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Date	Council Name	Council #
9/25/2024	Queen of All Hearts	4126
10/23/2024	St. Laurence	2458
11/20/2024 <sup>3</sup>	Southampton	1967
1/22/2025		
2/26/2025		
3/26/2025	Kavanaugh	5293
4/23/2025		
5/28/2025 <sup>4</sup>	S. Thomas More	6062
6/25/2025	Ss. Philip & James	12839

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<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**

**NO MEETING:** Installation of Officers is on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas More Church 115 Kings Hwy Hauppauge starting at 7:30 PM.

**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**



To all my brother Sir Knights:  
Well, here we are in early August and where did JULY go? Since early July your Honor Guard has had a break. June was a busy month, and August could be the same. As your navigator, I am trying to keep you well-informed of things and will continue that policy.

On Wednesday, August 28th there will be an installation of assembly officers. This will take place at St. Thomas More Church 115 Kings Hwy Hauppauge. The installation will start at 7:30 pm. It is hosted by St. Thomas More Monsignor Mudura Council #6062.

Upcoming events. In September your Honor Guard will participate in at least 2 callouts as of the date of this log. We could have many more dates and times to announce.

By now you should all know about our Christmas party and if you did not see my email back in July you will see the flyer in this month's log. As you may also remember I had said that we are working on a new web page it may even be up and running by the time you receive this month's log. We will include instructions on how to access the page.

Also, it may be early but, the 4th Degree will be celebrating its 125th anniversary this coming year. In February, there will be an exemplification bringing new members into the order at a very special place.

The place is ST. PATRICKS CATHEDRAL IN NEW YORK CITY. That should be a hoot and howler for sure. More information will be forthcoming.

One more reminder if you would like to join the Honor Guard now is the time. We have been notified by Supreme starting on September 1 the cost of the uniform will be going up.

*Jerry Ferrara  
Faithful Navigator*

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT**



My brother Sir Knights: Worthy Grand Knights please let me know of any brother who flies our flag 24/7 with a light on it and also if a brother in your council has done anything extraordinary, I would like to know so I can publish it. In the next couple of weeks, we should have a New Master.

This month's meeting – August 28 will be our Installation of the new Assembly Officers for the upcoming Columbian year. Our September meeting will be at Queen of All Hearts in Center Moriches.

If you have a flag, Please fly it proudly and if you're a past serviceman a green light should be on in the front of your home. Hope to see you all at the Installation on August 28 at St. Thomas More Council.

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Wow! It's already August. Where has the summer gone? Parents and children are anticipating the start of school, while some of us are getting ready for the football season. I remember those preseason practice so well. The players and the coaches were practically the only people on campus. We ate, lived, and breathed football 24 hours a day for two weeks. All of us were working together for a common goal, the opening of the season. Those were good times. The Knights aren't that much different; all of us work together for a common goal. Think how much we can accomplish.

The Church has two important feast days in August. On August 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus, Peter, James, and John went up the mountain to pray, when Jesus was transformed, and a voice came down from above proclaiming Jesus as his son. The apostles still didn't understand the

difference between the Kingdom of God and an earthly kingdom. They would understand soon enough. In his homily several years ago, Father Leo suggested that a second Transfiguration occurred on Calvary. This was a different form of Transfiguration, without the shining lights and voice from heaven, but a Transfiguration, nonetheless. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation when we celebrate Mary’s assumption into Heaven, body and soul. Check your parish’s mass schedule for this important feast day.

We have two important Color Corps events this month. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> New York District called a regimental turnout for a mass and dedication of the statue of Blessed Michael McGivney. The 7:00 PM mass will be at the co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, 856 Pacific Street in Brooklyn. Turnout time is 6:30. Parking can be difficult. If you plan to attend, I suggest you carpool and arrive early.

The second event is the installation of assembly officers for the Commander Shea Assembly. All members of the CDR. Shea Color Corps should make every effort to attend, in uniform, with swords. The installation will be at St. Thomas More Church, 115 Kings Highway in Hauppauge. The installation starts at 7:00 PM with a repast to follow. All Knights, wives, and friends are invited.

There will be no Color Corps drill in August. The next drill is September 26<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall, 95 Lake Avenue in St. James, 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

*Vivat Jesus!*  
 Michael Tully  
 Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 1<sup>st</sup> New York District  
 St. Isaac Jogues Province



**SCRIBE/EDITOR’S REPORT**



I saw an interesting article (which I was notified of by email) in the publication The Catholic Thing (founded in 2008) called “The Catholic Bogeyman” (link to the article and the Wikipedia page cited in the article will be at the end of this report) and I figured that it would make a good August topic to write about, especially in light of the recent sacrilege that was a part of the opening ceremonies in Paris.

Despite the proud and noble history of Catholic men in the United States (and if you have forgotten, I encourage you to attend a fourth-degree exemplification, hopefully the next master will continue the notion of having one centrally located in Suffolk County) both laws and attitudes against Catholics were commonplace since colonial times. The Catholic colony of Maryland established the Maryland Toleration Act, granting religious freedom to all. However, under Protestant control in 1655, that act was repealed and outlawing Catholics. Then in 1692, Maryland established the Church of England as their official church. Wikipedia states that it, “forced Catholics to pay heavy taxes towards its support. They were cut off from all participation in politics and additional laws were introduced that outlawed the Mass, the church’s sacraments, and Catholic schools.”

Even during the Revolutionary War, with Catholics fighting for the nation’s independence, various states still maintained their anti-Catholic stance. In the article from The Catholic Thing it states, “Anti-Catholicism continued after the Revolutionary War, though Catholics fought alongside Washington. Priests were allowed to cross the Potomac River and celebrate Sunday Mass in Saint Mary’s Church in Alexandria. But Virginia law prevented them from spending the night.”

Even after the ratification of the Constitution with the First Amendment the problem took decades to allow religious freedom for Catholics because the amendment originally only applied to the Federal government (this would change after the Civil War). The burning of churches and convents in various cities

was commonplace. In 1834, a mob set fire to an Ursuline convent in Charlestown, Massachusetts. In 1844 anti-Catholic rioters in Philadelphia torched churches.

And while it is not illegal for faithful Catholics to receive the sacraments or for Catholic churches to be burned to the ground, such attitudes continue to this day. One only must peruse the posts of X (formerly Twitter) to see the hatred of some towards the Catholic Church.

I realize that this may sound like a depressing article, but I think the opposite should be the case. We should rejoice that we suffer for the sake of the Church. (Acts 5:41 “So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.”)

Links: [The Catholic Bogeyman](#)

Wikipedia: [Anti-Catholicism in the United States](#)

*Christopher Beattie  
Scribe*

## THE WORLDWIDE ASSEMBLY WEBPAGE

The new webpage is up and running. The address to this page can be found on the masthead (that’s the top of the first page for you non publishing people). We also have a member’s only page that will have links to previous issues of the log, as well as other important stuff. The password to that will also be on the masthead “sirknight” all lower case and one word.



## HISTORICAL DATES IN AUGUST

**August 1, 1838** - Slavery was abolished in Jamaica. It had been introduced by Spanish settlers 300 years earlier in 1509.

**August 1, 1944** - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

**August 2, 1776** - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the [Declaration of Independence](#).

**August 3, 1492** - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

**August 5, 1861** - President [Abraham Lincoln](#) signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the [Civil War](#). However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

**August 6-10, 1787** - The Great Debate occurred during the Constitutional Convention. Outcomes included the establishment of a four-year term of office for the President, granting Congress the right to regulate foreign trade and interstate commerce, and the appointment of a committee to prepare a final draft of the Constitution.

**August 9, 1945** - The second Atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility then chose a secondary target, Nagasaki. About noon, the bomb [detonated](#) killing an estimated 70,000 persons and [destroying](#) about half the city.

<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/august.htm>



**COMMANDER JOHN J. SHEA ASSEMBLY #729**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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# The Knights of Columbus

Father Seyfried Council 821

25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Honoring

**Dennis P. Ahern**



Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Sponsors:

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, the Father Seyfried Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its **25th Annual Golf Classic** at the Wind Watch Golf and Country Club in Hauppauge.

