

## W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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, November 4, 2019. There were 16 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; and Dick Payeur for cooking the chili for tonight's pre-meeting meal.

### 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	Present
2nd Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Excused
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Pease	Present

### **Report of Faithful Friar**

None given.

### **Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to forego the reading of the October 7, 2019 Assembly meeting minutes and accept the minutes as prepared. Faithful Admiral Peter Godin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The October 7, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented.

### **Report of Faithful Comptroller**

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- Beginning member count of 125, minus 1 death, for a net member count of 124. Of the 124 members, there is 1 honorary, 30 honorary life and 7 exempted.
- John Greenlee also indicated that he will begin collecting dues for the 2020 calendar year at the December 2, 2019 Assembly meeting.

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

### **Report of Faithful Purser**

Faithful Purser Dennis Breton reported the following:

- The current checking account beginning balance was \$823.75. There was a payout of \$200 resulting in a net checking account balance of \$623.75.
- The current savings account balance is \$3,259.31

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

- There will be a Bean Supper from 5pm to 6:30pm at St. Ignatius cafeteria on Saturday, November 9, 2019. *Volunteers needed!!!* This is a fundraiser in support of the new church bells. Beans, American Chop Suey, Cole Slaw and bread will be served. A group of ladies has volunteered to bake the desserts.
- There will be a 2nd & 3rd degree exemplification in either Wells or Biddeford, on November 17, 2019. Details should become final by the November 14, 2019 St. Thomas Council meeting. There will also be another 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification in early December 2019.
- The Limerick council will be selling their world-famous Lobster rolls at the *Snowflake Run* on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Raffle Calendars will be available at the November 14th council meeting. \$10 gives you 90 chances to win. All proceed in support of State Knights of Columbus.
- A Memorial Mass to honor our deceased brother knights will be held at Notre Dame Church in Springvale during the 7:30 am service on Sunday, November 10, 2019.
- *This Man is You* program is currently going on. This men's faith sharing group meets every Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:00 am at the St. Thomas School cafeteria. Coffee and donuts are served from 6:30 to 7:00 am.
- The Childrens' Christmas party will occur on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Parish Hall. The party will run from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### **Faithful Admiral Report**

None given.

### **New Business**

No new business.

## John Chandonnet Report

Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet reported the following:

- There is now a webpage for the W. Robert Bachelder 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #357 on the parish website. Laura Alexandre assisted John Chandonnet in setting it up. Josh Trivilino, a brother knight in the St. Thomas Council who maintains the St. Thomas Council web page, will also maintain the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree web page.
- This 4<sup>th</sup> Degree web page is set up like the St. Thomas Council web page. Along with a title page, there are separate pages for the list of Assembly Officers, Meeting Minutes, Latest News and Upcoming Events.
- The title page gives a little history of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly.
- The current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree officers are listed in the Assembly Officers section of this web page. Of course, there are no phone numbers or e-mail addresses shown.
- From now-on, the monthly meeting minutes will appear in the Meeting Minutes section of this web page. I will still continue sending John Greenlee a PDF copy of the monthly meeting minutes to e-mail to all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights.
- In the Latest News section contains write-ups on the First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies in June at St. Matthews and Holy Family Churches; The Brothers of Christian Instruction Bicentennial Celebration in Alfred in August; and Father Bill's Installation Ceremony at Notre Dame Church in September. This Sunday's Memorial Mass will be added to this section.
- The Upcoming Memorial Mass is included in the Upcoming Events page. John will need particulars on the December Assembly meeting – whether or not we will have one. Also, are we going to have a Christmas potluck like we had last year?

## Frank Pease Remarks

- Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee, encouraged all brother knights to log onto the St. Thomas Council web page and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly web page on the parish website.
- Frank Pease also encouraged all brother knights to log onto the Maine State Knights of Columbus website – namely the Right to Life section. This section indicates how our lawmakers voted on various right-to-life issues.

### **Gerry Newport Report**

Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport reported the following:

- There were approximately \$17,000 to \$20,000 in proceeds from the Parish Harvest Fair. However, not all monies have been accounted. Gerry estimated that the fair committee is expecting approximately \$3,000 more in proceeds. Frank Pease pointed out that expenses have not yet been accounted for.

### **Report of the Third Degree**

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- A total of \$11,541 has been raised to go toward installing new church bells at Holy Family Church and Notre Dame Church.
- A \$5,315 deposit was paid out for the installation of church bells at Holy Family Church. This leaves a \$6,226 balance in the Church Bell fund.
- After new bells have been installed at Holy Family Church, any leftover funds will be used toward installing new bells at Notre Dame Church.
- Terry Sylvanus also thanked all the brother knights who computed the attendance at all weekend masses during the month of October 2019.

### **Good of the Order**

Steve Belanger won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$15.

Prayer Petitions were as follows:

Bob Tyler  
Doris Watson  
Joe Garand  
Rob Martin  
Manny DeAmaral  
Rick Bragg  
Cookie Jalbert  
Steve Ganaway  
Richard Norman

## 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 Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm. A dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm.