

W. Robert Batchelder Assembly #357 Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

Meeting Called to Order

The regular W. Robert Batchelder Assembly #357 meeting was brought to order by Faithful Navigator Dennis Breton at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026. 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 Navigator Dennis Breton 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:

- John Chandonnet, District Deputy
- Gerry Newport, District Warden
- Ray Sargent, PSD and Secretary to the State Deputy

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:	Ray Sargent	Present

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

Report of Faithful Friar

None given.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Report of Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Comptroller John Greenlee reported the following:

- 112 Total Members
- 4 Honorary Member
- 31 Honorary Life Members
- 5 Exempt Members

Report of Faithful Purser

Matt Pettine delivered the Faithful Purser report as follows:

Beginning:		\$2586.99
Disbursements		
St Therese - pantry		500.00
Receipts		
50/50		11.00
Donation		11.00
Ending:		
Uniform Fund		\$2,108.99
		11.00
General:		\$2,097.99

Report of the Committees

None given.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Report of the Trustees

None given.

Faithful Navigator Report

Dennis Breton reported:

- The assembly received a thank you letter from St. Thomas School for the brick purchased to go into the Memorial Walkway.
- The assembly also received a thank you letter from the Parish Food closet for the donation given in December.

Faithful Pilot Remarks

None given.

Faithful Captain Remarks

None given.

New Business

- Ray Sargent motioned that the Assembly put on a turkey dinner as a fundraiser for the Uniform Fund. Terry Sylvanus seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- There will be a Turkey Dinner at St. Thomas School Cafeteria on Saturday, January 24th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for persons 10 years old and younger.
- Gerry Newport motioned that the Assembly donate \$100 to the daughters of Isabella. John Chandonnet seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Thomas Council Grand Knight Greg Cyr reported:

- There will be a Turkey Dinner on Saturday, January 24th at the St. Thomas School Cafeteria from 4:30 to 6:00 pm to benefit the 4th Degree Uniform Fund. Admission is \$15 per person and \$10 for those 10 and under.
- Lenten Haddock suppers will begin on Friday, February 20th and continue for the next five Fridays.
- Cash raffle tickets to benefit the 2026 Children's Christmas Party will go on sale at each of the Lenten Haddock suppers.
- Will possibly sell cans of soda for \$1 at the Lenten Haddock suppers.

Color Corps Commander Report

Ray Sargent reported:

- There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Peter and Paul Basilica in Lewiston on Sunday, February 15th. There will be a 10:30 am mass, followed by a lunch. The Exemplification will begin at 1:00 pm. Cost per candidate is \$55.
- Gerald Cote, a longtime Sir Knight, passed away on January 1st. His funeral mass will be held at St. Matthew's Church in Limerick at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 17th.

Faithful Captain Report

None given.

St. Thomas Council Officer's Meeting

- There was no officer's meeting.

Good of the Order

Ray Sargent won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$13 which he donated to the Uniform Fund.

Prayer petitions were as follows:

- Paul McNutt
- Joe Sylvanus
- David Wright

- Rick Southwick
- Jim & Marie Sanger
- Cathy Neely
- Margaret Hebert
- Paul Cunningham
- Alex Pettine
- Lynda Murphy
- Wayne Demers

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 will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:15 pm.