

Saint John XXIII General Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

New Hyde Park Council

Meeting opened at 7:35 pm by the Faithful Navigator

Attendance of Assembly Officers:

Friar Msgr. Robert Batule - Present	1 Yr. Trustee SK Anthony Battista, MD, PGK, PFN,
Navigator SK Hector de Marchena, PGK - Present	KC★HS - Present
Captain SK James Kelly, PGK - Present	Inner Sentinel SK Matthew Kenney - Present
Pilot SK Raymond Diaz, PGK - Present	Outer Sentinel SK Nicholas Ardizzone - Excused
Scribe SK Keith Wilson, PGK, FDD, PCP, PFN - Excused	Color Corp Commander SK Joseph Lannon, PGK, PFN - Present
Admiral SK John Delany, PGK, PFN - Present	Purser - SK Steven Morgana, PGK
3 Yr. Trustee SK John Hagan, PGK	Comptroller Charles Tartaro, PGK - Present
2 Yr. Trustee SK William Murphy, PGK, PFN, FDD - Present	Patron - Peter Angione - Present
	Patron - Kevin Swenson - Present

PFN's recognized by Faithful Navigator

The FN recognized all PFN'S in attendance and they were:

PFN Joseph Lannon
PFN Roger Sirangelo
PFN John Delany
PFN Bill Murphy
PFN A Battista

Color Corp recognized by Faithful Navigator

The members of the honor guard in attendance were also recognized and they were Kevin Swenson, John Delany, Mat Kenney, Raymond Diaz, Joseph Lannon and the FN.

The chair officers conducted the opening ritual, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by PFN Joseph Lannon, and the opening ode was God Bless America. The opening prayer was led by Faithful Friar Msgr. Batule.

The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were read by the acting Scribe Anthony Battista and were approved as presented.

Faithful Friar's Report (Msgr. Robert Batule):

Laetare Sunday will be this Sunday. Easter Sunday is late this year, when we are grateful for our Lord's Resurrection, His greatest act.

Communication:

1. A thank you letter to the Color Corps from the family of SK John Kennelly was received.

Faithful Navigator's Report (FN Hector de Marchena):

1. Thanks to New Hyde Park Council for hosting our Assembly meeting tonight.
2. The COR program at St. Boniface has had fabulous attendance, and all here at the meeting are invited to their next session.
3. The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will probably be in the Fall.

Faithful Comptroller's Report (Charles Tartaro, PGK)

- a. Total collected has been 10265, including 620 raffle tickets.
- b. There are only 80 members with outstanding dues, and the second mailing will go out soon.

Faithful Purser's Report (Steven Morgana, PGK):

1. As of tonight, our account balances in the Ocean Financial Federal CU are as follows:

Savings: \$2,462.32

Checking: \$7,362.38

Money Market: \$47,736.84

OTAL: \$57,561.54

2. Motion to accept the Purser's report was made by PFN John Delany, seconded by PFN Roger Sirangelo and passed unanimously.

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Committee Reports:

1. **Membership:** (John Delany, PGK, PFN):

- a. Transfer - Raymond, Swalanski Murphy , seconded by Diaz
- b. Six new applicants, all from Floral Park Council, all from Our Lady of Victory parish:
 - i. Thomas A Gill
 - ii. Andrew J. Lynn
 - iii. Daniel B. McVey
 - iv. Michael E. Ronan
 - v. Renato Rosales
 - vi. John G. Rupulo
- c. Motion to accept the applications was made by PFN Bill Murphy, seconded by PGK Raymond Diaz, and unanimously approved.

2. **Honor Guard** (PFN Joseph Lannon):

- a. The following request for the Guard have been made:
 - i. April 15, 2025, 4:00 pm - Chrism Mass
 - ii. April 6, 2015 - Nassau Chapter Charity Ball

- iii. March 30, 2025, 10:30 Mass - St. Joseph, Garden City
 - iv. April 27, 2025, 10:30 Mass - St. Joseph, Garden City - 50th Anniversary of the pastor
- b. Drills are conducted every month at St. Catherine's. The next drill dates are on April 24, May 15 and June 19, 2025. The practices are making a big difference.
- 3. **Fly the Flag**
 - a. There are currently 2 candidates.
- 4. **Assembly 50/50** (PFN Joseph Lannon):
 PFN Joe Lannon will be mailing out invoices soon for all to participate again this year; \$24.00 for the year is the payment needed. Drawings are held at Assembly meetings. Hope to get up to 58 members, and we will draw for three months at the next meeting.
- 5. **Flag Laying** (PFN Anthony Battista):
 All are reminded that event will be on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at LI National Pinelawn Cemetery in Farmingdale – 6:45 am start time with rosary led by Msgr. Batule and breakfast back at Delaney Council to follow.
- 6. **Veterans' Breakfast:**
 PFN and Co-Chair John Delany reminds all that this event is on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Hartigan Council for \$20.00 per person. Massapequa Funeral home donates the food payment. One veteran from each council is recognized and PFN John Delany asked all to get behind this program. The guest speaker for the day is Kevin Batule, retired US Army Colonel. Mailing will go out soon for all to participate.
- 7. **Scholarships:**
 Faithful Captain Jim Kelly mentioned that the applications are available, and he has them for all applicants as needed. The theme - *How Will My Catholic Faith Inform My Future Voting Decisions?* Please get the word out, as we give away \$1500.00 to the recipients with two awards.

This concluded the committee reports.

Good of the Order:

- I. Sick and Deceased:
 - A. One ill + Robert Matarazzo (St. Joseph Bishop Baldwin PGK - double lung transplant)
 - B. Two deceased read by the Faithful Outer Sentinel
- II. Joe Wendling accepted a check and a flag on behalf of Grand Knight Aloysius Arukattil of New Hyde Park Council for hosting the Assembly meeting.
- III. Major Raffle: Towers to Towers to receive \$
 - A. 1st prize (\$1,343.75) - Arthur Maloney - Floral Park Council
 - B. First 2nd prize (\$671.88) - John Thomas - New Hyde Park Council
 - C. Second 2nd prize (\$671.88) - Ted Catalano - Our Lady of the Island Council
- IV. The American flag was won by SK Alan Schultheiss
- V. The Meeting 50/50 (\$55) was won by SK Matthew Kenney.

The chair officers conducted the closing ritual, the closing prayer was led by Msgr. Batule and the flag was saluted. The national anthem was sung, and the meeting was closed at 8:37 pm. by the FN. The next meeting of the Assembly is on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Our Lady of the Island Council at 7:30 pm. PFN John Delany moved to close the meeting, seconded by Bill Murphy and passed unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Battista, MD, PGK,PFN, KC★HS
I Year Trustee, for the Faithful Scribe