

Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



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January & February, 2018

Activities

January

- 9th Monthly Business Meeting; Officers meet at 5:30 PM;
Rosary at 6 PM; Dinner at 6:30 PM; Business Mtg. 7 PM.*
- 13th Foul Shoot Competition-Council Level. 9 AM St. John's
Campus of All Saints School.
- 13th Pro-life Rally- Hands Around the Capitol in Augusta, car
pool. See Page 5.
- 16th 4th Degree Meeting 7 PM; Honor Guard Drill at 6 PM.*
- 18th Pot Luck Supper/Game Night 6 PM at St. Mary's Church.
- 19th March for Life Washington, D.C.
- 19th Bangor VA Home Mass – 2 PM.
- 20th Semi-Annual Planning. Officers and Directors pls.
Meeting 9AM to 10:30 AM at St. John's.
- 20th Parish Bean Supper, St. John's Hall after 4 o'clock Mass.
- 25th Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM to 1 PM.
- 28th 1st Degree Ceremony, 3 PM. Major Degree in honor of
Father Thibodeau.*

February

- 6th Monthly Business Meeting; Officers meet at 5:30 PM;
Rosary at 6 PM; Dinner at 6:30 PM; Business Mtg. 7PM.*
- 10th Foul Shoot Competition, District Level Old Town - place
to be determined.
- 13th 4th Degree Business Mtg. 7 PM; Honor Guard Drill 6 PM*
- 15th Pot Luck Supper/Game Night 6 PM.at St. Mary's Church .
- 17th Parish Spaghetti Dinner, St. Johns Church after 4 PM Mass
- 16th Bangor VA Home Mass at 2 PM.
- 22nd Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 10 AM to 1 PM.
- 25th 1st Degree Ceremony 3 PM.*

March

- 2nd – 3rd Pre Marriage Engagement Pre Cana Retreat St. John's
Hall 8 AM to 2 PM.
- 3rd Annual Paul Cormier Memorial Blood Drive St. Mary's
Church Hall 8 AM to 2 PM.

* = at St. Teresa's Hall

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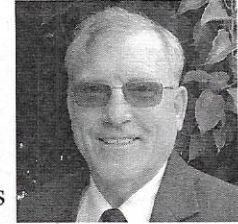
By Walter Kamyk, Faithful Navigator

Hello Brother Knights,
I just wanted to pass along some information that came

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Grand Knight's Column

By Keith Forbes



I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas. Barb and I wish you a Happy New Year, 2018! Thank you Jesus for our Knights and their families. 2017 was filled with offerings of hope, prayer, time, treasure and blessings. I give thanks for all that we have accomplished this past year, and may we all look forward to new undertaking.

Welcome Father Anthony! May you find Saint Paul the Apostle Parish welcoming, and a prayerful community!

Congratulations to our Knight and Family of the Month Honorees for October and November.

Between now and January 28th, I challenge each of you to ask at least one person to consider becoming a Knight of Columbus. Our Supreme, Knight, Carl Anderson, challenged State Officers and Grand Knights Worldwide to try to find at least one new Knight, and I think that I as well as you are up to the challenge. To honor those we have asked to become Knights, I shall hold the 1st Degree Exemplification on January 28th in Father Clement Thibodeau's honor in memory of his devotion to our faith and community. Will you accept the challenge?

Please remember that the annual Paul Cormier Blood Drive will be on March 3rd at St. Mary's Hall. Call Brother Garry Higgins at 478-6009 if you can help.

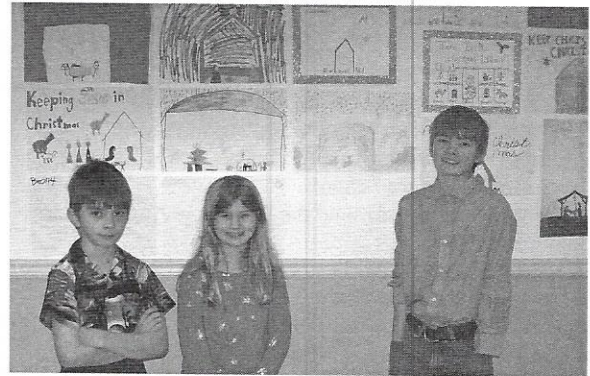
Lastly, our Parish is sponsoring a major Event called ReBoot! Chris Stefanick is coming to Bangor, and what an exciting event this shall be. **He says: IGNITING A BOLD, CONTAGIOUS FAITH IN THE HEART OF EVERY CATHOLIC IN AMERICA.** Please read the articles in the Parish Bulletin for information about this exciting event. Please save this date: April 26, 2018. Hope to see you there.

Thanks Brothers for all your goodness, it's very much appreciated.

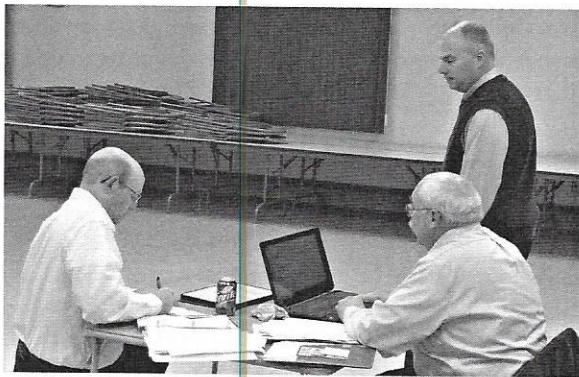
Pine Cone Council's Winter Activities



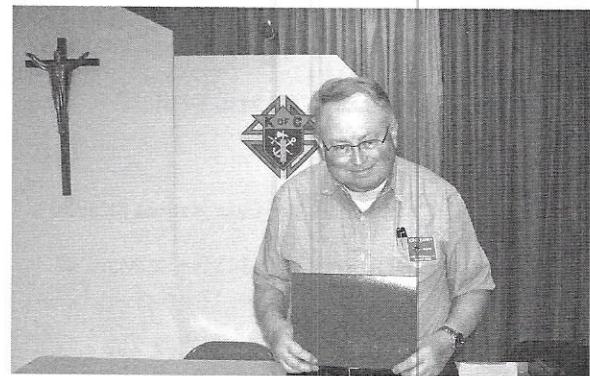
Santa and his helpers delight the children with presents at Pine Cone Council's Christmas Party at St. John's Church.



Standing in front of some of the posters in our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest are Katrina Modruson, a prize-winner, and her two brothers, Glenn and Lucas, all Students at All Saints School.



Men at Work. After the December 5 Council Meeting officers Jamie Berube, Financial Secretary; William Bennett, Deputy Grand Knight; and EJ Hikel, Treasurer finish their work.



Past Grand Knight John Barry with Columbia Award received by Pine Cone Council for the year ended June 30, 2017 as the Council completed 4 or more projects in each of the 6 Activity Areas: Community, Church, Council, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth.

4th Degree Assembly Column *Continued from Page 1*

down from Supreme. "To date there have been over 8,000 new Honor Guard uniforms ordered, and because the demand far exceeds the supply, Supreme has extended the use of the former Honor Guard regalia until June 30, 2019." Also, those who need a color patch for your beret, you need to send an e-mail to suprememaster@kofc.org.

You will need to list your name, membership number, address, and position you are currently holding. Also, if you are a former Master or Faithful Navigator, please let them know as well.

Our next 4th Degree meeting is on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 PM at St. Teresa's Hall. Please come as we need a final vote on disbursement of funds to offset the new regalia uniforms and other items that need to be voted on.

Please join us for a Great Spaghetti Supper on February 17th at St. John's Church after the 4 PM Mass. Tell your friends, family, and co-workers, all are welcome. We will need some help putting this meal on, so help us out if you can spare some time.

Thank you, and I hope to see many of our Sir Knights at our next meeting.

Thank You Pine Cone Council!

By Jimmy and Linda Landers

We wish to express our deep gratitude for the wonderful outpouring of generosity, support and friendship during our Benefit Supper.

Words are hard to find to express just how moved we both are for this special gift of life Linda now has.

Thank you, thank you, thank you Brother Knights and families for helping us in this very critical time in our lives.

It means the world to us.

Culture of Life Column

Noted Columnist: Sexual Harassment and Men's Demeaning of Women Are Offsprings of a Contraceptive Culture

(LifeSiteNews) December 1, 2017 The continually unfolding epidemic of sexual harassment and sexual abuse is owed in part to the proliferation of contraception prominent *Wall Street Journal* columnist Peggy Noonan (former Reagan & Bush speech writer) wrote last week.

Noonan explained in her *Wall Street Journal* column what Popes have predicted and practicing Catholics have witnessed over the last four decades of exploding acceptance of the birth control pill – when sexual intercourse is separated from its life-giving aspect, men will objectify women making abuse inevitable.

"Once you separate sex from its seriousness, once you separate it from its life-changing, life-giving potential," Noonan said, "men will come to see it as just another want, a desire like any other."

"Once they think that, then they'll see sexual violations as less serious, less charged, less full of weight. They'll be more able to rationalize. It's only petty theft, a pack of chewing gum on the counter, and I took it."

The Catholic Church teaches that the purpose of the marital act is procreative and unitive. When those two aspects are intentionally separated, as with artificial contraception, the openness to life is blocked and God is removed from the embrace -- demeaning both husband and wife.

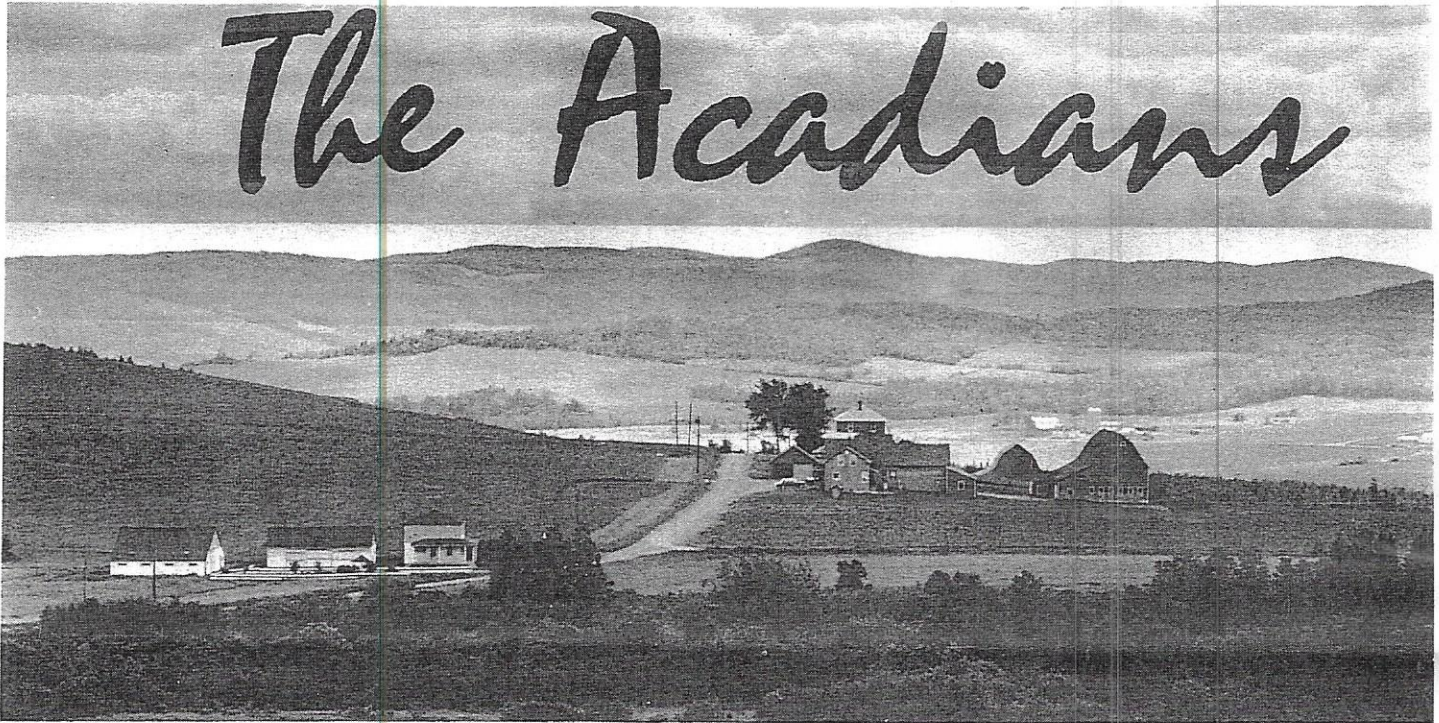
Pope Paul VI predicted in *Humanae Vitae* (1968) that acceptance of contraception would "lead to conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality." He also said "Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as a partner whom he should surround with care and affection."

Pope Pius XI also forecast in his 1930 encyclical *Casti Connubii* that moral decay would result from separating sex from God's plan.

Catholic Reflections

By Past Grand Knight Dr. John Barry

This is the column in our bimonthly newsletter that focuses on Catholic traditions, history, philosophy, theology, and family values. This edition is devoted to an update on the Acadian people to connect the history of my previous article with a splendid essay that appeared in Maine Line of March/April 1970. Maine Line was the bimonthly magazine produced by the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company. Here is the contemporary tale of the Acadian descendants who interfaced with the late great Bangor & Aroostook direct from the pages of Maine Line Magazine courtesy of the Cole Land Transportation Museum. (These 2 pages will be followed by an additional 2 pages of this article in our March/April K of C newsletter.)



A summer sun makes dramatic patterns on the St. John Valley landscape in a scene that is typical of the area's rolling hills and rich farmland.

"Bonjour, you, 212!"

The exuberant salutation crackled out of Train 212's radio filling the cab of the diesel. The engineer, a veteran on the Bangor and Aroostook's Ashland Branch run, grinned to himself and reached for the handset to acknowledge the greeting from the station agent.

The spirited exchange reflected the vitality and sheer zest for life of the railroad's French-American employees. Nearly all of them are lineal descendents of the Acadians, the courageous settlers of Nova Scotia whose persecution and cruel scattering by the British in 1755 can still, across the dusty pages of history, outrage one's sense of justice. A small band of those harassed Acadians escaped up the St. John River and, later, settled in an area that is now

bounded by Grand Falls, N. B., and St. Francis, Maine, the northern terminus of the railroad.

The names of those first settlers are still familiar ones in the bustling communities of the St. John River Valley . . . Charette, Jalbert, Morneault, Albert, Nadeau, Cyr, Pelletier, Michaud, Soucy, Violette, Thibodeau, Theriault, Bouchard, Labbe, Ouellette, Voisine, Plourde, Roy, Jandreau, Sirois, Hebert, Martin . . . They are familiar payroll names on the Bangor and Aroostook, too.

The descendents of Acadians helped build the railroad working beside Italian immigrants. And, after it was built, they were among the first trackmen and extra gang employees. Louis Levesque of Winterville, who worked for 50 years for the railroad, took over his section at

Winterville from his father, Joseph Levesque. The elder Levesque helped build that particular piece of track and when it was finished he dropped off the construction crew to become its first custodian. Until Louis Levesque retired in 1968, only a Levesque had been foreman of that carefully tended piece of track. His son, Ivan, is an operator at Houlton.

Belone Pelletier, of Fort Kent, drove the civil engineers over the raw right-of-way when the St. Francis Branch was being built 61 years ago. The three-seated wagon was drawn by four horses and Mr. Pelletier, now 79, has vivid memories of Chief Engineer Moses Burpee booted, spurred and superbly mounted on a black stallion. The workday began at 6:00 a.m. and ended at 6:00 p.m.

He remembers the tenacious clay that would be laboriously dug out of cuts one day and, when the crew returned to work in the gray dawn light next morning, they'd find that more had oozed to the surface during the night. The next year, he drove a horse-drawn scraper during the construction of the river road from Fort Kent to Madawaska.

Belone Pelletier left railroading to become a full-fledged wood camp boss at 25, later employing as his clerk at Greenville the same Fred Street who had been conductor of the first train over the newly - completed St. Francis Branch. He became a substantial farmer and has been a selectman at Fort Kent for the past 24 years.

In the rolling country from Caribou to St. Francis and from Portage Lake on the Ashland Branch, it was the Acadians who took over the care of the raw right-of-way that had been slashed through forests of hemlock and fir and spruce.

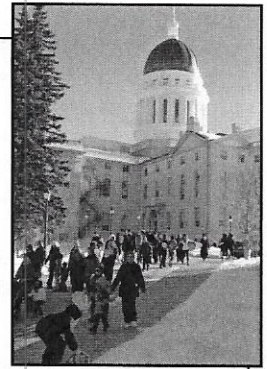
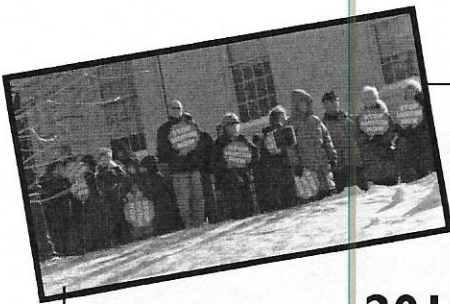
CONTINUE THE TRADITIONS

Their descendents . . . the Guimonds, Nadeaus, Plourdes, Gagnons, Bouchards, Morneaults, Voisines, Doucettes, Michauds, Pelletiers, Raymonds, Rossignols, Corbins, Beaulieus, Beaupres, Toziers, Pinettes and Levesques, to name a few . . . still carry on the traditions of their fathers, making up about 15% of the railroad's employees. The Acadians did not just confine their railroading to building and maintenance. They became engineers and conductors and agents and salesmen. Of the railroad's nine supervisory agents, positions of broad responsibility, five are Acadians. . . . R. A. Lausier, Hercules Levesque, Harold Labbe, Leland Labbe and P. J. Dube. There are engineers like Barney Nadeau, Sandy St. Peter and Lionel Madore and conductors like Addis Beaupre, Ray Violette, Bob Labonte and Harold Caron, who have come to be respected by their English colleagues because they are good at their craft.



As woodsmen and wilderness travelers, the Acadians have no peers and handling a canoe on white water is almost an art form. At right, an Acadian family operates a "sugary" in the heart of a Valley maple grove. Below, the railroad has been part of the St. John Valley since 1902 when the line was built from Ashland to Fort Kent.





Please Join Us!

2018 Hands Around the Capitol

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Augusta, ME

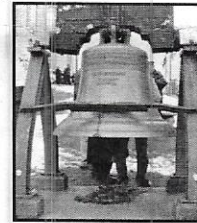
45th Memorial Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Mark your Calendars for January 13, 2018 to participate in Maine Right to Life Committee's Annual **HANDS AROUND THE CAPITOL** Rally and March. This event is where we publicly recognize and mourn the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade while providing an intense impact on those who witness our solemn march. **Alert your family and friends - encourage** them to save the date and **ATTEND!** Make reminder calls a few days before the event and offer to drive those people who need your assistance. Remind your network of family and friends that **PARTICIPATION** is key! This is the only **VISIBLE** opportunity we have in Maine to reinforce that Maine people are **PRO-LIFE!**

Schedule:

(You may join us for part or all of the events.)

- 10:00 AM **Mass** at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 41 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME
OR
Prayer Service at Penney Memorial United Baptist Church, 393 Water St., Augusta, ME
- 11:00 AM **Gather** at St. Michael's School Gym-- network with other pro-life people-- refreshments.
- 11:15 AM **Rally** with with Pro-Life Leaders and prominent Pro-Life Speakers from across Maine.
- 12:15 PM **March** begins—we leave for the Capitol.
- 12:30 PM **Assemble** around the Capitol Hand-to-Hand.



The Capitol Bell will ring 45 times, representing the number of years since Roe v. Wade was enacted.

**Please join us to provide
Witness for the Unborn!**

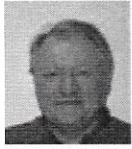
For more information, please contact: Teresa McCann-Tumidajski,
Maine Right to Life Committee, P.O. Box 257 Auburn, ME 04212 (207) 782-0101
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See you on January 13th!



