



Father Sebastian Rasle General Assembly 0337
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Greetings, Worthy Brothers, my name is Gil Doughty. I have served as your Faithful Captain for the past 12 months and I am honored to be entrusted with guiding Assembly 377 as your new Faithful Navigator for the upcoming 2021/22 fraternal year. I want to thank outgoing Faithful Navigator, Christopher Sprague, for his service and leadership during the past year. This was perhaps the most difficult and challenging period for any charitable organization since the 1918 “Spanish Flu” pandemic and I’m sure we all appreciate his efforts.

During the past 18 months of dealing with the Covid-19 corona virus, church attendance has been down. KofC council and assembly meeting attendance has mirrored that. Several times during the previous year, our assembly meetings did not have enough Sir Knights in attendance to make a quorum.

Sir Knights, we only needed 9 Brothers to make a quorum!

Therefore, there were many times our Assembly couldn’t even hold official meetings, nor vote on issues that came before our officers. I am pleased to say now that Maine has better than 70% vaccine compliance, Governor Mills has lifted most of the restrictions placed on public gatherings and there is no longer any need for healthy individuals to be concerned over participating in group sessions. I encourage you to consider attending in-person assembly meetings when they resume in September, 2021.

As incoming Faithful Navigator, a high priority for me is reaching out to chat with my Brother Sir Knights, answering questions, addressing comments and concerns, and welcoming suggestions. Clear and open lines of communication are very important to me. Since becoming a Brother of Council 11257 and Assembly 337, I have experienced frustrations not knowing who to speak with or how to get in touch with them. To that end, I am hoping to have conversations with all 90+ members of Assembly 337 at meetings, on the phone, via email, or whatever platform works best for you, my fellow Worthy Sir Knights.

Once I get all the paperwork straightened out with Supreme, you can expect to be hearing from me via email. Until then, this admittedly impersonal email “blast” combined with the Our Lady of Hope Parish website Father Sebastian Rasle Knights of Columbus Assembly 337 will serve as my means of correspondence. I am grateful for the kind assistance of Faithful Comptroller, Andy Litcher, for his technical expertise and patience as we “navigate” this transition.

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