
Recorder