

W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

The regular W. Robert Bachelder Assembly #357 meeting was brought to order by Faithful Navigator Dennis Guay at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020. There were 12 Sir Knights present.

Decade of Rosary

Faithful Scribe John Chandonnet led the assembly in a decade of the rosary for Pro Life.

Faithful Pilot

Acting Faithful Pilot Ray Sargent 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

There were no distinguished members or guests present.

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	Absent
Faithful Purser	Dennis Breton	Present
Faithful Admiral	Peter Godin	Absent
Outer Sentinel	Jim Delamarter	Absent
Inner Sentinel	Rene Robichaud	Present
1st Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
2nd Year Trustee	Wilfred Doiron	Present
3rd Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present

Report of Faithful Friar

None given.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes as amended. Manny DeAmaral seconded the motion. Don Leeman noted that there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony at Fort Kent in Spring 2021 – not a 4th Degree Officer Installation Ceremony as noted in the minutes. There was no further discussion. The meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- 118 Total Members
- 1 Honorary Member
- 25 Honorary Life Members
- 7 Exempt Members

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 as presented.

Report of Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Dennis Breton reported the following:

- The current checking account beginning balance was \$281.75
- The current savings account balance is \$3,410.56

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 as presented.

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 Creche was installed at the Sanford City Park on Saturday, November 21, 2020 following the *This Man is You* session.
- The Lighting of the Creche Ceremony took place on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- The Cash Calendars are sold out.
- A cleaning of the Church (Holy Family Church) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2020 at 8:30 am.
- Washing of the pews (Holy Family Church) is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:30 am.
- Putting up of Christmas decorations (Holy Family Church) is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Faithful Admiral Report

None given.

New Business

- John Greenlee made a motion to buy tires for Fr. Bill's vehicle at a cost of \$280. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- Ray Sargent made a motion to propose that a virtual 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony be conducted on Monday, December 14, 2020. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. Ray will explore the possibility of this Exemplification.
- Ray Sargent made a motion that the 4th Degree Assembly purchase a \$50 gift card for Sisters Karen and Elizabeth. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported the following:

- Meat Raffle Ticket money is due on Thursday, December 10, 2020 and is to be turned in at the St. Thomas Council meeting.

Ray Sargent

- Ray Sargent requested Honor Guards to stand in at Fr. L'Heureux's wake and funeral mass.
- Ray noted that more Honor Guards are desired, as the Assembly is down to six Honor Guards.

Good of the Order

Don Leeman won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$12. Don Leeman donated his prize money back to the Assembly.

Prayer Petitions were as follows:

Father L'Heureux
Eleanor Leeman
Cathy Neely
Kevin Lawrence
Gerry Newport
Gerry Brennan
George Watson

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 7:05 pm.

Next Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm.