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THE PRIORY SCHOLARS OF NEW YORK CITY



Dear Scholars,

We are delighted to invite you to join us in-person for the 2022 Autumn session of the Priory Scholars. Class will be held on **Saturday, October 22, 12 pm-4 pm EDT**. Follow in Holmes' footsteps, and join us at THE CHURCHILL TAVERN, 45 East 28th Street, New York, NY 10016, located between Madison and Park Avenues, around the corner from the 28th Street subway station for the 4 & 6 trains.

While precautions around COVID remain a concern, we will follow all NYC guidelines for indoor dining that The Churchill requires. While not currently required, please be ready to show proof of vaccination and booster if needed on the day of the meeting. As always, if you feel sick, please do not come. Simply let us know via email (PriorityNYC@gmail.com), and we can discuss how your payment can be transferred or refunded.

The story for the meeting is **"The Beryl Coronet."** We will be challenged by another of Prof. Raj Pandravada's quizzes that we will probe to the bottom. In preparation for our meeting, we suggest that you read the story and reflect upon possible topics of discussion:

- **"you would not have me leave it a dishonoured man"** – Consider how class, reputation, morality, filial piety, and honor affect the characters' behavior in this story, and how the depictions of such affect the reader.
- **"a very sweet little problem"** – Review and evaluate the many tactics Holmes uses in this story to uncover different parts of the solution.
- **"When you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth"** - This story features an appearance (not the only one) of one of Holmes' most famous statements. How does this adage play out in the investigation?

Our dining room can comfortably seat approx. 30 people, and we are asking that students pay for class at the time of enrollment; we will otherwise not be able to hold your place. Please send your RSVP and **tuition fee of \$40** no later than **Saturday, October 15** to our Bursar, Prof. Christopher Zordan, via Paypal to cazordan@aim.com; choose the "send money to friends" option. You may also send a check payable to Christopher Zordan, 242 Rooney Court, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. If you have any questions, please email PriorityNYC@gmail.com.

If financial challenges may prevent you from attending, please contact the Headmaster directly at NickMartorelli@gmail.com to inquire about our scholarship program.

In addition to a spirited discussion and prizes for quiz winners, there will be toasts, chit-chat, and more! As usual, if you are interested in offering a toast, please inquire of Prof. Tamar Zeffren (tamar.zeffren@gmail.com) or the Headmaster.

Yours with milk and biscuits,

Nick Martorelli, Headmaster

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