**1. Call to Order**

Grand Knight (GK) M. Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Worthy Chaplin T. Naples led attendees in vespers. (Worthy Treasurer S. Shover shared that the prayers we use are available on the web at "Divine Office.org." This website may be a good resource for those attending the meeting by Zoom to follow along using the applicable evening prayer for that day.)

**3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA)**

GK M. Bullock led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Worthy Deputy GK D. Martin motioned to approve the January 9th meeting minutes as distributed. Worthy Secretary R. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: each member received the minutes by email before the meeting.)

**5. Chaplain's Message**

Worthy Chaplain T. Naples spoke to the group regarding the tradition and Catholic practice of morning and evening prayers using the Breviary, including Psalms, Hymns, and Readings. **Note:** The Saint John Vianney Church website has the link to the online Breviary or paste this URL in your browser: https://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?lang=en

**6. Grand Knights Report**

Many thanks to Mrs. Alice Benson and Worthy Warden Jay Benson for providing scalloped potatoes, ham, and Caesar salad and Worthy Treasurer Steve Shover for providing the dessert for the meal before the business meeting.

GK M. Bullock filed the Council Form 1728 with Supreme on FEB 2, 2025. Thank you to those who submitted their hours of service.

GK M. Bullock has asked our three Pastors when they would like the Sacred Heart Icon. So far, Fr. Zuccaro has requested any First Friday, and Fr. Naples thought sometime during Lent would work.

In honor of the 16 widows of former council members, the Worthy Lecturer will arrange a Mass and send a Mass Card to each of them for such intentions.

Please save the date, SEP 24, 2025, for the REBOOT presentation by Chris Stefanick at St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski.

Our Council is nominating Mr. Josh Perry, the Diocesan Director of Worship, for the 2025 Anchor Award.

There were no nominees or volunteers to fill the position of Advocate. FN Mike Audette has graciously volunteered to be the POC for our Scholarship Program.

The Trustees will complete the semi-annual Audit by February 15.

Our $500 Relief Fund, as outlined in the Council's by-laws, is fully funded with the money we are saving from our internet provider.

Cor Formation meets again on SAT FEB 15, at 10 AM.

SJV Bingo is on February 20 (the third Thursday of each month). We need help with set-up, game time, and clean-up. See Worthy Financial Secretary Ray Michaud or Worthy Deputy GK Dave Martin for details.

The next Holy Hour is MAR 7, Friday, at 3 PM. Please help us by leading a decade of the Rosary.

The next business meeting is on March 13 at 6:30 PM, and a meal will start at 5:30 PM before the business meeting. Worthy Recorder R. Bouchard has volunteered to provide the main dish of parmesan crusted chicken, green beans, and potato with salad, while GK M. Bullock will supply the dessert.

Our Super Bingo for Kids with Cancer is on March 30, 2025. Let Worthy Trustee Brad Chenette know if you can help.

**7. Financial Report**

Worthy Financial Secretary R. Michaud reported that The Morgan Stanley Account Value was $472,761.79 as of February 13, 2025.

Worthy Treasurer S. Shover provided paper copies of the January expenses and income summary. See the addendum at the end of the meeting minutes for a copy of the treasurer's report. The checking account balance was $15,089.39 (as of January 31, 2025), and the Camp Ta Kum Ta account balance was $6,408.27 (as of February 5, 2025).

**8. Membership Report**

Thanks to all who continue to recruit new members. We need just one more new member to meet the quota this year, ending June 30, 2025!

GK M. Bullock mentioned the conduct of a customized Exemplification for Kevin Limoge and then some discussion regarding available resources to assist his brother, who was a soldier during the Gulf War and was allegedly exposed to burn pits. (Chris Bishop, 131st Engineer Company Commander during the Gulf War, offered to help, and both GK M. Bullock and Faithful Navigator Mike Audette to investigate contacts.)

**9. Other Reports**

Worthy Warden J. Benson showcased three different wood-crafted creations. The first was a wooden case made for Bishop McDermott's Crosier. The top of the wooden case is made of black walnut and inlaid with plaque and a coin, and the remainder of the case is white oak. The crosier case is worthy of Bishop McDermott to use and protect his crosier while in transit. The second creation was a new frame to post photographs of Past Faithful Navigators. The new frame increases the current capacity for nine additional Navigators. The third creation is a Teutonic Knight Shield to go on the Council's office door.

# Worthy Warden J. Benson then broached the subject of any interest in supporting Deacon Luan Tran as he prepares for his priesthood ordination and his first Mass with a reception on May 31, 2025. The Council is being asked to sponsor the cost of a tent for the reception—anticipated cost ranges from $500-$1,300.00. Jay will do additional research regarding the cost of the tent. Expect more information and a warning about a council vote at the next business meeting.

Faithful Navigator M. Audette reported that Worthy Warden J. Benson was the Team Lead for the Fourth Degree Exemplification on June 14 at Saint John Vianney Church. Worthy Brother J. Benson will need help from the other members of the Assembly.

**Camp Ta Kum Ta** **(****CTKT) Super Bingo Committee—**There are currently 205 bingo player reservations. CTKT has collected approximately $5,000.00. Brothers Jay Benson, Steve Shover, and Ray Michaud looked at the hall last Sunday, and there was plenty of room. Furthermore, we can use the Ronald MacDonald House Bingo machine as the connections are compatible with external monitors and sound systems. Ray and Steve sold tickets during Mount Sinai's Super Bowl Bingo event. Regarding sponsorships, we have lost a significant sponsor and gained a couple of smaller business sponsors, and some council brothers have contributed. Before next month's business meeting begins, the plan is to create an assembly line and collate bingo cards for Super Bingo on March 30.

**10. Unfinished Business (motions carried over from the previous meeting)**

None were discussed or applicable to the February business meeting.

**11. New Business**

Three actions were warned before the business meeting and voted on per the specifics below.

A. Worthy Financial Secretary R. Michaud made a motion to approve the following nominees as delegates or alternates to the 127th Vermont State Convention in May. Worthy Deputy GK D. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Delegate: GK Mike Bullock    Alternate: PGK Tom Gravelin

Delegate: FN Mike Audette   Alternate: PFN Jay Benson

B. Worthy Warden J. Benson made a motion to make a one-time donation of $500 in support of the Peru Youth Trip to be used at the discretion of Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples. Worthy Trustee T. Gravelin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Worthy Chancellor T. Barrett made a motion to reinstate the tradition of donating $100 to a charity chosen by the Knight and Family of the Month starting with January 2025 recognitions. Worthy Deputy GK D. Martin seconded the motion. The discussion stipulated that this is two $100 commitments, and this practice would continue until the Council changes its mind to amend or discontinue. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Worthy Brother Mike Pasqual is asking for leads or references to find a new location for his nephew to live. Jake lives in Essex, is intellectually challenged, and works part-time at the Olive Garden 2-3 days a week. He does receive a social security disability income, and current living conditions are untenable. Please let Grand Knight or Fr. Naples know if you know someone or a possible place.

**12. Good of the Order**

The following were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions in January 2025:

**Knight of the Month:** James Girouard, Jr.

## Family of the Month: Charles and Karen Brown

**13. Lecturer's Reflection**

Worthy Lecturer Bernie Prendergast spoke to us about the faith and virtue of St Jean Baptist De La Salle and sang "*Now Thank We All Our God."*

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

We need your help to make our events in the service of Christ successful. Will you answer the call?

If you need something or know someone needs a visit, call one of us or the office.

Please make time to visit our Knights who are ill or shut in.

If you are doing good work, let our Program manager, Ted Barrett, know about it for our Star Council Award.  (Take a photo, please)

Use CARE when approaching potential new members. (See the council newsletter for an explication of the acronym "CARE.”)

Please consider saying the Holy Rosary Daily.

**15. Closing Prayer**

Council prayer list.

*Jake Pasqual, Patrick Anderson, The Rice High School Peru trip, Bruce O'Neill, Pope Francis*, John (Jack) Romanoski, Lois Fontaine, all victims in New Orleans, Barbara Chenette (mother of Brad Chenette)*,*Fr. Naples, Tom F., Candice Bullock (wife of GK), Wyatt Jean (grandson of GK), Marlene and Barbara O'Connor (recently widowed friends of Charles and Karen Brown, SK Ali Nasab, Jacobi Roulette, 11 Mo old Great-Grandson of Mike Audette, PGK Louis Lauzon of St Marks, Nathan Cookson, Kenneth Limoge, SK Joe Groleau (in hospital), a friend of Fr. Naple's whose daughter was recently diagnosed with leukemia, Mike and Pam Audette, Bishop John McDermott, Timothy O'Neill, Fr. Jeremias Tigga, Ben Fine (son-in-law of Ray Michaud), PGK Ray Miller,  General success of Catholic Radio, Mason and Elizabeth Bullock, Richard Labrecque, Leonard Robear, Chris Johnson, Arlene Michaud (Ray's sister), Gail Couillard, Marilyn LaCount, Friend of David Gravelin, Anthony Naples, Andre Ricard (Assembly 1157 Newport), Zak Bigelow and family, Mrs. Jackie Crosby, An anonymous member in distress, Niko Limnos and Family, Mother-in-law of Ronnie Sweet, William Cannon and Family, Michael Gravelin, Mark and Paulette Noyes and Family (esp. Levi age 7), John O' Brien, Cheryl Allain, Claire Myers, Kelly Jackson (daughter of late PGK Jeff Jackson), PGK Bernie Hemond, Dick and Sandy Stevens, Beth-Ann Prendergast, Mariette Nadeau, Jeff and Kay Jarvis, Tom Gravelin, Chuck Schifilliti, Gerry Seney, Robert Gravelin, Keith Marston, Sue Cottrell, (23 year old woman fighting cancer), Kevin and Chad Limoge, Vickie Linton, George Stevens (Assembly 2106), James Read, Gene Tofferi,  Jeffrey Claude Danis and family, Stuart Fath, Wally Rooney, Ed and Theresa Curtiss, one anonymous brother knight, the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and an end to the wars. All clergy and religious. All victims and families of COVID-19, hurricanes (especially Helene and Milton) and flooding. First Responders, police, and firefighters. For a just solution in the Middle East, that pregnant women will choose life and for new members to join the Order.

For all the faithfully departed and their grieving families, especially George Dodson (father of Rev Dodson), Edward Zuccaro (father of Rev James Zuccaro), *and Richard Howrigan (Council 297).* May they rest in peace, and may their families and all the families of the deceased be comforted by the promise of everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Worthy Chaplain T. Naples led the council members in the closing prayer using the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney and remembering those on the council prayer list.

Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (our sick or in distress). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**16. Adjournment**

GK M. Bullock pronounced the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Attendance: seventeen members attended the business meeting, including three Zoom participants. All assigned officers were present. The Advocate position is vacant.

Treasurer's Report – January 2025

01/02 Webb Mason – Council Supplies $125.78

01/03 Interest $0.13

01/07 #8211 Mike Bullock – COR supplies $108.18

01/07 #8213 K of C Supreme – Per Capita $216.00

01/07 #8214 Ray Michaud – Supreme Supplies $38.81

01/07 8215 Steve Shover – Office Supplies $32.09

01/09 Membership Dues $70.00

01/10 Membership Dues $90.00

01/10 Council Dinners $100.00

01/14 Best Bingo Supplies $196.51

01/15 #8217 Dave Martin -Bingo Kitchen $37.93

01/17 #8218 Bernie Prendergast – Masses/Cards $247.53

01/16 Membership $90.00

01/17 Bingo Deposit $571.00

Balance in Checking: $15,089.39

Camp Ta Kum Ta Account Balance: $6408.27 (as of 2/5/25)