

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - August 3, 2026

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council # 13861 meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Gregory Cyr at 7:03 pm on Monday, August 3, 2026. 20 knights were present.

Decade of the Rosary

John Chandonnet led the council in a decade of the rosary to lead our country to a culture of life.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Knight Gregory Cyr 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, Gregory Cyr:	Present
Deputy Grand Knight, Nate Libbey:	Present
Chancellor, Ron Robichaud:	Absent
Chaplain, Fr. Bill Labbe:	Excused
Financial Secretary, John Greenlee:	Present
Recorder, Jonathan Brock:	Present
Warden, Bob Demers:	Present
Treasurer, Matthew Pettine:	Present
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	Present
Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud:	Absent
Inside Guard, Gerry Newport:	Present
Lecturer, Kevin Neely:	Present
3rd Year Trustee, Rick Southwick:	Present
2nd Year Trustee, Brian Theriault:	Absent
1st Year Trustee, George Kanelos:	Present

Field Agent Report

Field Agent Aaron Weiss encouraged associate members to meet with him to review the Knights of Columbus benefits available to them.

District Deputy Report

District Deputy Jon DiCentes reminded the Council that the next district meeting will be at 7 pm on Sunday, August 16 at the St. Thomas School cafeteria. The meeting is open to all brother Knights.

Lecturer's Presentation

Worthy Grand Knight, distinguished guests and Brother Knights;

The Red Sox are off today. In case you haven't noticed, they are on a wild win streak! Some have called it miraculous. Show of hands, is anyone here a Red Sox fan? The Red Sox have won 23 games since July 1 out of the 27 they've played. They completely turned around their season, so that now they hold a firm spot in the American League Wild Card race. They have swept the Angels, the White Sox, the Mets, the Rays and the Dodgers during this historic run. Only time will tell if they can complete the season as world champions.

So, let's do some Red Sox Trivia: (Two teams of 3 each, first six to raise their hands as Red Sox fans...) We alternate between teams, if a team answers incorrectly, the other team has a chance to answer. 1 point for each correct answer. Worthy Recorder keeps score. Worthy Grand Knight does a coin flip for who goes first.

- 1). When is the last year that the Red Sox won the world series (2018)
- 2). Who did they beat? (LA Dodgers)
- 3). Big Papi is a legend for the Red Sox. How many World Series did he play in for them? (3)
- 4). What years? (2004,2007,2013)
- 5). In how many of those series did Big Papi win the series MVP? (2013)
- 6). How many World Series have the Red Sox won? (9)
- 7). What was the first? (1903)
- 8). Who did they beat that year? (Pittsburg Pirates) (in a best of nine series, 5 to 4)
- 9). Who is the best hitter the Red Sox have ever had? (Ted Williams is considered by most because finished his 19-year career with a **.344** batting average, and is the last player to ever hit over .400 in a season).
- 10). Two Red Sox managers have led the team to a world series championship. Who are they? (Bill Carrigan (1915 and 1916) and Terry Francona (2004 and 2007)).

BONUS Question:

Who holds the record for playing the most games played in Red Sox history? (Carl Yastrzemski, with 3,308 games played)

Worthy Grand Knight decides the victors and presents the prizes.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight's Report

Grand Knight Gregory Cyr stated that the parish is looking for volunteers to count attendance at Mass and passed out a sign-up sheet.

Grand Knight Gregory Cyr thanked: Bob and Lucille Demers as well as Nate Libbey for helping out with the food at the parish block party; everyone who came to help set up and tear down for the Shroud of Turin exhibit; everyone who has helped with the Sanford Mainers concession stand. There is another game on Wednesday, August 6.

Acton Fair August 27-30: parking will be handled by a contractor but they are looking for volunteers to help with ticket sales at the gate.

The first bean supper coming up on Saturday, September 5. We will try some new food options.

There is an upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification at 2 pm on Saturday, August 15 at the cathedral in Portland.

Terry and Ray will provide feedback to Fr. Bill by this Friday on the proposed kitchen plan for the new parish hall. GK Greg asked brother Knights to submit their kitchen plan feedback to them.

We would like to hold a Tootsie Roll drive. We are looking for venues to sell tickets.

We received a donation of \$153.00 from Sanford Mainers concession stand tips. This is in addition to the normal proceeds for our organization.

New Business

John Chandonnet secured dates to sell raffle tickets for the Children's Christmas party before and after weekend masses this coming weekend, August 8 & 9. We will also sell raffle tickets at Shaw's following weekend, August 15 & 16. John would like to set up tables at both entrances, with staffing for 9 am - 12 pm and 12 pm - 3 pm shifts. Additionally, Shirley Newport has offered to sell tickets at the Saturday, August 15 Alfred Festival.

GK Greg requested a volunteer to sell Children's Christmas Party raffle tickets at the September and October bean suppers. John Chandonnet will sell raffle tickets at the October supper.

GK Greg requested a volunteer to sell cash calendars at the November turkey dinner fundraiser and the December bean supper.

Baby Bottle Drive: we have to disburse the funds to Alpha Pregnancy Center. The Council will issue a check for \$2000.00 from the \$3291.15 total fund to Supreme Council for the maximum matching donation. With the remaining balance, we will work with the Springvale Council to make another donation to Supreme Council for additional matching.

Richard Caroti motioned we give the women who helped with desserts for the bean suppers a \$25 gift card. John Chandonnet seconded. The motion passed without discussion.

Gerry Newport motioned we donate \$100.00 to the Children's Christmas Party fund. John Chandonnet seconded. The motion passed without discussion.

Ray Sargent motioned that the proceeds from the meeting 50/50 go to the person who brought snacks to the meeting. Richard Caroti seconded. The motion passed. GK Greg, who brought a dessert, donated the proceeds to the Children's Christmas Party.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Matthew Pettine reported for July 2026:

Beginning	8717.94
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Disbursements		
St. Therese Block Party		435.76
Receipts		
Baby Bottles		323.22
Baby Bottles		141.46
Baby Bottles		28.07
Ending		8773.93
Christmas Party		600
Bottles		3291.15
General		\$4,882.78

Financial Secretary's Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

147 Total Membership
83 Associate Members
55 Insured Members
9 Inactive Members
2 Honorary Members
31 Honorary Life Members
7 Exempt Members

50/50 Drawing

Ray Sargent won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$13, which Ray donated to the Children's Christmas Party.

Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Paul Cunningham
Jackie Davis
Sharon Desrochers
Karen LaFreniere
Paul McNutt
Gerry Newport
Alex Pettine
Dennis Roy
Rick Southwick
Romeo Zuniga
The Family of David Murphy
Silent Intention for a Member of our Council

Closing Prayers

Both the Blessed M. McGivney prayer and the Bill Sheehan prayer, which were recited by the council, were dedicated to the above prayer petitions.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Monday, September 7 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan T. Brock
Recorder