

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2017

Monthly Council Meeting:

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

Acknowledgments:

Executive Secretary Ray Sargent was recognized. Lecturer Brother Jerome and visitor Clifford Babkirk, the local community build volunteer from the Window Dressers organization were also recognized.

Attendance:

18 members were present. Others were on duty at the hot dog concession stand at the Mainers opening day ball game. Roll call of officers was taken and duly recorded.

Minutes to the previous month's Council meeting:

The motion was made by Don Leeman and seconded by Gerry Newport to accept last month's minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance		\$7, 838.71
Receipts:		
Springvale's share of ad	\$ 186.00	
Waban receipt	117.00	
Calendar sales	155.00	
Dues	75.00	
50/50 sales	24.00	
50/50 donation	24.00	
Disbursements:		
Cost of ad	\$ 558.00	
Supreme	33.80	
Parish share- suppers	2,094.50	
Ending balance		\$5, 733.41

Don Leeman moved to accept the treasurer's report and Frank Pease seconded it. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Since last month we have received dues from 3 members. Still have 20 members outstanding. Current paid membership stands at 120. Motion made by Don Leeman and seconded by Gerry L'Heureux. Motion carried.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Brothers in Alfred are having a Jubilee celebration on Friday, June 23 at which the anniversaries of the following Brothers are recognized:

Brother James LaCaste	75 years
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Brother Earnest Paquette	65 years
Brother Donald LaPointe	65 years
Brother Henry Monday	25 years

(recorder's note: please forgive any incorrect spelling of names.) Anyone interested in attending should contact Brother Jerome for registration. Festivities begin at 10:00 AM.

Surge hours to date are 1,889. Keep up the good work. Members are urged to use the newly drafted Monthly Surge Report form that can be downloaded from the website. Certainly makes for a more efficient and accurate surge report.

The only update to the website is the announcement of the upcoming State meeting on June 24 at St. Christophers in York. The Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary must attend. Anyone else who wishes to go may do so but must register in advance

The Grand Knight acquired 2,000 raffle tickets for the Childrens' Christmas Party. Ticket sales will begin on Saturday, July 8 from 9-5 and Sunday from 10-5 at Marden's. Also, Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6 are reserved at Shaw's for ticket sales. GK John asked Ron to contact Joan Sylvester for permission to sell the few remaining tickets at the Shaker Hill Apple Festival on September 23 and 24.

There is a public rosary at the Gazebo at Gowen's Park on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00PM. This is in recognition of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima 100 years ago.

In order to help defray the loss of funding caused by the City of Sanford refusal to allocate any future funding for the St. Thomas School, plans are underway to have monthly suppers at the school starting in the fall. The Grand Knights of our community will attend the St. Thomas School board meeting on June 12 to discuss their plan.

We will be manning the concession stand at the 15 Mainer home games starting tonight (June 8).

GK John read a very touching thank you letter received from the parents of Jeff Bede thanking us for the benefit barbecue we jointly put on for Jeff last summer.

New Business:

Visitor Cliff Babkirk, community build volunteer for Window Dressers, a company staffed by numerous volunteers throughout the state to build double sided, heat stretched plastic inside storm windows for customers throughout the area. These windows cost in a range of \$20 to \$30 each. It provides an affordable solution for individual households to keep their homes warm in the winter. Cliff showed us how they are constructed. He is visiting organizations such as ours to enlist volunteers to assemble the prefabricated windows. We can address some of his needs by:

- Providing space for the volunteers to assemble, or
- Providing lunch for the volunteers, or
- Volunteering to assemble, or
- Any combination of the above.

Anyone who purchases windows must volunteer at least 24 hours of assembly activity. Assembly sites, so far, in York County for this coming fall are in Berwick and Laudholm Farm in Wells. GK suggests we form a volunteer party to help in Berwick this fall. Anyone who is interested may contact Cliff at 324 8944 or email him at cbabkirk502@gmail.com. Cliff also passed out a handout for anyone interested in the product.

Election of Officers for the upcoming year:

Ray Sargent presented the nomination committee's recommendations. They are as follows:

Grand Knight	John Chandoinnet
Deputy Grand Knight	Dennis Breton
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud
Recorder	Greg Semo
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee
Treasurer	Matt Pettine
Lecturer	Brother Jerome Lessard
Advocate	Dan Rooney
Warden	Gerald Newport
Inside Guard	Rob Martin
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud
1 st yr Trustee	Frank Pease
2 nd yr Trustee	Tim Cole
3 rd yr Trustee	Jim Delamarter
Chaplain	Father Phillip Tracey

Further nominations from the floor was called for three times. None were made and the motion was made by Don Leeman that nominations be closed and the recorder cast on ballot for the nomination committee's slate as announced. Dan Sweeney seconded the motion.

The motion carried and I, your humble recorder, did, in fact, cast that vote.

Grand Knight John discussed the council's goal to capture the next annual Star Award for outstanding surge hour annual participation. To best accomplish this goal, he has appointed the following surge directors for each of the surge categories. They are as follows;

Church Activity	Dan Rooney
Community Activities	John Chandonnet
Council Activities	Dennis Breton
Culture of Life Activities	Frank Pease
Family Activities	Greg Semo
Youth Activities	Tim Cole

In addition, Don Leeman volunteered to be the Membership Director. Grand Knight John Chandonnet officially appointed Don as the Council's membership director. There will be a scheduled work session for the surge directors sometime in July.

The benefit barbecue for Rick Bragg will be on Saturday, July 22nd after the 4:00 o'clock Mass. It will be held at the St. Thomas School field.

Lecturer's Address:

Brother Jerome addressed us on the canonization of the 2 young children of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima. He spoke of the visions these two children witnessed in their brief life and how they spent much of their time in divine contemplation and praying the rosary. The book that Brother Jerome quoted from is titled "The Shepherds of Fatima" authored by M. Fernand Silva.

State District Reports:

Ray Sargent reported that the 4th degree monthly meetings will be held at the St. Ignatius Gym starting in September.

He also reported that a 4th degree exemplification ceremony will be held in Deery, N.H. on July 15th. He has acquired permission for the Maine candidates he has in mind to participate.

Also, the Special Olympics kicks off in Orono on June 9. The local ceremony is being held on Saturday, June 10, in the City Square at 10:00AM. Honor Guard to report at 9:30. Ray introduced our local K of C insurance agent, Eric, to a rousing round of applause.

50/50 raffle: won by Steve Belanger.

Closing Prayer Remembrance:

Dan Duprey
Monica Newport
Steve Dunaway
Joe Garand
Al Fornier
Rich Bragg
The 29 martyred Egyptian Coptic Christians

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, July 13. Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00P.M.. Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 P.M..

Council Meeting adjourned: 8:08PM