This year we are proud to honor **Dennis Ahern**, a man who dedicated his life to the community and the Town of Kings Park. For those who did not know Dennis, the words **“CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM”** are the cornerstone of his life. (See enclosed Bio).

We hope you will help us recognize his accomplishments by giving us your support.

Our mission at the Knights of Columbus is to help others in the community where we live and work, and this golf classic is the principal fundraiser that permits us to conduct our many charitable efforts. Since our formation over 100 years ago, Father Seyfried Council has aided countless families and charities by donating monies and volunteer hours. Our Town officials, local business and civic associations, religious and educational organizations, and many youth groups, have recognized these efforts. The following are examples of some of our recent charitable activities:

- Raised funds for Stony Brook University Hospital’s Sunrise Fund benefiting children coping with cancer.
- Awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors from Kings Park High School.
- Assisted veterans at the Stony Brook VA Nursing Home and Northport VA Hospital.
- Hosted the “Soccer Challenge” & “Basketball Free Throw” competitions/awards for our local youth.
- Supported multiple clothing and food drives for local families in need.
- Sponsored a children’s essay contest at the Holy Family Regional School in Commack.
- Organized and hosted our annual “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” for neighborhood children.
- Provided continuous assistance to St. Joseph’s Parish & financial assistance to local needy families.

Understanding that some may be facing financial challenges, any support you can provide for our community endeavors would be greatly appreciated. Your participation in this event can be in the form of a golfer, sponsor, or raffle donor.

Sponsors will receive special recognition by way of signage and program listings. In addition, a special “thank you” will appear in the Knights’ newsletter following the event listing all supporters. We also encourage our respective membership and all participants to patronize those businesses that are supportive of our mission.

If you have any questions concerning the event or levels of participation, you may contact Ron Buell at (631)-449-0000

Sincerely,

*Gene Fennell*

Gene Fennell – Grand Knight

## *Dennis Ahern*



The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. This year we honor a man who dedicated his life not only to these four principles and always went above and beyond in every aspect of his life.

The name, Dennis Ahern, became synonymous with justice, compassion, and unwavering dedication. As the community's most beloved lawyer, Dennis spent his entire career championing the causes of those who couldn't fight for themselves. His story is one of tireless advocacy, profound empathy, and an unyielding commitment to his community.

Dennis grew up in Kings Park. At an early age, he exhibited a keen sense of fairness and an insatiable curiosity about the world around him. Encouraged by his parents, he pursued higher education and eventually attended law school; always with the intention of returning to his hometown to make a difference.

Upon passing the bar, Dennis could have easily opted for a lucrative career in a bustling city, but his heart was set on Kings Park. He married his sweetheart, Marybeth and raised a family of five very successful children, Sean, Brendan, Dan, Shannon, and Kiera.

He joined the family's modest law practice on Main Street, where the door was always open to those in need. Whether it was defending a tenant from an unjust eviction, ensuring fair treatment for workers, or advocating for victims of domestic abuse, Dennis' cases were often driven by a deep sense of duty rather than financial gain.

Dennis' commitment extended beyond the courtroom. Despite his professional successes, Dennis remained humble and approachable. He was a familiar face at local events and Sunday Mass **and of course everyone's favorite basketball coach**. His genuine interest in the well-being of his neighbors made him not just a lawyer, but a friend and confidant to many. His integrity and dedication earned him the respect and admiration of the entire community.

Dennis' life serves as an inspiring reminder that the measure of a lawyer is not found in wealth or prestige, but in the lives they touch and the justice they uphold. His dedication to helping others transformed the community, leaving an enduring mark on the town and setting a high standard for future generations. Through his work, Dennis showed that a hometown lawyer could indeed be a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change.

Your **SUPPORT** helps us **SUPPORT** the numerous charities aligned with the core principles of the Knights of Columbus.

**The Knights of Columbus is proud to name Dennis P. Ahern as its 2024 Honoree!**