

**POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2025
FLORAL PARK COUNCIL #2345
FLORAL PARK NY 11001**

The assembly meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M, by Faithful Navigator Jim Kelly. The opening Ritual was held by the chair officers. The roll call showed the following officers excused:

Peter Angione

All others were present.

Past Faithful Navigators present were:

K Wilson, A Battista, W Murphy, J Delany, J Lannon, and H DEMARCHENA

All others were excused.

The members of the Honor guard were recognized as being present.

The opening prayer was offered by our Faithful Friar Msgr. Batule.

The pledge of allegiance was said, and God bless America was the opening ode.

There were 36 Sir Knights in Attendance.

The minutes of the Exec Board meeting were accepted as read.

There were no communications to be read.

Officer Reports

Faithful Friar:

Msgr Batule reports that he attended stand up for life and the crowd was not as good as usual and not many knights or clergy. He addressed the Phys Assisted Suicide bill that passed in Albany and urged all to call the Governor and tell her to not sign the bill into law. He asked to contact local legislators to oppose as well for the good of life. He reminded all that today was the day is called Pope John Paul II memorial feast day and how he passed in 2005. The Pope when he spoke to groups would offer different speeches depending on the crowd. Msgr told us that he read many of the Encyclicals that JP II wrote and he enjoyed them. The Pope was canonized a Saint less then 10 years later.

Faithful Navigator Report:

Jim Kelly reports Progress.

Faithful Comptrollers Report:

Charlie Tartaro reports that the recent exemplification went well and all candidates from our assembly enjoyed the day. We had two tables at dinner as well. He thanked Keith and Joe Lannon for a great job as well. Grand Knight Don Hartnett from Floral Park also said he and the candidates from Floral Park had a great time also. No date set yet for next degree. Keith will advise when date set.

Faithful Pursers Report:

Steve Morgana reports on the following balances:

- **Checking \$5,924.86**
- **Share acct: \$2,463.76**
- **Super Savings: \$ 47,933.16**
- **Total on hand: \$56,321.78**

Keith moves to accept pursers report seconded by Anthony Battista and passed.

Trustees Report:

A Battista reports that the reports are very succinct now and asked if accuracy can be affected by checks cashed too late then written. Discussion showed not much bearing on this for reports purposes. All concurred.

This Concluded Officer Reports

Committee Reports**The following committees reported****Scholarship Committee:**

Ray Diaz reports Progress.

Fly the Flag:

Steve Morgana reports that he will be getting awards for the recipients for next meeting.

Pro Life:

PFN Keith Wilson reports that he was awarded the Pro-Life award from the Chapter before he came to the meeting tonight at their annual golf outing. He also spoke on the suicide bill and how its passage should offend many good Doctors and seniors that are afraid to be put to sleep. A Battista reports that Doctors can opt out of this law if they so please.

Epiphany Party:

PFN Keith Wilson reports that this will be held on January 4, 2026, at Farmingdale VFW Hall and will be \$55.00 per person. Hector and PSD Tony Ippolito will also be honored at this same affair. The party will be from 1-5 P.M. See Keith for Reservations.

Cor:

PFN Hector reports that this program is going well and he is still working with St Boniface in Elmont to revive that council and parish for membership. He is proud to be working on this project.

Honor Guard:

PFN Joe Lannon Commander reports that the men practice once month at St Catherines and the next one is November 13. He presented the Guardsman of the year to Kevin Sniffen for a great job as a Member of the Group. See Joe if you want to join the Guard. He also asked to reimburse Bob Tynelli for half his HG uniform as he has made the required turnouts for all to see. Joe moved to give Bob \$250.00 for his Uniform and seconded by Charlie Tartaro and passed. Joe would like to have at least one Guardsman from each council in the Assembly to have squads like in the past.

Assembly Clothing:

Matt Kenney reports that he will take orders for hats and shirts as needed and order for the guys when ready to go. See Matt after the meeting.

Membership:

PFN Hector DeMarchena reports no apps at this time and asked all newly initiated Sir Knights in attendance to stand. We had 13 new candidates at the exemplification and one priest for total of 14. We did very well this year.

There was no Unfinished business at this time.

New Business:

PFN Keith Wilson moved to award Alex DeMarchena \$500.00 for his Seminary studies and seconded by PFN John Delany and passed. He will be a priest for DRVC.

Good of the order:

Raffles Held for the following:

American Flag was won by PFN John Delany.

The Meeting 50/50 was won by: \$80.00 to Matt Comerford
\$40.00 to Rob Tynelli

Assembly 50.50 for 4 months as follows as each winner gets \$52.00

July: PFN John Delany

August: Jim Cioffi PCP

September: Emily Connelly

October: Julia Liddy

The petitions for sick and deceased were read.

Grand Knight of Floral Park Don Harnett welcomed all to the council and invited all to stay for repast. He was presented with \$200.00 from assembly for the repast.

The Chair Officers held the closing Ritual and Msgr Batule led the closing, Prayer.

The Star-Spangled banner was closing Ode, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M. by the F.N.

The next regular meeting will be November 19 at St Annes Garden City Msgr Seidenschwang Council.

Minutes taken by:

Keith Wilson

PGK FDD PFN PCC

Faithful Scribe

Attachments

