**1. Call to Order**

Grand Knight (GK) M. Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

**2. Opening prayer**

Worthy Chaplin T. Naples led attendees in vespers using the Breviary (<https://www.ibreviar.com/m/breviaro>). [During this meeting, evening prayer was projected onto the screen and shared over Zoom. So both virtual and in-person attendees could follow along. If positively received and if the worthy recorder can get control of his fat fingers, this may become a new standard practice.]

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

While facing the American flag, GK M. Bullock led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Faithful Navigator M. Audette motioned to approve the February 13th meeting minutes as distributed. Worthy Deputy GK D. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: each member received the minutes by email before the meeting.)

**5. Chaplain’s Message**

The Worthy Chaplain thanked the Council for supporting the service trip to Lima, Peru. Ten kids and five adults participated. The Worthy Chaplain used the funds to cover incidentals and, in part, to thank Larry King, who drove the bus to and from the Boston Airport, which necessitated him taking two days off from work. Larry is the husband of Pam King, a teacher at Rice High School; she used her winter break to attend the trip and functioned as the trip's translator for the group. Larry is a fellow Worthy Brother thought to belong to the St. Albans Council. (We are grateful for the Kings’ selfless and public service for the greater good.)

As an aside, Worthy Chaplain asked that we keep our priests in mind and prayer, as a significant number seem to be ill with colds and flu or suffering from injuries. So, coverage is thin and challenging for the time being.

**6. Grand Knights Report**

GK M. Bullock thanked Ray B for providing the parmesan chicken breasts, roasted broccoli, and cold fruit salad (while acknowledging that Denise did the food preparation and cooking) and Steve Shover for making and bringing in the garden salad and dressing. (Note that GK M. Bullock made and provided a lemon-pineapple dump cake for dessert.) All were delicious, appreciated, and devoured by the attending council members prior to the business meeting.

The Sacred Heart Icon was displayed at St John Vianney during Holy Hour on MAR 7. Starting tomorrow it will be at St Jude in Hinesburg. It is available to be displayed at OLMC or St Catherine, if requested. We have it until Easter.

We have two Council and one Assembly warning tonight. The Assembly will meet at the conclusion of the council meeting.

The Council will place an Ad in the 127th State Convention Program Booklet. Faithful Navigator agreed that the Assembly would cover half of the $125 fee for a full-page ad. (Neither the Council nor the Assembly need to vote, as each entity's obligation is less than $100.00.)

GK M. Bullock asks all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree members to consider becoming a Sir Knight by registering for the 125th Anniversary Exemplification of the 4th Degree, June 14, at St John Vianney. We are hosting a celebratory exemplification, and Worthy Sir Knight Jay Benson will be the emcee. Support your team. We can do a 30-minute Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity before the event if you are not already a Third Degree. For all those council members who are not yet a 4th degree, please consider becoming a Sir Knight.

Worthy Deputy GK Dave Martin reported that Dave Bean is willing to donate a Fourth-Degree uniform to someone who could use it. The jacket is a 38 regular. The pants are 38" waist and 34" length, plus a baldric and beret (size unknown). If anyone could use any of these items, contact Worthy Deputy GK Dave Martin.

Save the date: September 24, 2025, for the REBOOT presentation by Chris Stefanick at ST Francis Xavier Church in Winooski. (To learn more about Chris Stefanick's Reboot event, visit <https://reallifecatholic.com/reboot/>. More information about the Winooski event is forthcoming.)

We still have an opening for the Worthy Advocate position. In the meantime, Faithful Navigator Mike Audette is the POC for the Scholarship Program. Check with your relatives to see if you have a qualified heir. Worthy Chaplain T. Naples will work on notification of the scholarship with Rice High School, and GK M. Bullock will request a posting in the four church bulletins (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Catherine, St. John Vianney, and St. Jude parishes).

It appears our Worthy Chaplain will provide the main dish for the next business meeting on April 10. If anyone is willing and available to contribute, please let Fr. Naples know.

The next Holy Hour is Friday, April 4, at 3 PM. Help by leading a decade of the Rosary.

Cor Formation meets again on Saturday, March 15, at 10 AM. (Cor meets on the third Saturday of each month.)

Bingo is on March 20, Thursday. Help is needed.

Our Super Bingo for Kids with Cancer is coming up on March 30, 2025. Let Worthy Trustee Brad Chenette know if you can help. (We also need help setting up on Saturday evening, March 29.)

**7. Financial Report**

Worthy Financial Secretary Ray Michaud reported the account with Morgan Stanley at a value of $435,746.00.

Worthy Treasurer S. Shover provided paper copies of the February 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 $12,848.49 (as of February 28, 2025), and the Camp Ta Kum Ta account balance was $13,598.27 (as of March 5, 2025).

Worthy Treasurer S. Shover reported two charges on the debit card and whether there was a need for continued payment. The first involved limiting the number of times a person can attempt to log into the council website as a security precaution. The second charge involved an MS account subscription when the Council has alternate access to software without paying a subscription. Discussion ensued that an active subscription might be necessary for QuickBooks or the Outlook Inbox to continue working. This needs further exploration before canceling the subscription.

Worthy Treasurer S. Shover also reported two apparent fraudulent charges on the debit card from Ninja Table and Fluent Forms. The treasurer is working with the bank for refunds regarding these two charges, deactivating the current card and procuring a new debit card/account.

**8. Membership Report**

The Council is still one member short of meeting its annual recruiting goal. If you know or meet someone who would be a great addition to the Council, please engage that individual using the "CARE" methodology and give that Catholic practicing male a recruiting card and invitation to join.

Rob Burnette, who lives in Burlington North End, expressed interest in attending Council 7525 meetings if he could get a ride with Charles Brown or another member.

**9. Other Reports**

**Camp Ta Kum Ta (****CTKT) Super Bingo Committee:** 268 people have registered. CTKT has collected approximately $8,600.00 through its website. We plan to collect dollar payments at Super Bingo using a smartphone application. The committee is still accepting sponsors' donations, and all the game dollar prizes appear to be covered. Approximately $4,900.00 is set aside as the bank during the day of Super Bingo. Marketing Super Bingo is primarily through email, postcard mailers, the two websites, Facebook, and the Fair Grounds Marquee.

**SJV Bingo Committee:** Worthy Secretary of Finance Ray Michaud asked that each member work to publish the SJV bingo on the third Thursday in our respective Front Porch Forums to increase awareness and attendance. (Note in May that Bingo is the fourth week to avoid conflicting use of the SJV parish hall by the So. Burlington school district testing.) Ray M. has suggested verbiage if you plan to post. Please contact him for those details. Worthy Trustee T. Gravelin is working out the details to thank those working the entire day for an after-dinner event for approximately twenty people at SJV, which might consist of a taco bar and salads from the Rotisserie Restaurant.

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

Not applicable to this business meeting.

**11. New Business (new motions)**

**A. Saint Paul’s School:** The (Barton) Council 2885 solicited donations from other councils to raise funds for St. Paul's school. In the March newsletter, Grand Knight warned concerning the proposed action to donate $250 in honor of Fr. T. Naples, former pastor of St. Paul's Church.

Worthy Deputy GK Dave Martin moved to donate $250 in honor of Fr. T. Naples, former pastor of St. Paul's Church. Worthy Secretary of Finance Ray Michaud seconded the motion. Council members voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Tent rental for Deacon Luan Tran’s ordination:** This warned article involved the donation of up to $600.00 for the rental of a tent in support of the reception following the Ordination of Dcn Luan Tran to the Priesthood on the weekend of May 31.

Worthy Warden J. Benson provided background information regarding his cost comparisons for tent sizes and side walls. The reason for "up to $600" is that the Winooski council might contribute $300.00, and maybe the Barre/Montpelier council.

Tom Gravelin made a motion to approve up to $600 contingent on other council contributions. The motion was seconded (possibly by Dave Martin) and passed unanimously.

**12. Good of the Order**

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

**Knight of the Month:** DCN Bill Glinka, who is now an honorary life member. He wishes the $100.00 go to St. John Vianney Church.

**Family of the Month:** Dick and Sandra Stevens in recognition of 65 years of marriage with a gift certificate.

Howard and Francis Kalter in recognition of 60 years of marriage with a gift certificate.

**13. Lecturer’s Reflection**

Worthy Lecturer Bernie Prendergast spoke to us about St Patrick (MAR 17) and sang “*Let There Be Peace on Earth.”*

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

GK Mike Bullock is reconciling email addresses in the database and is removing defunct email addresses and the addresses of those who are not members of Council 7525.

Please help make our events in service of Christ successful. How might you volunteer and assist your fellow council members carry out our causes?

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

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 the “CARE” methodology when approaching potential new members.

Please consider saying the Holy Rosary Daily.

**15. Closing prayer**

Council prayer list.

Kate Jarvis (Ken’s wife, who is doing poorly) and Jeff (Ken's Son), who is in home hospice. Sandy Michaud, Richard Labrecque, Cora Bessette (daughter of Bill and Michelle Bessette), WSD Chris Poirier, Nathan Dionne (GK Nephew), George Stevens (Assembly 2106), *Jake Pasqual, Patrick Anderson,* 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, 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, Ken Jarvis, Tom Gravelin, Chuck Schifilliti, Gerry Seney, Robert Gravelin, Keith Marston, Sue Cottrell, (23 year old woman fighting cancer), Chad Limoge, Vickie Linton, 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 Kevin Limoge and Charles Shuler. 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 7:38 PM.

Attendance: fifteen members attended the business meeting, including two Zoom participants. All officers except Worthy Trustee Charles Brown, Worthy Inside Guard Dave Bean, and Worthy Advocate Pete Gadue were present. All absent officers were excused unless otherwise stipulated.

**ADDENDUM**

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