

**St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017**

Monthly Council Meeting:

Grand Knight John Chandonnet brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM and our Chancellor Ron Robichaud lead the council in a decade of the rosary.

Acknowledgments:

Executive Secretary Ray Sargent was recognized, District Deputy Dennis Guay

Attendance:

25 members were present. Roll call of officers was taken and duly recorded.

Minutes to the previous month's Council meeting:

Dennis Guay suggested that meeting minutes are read prior to the meeting since they are difficult to find on the website. Greg Semo will bring copies to each meeting for everyone to read if they weren't able to read them online. The motion was made by Don Leeman and seconded by Manny DeDeamaral to accept last month's minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance \$4570.92

Receipts:

Christmas Raffle	\$1701.00
Dues	25.00
50/50 sales	22.00
50/50 donation	22.00

Payments:

Supplies	60.00
DAV	100.00

Ending balance \$6158.91

Motion was made Don Leeman to accept the treasurers report, Dennis Breton seconded, the motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: No dues collected this month. Motion made by Jerry Newport to accept the report. Jerry L'Heroux seconded it. Motion carried.

Grand Knight's Report: Surge Hours:

We as a council have logged in 2,466 service hours for 2017. Keep up the good work!

Website Updates:

Updates on the K of C website include articles on the August 13th Soccer Challenge, The Tootsie Roll Drive on August 24th thru 26th, The Road For Hope Walkers on August 22nd, our new knight Wayne Demers at the the August 10th Council meeting and August Knight of the Month Bill Sheehan.

Correspondence:

Frank Pease received a thank you letter from Maine Right to Life Committee that was shared at the meeting.

A card was read that was received from Rick and Ellen Bragg for the Benefit Barbeque.

Children's Christmas Party:

Cash balance of \$2,986 in our Christmas Party fund. This figure includes all monies collected at Mardens and Shaws, plus the \$300 donation we received from D.A.V., plus the \$829 in leftover money from last years Christmas party, minus \$84 for the raffle tickets from Zippy Copy.

We will next be selling raffle tickets at the Shaker Hill Apple Festival in Alfred on September 23rd and 24th.

Road For Hope Walkers:

46 St. Anslem College students participated in the 19th Annual Road For Hope Campagne. They started their 124-mile trek at St. Peter and Paul Basilica in Lewiston on Saturday, August 19th and ended up at St. Anslem College in Goffstown, New Hampshire on Saturday, August 26th. They averaged 15 miles per day, making an overnight stop at the end of each day. On Tuesday, August 22nd, they made a stop in Sanford. Both our councils treated them to a spaghetti dinner and all the fixings. The walkers were also afforded hot showers and overnight accommodations at the St. Ignatius Gym. The Road For Hope raises funds for various charities – including the York County Shelter Food Pantry in Alfred.

Tootsie Roll Drive:

Both our councils conducted a Tootsie Roll Drive on the weekend from August 24th thru August 26th at Roger's Market and Marden's. We raised a total of \$752 for Waban Projects, Inc.

Soccer Shoot:

Matt Pettine, Dennis Breton, Bob Tyler, George Watson and John Chandonnet worked the Youth Soccer Shoot at Shaw's Field on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm. We had about half a dozen participants. Unfortunately no one was aware of the soccer shoot. In the future we should notify the Soccer Association and provide them with flyers to pass out to each team.

District Meeting:

We had our District Meeting at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 12th. There was also an Installation ceremony for officers of the Fourth Degree Assembly, The St. Thomas Council, the Springvale Council and the Limerick Council. Along with myself, Dennis Breton, Ron Robichaud, Greg Semo, John Greenlee, Matt Pettine, Rene Robichaud, Frank Pease, Fr. Tracy, Dennis Guay and Manny DeDeamaral were present.

St. Thomas School Benefit Dinner:

116 persons attended the Roast Beef Dinner at the Parish Hall , which was held on Friday, September 8th. We netted a profit of \$541, which will be given to the school.

St. Thomas School Benefit Communion Breakfast:

The St. Thomas and Springvale Councils will sponsor a Communion Breakfast at the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 1st as the October monthly benefit dinner for the St Thomas School.

New Business:

Dennis Guay Will be receiving a check from the Sanford Mainers for 2 services in the total amount of \$886.00 for our efforts. \$200.00 has been received so far.

Don Leeman discussed the recruiting drive. The Grand Knight suggested combining the recruiting drive with the 5th Sunday Rosary by inviting the men to a breakfast at the social club in Springvale. He also discussed ordering finger Rosary kits. Don Leeman discussed doing the recruiting presentation at the end of the Mass and has a plan to invoke the memories of 9/11. Frank Pease suggested that the rosary would conflict with the Parish Fair that weekend. Ray Sargent suggested that we have the breakfast at the Parish Hall during the fair since there will be a breakfast already scheduled. Motion was made by Dennis Breton and seconded by Manny DeDeamaral for the Grand Knight to spend up to \$100.00 for finger Rosaries.

Ray Sargent discussed Presence Radio donations. Grand Knight suggested donating \$100.00 to presence radio. Don Leeman made a motion, Dennis Breton seconded it, motion carried. The Trustee's discussed and approved the donation. Donation in the amount of \$300.00 will be given to Ray Sargent who will be on the program.

Dan Rooney discussed TMIY at 7am Saturday Mornings at St Thomas School. Comedy show at the end of the month. Proceeds go to support the school. Volunteer sign-up sheets in the church for the Parish Fair, Maine RTL on October 21st has their annual convention, men are encouraged to get involved. Father Phil is requesting that we get young men from the Parish to attend the Men's convention last weekend of October.

Frank Pease promoted the Maine RTL convention.

Frank Pease Discussed the new water heater and proposed that we make a donation to the capitol fund for the ramp and the sign. Frank made a motion to for \$300.00, Greg Semo seconded it, motion carried.

Knight of the Month. Jerry L'Heroux

Lecturer's Address: Excused absence

Executive Secretary: Mentioned moving the flag to a more prominent location. He also requested that the council meeting be placed in the bulletin. Greg Semo will make sure Laura Alexander submits the date and time in the bulletin the week prior to each meeting. Ray mentioned that we have a PA system we can use. He talked about the 3 hour time slot on presence radio and encouraged everyone to call in and tell them they are with the St. Thomas Council when they call in to pledge. Presence radio can now be heard all the way to Fort Kent, Maine. Next 4th degree meeting will be Monday October 2nd at 6:30 PM.

District Deputy: Dennis thanked all the Officers for showing up to his district meeting. He also discussed the Tootsi Roll Drive raising \$752.00 Next drive will be after Mass on 7-8th of October at Holy family, notre Dame and Alfred. Followed by the 11-12th of November Shaw's Supermarket.

50/50 raffle: Don Leeman who donated his winnings back.

Closing Prayer Remembrance:

Jerry Newports wife's sister-in-law Janet
Ron Robichauds Sister Margaret
Rob Martin
George "K"
Dave Rynne, brother
Glenn Dupre
Johns Cousin Jim
Hurricane Victims

Closing Prayer:

Glory be to you Father, Creator of the world. Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ, savior of the world. I exalt you Holy Spirit, sanctifier of the world. Please bless, heal, and save us and all those on our K. of C. prayer line.....William Sheehan

Next Council Meeting: The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th. Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00P.M.. Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 P.M..

Council Meeting adjourned: 7:59PM