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## MEETING LOCATIONS<sup>2</sup>

| Date                    | Council Name        | Council # |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 9/25/2024               | Queen of All Hearts | 4126      |
| 10/23/2024              | Blessed Theresa     | 12006     |
| 11/20/2024 <sup>3</sup> | 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 <sup>4</sup>  | S. Thomas More      | 6062      |
| 6/25/2025               | Ss. Philip & James  | 12839     |

## RESERVATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Why not host a meeting? Reservations are being accepted for 2025-2026. Contact the scribe.

September St. Joseph the Worker

<sup>1</sup> Also, the editor for the Commander's Log

<sup>2</sup> No meeting in July and December; Installation of Officers in August.

<sup>3</sup> November meeting moved due to Thanksgiving.

<sup>4</sup> Assembly elections are in May.

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Kavanaugh Council #5293 at 176 Madison Street Mastic NY

**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 prior to the event. If this involves the church, we also need acknowledgement from the pastor that he approves as well.

**NAVIGATOR'S REPORT**



Well, my brothers all: The exemplification is now over. What a relief it is for sure. It was a hoot and a holler with over 700 candidates from all over the U.S. Even with that, things went surprisingly well. All the big wigs from Supreme were there but too many chiefs. We were allowed only 5 members of the Honor Guard from our assembly and there only should have been about 100.

But with so many coming from all over it was more like 200. All and all, I was happy to be there and represent our assembly. We are the best with 46 new members, more than any other assembly. So, my brothers, we should be very proud. I don't know about any of you, but I can't wait till spring. They may be playing baseball in Florida but it's still cold here. The next meeting of our assembly is March 26th at Kavanaugh Council #5293 at 176 Madison Street Mastic NY 7 pm repass meeting at 8 pm. Hope to see you all there.

**BYLAWS CHANGE**

A vote will be held at the March meeting to change the bylaws to raise the annual dues to \$25.

**REPORT OF THE SCRIBE**



Time really flies. In two more months, we will have the elections. The budget for the next fraternal year is being prepared and will be placed in the log so we can hit July running. If your council would like to host a meeting, please be informed that we have increased the repast reimbursement to give your council \$250 for the repast. There will be a vote on the increase of the dues to \$25.

If you are interested, please send me an email with your council's name, and the preferred month. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but adjustments can be made. As the scribe, I would prefer a place with internet access or at least AT&T cellphone coverage so I can use my Chromebook, although I do record the meetings so I can always listen to the playback.

**BIO: FN JERRY FERRARA**



I grew up in Brooklyn, NY. Early on, I was all Navy. I wore a Navy suit at age 3 and joined the Catholic Sea Cadets at age 11 and believe it or not my battalion's name was Commander John J Shea. In my senior year of high school, I joined the Navy Reserve at Floyd Bennet Field NY. After graduation, I joined the fleet on board the U.S.S. SARATOGA, in a Heavy attack bomber squadron. We flew the largest aircraft to even fly on a carrier A3-D Skywarrior. I was made plain captain and finally aircrew member within a year. I attended navigation school two months later and earned my wings as a BN bombardier Navigator. After my tour of duty, I went back to my reserve squadron. I spent almost 2 years there while getting mail from my former shipmates wishing I could join them. As my wife remembers things I seemed to always have a long look on my face. So one day in early 1965 I said I



needed to try. She understood and I volunteered for active duty. For some time I was turned down because of what time I had left on my enlistment, but I did not give up. In May 1965, I got my orders. I served aboard the U.S.S MIDWAY for a short

period and then transferred 3 of our crews and plains over to the U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE. I flew 57 combat missions over Vietnam. My commanding officer wanted to give me some kind of medal but, instead, he gave me his ceremonial sword as a token of his appreciation. After coming home to my real job I spent the next 28 years in flight operations with Eastern Airlines until they closed their doors in 1992. My wife and I spent 5 years in Arizona and opened a business there before returning to New York where I finished my career as a paralegal. My hobbies have always been singing and horses. Yes, this kid from Brooklyn became a trainer and world-champion rider in 1988. As for my singing, I have sung with the best. Tony Bennet, The Righteous Brothers, and even Merl Haggard. Now today I enjoy playing golf and yes even at my age I still love playing ice hockey. My bucket list is to fly in a B-17 and practice with the New York Rangers.



## PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMS GIVING

There are three things all of us should be doing during Lent: Praying, Fasting, and Alms giving. I recall Deacon Monte suggesting praying more often brings us closer to God. As Knights we know about giving. Charity is our first principle. But it's not just about money, we also give of our time and talent.

Pope Francis gives us another way to think about fasting.

So, you want to Fast for Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressure and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## MEDIEVAL LENT

Lent comes early this year, and I can already hear the grumbling. We have it relatively easy these days. Consider what Lent meant in the Middle Ages.

Rules for Medieval Quadragesima or “Lent”:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday were black fasts: no food at all.
- No food from waking until 3pm
  - (the hour when Christ died).
- No animal meat or fats (no lard).
- No eggs.
- No lacticinia or “dairy products”
  - milk, cheese, cream, and butter.
- No sexual intercourse between spouses.
- No Sundays off. All these rules apply for 46 days.
- Fish, wine and beer were allowed.

<https://taylormarshall.com/2018/02/medieval-lent-harder-islamic-ramadan.html>



The Msgr. Sherman Council, 5103 in Glendale Queens, has been producing authentic American made Lionel boxcars since 2018. The idea for this project came from council member Frank Kotnik, a Lionel train enthusiast, and the council now has a committee to keep this program up and running. These cars are sold at the Fr. McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven CT. and have been used in their Christmas train layout display. Up until now, they have all been done in the Keep Christ in Christmas theme, but because of the 125th anniversary of the 4th Degree, we have produced one in an American patriotic livery to celebrate this momentous occasion. One of these boxcars will be presented to Cardinal Dolan and to the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, at the exemplification at St. Patrick's. They have both been enthusiastic supporters of this program.

These boxcars are available for sale at <http://www.kofc5103.org/trains> They have been selling fast, so get your order in quickly. All profits from the sale of these cars goes out to charity. Persecuted Christians and Disaster Relief have been the two main recipients of the proceeds.



**Minutes for 02/26/2025 At Location: Fr. Seyfried Council**

1. Call to order: 8:00
2. Credentials: All are members in good standing
3. Roll Call of Officers: (See Spreadsheet)
4. Opening Ceremony: .
5. Pledge of Allegiance: .
6. Opening Ode: .
7. Opening Prayer: .
8. Minutes of Previous Mtg:
  - a. Motion to accept, seconded, approved
9. Bills and Communications:
  - a. Parade Request for Memorial Day
10. Comptroller's Report
  - a. Collecting Dues: Ahead of Schedule
    - i. 123 not yet paid
    - ii. 12 in line to be suspended
  - b. Exemplification
    - i. We were proud
    - ii. Navigating the paperwork was an adventure
    - iii. 46 Candidates, number 1 in state
    - iv. New Sir Knights present here today
    - v. Commemorative Medallion were given to candidates
    - vi. Pictures and video on the website
    - vii. More content will be added
  - c. Merchandise
    - i. Couple of hats
    - ii. Two polo shirts, two dress shirts
  - d. Thank you
  - e. Motion to accept, seconded, passed
11. Purser's Report
  - a. Presented to the members, a copy is available
  - b. Motion to accept, seconded, passed
12. Navigator's Report
  - a. Saturday: Recognition of the Honor Guard for the Exemplification
  - b. We got there early, got a place to get dressed.
  - c. No room for the last of the Honor Guard
  - d. New exemplification is open to all
  - e. Expenses with our assembly has increased
    - i. Repast reimbursement raised to \$250
    - ii. Paying more for HG uniform assistance cost
    - iii. We need to raise dues \$25
  - f. Bus that we didn't have
    - i. We could not pay for the bus on our own
    - ii. 30-35 for the bus
  - g. Proposal to raise the dues to \$25
    - i. Tabled, it will be posted, and it will be voted next meeting
13. Committee Reports
  - a. Pilot
    - i. Progress

- b. Vets Home SB
  - i. Closed RSV/COVID
- c. Commander's Log
  - i. Progress
- d. Honor Guard
  - i. St. Patrick's Parade Saturday
  - ii. Memorial Day Parade in Smithtown
  - iii. Exemplification
    - 1. Major changes
    - 2. Still a history lesson
    - 3. Master wants to do an exemplification in Suffolk in June
  - iv. Dedication of Statue to Fr. McGivney
- e. Rep from Fatima
  - i. Commander of Fatima wants to congratulate the new members
  - ii. No meeting next month
  - iii. St. Patrick's Day Party - St. Killian's of Farmingdale
- f. Chapter Charity Drive Chairman
  - i. Goal \$76,000 - Currently at \$30,000
  - ii. Beneficiary: Life Centers of Long Island
- g. Captain
  - i. Proud to be part of the exemplification
  - ii. Supreme Knight shook the hands of all the Honor Guard
  - iii. Going back to our own Memorial Mass, St. Isidore
  - iv. Knight at the Races for the Honor Guard
- 14. Unfinished Business
  - a. As an assembly we are proud of our support for seminarians
    - i. Two are still in their studies
    - ii. Patrick O'Brian was suggested by the diocese to support
    - iii. Wanted to get a military seminarian
      - 1. Found one in Maryland
      - 2. Studying for the priesthood and the navy
  - b. Exemplification - Introduction of new Brother Sir Knights
- 15. Trustee's Report
  - a. Progress
- 16. New Business
  - a. None
- 17. Dark Horse
  - a. \$190
- 18. Report: Friar
  - a. As knights we have many concerns
  - b. This year there are zero ordinations in Rockville Centre
  - c. Hard times but never give up
  - d. Pro Life
  - e. As knights we are the church
  - f. Still there are problems in the church and the government
  - g. Being united with brother knights throughout the world
  - h. The mission of Christ becomes our mission
  - i. For the greater glory of God
  - j. Ask for God's blessings

19. Good of the Order
  - a. Recognition of Past Faithful Navigators
20. Grand Knight of Host Council Recognition
  - a. Presented a check for repast
21. Closing Ceremony
22. Closing Prayer
23. Closing Ode
24. Next Meeting
25. Meeting Adjourned 9:12
26. Stats
  - a. Members in attendance:
  - b. Councils represented: 18

Respectfully submitted  
Christopher Beattie - Scribe



