

**St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2017**

**Monthly Council Meeting:** Grand Knight John Chandonnet brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A decade of the rosary was said to open the meeting.

**Attendance:** 19 members present. (This meeting was a reschedule due to the major snow the previous week.) Warden Gerry Newport attested to the fact that all in attendance except Tim Janousek have valid documentation and Tim's documents are known to be in transit. Roll call of officers was taken and recorded.

**Acknowledgements:** Executive State Secretary Ray Sargent and District Deputy Dennis Guay were recognized.

**Minutes to the previous month's Council meeting:** Tim Cole put forth a correction to the January 12 minutes that it was Matthew Pettine and not him that would investigate the possibility of obtaining immediate electronic access to St. Thomas script payments. The motion made by Don Leeman and seconded by Ron Robichaud to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** The Financial Secretary reported upon an omission from his previous report that bills \$47 in postage and \$363.17 for Supreme were forwarded for payment. Both appear on this month's Treasurer report. Bills received for this month were \$150. from Supreme for supplies. We have collected \$455 in dues but there are still 34 members that are delinquent. Reminder letters are being sent this month. The IRS notification is apparently resolved. The IRS had admitted that our filing was timely received. They seemed to have misplaced it. Finally, the council by-laws have been updated and are posted on line and published in booklet format and are being distributed. Additional copies are available. The motion to accept was made by Dennis Breton and seconded by Don Leeman. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported beginning balance of \$2,804.95.

Expenses paid for the month were:

Bill from Supreme	\$363.17
Postage	47.00
Relief fund accrual	300.00
Exemplification expense	108.85

Income for the month:

50/50 receipts	\$ 50.00
Donation	145.50
Exemplification receipts	300.00
Dues	310.00
Electronic access deposit	.26

Balance for end of month is \$3,791.69 of which \$829.03 is dedicated for the Childrens' Christmas party.

Motion made by Don Leeman and seconded by Tim Cole to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Grand Knight's Report:** Surge hours are god. We did almost 3,000 hours last year. Discussion ensued as to the preparation of the Surge report for this year that is due at the end of this month. The web site is up and running. Josh Trivilino has done a wonderful job. Lots of stuff are now on it such as our by-laws, how to become a Knight, previous and upcoming activities such as the free throw competition and the Rick Bragg benefit dinner.

**New Business:** The Friday night haddock dinners will be starting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Friday in lent and will continue for the following 5 Fridays. The cost per dinner will be \$15.00 with the proceeds divided into thirds. One third for the cost of the meal, the second third to the council and the final third to the charity. What the council collects for charity is divided for the benefit of three beneficiaries. It was decided to donate all of the charitable contributions received on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> will go to Waban. The contributions received on the other 5 nights will be divided in half with one half contributed to Maine Right to Life and the other half to Presence Radio. Motion made by Frank Pease and seconded by Don Leeman to approve. Motion carried.

It was also mentioned that the Waban Telethon will be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and we will be putting on a breakfast and lunch in addition to the Haddock supper the night before. Helpers are welcomed.

Dennis Guay suggested that the council also sponsor a dinner for the benefit of Father Romaine, pastor of our sister parish in Haiti. Father Tracy had recommended this. He will be visiting us in a month or two. It is recommended to have a roast beef or pork dinner on the Saturday night that he will be here.

Kevin Neeley spoke on behalf of the That Man is You program that is currently being presented in the parish. This is a 26 week program divided into two 13 week semesters. The second semester has just started. It is presented each Saturday morning from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The primary theme is Catholic male leadership in the family, the workplace, and in the community.

St. Thomas Poster Contest is starting up. Ray Sargent reports that there will be 10 separate divisions contested. The Council trustees will determine what recognition will be provided to the winners. That will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The Exemplification Ceremony for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree knights was successfully held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Seven knights from our council participated.

Tim Cole reported that for the Soccer Day to be most successful it should be scheduled on a week day probably Wednesday. The reason being that optimum attendance is more likely. He recommends that it be held some Wednesday in early September from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Tim is also planning for the second annual council barbeque to take place in July. Anyone who Chandonnet, Dennis Guay, and Ron Robichaud were volunteered.

Treasurer Matt reported the trustees will be meeting after the meeting to sign the annual audit.

**Knight of the Month:** Ron Nobert was awarded Knight of the Month retroactively for November for all the work he does on behalf of the council. (He was away hunting in November.)

**State District Reports:** Executive State Secretary Ray Sargent announced that the state convention will be held at Sunday River on April 2 and 21. The council must submit the list of members deceased this past year and also the council needs to appoint 2 delegates. GK John Chandonnet volunteered to be one of them.

District Deputy Dennis Guay announced that the council free throw contest will be on Sunday, 3/5. Registration is at noon; free throws start at one and pizza and drink follow. Medallions will be presented to the winners.

He also puts out a call for volunteers to man the souvenir booth at selected Mainers games. He has been approached by Jeff Titherington to see if we can help the Mainers out by staffing the booth for some of the upcoming games. Volunteers must be able to report by 5:15 on the evening of the game.

Finally, Dennis reminded the council that the benefit dinner for Rick Bragg is being held on Saturday evening, Feb. 25th at the Springvale council hall.

**50/50 Raffle:** The lucky winner is Tim Cole who in turn donated his winnings to assist the Rick Bragg fund.

**Closing prayer remembrance:**

Vern Duprey	Rick Bragg
Steve Danaway	Joe Garand

**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.....Wiliam Sheehan

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

**Council Meeting adjourned:** 7:55PM.