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12839	Ss. Philip & James	Mike Tully	631-862-6931
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17159	St. Elizabeth A.S.	Patrick O'Reilly	631-416-2029

MEETING LOCATIONS²

Date	Council Name	Council #
9/25/2024	Queen of All Hearts	4126
10/23/2024	Blessed Theresa	12006
11/20/2024 ³	Fr. Seyfried	821
1/22/2025	St. Elizabeth A.S.	17159
2/26/2025	Fr. Seyfried	821
3/26/2025	Kavanaugh	5293
4/23/2025	Saint Jude	5814
5/28/2025 ⁴	S. Thomas More	6062
6/25/2025	Ss. Philip & James	12839

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FOURTH DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

¹ Also, the editor for the Commander's Log

² No meeting in July and December; Installation of Officers in August.

³ November meeting moved due to Thanksgiving.

⁴ Assembly elections are in May.

MEETING INFORMATION

No meeting in December

HONOR GUARD TURNOUTS

The Honor Guard is always ready to assist at your council functions (and for the wakes of Sir Brother Knights). For events other than wakes, the Faithful Navigator needs to have information in writing (or email) at least two weeks days prior to the event. If this involves the church, we also need acknowledgement from the pastor that he approves as well.

NAVIGATOR'S REPORT



I want to be sure that everyone knows there will be (no) assembly meeting in December. The only thing we have going is our Christmas party on Sunday, December 15 at the Holbrook Country Club. The next assembly meeting will be on January 22nd at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #17159. 800 Portion Rd, Lake Ronkonkoma NY. Brothers, I know there are many

questions regarding the upcoming exemplification in February and I will do my best to pass along any and all information as it becomes available. With that my brothers I want on behalf of your assembly officers to wish each and every one a very blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas and of course a very Happy New Year. God bless you all and may God Bless America.

*Brother
Jerry Ferrara
Faithful Navigator*

SCRIBE/EDITOR'S REPORT

I'm glad that this calendar year is ending. Working at the Suffolk County Board of Elections, this has been a busy year with lots of overtime. Hopefully I will have more time available next year to concentrate on the assembly.

Having a recorder really helps and now we have an audio recording of every meeting in addition to the

written minutes I take (I also update the minutes based on that recording).



I will continue to make adjustments to the log as we go forward. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Christopher Beattie

ADVENT REFLECTION

Last month (literally one month ago as I write this article) I read an article entitled: "[Catholic Hospitals Must Protect Children from Gender Ideology.](#)" The interesting thing was the

opening paragraph.

"Before Christianity came on the scene, ancient Greek and Roman pagans did not consider children to be fully human persons like adults. Indeed, it is not too strong to say that Christianity introduced the concept of children that we have today, in which we give children more concern than adults owing to their vulnerability. This was truly a revolutionary concept."

That paragraph gave a link to an article that appeared in April 2015 in The Week, "[How Christianity invented children.](#)"

"Today, it is simply taken for granted that the innocence and vulnerability of children makes them beings of particular value and entitled to particular care. We also romanticize children — their beauty, their joy, their liveliness. ... In fact, this view of children is a historical oddity. If you disagree, just go back to the view of children that prevailed in Europe's ancient pagan world."

The article then goes on to describe how society was organized into concentric circles and the lowest of these were children. One reason the article suggests was the high mortality rates of children.

The article also cited the many ways in which infants and even children were mistreated. Unwanted infants were simply abandoned. Young boys were sexually abused/

All that changed with Christianity. Not only were there the teachings of Jesus to call adults to welcome and be

like a little child, but that God himself, not just became man, but became a little child in a manger.

The four weeks of advent take us from the second coming of Jesus to his first coming. But we sometimes take that first coming for granted. Sometimes people ask about Herod’s slaughter of the innocents why it wasn’t recorded by the pagan historians of Rome at the time. The most logical answer was that it was probably so unimportant to them that they may never have known about it and if they did, they wouldn’t think it important enough to write down.

Christopher Beattie

HONOR GUARD



The Honor Guard held an open drill night on November 22 to allow people to see not only what we do but how we drill for the events that we cover. Both a flag detail and a wake service were covered.



One of the features of our wake service is the closing ceremony. After the prayers are said and the family receives the resolution of condolence, the commander and his assistant ceremonially sheath the brother’s sword for the last time. Then the guards approach the coffin and render a sword salute. Finally, the commander and his assistant approach the coffin and give two slow hand salutes, first to the brother, and then to the family.



We are always looking for more members. The assembly will pay half the price of the fourth-degree uniform. We also have swords that we can loan out. Our faithful navigator restores old swords, so if you have one that needs a little cleaning, contact him.



