

W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

February 3, 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, February 3, 2020. There were 18 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.
- Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Commission.

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	Excused
Outer Sentinel	Jim Delamarter	Absent
Inner Sentinel	Rene Robichaud	Present

1st Year Trustee	Wilfred Doiron	Present
2nd Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Pease	Present

Report of Faithful Friar

None given.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport made a motion to accept the January 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Faithful Captain Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The November 2019 minutes were accepted.

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- Collected \$205 in 4th Degree dues.
- There are 123 4th Degree Members
- There are 17 unpaid members.
- John Greenlee will be sending out final notices to the unpaid members.

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to accept the comptroller report as presented. Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport 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 \$535.75.
- The current savings account balance is \$3,548.69

Faithful Captain Don Leeman made a motion to accept the purser report as presented. Manny DeAmaral 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:

- The Annual Youth Basketball Free-Throw Competition will take place at the St. Ignatius Gym on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Sign-up will be from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm. Competition begins at 1:00 pm. Competition is open to all boys and girls from the ages of 9 thru 14.
- The first of Friday Lenten Haddock Suppers will take place on February 28, 2020.
- Ray Sargent, Don Leeman and Rob Martin will attend the 4th Degree Bi-Annual Meeting in Gardiner on March 21, 2020.
- The St. Thomas Council has a degree team. The team consists of: John Chandonnet, Frank Pease, Ray Sargent, Terry Sylvanus, Dan Rooney and Rene Robichaud.

Faithful Admiral Report

None given.

New Business

- Ray Sargent motioned that the 4th Degree Assembly contribute \$200 to St. Thomas School for the Communion Breakfast that occurred during Catholic School Week. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Frank Pease motioned that the 4th Degree Assembly contribute \$200 for a handwash sink for the kitchen. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent motioned that the 4th Degree Assembly contribute \$200 to cover the costs to connect the oven in the kitchen. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Frank Pease Remarks

Frank Pease, Maine Right to Life Committee reported:

- Respect Life Wednesday will be held on February 12, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Augusta State Capitol Hall of Flags.

Ray Sargent Remarks

Ray Sargent reported:

- There will be a First Communion and Confirmation Ceremony at St. Matthews in Limerick and Holy Family in Sanford on Saturday, May 10, 2020. Honor Guard will be needed.
- Free Throw State Competition will be held in Old Town, Maine on March 4, 2020.
- Mark Adams is the Fraternal Benefits Chair.

Gerry Newport Remarks

Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport reported:

- All 4th Degree Knights are invited to march in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2020.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- Help is needed at all the weekend masses to pass out prayer cards for the Consecration of the Holy Family
- The January 25th Bean Supper raised \$409.

Good of the Order

Rob Martin won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$14. Rob donated his prize money back to the Assembly.

Prayer Petitions were as follows:

Donna Jacques
Donna Landry
Bob Tyler
Doris Watson
Joe Garand
Paul Newport
Rick Bragg
Steve Ganaway

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, March 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm. A dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm.