

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes
January 12,2017

Monthly Council Meeting: Grand Knight John Chandonnet brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Deputy Grand Knight Dennis Breton led the council in one decade of the Rosary.

Acknowledgements: District Deputy Dennis Guay and Executive State Secretary Ray Sargent were acknowledged and Brother Jerome Lessard, our lecturer. Our newest Knight Grady Fox was introduced to the council. Motion made by Ray Sargent that this evenings meeting be an open meeting. Motion seconded by J.P. Cote. The motion was passed.

Attendance: Thirty members present. Warden Gerry Newport attested to the fact that all in attendance has valid documentation except for our newest Knight, Grady. Roll call of officers taken and recorded.

Minutes to the previous month's Council meeting: Motion made by Don Leeman and seconded by J.P. Cote to forgo the reading of last month's minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Matt reported that we started the month with a balance of \$3,788.81. During the month we received a donation of \$45. Checks drawn for the month were \$15.31 to Supreme, \$250 for the seminarian, \$100 – Special Olympics, \$100 for the St., Thomas sisters, \$483.69 and \$79.87 for the Christmas party expenses, leaving a balance of \$2,804.95 of which, \$829.33 dedicated to next year's Christmas party. This leaves an available end of month balance of \$1,975.92.

Financial Secretary's report: Dues collected to date are \$1,260. We aren't yet 50% of our annual assessment of \$2745. Second notice for dues to be mailed this week. The IRS has sent a notice to rescind our tax exempt status and that we should reapply. They require updated by-laws. Dennis and Matt note that the updated by-laws are already done and forwarded to the IRS. Matt produced a copy that addresses their stipulations and will be used to satisfy their demand. Discussion ensued regarding a waiver on the reapplication fee.

Grand Knight's Report: The surge binder reports that the council members have performed 2979 service hours to date. Well done!

The web page is slowly progressing. Two pages still need to be accessed, namely current events and future events Josh Travelino is attempting to contact Seminarian Pat Finn to accomplish this.

The Childrens' Christmas party was a success with 35 children attending. After expenses, as previously reported, there is a carry over balance of \$829.03.

New Business: The Poster contest has been initiated. Ray Sargent reports that there is nothing to update as of yet.

The 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification will be held on this coming Sunday, 1/15 at the St. Ignatius cafeteria. It will start with registration at 10:00 and carry through both degrees and conclude around 2:00 PM. Thanks to Ray Sargent for ordering the medallions for this event. Dennis Guay estimates there will be around 50 candidates.

Tim Cole puts forth the suggestion that we utilize the St. Thomas script program in ordering food, supplies and gifts for future events.

Bob Rizzo reported that the annual Free Throw contest will be held during the February School vacation week.

Discussion ensued regarding the merger of the Sanford Council #2231 into our council (#13861). Ray Sargent moved that the merger be accepted. Kevin Neeley seconded the motion. Discussion continued that such merger would need to be approved by at least 50% of council 2231 members and also by Supreme. Mike noted that council 2231 is 100 years old and wishes that this tradition be recognized. Manny DeAmaral expressed concern the St. Thomas council maintains its identity. Gerry Newport asked what happens to Council #2231's treasury. Kevin Neeley emphasized the importance of maintaining the historical memorabilia accumulated by the Sanford Council #2231. A motion was made by Greg Semo to preserve this historical memorabilia and was presented for a vote. It received unanimous approval.

The Springvale council is planning a fund raising spaghetti supper on Feb. 25th for Brother Knight Rick Bragg.

Tim Cole proposes to plan for a 2nd annual barbeque for this coming summer.

Lecturer, Brother Jerome, addressed the council on the importance and energizing effect of prayer.

State District Reports:

Executive Secretary Ray Sargent reports that the Right to Life ring around the capitol is this coming Saturday, 1/14.

Reminder that the 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification is this Sunday, 1/15.

The annual St. Thomas Silent auction will be held on 1/28 at the Town Club. Advance tickets are \$15 each or \$20 at the door.

The Bishop will be celebrating the 9:00 o'clock Mass at Holy Family on January 29 in recognition of Catholic School week. The Honor Guard will be present.

The 4th Degree communion breakfast is being held on Sunday, February 5. It will begin at the 7:30 Mass at Notre Dame and continue w9th breakfast at the St. Ignatius gym.

District Deputy Dennis Guay calls for volunteers (4 or 5) to help out at the 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification ceremony.

He also reports that \$1,500 + was presented to Waban as a result of the last summers' tootsie roll drive held by the joint St. Thomas and Springvale councils.

Other Business:

Tim Cole discussed the merits for budgeting for known expenses each year. Discussion ensued about the merit of budgeting as a tool for fiscal control. The budget is to be a guide but allow for flexibility in order to address the unknown and unanticipated. Tim also suggested considering budgeting and acquiring a prepaid St. Thomas script for future use. He will look into the possibility of obtaining an electronic immediate access to St. Thomas script payments.

Dennis Breton moved to update and accept the current by-laws. Don Leeman seconded the motion. Motion carried by more than 2/3rds. Ray requested that the by-laws be posted on the web site.

50/50 Raffle:

Dennis Breton won the raffle. Amount unknown.

Closing prayer remembrances:

Rick Bragg
Steve Dunnaway
Joe Garand
Vern Duprey
Jim Delamarter

Closing Prayer:

Dan Rooney led the council in the Novena Prayer for National Unity. A prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States, for prayerful preparation for the Presidential Inauguration.

Next Council Meeting: The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00P.M. Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 P.M..

Council Meeting adjourned: 8:10PM