MINUTES FOR 11/20/2024**AT LOCATION: FR. JOHN G. SEYFRIED COUNCIL HALL**

1. Call to order: 8:00
2. Credentials: All are in possession
3. Roll Call of Officers: (See Spreadsheet)
4. Opening Ceremony: Chair Officers
5. Flag Ceremony: HG
6. Pledge of Allegiance: Navigator
7. Opening Ode: Scribe
8. Opening Prayer: Fr. Rudy
9. Minutes of Previous Mtg:
 - a. Motion to Accept, second, approved
10. Bills and Communications:
 - a. "Thank you" letter read
11. Comptroller's Report
 - a. Thank you for checks for Christmas Party
 - b. Still have TV raffle tickets 1 \$10 - 3 \$20
 - c. 4th degree pamphlets available
 - d. Form 4's available, although the Feb Exemplification is through the online form
 - e. Merchandise - hats, shirts
 - f. Next month: dues notices will be going out - notices start Dec 15
 - g. Send your dues in as soon as possible
 - h. Motion to accept, seconded, passed
12. Purser's Report
 - a. Read to the membership, Motion to accept, seconded, approved
13. Navigator's Report
 - a. This Friday: open drill night - St. Gerard Magella
 - b. We will still be paying for half the cost of the uniform for new HG members
 - c. Swords will be available
 - d. Christmas Party: Dec 9th deadline
 - i. Holbrook Country Club
 - ii. Downstairs Room
 - iii. 2:30 - 5:30
 - e. Exemplification
 - i. Candidates sign up online
 - ii. We have no input from supreme as to whom the candidates are
 - iii. Trying to take a coach bus to the exemplification
 - iv. Fatima is discussing this issue as well
 - v. One bus: the priority is the candidates -
 1. No guests at first
 2. If we have room, guests
 - vi. Leaving after the exemplification
 - vii. If you are planning on staying for dinner take the train
 - viii. Dress Code: Dark gray, blue or black suit
 - ix. Fee for bus \$40 pp
14. Report on Applications
 - a. 2 Transfers from Fatima

- i. Motion to accept, seconded, approved
- 15. Committee Reports
 - a. Captain
 - i. Excused, his wife was in the hospital and just got home
 - ii. Patriotic rosary - SS Philip and James
 - 1. Several quotes before each decade from famous people
 - 2. Dedicated towards the United States of America
 - 3. Each Hail Mary dedicated to a specific state (50)
 - 4. Jan 13 - 7:00 PM
 - b. Pilot
 - i. Progress
 - c. Vets Home SB
 - i. Mass every Sunday - can use help - 11 AM
 - d. In Commander's Log
 - i. Progress
 - ii. Articles by 1st of the month
 - e. Honor Guard
 - i. Recognized
- 16. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- 17. Trustee's Report
 - a. Progress
- 18. New Business
 - a. Motion: 125 anniversary - Approve hire 1 bus or 2 busses to accommodate candidates, seconded
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. This is for the deposit
 - 2. This will be tabled to the January
 - 3. Motion to table, seconded, approved
 - 4. Will be printed in the log
- 19. Dark Horse
 - a. One winner \$105
- 20. Report: Friar
 - a. It was mentioned that elections are over
 - b. We move on in patriotism
 - c. Promote being a patriot
- 21. Good of the Order
 - a. St. Regis: Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets
 - i. Tunnels for Towers Raffle
 - b. Tom Romano's Wife
 - c. Joe Benaburger
 - d. Vinny Lettieri's wife Vicky
- 22. Closing Ceremony Chair Officers
- 23. Closing Prayer Fr. Rudy
- 24. Closing Ode Scribe
- 25. Next Meeting January
- 26. Meeting Adjourned 8:54
- 27. Stats
 - a. Members in attendance: 35
 - b. Councils represented: 15

Respectfully submitted
Christopher Beattie - Scribe

		Sept	Oct	Nov
Navigator	Jerry Ferrara	P	P	P
Captain	Thomas Romano	P	P	Ex
Pilot	Anthony Martelli	P	P	P
Admiral	Curtis Bonavoglia	Ex	Ex	P
Comptroller	Ernie La Fontaine	P	P	P
Purser	Michael Bowler	P		
	Matthew Baldassano			P
Scribe	Christopher Beattie	P	P	P
I. Sentinel	Clay Colefield	P	P	P
O. Sentinel	Mario Russo	Ex	P	P
Trustee 3 Yr.	Robert Elliott	P		
	Mike Graziano		P	P
Trustee 2 Yr.	Richard Frazita	Ex	P	P
Trustee 1 Yr.	Vincenzo Lettieri	P	P	P
Commander	Mike Tully	P	P	P
Friar	Fr. Rudy Pesongco	Ex	P	P
S. Advisor	Deacon Montford Naylor Jr.	P	P	P
Patron	Robert Bienemann	P		Ex

