

MINUTES OF ST. THOMAS COUNCIL MEETING – 09 MAY 2024

Grand Knight John Chandonnet called the meeting to order at 7:26PM. Prior to the start of the meeting, Taylor Morin was exemplified to the Knights of Columbus. Then PSD Ray Sargent, Recorder, led a decade of the rosary for the unborn. GK John opened the meeting by leading in the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers – all were present except Chaplain Father Bill, Advocate Ron Robichaud, Inside Guard Gerry Newport, Lecturer Brother Jerome Lessard, and Trustee Jerry Nulton were excused. Trustee George Kanolas was absent. There were 16 members present as well as District Warden John Dientes. GK John acknowledged the presence of DW John and PSD Ray.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published on email. The motion to accept was made by Trustee Terry Sylvanus and seconded by Advocate Greg Cyr. The motion passed.

Treasurer Matt Pettine's report included a balance of \$7,007.46 with \$204 dedicated to the children's Christmas party and \$420 for the food closet.

FS John Greenlee reported there are currently 148 members.

Grand Knight Report:

- GK John presented certificates to the five new members.
- GK John reported on the state convention.
- The Waypoint Telethon will be June 1. Volunteers are needed to serve the food and beverages.
- GK John said he attended the May 7 meeting for Father Bill's Jubilee on June 23. Noon mass in Limerick followed by a luncheon purchased, prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus who will share in the cost and the work.
- GK John said the yard sale at the Notre Dame Rectory Saturday will run 8-3. Volunteers are needed.
- Mothers Day volunteers are needed to hand out carnations and baby bottles after all the masses.

Faith in Action: No reports given

New Business:

- GK John handed the gavel to Recorder Ray to run the election of officers for next year. The slate of officers presented were GK John, DGK Greg Cyr, Chancellor Ron, Treasurer Matt, Warden Aaron, IG Gerry, OG Rene, Lecturer Brother Jerome, Recorder Jonathan Brock, Advocate Richard Caroti and 3-year Trustee Ray Sargent. Trustees Terry and Jerry as well as Financial Secretary John do not have to be re-elected. No other nominations were presented and the Recorder was instructed to cast one ballot for the listed nominees.
- Bob Demers proposed that our council help put on bean suppers to benefit the school starting in September. The goal is to teach the parents of the school students how to put the suppers on and we could back off. Bob made the motion we support the school which was seconded by Terry. The motion passed.
- PSD Ray said the next Fourth Degree exemplification will be in Rockland on May 18th and encouraged all third degree members to consider making their fourth degree. Terry made the motion that the council pay for any new candidates. Rene seconded the motion. It passed.
- PSD Ray said that help is needed for the Special Olympics held at the University of Maine in Orono on June 7-9.

Lecturer Report:

- Brother Jerome is recuperating from a heart attack on March 25.

DD Report:

None given.

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Good of the Order:

- Treasurer Matt Pettine won the 50-50 which he donated to the council. (\$15)
- Prayers were requested for Brother Jerome, Eleanor and Don Leeman, Mike Alexander, Tom Cannon, Theresa and Terry Sylvanus.
- The next meeting will be at 7:00PM on Wednesday, June 12 because we will be working at the concession stand on Thursday the 13th.
- Closing prayers were said for all of our deceased members as well as those listed above. GK John recited the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael J McGivney, the Bill Sheehan prayer, a Hail Mary and Glory Be. The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Sargent, PSD, Recorder

GRAND KNIGHT – John Chandonnet

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Don Leeman

CHAPLAIN – Father Wilfred Labbe

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – John Greenlee

TREASURER – Matt Pettine

RECORDER – Raymond Sargent, PSD

CHANCELLOR – Ron Robichaud

WARDEN – Aaron Downs

INSIDE GUARD – Gerry Newport

OUTSIDE GUARD – Rene Robichaud

LECTURER – Brother Jerome Lessard

ADVOCATE – Greg Cyr

TRUSTEES – Terry Sylvanus (3 yrs), Jerry Nulton (2 yrs), George Kanalos (1 yr)

129th Annual Knights of Columbus Maine State Council Convention Report

Prepared by John Chandonnet

This year's convention was held at the Hilton Garden Inn at Great Falls Plaza in Auburn, Maine from Friday, April 26th thru Sunday, April 28th.

Friday, April 26th

St. Thomas Council knights attending the convention included Grand Knight John Chandonnet, Past State Deputy Ray Sargent and Past Grand Knight Dennis Breton. John Chandonnet and Ray Sargent were the elected voting delegates from the council.

Attendees checked into the hotel and registered for the convention Friday afternoon.

There was a Rosary service before the St. Joseph Icon from 4:45 to 5:30 pm.

A Welcome Dinner was served from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The Faith in Action Awards Presentation followed. The St. Thomas won a Faith program award for it's Into the Breach Program. Grand Knight John Chandonnet accepted the award.

The assigned committees convened following the awards ceremony. John Chandonnet and Ray Sargent were assigned to the Security and Tellers committee. The duty of the Security and Tellers Committee is to ensure that all meeting participants are wearing their delegate badge and carrying a valid third-degree membership card (known as a "travel card.") The other duty is to tally votes. However, there was no voting during the business meeting.

The evening concluded with hospitality in the Grand Ballroom.

Saturday, April 27th

The Business Meeting, followed the Breakfast Buffet, began at 8:30 am.

The meeting started with the Report of Committees. The committees included: Religious, Audit & Finance, Credentials, Resolutions, Appreciations, Past State Deputies and Security and Tellers Committee. John Chandonnet presented the report for this committee.

Reports of State Deputy, State Chaplin, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Past State Deputy and Supreme Representative followed.

Election of State Officers followed. Michael Giroux was elected as State Deputy. Gilman Berube was elected as State Secretary, Gilman Ouellette was elected as State Treasurer, Gary Boynton was elected as State Advocate, Michael Foster was elected as State Warden, Jon Harvey became Immediate Past Deputy, Fr. Nathan replaced Fr. Aaron Damboise as State Chaplin and John Deetjen, Jr. became District Master.

The Charity Fund recipients included: The Doherty Family, submitted by Abnaki Council #334; the Florey Family, submitted by Pine Cone Council #114, the Pro-Life Apartment, submitted by Jay Council #320 and Bishop Deely. Each of the four recipients received an equal share of the Charity Fund.

State Deputy Jon Harvey, as during Friday's Welcome Dinner, passed the basket to collect additional donations for the ASAP Program. A combined total of \$6,054 was collected!

Delegates for the Supreme Convention, to be held from August 6th thru August 8th in Quebec City, were elected. The five delegates included: Gil Berube, Mike Foster, Dwayne Belanger, Jon Harvey and Mark Bourgoïn. The three alternate delegates included: Gary Boynton, Paul Ouellette and Gil Ouellette.

Following closing remarks from outgoing State Deputy Jon Harvey and a closing prayer, the business meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

A buffet lunch at 12:30 pm followed. After a quick swim in the hotel pool, John Chandonnet donned his regalia and proceeded to St. Peter and Paul Basilica in Lewiston to be part of the Honor Guard at the 4:00 pm service. Bishop Deely, along with four priests and a deacon, celebrated mass. During mass, there was a roll call of our recently deceased brother knights following the homily. Following the roll call, there was an installation ceremony for the newly elected state officers officiated by Bishop Deely.

Following mass, it was back to the hotel for the banquet. The honor guard escorted the state officers, past state deputies, other dignitaries and his Excellency Bishop Deely to the head tables. Outgoing State Deputy Jon Harvey passed the hat around. This time it was to collect donations to benefit Operation Heartbeat. Operation Heartbeat offers cash contributions to the victims of the October 25th mass shooting in Lewiston. Over \$1,000 was collected. There were various speeches following dinner including that of the Supreme Representative, the keynote speaker. The banquet ended with closing comments by outgoing State Deputy Jon Harvey and State Deputy Elect Michael Giroux.

The evening concluded with dancing to a D.J.

Sunday, April 28th

The day began at 7:00 am with another Rosary Service before the St. Joseph Icon.

A buffet breakfast followed at 8:30 am. Following breakfast, checks were handed out to various councils for Cash Calendar sales. The St. Thomas Council received a check for \$130. Each state officer offered their closing comments and the 129th Annual Knights of Columbus Maine State Council Convention came to a close.