

W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2025

Meeting Called to Order

The regular W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 meeting was brought to order by Faithful Navigator Dennis Breton at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025. There were 15 Sir Knights present.

Decade of Rosary

Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet led the assembly in a decade of the rosary for the culture of 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 Scribe John Chandonnet led the assembly in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

Faithful Navigator Dennis Breton recognized:

- Ray Sargent, Past State Deputy & Secretary to the State Deputy
- Jon Dientes, District Warden
- Aaron Weiss, Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent

Roll Call of Officers

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

Faithful Navigator:	Dennis Breton	Present
Faithful Captain:	Bob Demers	Present
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Faithful Comptroller:	John Greenlee	Present
Faithful Scribe:	John Chandonnet	Present
Faithful Pilot:	Gerry Newport	Present
Faithful Purser:	Matt Pettine	Present
Faithful Admiral:	Peter Godin	Present

Outer Sentinel:	Wilfred Doiron	Present
Inner Sentinel:	Rene Robichaud	Present
1st Year Trustee:	Herb Littlefield	Absent
2nd Year Trustee:	Rick Southwick	Present
3rd Year Trustee:	Terry Sylvanus	Present

Report of Faithful Friar

None given.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Rick Southwick motioned to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes, as submitted. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The April 2025 meeting minutes were accepted, as submitted.

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- 114 Total Members
- 3 Honorary Member
- 33 Honorary Life Members
- 5 Exempt Members

Report of Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Matt Pettine reported:

Beginning:	\$4,136.85
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Disbursements

Reimburse – Ray S	50.43
Maine Military Museum	100.00
Brother Henry	500.00
Order Checks for Account	55.43

Receipts

Dues	80
Donation	12

Ending:

\$3,533.99

Report of the Committees

None given.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Report of the Trustees

None given.

Faithful Navigator Report

None given.

Report of the District Deputy

None given.

Report of Faithful Captain

None given.

Report of Faithful Pilot

- Faithful Pilot Gerry Newport indicated that volunteers are needed to place flags at the graves of Veterans at both St. Ignatius Cemetery starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 24th. Also, volunteers are needed to remove flags from the Veteran's graves on Saturday, May 31st starting at 9:00 am. This event is being sponsored by Rolling Thunder.
- Gerry Newport also presented an itinerary for laying wreaths at the graves of veterans at the following cemeteries and the parade on Memorial Day, May 26th:

7:30 am	Meet at Dunkin Donuts (Main St.)
8:00 am	Oakdale Cemetery
8:15 am	Sailor Park

8:30 am	Riverside Cemetery
8:45 am	Notre Dame Cemetery
9:00 am	Walgreens
9:30 am	No. 1 Pond
9:30 am	Parade Lineup after laying the wreath
10:00 am	Parade begins.

Parade Route: Leave No. 1 Pond, march through Gowen Park, left on Main Street, finish at Central Park to lay final wreath,

Report of the Past State Deputy

No report given.

New Business

- Nominating Committee Report:

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2025-26 Fiscal Year:

Faithful Navigator:	Dennis Breton
Faithful Captain:	Bob Demers
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Bill Labbe
Faithful Comptroller:	John Greenlee
Faithful Scribe:	John Chandonnet
Faithful Pilot:	Gerry Newport
Faithful Purser:	Matt Pettine
Faithful Admiral:	Vacant
Outer Sentinel:	Wilfred Doiron
Inner Sentinel:	Rene Robichaud
2nd Year Trustee:	Herb Littlefield
3rd Year Trustee:	Rick Southwick
1st Year Trustee:	Brian Theriault

John Chandonnet presented the slate of officers. After asking (three times) if there were any nominations from the floor, Rick Southwick motioned that nominations from the floor cease. Ray Sargent seconded the motion. John Chandonnet then cast a ballot for the proposed slate of officers. The vote passed and the slate of officers was voted in.

- John Chandonnet motioned that \$250 be donated to the Sanford Elks lodge Maine Children's Cancer Program. Ray Sargent seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight John Chandonnet reported:

- Ray Sargent and I attended the Maine State Council 130th Annual Convention as delegates from the St. Thomas Council.
- We will be kicking off our Baby Bottle Drive to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Sanford.
- We will hold a Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification prior to tonight's council meeting to initiate two new knights.
- We will also vote for officers for our next fiscal year.

Color Corps Commander Report

None given.

St. Thomas Council Officer's Meeting

- There was no officer's meeting.

Good of the Order

- Brian Theriault won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$15 which he donated to the assembly.

Prayer petitions were as follows:

- Shirley Sheehan
- Paul McNutt
- Joe Sylvanus
- Erica Dientes
- Jon Dientes
- David Wright
- Connie Littlefield
- Paul Cunningham
- Rob Martin
- Gerry Nulton
- Alex Pettine
- Steve Gannaway
- Nancy L'Heureux
- David Roy
- Dennis Roy
- Michael Roy
- Wayne Demers
- Cathy Neely
- Tyler Patterson
- Jen Patterson
- Louis Melanson
- Steve Taylor
- John Gagnon
- The Brothers of Christian Instruction
- The Conclave to select a successor to Pope Francis

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 6:45 pm.

Next Assembly Meeting

The next meeting and election of officers for the next fiscal year will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:15 pm.