Your Friends at Maine Right to Life Committee

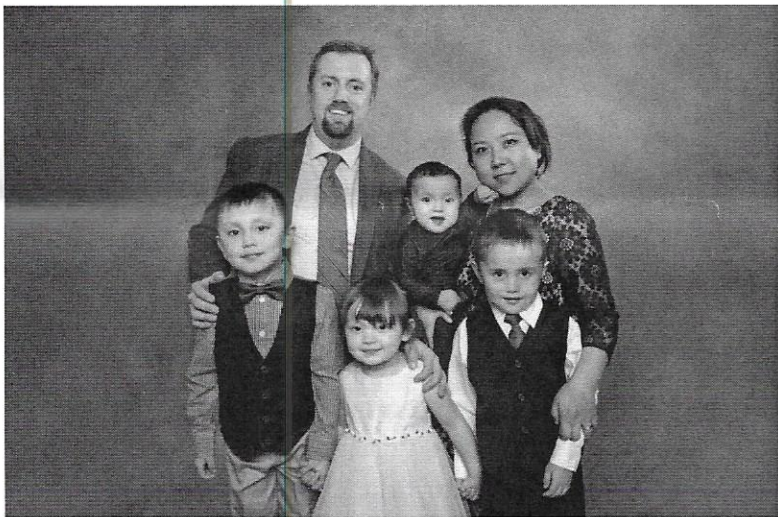
Knights to Recognize



Family of the Month- Oct
**Mike and Mary,
Elise, and Sophia Soucy**

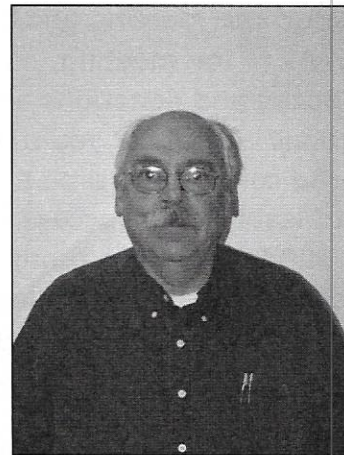
Knight of the Month- Oct
Bob Welch

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Family of the Month-
Nov
**Joseph and Xiaofang
with Kermit (6),
Declan (5), Virginia (3)
and Peregrine (21
months) Clark**

Knight of the Month-
Nov
Bill Bennett



2017 Campaign for Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities Summary

Bill Bennett Campaign Chairman

The Campaign for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities has been completed and was very successful. On behalf of the organization who benefit from this campaign, I extend a very sincere thank you to each brother and family member who participated in this year's campaign. This year we had 36 brothers, 4 spouses, and 8 children whose combined volunteer time accounted to more than 230 hours. With the exception of a few rain showers at Dysart's and the chill of November at Sam's Club, we were blessed with decent weather.

I firmly believe that, besides the decent weather, having at least two people during each hour of the campaign was a major factor to the success of the campaign. Some points worth noting when comparing this year to last year: the churches were consistent with last year's donations of \$50 more than this year. An extra day at Dysart's this year provided an additional \$500 while Marden's customers donated over \$700 more this year. Having children helping at Dysart's and Marden's may have help stimulate the increase. Even though the campaign at Sam's Club was only two days this year; we were off only \$400 from last year's total.

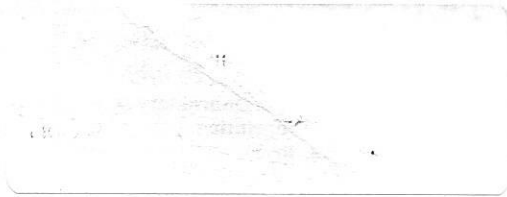
Working together with brother knights at different time, I got to know and learn some things about them. One example was learning about the great roll one brother's wife had when playing golf this year. Counting the money also provided some learning experiences such as finding \$30 of Jamaican coins. I thought "What a generous person", then, checking the exchange rate found it was worth about 23 cents. The bank manager gave me a dollar for the coins to take them home to his children. I also found that a New Hampshire Transit Coin has no value in Maine.

Last year, after the meeting and the final miscellaneous contributions, our total was \$7,010.51. As of the meeting, our total is \$7,864.18. After the meeting, the remaining boxes and donations amounted to \$140 bringing our total to \$8,004.18. Congratulations and thank you to the brothers of our council and their family members who contributed time to make this year's Campaign for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities a success. After paying \$400 for the Tootsie Rolls, our 80% portion is \$6083.34. These funds will be distributed among Special Olympics, Camp Capella, the Pine Tree Camp, the Elizabeth Levinson Center and Heather Babcock (towards a lift for her daughter Megan).

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