

Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year from Pope John XXIII Assembly!



# The Encyclical



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## Faithful Navigator's Message

Hello Brothers in Christ

Jingle bells jingle bells and a one horse open sleigh. Oh yes the sound of Christmas wafts through the air. People are going back and forth trying to catch this or that sale trying to get that last minute present or an outfit for that office party.

The Yule logs are cut and set in the fire place burning nicely. The egg nog is made and all the trimmings of Christmas are in place.

Grandpa sat in his favorite chair close to the fire place listening to the crackling embers and seems so at peace. It lasted but for a moment. The kids came up to him and asked him to tell them the story of Christmas. Well it all began more than two thousand years ago in a little town called Bethlehem where Jesus was born in a manger. There was no room at the inn. A bright star stood over the manger. Three wise men from the East followed the star and came to pay him homage with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The angels sang Glory to God in the Highest while the shepherd of the fields watched over him and there was much joy in the land.

That story brought me to the present version of Christmas. What are we really celebrating? The stores are filled with Christmas buntings, commercials hawking their wares on radio and TV. We are supposed to be celebrating Christ birthday. Yet we buy presents for this person or that friend with little thought of giving Christ a gift. The greatest gift we can give him is when he said, "love one another as I love you, and to love God with all your might, with all your heart and with all your soul."

The Chapter honored our assembly at their November meeting. Among the notables present was the State Warden, the Supreme Vice Master, and our Master, Richard Steimle. The Honor Guard put in a snappy performance doing escort duty.

Our Thanksgiving assembly meeting with its usual pies and cider was a hit as always.



Please help the less fortunate if you can, not only at Christmas but all throughout the year.

Keep Christ in Christmas for if he did not come into the world there wouldn't be any Christmas.

Well my brothers the time has come when we must say goodbye. May the Lord keep us in his fold and covered by the precious blood of Jesus.

To you and yours I wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Fraternally

*SK Winston V. Delpesh, PGK*

## Assembly Almanac

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**December 8: Assembly Christmas Party, 2011:**

**January 26, 2011: Assembly meeting,**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

**February 23: Assembly meeting, Twelve Apostles**

**March 23: Assembly meeting, site TBA**

**April 27: Assembly meeting, Our Lady of the Island**

**April 30: Patriotic Ball/PFN Testimonial, New Hyde Park**

**May 25: Assembly meeting, St. Therese the Little Flower**

**May 28: Assembly Flag Laying Ceremony,**

**LI National Cemetery, Pinelawn**

**June 22: Sign of the Cross Council (hosted by Barry Council)**

**Executive meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month**

**at Robert W. Powell Council**

**Honor Guard Drills: 4th Monday of the month**

**at Hempstead Council**

## Assembly Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Social gathering held on December 8, 2010, in place of the usual Executive meeting.

It will be a coffee and cake affair that will allow members to socialize and reflect on the upcoming Christmas season.

Casual, neat attire will be the dress code for this affair

Members are welcome to bring any goodies that they wish to share

Time is 8:00 PM and the place is New Hyde Park Council Families, Lady friends and the little people are heartily invited

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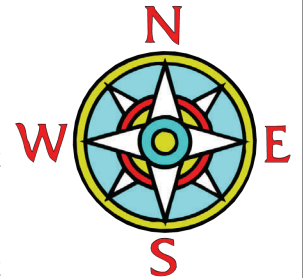
**Captain's Compass**

If you're going to the Assembly Christmas Party, plug this address into your GPS: 1000 Marcus Avenue, New Hyde Park NY.

**Directions:**

Take **LIE or Northern State** to New Hyde Park Road South to Marcus Avenue. Turn Left at Marcus Ave, heading East 1.5 miles. Council is on the right.

**From the Southern State Parkway:** Take Exit 17 North (Hempstead Avenue). When you see a fork, bear left onto Nassau Boulevard. Stay on Nassau Boulevard for 3.5 miles. You'll see another fork for County Courthouse Road. That will turn into Marcus Avenue. Take Marcus just over a mile. You'll pass Hillside Avenue. At the fork go left, and the council will be on your left.



If you need the council's phone number, it's (516) 352-2852.

... And the January Assembly meeting will take place Wednesday, the 26th at 8:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's Annex in West Hempstead, N Y. If you have a GPS, plug in this address: 875 Hempstead Ave, West Hempstead, NY, 11552.

**Directions:**

**From Jericho or Hempstead Turnpikes:** Go South on Nassau Boulevard past Halls Pond Park on your left to where Nassau Boulevard intersects with Hempstead Avenue. The Church Annex is on your left across the intersection.

**From the Southern State Parkway:** Take Exit 17 North on Ocean Avenue until you come to a fork in the road. The Church Annex is on your right on Hempstead Avenue. See you there!

*SK Richard Fox PGK. DD*  
Faithful Captain

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## This month in Pope John XXIII Assembly history.

**Dec. 1966:** Meeting held at St. Therese the Little Flower Council. Nassau Suffolk Chapter changed by-laws to permit Faithful Navigator to submit messages or patriotic ideas to the Chapter.

**Dec. 1967:** Meeting held at Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council. Meeting dedicated by Faithful Navigator Bill Duschenchuk to Faithful Admiral Dalton "Bud" Miller, who became Mayor of the Village of Hempstead.

**Dec. 1971:** 160 attended Assembly Christmas party, held at Robert W. Powell Council.

**Dec. 1976:** Assembly Christmas party at Hempstead Council, admission \$1 per couple.

**Dec. 1980:** Since no council had an open date available, the Assembly had to cancel its Christmas party.

**Dec. 1982:** Assembly Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Loretto, sponsored by Hempstead Council. Dec 10 was also Feast Day of Our Lady of Loretto, decreed by Pope Benedict IV as Patroness of Aviators and air travelers. Extra tables had to be set up for the crowd at the Christmas party meeting at Holy Innocents Council.

**Dec. 1983:** Assembly Christmas Party at Hempstead Council, following Aviation Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Loretto.

**Dec. 1984:** Christmas Party at Alfred E. Smith council. SK Joe Massaro presented a file on the Statue of Liberty. PFN Testimonial for John O'Connor.

**Dec. 1987:** Meeting and Christmas party at Hempstead Council. Dues were increased and budget was approved.

**Dec. 1989:** Meeting held at Powell Council. PFN testimonial for Dario Rossi and Christmas party.

**Dec. 1992:** Patriotic Ball at St. Therese the Little Flower council. Proceeds to raise money for RSVP program. PFN Testimonial for Sam Greco and Christmas Party at Powell Council.

**Dec. 1993:** PFN testimonial for Bob Baillie and Christmas Party, at Powell Council. Pope John Assembly celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Dec. 1994:** 160 attended PFN testimonial for Don Neidhardt and Christmas Party at Powell Council.

**Dec. 2003:** PFN testimonial for Wayne Sturges and Christmas party postponed until March 2004 because of bad weather

**Dec. 2005:** The Assembly held a regular meeting in December for the first time in many years, held at Delaney Council. The meeting featured givaways of miniature statues.

**Dec. 2007:** Instead of a regular meeting, the Assembly opted for a Christmas social.

## From the Faithful Comptroller's desk

Members of Pope John XXIII Assembly who have paid their 2010 dues may now pay the \$20 annual dues for 2011.

To be a Fourth Degree member of the K of C, you must also be a current Third Degree member of the K of C.

To pay, make a check payable to " Pope John XXIII Assembly K of C " and mail it to SK NORBERT WENGLER 30 NINTH AVE FARMINGDALE, NY 11735 or bring it when attending a meeting, or sending it to a meeting via your council Fourth Degree Chairman.

A 2011 MEMBERSHIP CARD has been printed for each member and will be sent upon receipt of 2011 dues.

Fraternally, *Norbert Wengler PGK*

All Sir Knights are welcome-make that encouraged-to join our Honor Guard. If you have the time, we have the gear! Stop by Hempstead Council (across the street from Our Lady of Loretto Church) on the fourth Monday of the month.

## Faithfully Speaking

A couple of us have throwing around some ideas behind the scenes. First, a little history: Some years the Encyclical comes out every month, other years it comes out every other month. Like everyone else we have budgets we must deal with, so we have to keep the snail-mail version to four pages.

Members who've submitted their e-mail address to us instead get their Encyclical through e-mail. We're up to 120 who get the E-mail version, which is 17% of the Assembly's 693 members (and just to assure you I NEVER give out anyone's e-mail address-EVER).

Sending out the Encyclical through e-mail doesn't cost the Assembly a penny, so we could send out 20 pages if we had enough input from Assembly members, and we could do this every month, again, if we get enough input from members.

I'd also like to send this to members in HTML format (which means it looks like a webpage in your e-mail box). I also know of at least one Assembly who's putting together a Facebook page. Plus, Supreme is on Facebook as well as Twitter.

Thoughts?

If you have something you'd like to share with your fellow Sir Knights, feel free to send it to me.

*Mike Dragonetti*

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## Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

Donald A. Heath, Delaney Council

May his soul and the souls of all the Faithful De-  
parted, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

May Christmas bring you joy today,  
Fulfilling in the finest way,  
The shining promise of the Star  
That brought the Wise Men from afar~  
And may YOU evermore be blest  
With all that's happiest and best!

-SK Lawrence L. Broschart, Archbishop Segers Assembly



## Assembly 50/50 drawing

Many of 50/50 club members will be dropped from the January 2011 drawing and the subsequent eleven drawings, unless they renew by paying \$24 for 2011. Many other 50/50 club members will be dropped from the February 2011 drawing and the subsequent eleven drawings, unless they renew by paying \$24 for 2011. A few members have later renewal dates and all who have not renewed will soon be requested by a mailing to renew.

To join this monthly drawing all you have to do is make out a check payable to, "Pope John XXIII Assembly" for \$24.00. That will cover you for 12 months from the time you join. The more in the club the bigger the monthly prize. And you don't even have to be a Knight to join! Mail the check to

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