



Maine State Council – State Convention 2017



Sunday River Grand Summit Resort played host for the 122nd Annual State Convention held on 21–23 April 2017. State Officers, wives and Convention Coordinators arrived on Thursday to ensure all details for the weekend were ready. Following dinner at Sunday River Restaurant all gathered for “family” time in the State Deputy’s room.



Our Worthy State Deputy Norm Gray opened the Friday evening meal with a blessing from our State Chaplain Father Aaron Damboise.



After dinner, the awards began with Norm presenting the Contest of Champions Trophy to Council 15791 of Falmouth, with FDD Joe Mathew accepting it.



Knights that recruited the most new members were given a polo shirt with their name & State emblem on it; such as Duane Belanger. Others were Field Agent Greg White, Steve Koeninger and Phil Garibaldi.



Norm also presented 10% return checks to the Councils that sold the most Cash Calendars. Bob Willard and Ron Darling of Millinocket 680 were presented a check for \$446.



The Presence Radio Golden Claw Award is given to the Council that raised the most funds during the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Pledge Drives; Council 8742 in Auburn.

After the Surge Awards and, committee meetings, hospitality was next on the agenda. What a great opportunity for Knights, wives and families to enjoy the rest of the evening in a more relaxed setting.

The Saturday Business Session opened with 73 delegates and other Knights in attendance. Committee reports were presented, officers were re-elected, Charity Fund winners were balloted and Supreme Convention delegates were elected.

Bishop Robert Deeley, along with Monsignor Andrew Dubois and State Chaplain Father Aaron Damboise celebrated the Necrology Mass with assistance from Deacon John Guerin (GK of Greenville 2368).



Bishop Deeley blessed the jewels of office before they were placed on the officers by their wives. The State Officers were re-elected to their current positions.



State Secretary Mark Bourgoin read 164 names of deceased members with State Warden Michael Giroux acknowledging their absence.



After Mass, this photo was taken from the river bridge just outside the Grand Ballroom. (L-R: Michael & Barbara Giroux; John & Joanna Deetjen; Deacon John Guerin; Bishop Robert Deeley; Father Aaron; Kay & Norm Gray; Lois & Mark Bourgoin; Jon & Patricia Harvey; Suzanne & General Agent Walter Boguslawski)



Thanks to Worthy District Master Philip Lizotte and District Marshals Karl Paterson of Wells and Duane Belanger of Fort Kent for leading the gauntlet of Honor Guards for the Mass and Banquet.

Blessings and thanks to State Deputy Norm Gray and wife Kay, and Coordinators Keith & Barb Forbes and Joe & Amanda Turcotte for their untiring efforts in the care and well-being of the delegates, State Staff, Past State Deputies, and families during this special weekend. It gave everyone a chance to make new friends, rekindle friendships and recognize all the work the Knights of Maine have done. Hope to see you all next year.