

**St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 2017**

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

**Attendance:** 26 members in attendance. Warden Gerry Newport attested to the fact that all in attendance have valid documentation. Roll call of officers was taken and duly recorded.

**Acknowledgements:** Executive Secretary Ray Sargent and District Deputy Dennis Guay were recognized as were Brother Henry and Lecturer Brother Jerome.

**Minutes to the previous month's council meeting:** The motion was made by Gerry Newport and seconded by Manny DeAmaral to accept the March minutes as-written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance \$4171.68

Receipts:

Haddock dinners (4)	\$3127.35
Dues	175.00
Donation	20.00
50/50	20.00
Waban Canteen	142.00

Disbursements:

Basketball contest	\$ 142.31
Spars(?)	11.00
National (?) Society	100.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	50.00
Waban	117.20
State Convention	250.00

Ending balance \$6885.56

Motion made to accept the treasurer's report as read was made by Manny DeAmaral and seconded by Frank Pease. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary report:** The Financial Secretary's report was waived due to the absence of the Financial Secretary.

**Grand Knight's Report:** Surge hours YTD for 2017 are 1014. Good work.

Update on the KofC website include write up on the upcoming benefit barbeque this summer, the results of the St. Thomas school poster contest, the notice of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification, and the upcoming public rosary at Gowen Park starting this month and continuing through October. We should give praise to Josh Travalino for doing such an excellent job on the site. Rick Bragg benefit barbeque hosted by us and the Springvale Council will be

held at St. Thomas school on Saturday, July 16 starting right after the 4:00 Mass. Tim Cole will be assembling a committee to plan the barbeque. GK John has a special chicken barbeque sauce for the occasion.

The state convention will be held at Sunday River in Newry from Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Delegates nominated to represent the council are Grand Knight John Chandonet and Frank Pease with District Deputy Director Dennis Guay as an alternate. Motion made to approve the delegate selection was made by Dennis Breton and seconded by Manny DeAmaral. Motion passed.

The Lenten Friday haddock suppers have gone ok. Frank Pease reported that revenues are down from previous years and we might wish to reconsider the distributions we agreed to in the previous meetings. After discussion, it was determined to table any further consideration until next month's meeting.

The Waban telethon raised \$91,000 and the council sponsored canteen also went well. Should add another volunteer next year to help. Many thanks to Congdon doughnuts and the Dirty Dozen for their generous donations of doughnuts.

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification at Mt. Marisse (sp?) Academy in Waterville on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ceremony begins at 12:30 with the parade at 3:00 and Mass at 4:00 with a banquet afterwards. The fee is \$70.00 (that covers expenses) and the dress regulation is a tuxedo.

Childrens' Christmas party will be held at the parish hall on Saturday, December 9. The weekend of July 8 and 9 is reserved at Marden's and August 5 and 6 at Shaw's to sell tickets. The Tootsie Roll drive this year will be Thursday through Saturday, August 17-19.

The public rosary will be held at Gowens Park from April through October in remembrance of the 100 year anniversary the visitations of our Lady of Fatima.

#### **New Business:**

Our council sponsored a poster contest at the St. Thomas school. The theme for the posters was Substance Abuse. There were 51 contestants. Two winners were selected, one in each bracket for the contest. The winners are:

Ages 12 – 14 Anna Cote

Ages 8 – 11 Arial Commack

A Walmart gift card will be awarded to each of the winners.

A request for a donation to help fund the cost of the bus trip for the Parish Youth group to attend this year's convention in Rockport. Frank Pease moved that we donate a \$100 and Manny DeAmaral seconded. Motion passed.

A nomination committee consisting of Dennis Guay, Gerry Newport, and Matt Pettine was appointed to prepare a slate to be voted on for next year's officers.

A Project Rachel meeting is being held on April 22 and 23. Food donations are requested.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, the "Road to Hope" walkers will be stopping in Sanford and council volunteers will prepare a spaghetti meal for them.

Frank Pease proposed that the council appoint a surge director for each of the 6 surge categories. Each director would be responsible for accounting for the surge hours dedicated to his particular category by the council members. Discussion ensued on this concept resulting in a favorable acceptance. It was suggested the nomination committee add the surge director positions to their slate for the upcoming year.

Ray Sargent reminded the council that our newly merged council has the assignment to assist immobile veterans in Togus to get to the 9:00 Mass on Easter (April 16). Volunteers are needed and are to meet at the Convent parking lot at 6:30 AM in order to travel to Togus in time for the Mass.

Blood drive on this Saturday (4/8) from 9:00 to 2:00 at the St. Ignatius gym.

Lecturer, Brother Jerome, delivered an inspirational address on the value of meditation during the upcoming Holy week.

Dennis Guay addressed the council on the life changing experience after visiting Haiti. He, David Murphy, Dan Rooney and Kevin Neeley recently went to help our sister parish there and assess their needs. They returned with a great appreciation for the daily sacrifices the natives endure. David Murphy announced that the rebuilding of the hurricane damaged church will begin with new stresses built in mid-July.

#### **50/50**

Richard L'Heureux was the winner and he, in turn, generously turned his winnings over to the council.

#### **Closing prayer remembrance:**

Vern Duprey  
Steve Dunaway  
Joe Garand  
Kevin McCormick's wife  
Fr. Norm Carpenter  
Yvette McKinney

#### **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.

**Next Council Meeting:** The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11. Officers meeting at 6:30 – 7:00 PM, Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

**Council meeting adjourned: 8:01 PM**