

W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020

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, January 6, 2020. There were 17 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	Absent
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Pease	Present

Report of Faithful Friar

None given.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet read aloud the minutes of the November 2019 Assembly meeting.

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to accept the November 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Faithful Admiral Peter Godin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The November 2019 minutes were accepted.

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- Of the 123 members, there is 1 honorary, 29 honorary life and 7 exempted.
- The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due on January 31, 2020.
- Received a thank you letter from Donna Jacques, Principal at St. Thomas School, for the purchase of two bricks to be placed on the Memorial Walkway.
- Collected \$805 in 4th Degree dues.

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to accept the comptroller report as presented. Manny DeAmaral 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 \$638.75. There was a payout of \$50 for St. Thomas School and a payout of \$50 for the Children's Christmas party resulting in a net checking account balance of \$538.75.
- The current savings account balance is \$3,009.81

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:

- 25 to 30 Knights and their wives attended the Annual Knights of Columbus Christmas potluck at the Parish hall on Sunday, December 8th. A good time was had by all.
- There was a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification in Sanford on December 9th. Four St. Thomas Council knights took their 2nd and 3rd Degree.
- He, along with Rob Martin, Terry Sylvanus and Dennis Breton moved the creche from the Sanford City Park back to the basement of the St. Ignatius Gym. Manny DeAmaral took pictures.
- There will be a Bean Supper on Saturday, January 25 to raise funds to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen at the Parish hall.
- Ray LaChance passed away. There will be a funeral mass on January 11 at 11:00 am.

Faithful Admiral Report

None given.

New Business

None.

Don Leeman Remarks

Faithful Captain and Maine State Council Ceremonials Director Don Leeman reported:

- There is a new Knights of Columbus Degree Ceremony that will be effective on March 1, 2020. Major changes include:

- a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications will be combined in a single ceremony.
- b. There will no longer be secrecy. The general public (wives included) is invited to attend.
- c. Each Council will have its own Degree Team.
- d. The ceremony will be held in church.

Frank Pease Remarks

Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee reported:

- Hands Around the Capital will occur on January 18, 2020.
- LD-820 Government Funded Abortions Bill was passed.

Gerry Newport Remarks

Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport commented:

- Gerry Newport thanked all those who helped out at the Childrens; Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Gerry gave full credit to his wife Shirley and Daughter Monica for the success of the party.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The church bells are in!
- There is a \$2,367 balance in the church bell fund.
- There will be a Bean Supper on Saturday, January 25 to raise funds to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen at the Parish hall.
- Thanks go to those who helped clean the pews at Holy Family Church.
- The church pews at Holy Family Church will be cleaned again before Easter Sunday 2020.
- The family of Dan and Gloria Rooney were named Family of the Month for December 2019.
- The committee to organize the upcoming Youth Freethrow competition in February 2020, met on January 8, 2020.

- The St. Thomas Council's submission for the Maine State Knights of Columbus Charity Fund is due by February 1, 2020.

Good of the Order

Manny DeAmaral won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$16. Manny donated his prize money back to the Assembly.

Prayer Petitions were as follows:

Bob Tyler
 Doris Watson
 Joe Garand
 Manny DeAmaral
 Rick Bragg
 Steve Ganaway
 Ray LaChance
 Gerry Newport

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 7:28 pm.

Next Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm. A dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm.