

W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

The regular W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 meeting was brought to order by Faithful Navigator Dennis Guay at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2019. There were 24 Sir Knights present.

Decade of Rosary

Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet led the assembly in a decade of the rosary for Pro Life.

Faithful Pilot

Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Faithful Navigator Dennis Guay led the assembly in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

Faithful Navigator Dennis Guay Recognized Don Leeman, Maine State Council Ceremonials Director.

Roll Call of Officers

The Officer Roll Call was taken by Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Faithful Navigator	Dennis Guay	Present
Faithful Captain	Don Leeman	Present
Faithful Friar	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	John Greenlee	Present
Faithful Scribe	John Chandonnet	Present
Faithful Pilot	Gerry Newport	Present
Faithful Purser	Dennis Breton	Present
Faithful Admiral	Peter Godin	Present
Outer Sentinel	Jim Delamarter	Absent
Inner Sentinel	Rene Robichaud	Present
1st Year Trustee	Wilfred Doiron	Absent
2nd Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Pease	Present

Report of Faithful Friar

None given.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the June 3, 2019 Assembly meeting were read by Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet. Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Faithful Admiral Peter Godin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The June minutes were accepted as presented.

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- Beginning member count of 126, minus 2 deaths, minus 2 suspensions, plus 1 re-instated member for a net member count of 123.
- Of the 123 members, there is 1 honorary, 30 honorary life and 6 exempted.
- Lindy Butler and Roland Landry are the 2 deceased members.

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Faithful Admiral Peter Godin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The report was accepted.

Report of Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Dennis Breton reported the following:

- The current checking account balance is \$397.75
- The current savings account balance is \$3,009.43

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Faithful Admiral Peter Godin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The report was accepted.

Report of the Committees

None given.

Unfinished Business

None.

Report of the Trustees

None given.

Faithful Navigator Report

Faithful Navigator Dennis Guay reported the following:

- Volunteers are needed to hand out Tootsie Rolls and collect money at Mardens and Shaw's Supermarket on Friday, September 13th, Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th. Volunteers are also needed after each of the weekend masses.
- There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Greenville, Maine on September 14, 2019.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Westbrook, Maine on September 28, 2019.
- There will be a Mens' Conference at St. Maximilian Kobe in Scarborough, Maine on October 14, 2019.
- The Parish Harvest Fair will take place during the weekend of October 25 thru October 27, 2019. Volunteers will be needed for the Turkey Supper on Friday, October 25th. Volunteers are also needed to serve lunch on Saturday, October 26th and for breakfast on Sunday, October 27th. A volunteer is also needed to run the Penny Auction.

Faithful Admiral Report

Faithful Admiral Peter Godin thanked sir knights who served as honor guard for the following events:

- The First Communion and Confirmation ceremony at St. Matthews Church in Limerick on Saturday, June 8th.
- The First Communion and Confirmation ceremony at Holy Family Church in Sanford on Saturday, June 8th.
- The Flag Day ceremony at Sanford Central Park on Saturday, June 15th.
- The Brothers of Christian Instruction Bicentennial Celebration at Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alfred, Maine on Sunday, August 20th.
- Father Bill Labbe's Installation Ceremony at Notre Dame Church in Springvale, Maine on Tuesday, September 3rd.
- A mass to honor our First Responders at St. Matthews Church in Limerick, Maine on Sunday, August 8th.

New Business

Frank Pease made a motion that the Assembly appropriate \$50 for an ad in the Maine Right to Life publication. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Frank Pease Report

Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee, reported the following:

- There will be a Right to Life Convention on October 19, 2019.
- The Maine Right to Life Committee presented a check in the amount of \$17, 250 to the Open Arms Pregnancy Center for the purchase of an ultrasound scanner.
- There will be a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood Center in Portland, Maine from September 25, 2019 thru November 3, 2019
- LD483 Equality Act of 2019 was passed.

Dan Rooney Report

Dan Rooney reported the following:

- This Man is You program will be starting on Saturday, September 14th. This is the sixth and final season of this program. All are invited to attend. Meet at St. Thomas School at 6:30 am every Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts at 6:30 am, followed by a video, then group discussions. Session will adjourn at 8:00 am.

Gerry Newport Report

Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport reported the following:

- The VFW will meet at the Sanford Memorial Gym on November 11th at 11:00 am to present a special award to Owen Martin who has done so much for the organization. All are invited.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported that he, along with Bob Rizzo and Springvale Council Grand Knight Bob Tyler met with Father Bill Labbe regarding church bells for Holy Family and Notre Dame churches. Father Bill would like to have the Knights of Columbus councils coordinate the fund raising. Father Bill stressed that all monies should go to the Knights of Columbus, who would (in turn) present the money to the parish. If the parish were to raise the money itself, then 12% would have to go to the Diocese. Having the Knights of Columbus raising the funds would avoid this 12% pay out. Approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 would be required for each church.

Good of the Order

Herb Littlefield won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$21. Herb Littlefield donated his winnings to the Assembly.

Prayer Petitions were as follows:

Bob Tyler
Doris Watson
Norm Sirois
Joe Garand
Rene Guillemette

Closing Ceremonies

The closing ceremonies were conducted per 4th Degree meeting guidelines:

Faithful Navigator: *Sir Knights, is there any further business to come before this assembly? If here be none, we shall proceed to close the meeting.*
(Two raps)

Faithful Navigator: *Faithful pilot, what are the emblems of this degree?*

Faithful Pilot: *The flag, the sword and the cross.*

Faithful Navigator: *Yes, Sir Knights, these glorious symbols typify patriotism, liberty and faith; the heaven-sent attributes of our Christian citizenship.*

Faithful Navigator: *Faithful pilot, what say you for the flag?*

Faithful Pilot: *The flag of OUR Country. We love it and shall ever defend it.*

Faithful Navigator: *Faithful admiral, what say you for the sword?*

Faithful Admiral: *Let us keep it bright for Liberty's sake.*

Faithful Navigator: *Faithful captain, what say you for the Cross?*

Faithful Capitan: *(Holding Cross aloft.) This is the Cross of Christ, the exponent of Christian ideals, the conqueror of death, the giver of life. Supreme reverence for this sacred symbol will crown our Country queen in the sisterhood of nations. It is the bulwark of national honor, the inspiration of patriotism, the guardian of personal worth; for it was crimsoned with the blood of self-sacrifice.*

Faithful Navigator: *Sir Knights, undying allegiance to the Cross of Christ and to Christ's Vicar upon earth. (Four raps.)*

The faithful friar, or in his absence, the faithful navigator repeats the "Our Father, "Hail Mary," and "Glory Be" with the assembly responding.

Faithful Navigator: *I now declare this assembly duly closed until our next appointed meeting. (One rap.)*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Council Meeting

The next Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm.
A dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm.