

**St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11,2017**

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

**Acknowledgements:** Bob Tyler, Grand Knight of the Springvale Council, Executive Secretary, Ray Sargent, Dennis Guay, District Deputy.

**Attendance:** 24 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.

**Minutes to the previous month's Council meeting:** GerryL'Heureux raised the fact that the April meetings misstated the date of the upcoming "Road to Hope" march. The correct date is August 22, 2017. Gerry Newport moved to accept the minutes as amended and seconded by Gerry L'Heureux. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance		\$6,885.53
Receipts:		
50/50	\$ 21.00	
donation	21.00	
Haddock dinner	1061.18	
Dues	25.00	
Disbursements:		
Poster contest	\$ 75.00	
Youth group	100.00	
Ending balance		\$7,838.71

Motion made by Manny D'Amaral and seconded by Ron Robichaud to accept. Motion passed.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** The Financial Secretary has reported that an additional \$125 in dues has been received since the last meeting he attended. There are still 23 members currently unpaid. He has prepared the letter of intent to retain and awaits an update from Frank Pease before sending them. Dennis Guay requested a copy of the list of unpaids. There was 1 withdrawal who has been placed on the inactive roster. Motion to accept was made by Greg Semo, seconded by Many D'Amaral. Motion carried.

**Grand Knight's Report:** Surge hours to date 1,742. Keep up the good work. The new monthly individual surge report form was introduced for use by all members. It is available on the web site for download and completion. Turn the completed form into the Grand Knight each month for recording. The Grand Knight has as his goal for our council to receive the "Star Council award" in one or more of the 6 categories. He states that we

are a very active council and that goal is very achievable if we accurately report our surge hours.

The web site is update to include the Lady of Fatima activities and also the individual surge activity form. Thanks to Josh Travelino for the excellent job he is doing in maintaining and updating the web site. Ray Sargent asked if a link to upcoming activities could be added to the website. It was affirmed that a hyperlink could be added and Josh was assigned the task.

The Annual State Convention was held in Newry on April 21- through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members from the Sanford councils who attended included John Chandonnet, Bob Tyler, George Watson, Ray Sargent, Dennis Guay, Frank Pease, and Carl Patterson.

We received recognition for:

- The Waban Telethon
- The Tootsie roll drive
- Pro-Life work on Project Rachel
- Blood drives

We also recommend the Murphy family to Supreme for the Family of the month award.

We came in second on the raffle calendar sales and received a commission check for \$155.00

We also received an award from Supreme for our Parish Christmas Fair last October.

The 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification is being held at St. Marissa on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our council will not have any candidate present.

The public rosary will be held at Gowen Park on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lady of Fatima's appearance. There will also be a 100-year anniversary remembrance service on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at the Franciscan Monastery.

The Springvale Council and the St. Thomas Council are jointly planning monthly spaghetti dinners to raise funds to help offset the St. Thomas School loss of funding cut from the City of Sanford. \$21,000 was cut off.

**New Business:** Nominations for next year 's officers was opened for discussion. Dennis Guay read the slate to be presented before the Council at next month's meeting. The point was made that nominations are still open if anyone wants to run for any office. The current nominations are:

Grand Knight

John Chandonnet

Deputy Grand Knight	Dennis Breton
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud
Recorder	Greg Semo
Treasurer	Matt Pettine
Lecturer	Brother Jerome
Advocate	Dan Rooney
Outside Guard	Robert Martin
Inside Guard	Rene Robichaud
1st year Trustee	Steve Belanger

Allocation of the haddock supper profits was opened for discussion. Grand Knight John stated that the profit this year was \$5,041 which was \$1,000 short of normal. The planned distribution of profits was 1/3 to the parish, 1/3 to the council, and the final third divided equally among Waban, the Right to Life, and Presence radio. At the February meeting, it was decided to grant the March 17<sup>th</sup> supper's net profit to Waban This was \$852 and exacerbated the shortfall. The motion was made by Dennis Breton and seconded by Tim Cole to forgo the contribution to the Right to Life and Presence radio and split the remaining net profit between the parish and the council. The motion passed.

Frank Pease requested the Grand Knight to call upcoming legislation on a bill title "Death with Dignity" and another similar bill titled "Life with Dignity" to the attention of the council. Both bills fly in the face of our values for the right to life. Although, in committee both bills received ONTP they will be brought to the floor of both chambers for final legislative determination.

Ron Robichaud announced the ACTS retreat is being held at the Brothers in Alfred in June. He encouraged any and all members to participate and invite their sons who are at least 18.

Dan Rooney followed up on the ACTS retreat stating that it starts on Thursday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through to Sunday afternoon on June 4. The theme for the retreat is "Receive the Holy Spirit". Applications are available from Dan. He also recommended the play on "Divine Mercy" that is highly acclaimed. It will be playing at St. Joseph's in Biddeford on May 26.

Greg Semo put out an "all hands" bulletin for volunteers with rakes, weed wickers and wheelbarrows to report the St. Ignatius Cemetery on Saturday morning (8:00 to noonish), May 20<sup>th</sup>. The more the merrier for the fun but important to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

Also, carnations are on hand for passing out after Mass this coming Sunday, Mothers' Day. Volunteers are needed to collect donations and pass out carnations at each Mass. Springvale Grand Knight, Bob Tyler, requested volunteers to speak at the beginning each Mass on May 14 to enlist potential new Knights to attend a free spaghetti supper on Thursday, May 18 at the Knights Springvale Social Center.

**Knight(s) of the Month:** First of all, the Grand Knight presented Josh Travelino with the March award for all the work he does for the website.

The May award was presented to Greg Semo for all the work he and his wife do for the council and the parish.

**State District Reports:** Executive Secretary, Ray Sargent reported on the Togus visit last Easter Sunday that council volunteers did to assist disabled patients to attend Catholic services.

Ray also announced that there will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification on May 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Wells.

The State summer meetings are scheduled. Any knight is welcome to attend. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries are expected to attend. The meetings will be:

June 24	York
July 22	Fort Fairfield
July 23	Belfast

Finally, members from both councils are encouraged to march or ride on the float in the Memorial Day parade.

Deputy Director Dennis Guay announced that the knights will be running an in the park hot dog stand at all the Mainers home games. This will be in the stands itself. Volunteers are invited to man the stand and also sells the hot dogs throughout the ball park. Motion made to approve made by Tim Cole and seconded by Bob Black. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Tim Cole reported that the soccer program will be starting up in September. He questioned when would be the best time to order supplies. Sign up will be held sometime late August or early September.

He also noted that the summer barbeque is being held on July 15 for the benefit of Rick Bragg.

**50/50:** Won by Matt Pettine who in turn donated his winnings to the council.

**Closing Prayer Remembrance:**

Brother Albert	Steve Dunaway
Rick Bragg	Joe LeGrand
Ron Duprey	

**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, June 8. Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00P.M.. Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 P.M..

**Council Meeting adjourned: 8:08 PM**