



Knights of Columbus



Council 2219

Westbrook, ME 04092

*Business Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month (Sept-June, 7:00)
Supper Meetings: 4th Monday of the month (Sept-May), 6:30*

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MEETING NOTICE

Our next business meeting will be on Monday, October 12 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall, 295 Brown St.

Our next supper (Pot Luck) will be on October 26 directly following our annual Installation of Officers at 6:30, also in the Parish Hall.

Please let Gerry Lizotte (854-5938) or me know if you are planning to attend and what food (entrée, salad, dessert) you plan to bring so we plan properly.

From the Grand Knight:

I would have to say that the highlight of my new term as Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator has been the excellent attendance at meetings. Your visible signs of support are very encouraging. THANK YOU for being there!

I feel like I have stumbled a bit coming out of the gate, as I have not been as prepared for the business meetings as I should have been. I apologize for that and vow to do better once I get my feet back under me. Thank you for your patience, both in the Council and the Assembly.

Vacant Positions:

We still have several positions that need to be filled, as follows:

Lecturer – *Vacant*

Community Activity Dir – *Vacant*

Council Activity Dir. – *Vacant*

Youth Activities Director – *Vacant*

Membership Director – *Vacant*

I have one volunteer who is considering an activity directorship, but that still will leave at least four openings. An activity director becomes part of the council staff and is a great way to learn more about “how things work.” It serves as a portal to becoming a chair leader. I promise that anyone who volunteers will receive plenty of support. Please consider it, especially if you have never done so.



Tootsie Roll Industries

People with Disabilities:

Chairman John Testa led another successful campaign this year, especially during this period of financial uncertainty. The total collected on the weekend of Sept 24-26 was \$1691.11, and we generated an additional \$28 by selling leftover candy. The total proceeds will be sent to the Maine State Council, who will keep 20% for State Council sponsored handicapped programs. The State Treasurer will then return the remaining 80% to the Council in the form of checks made out to organizations which we need to identify. If you have suggestions for

recipients, please make them to Chairman John Testa.



Finance Report:

At our last meeting, the Finance Committee recommended proceeding with the booklet distribution program spearheaded by Ed Dunn, and the Council passed the motion to provide about \$600 to do so.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the Westbrook Football Boosters request of \$2000 to print programs for the 2009 season. After appropriate discussion, the Council voted \$200 for this cause.

New requests:

- A significant donation is requested towards a walk-behind floor cleaning machine for the Parish Hall. This desperately needed machine would cost \$3850 plus \$250 for a nylon brush pad.
- In order to protect the floor from sand and water tracked in during inclement weather, the Parish Hall needs floor mats for both interior (~\$600) and exterior (\$150). Purchase of or donation towards these items will be considered.
- There is a need to seal the entryway, kitchen, and bathroom floors in the same manner as was done for the main hall. This treatment adds slip resistance, protects the floor from stains,

and improves the time for the floor to dry. This impregnation material costs \$105.00 per gallon. By making this a project and doing it ourselves, we will save the parish many hundreds of dollars.

- Hermit nuns of Brewer – financial aid request (we have given two \$50 stipends annually for the past several years).

SHARE the work, SHARE the wealth, SHARE the fun!

I am pleased to report that both the Daughters of Isabella Circle #498 and Westbrook Assembly #356 have accepted our invitation to participate in the SHARE program outlined last month. I have yet to meet with Youth Ministry (high school level) but am confident that they will do likewise.

Each month I will report the following information:

- List of SHARE activities for previous month.
- Net income (if any) for the project
- SHARE payments assigned to assembly, circle, and youth ministry
- Unassigned hours (to be assigned at later date)

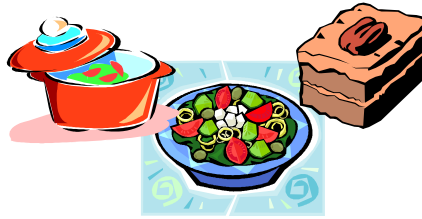
September SHARE report:

- People for Disabilities
 - Full proceeds \$1719.11
- Council supper meeting
 - Net proceeds \$65.06
- SHARE payments assigned:
 - Assembly - \$310.00
 - Circle - \$50.00
 - Youth Ministry - \$30.00
 - Unassigned hours (to be assigned at later date) - 45

Installation of Officers

As indicated above, we will hold our installation just prior to the pot luck supper on October 26. I will request for District Deputy Russ Champagne to begin the ceremony promptly at 6:30, so if you arrive late, please enter discretely so as not to interrupt this impressive event!

All officers to be installed should arrive by 6:15 and proceed to the Liturgy Room (up the stairs to the right immediately after entering the Parish Hall). Those who have KC blazers are asked wear them.



Pot Luck Supper and Program

A sign-up sheet for the pot luck supper will be available at the next business meeting. Please check with “the cook” in advance so you can offer the correct information as to what you plan to bring. Father Reggie suggests brownies with nuts like that pictured above! If you cannot or do not attend the meeting, please call Gerry Lizotte (854-5938) or Paul Concannon (854-9891) with your count and menu.

Chief Baker of the Westbrook Police Department plans to serve as our speaker following the meal. This promises to be a very informative evening and a good chance to ask questions or offer feedback. Why not join us?!!!

Good of the Order

Brother **Earl Hegarty** recently underwent his fourth back surgery in the past two years. The plan is for him to go to Springbrook Nursing Home for a short while, so let’s hope he has already been released by the time you read this! Cards, letters and cribbage opponents, however, will surely be welcome for some time to come!

Theresa Carrier, wife of Brother **Bob Carrier**, is now in rehab after falling victim to what appeared to be a stroke. We wish her a speedy recovery. Bob himself has just been fitted with his third prosthesis and is optimistic that the “third time’s a charm.” Bob hopes to attend a supper meeting once Theresa’s issues are behind her. Let’s pray that we see them both soon!



The recent death of US Army Sgt. Joshua J. Kirk brings into focus our need to be grateful for our freedom and our debt to those who protect it. Please say the following prayer for him and all who serve.

*“O God of mercy
We beg You now to protect in a special way
Those who are fighting for us and the country we love.
Bless them and take care of them.
If they are tired, give them strength.
If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort.
If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand
And let them know that You are near.
And if it be Your holy will that they should give up their lives for us,
Grant them a good death and a home with You in Heaven.
Hasten the day dear Lord
When we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more.
Amen.
Blessed Mother, pray for them.”*

Fraternally yours,
Paul Concannon, GK

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