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THE PRIORY SCHOLARS OF NEW YORK CITY



Dear Scholars,

We are delighted to invite you to the Fall 2025 session of the Priory Scholars. Join those who love art for its own sake on **Saturday, October 4, 12pm-4pm EDT**. We will meet at THE CHURCHILL TAVERN, 45 East 28th Street, New York, NY 10016, located between Madison and Park Avenues and around the corner from the 28th Street subway station for the 4 & 6 trains. Our matters will be settled neither quietly nor discreetly.

Our meeting will be centered around *The Copper Beeches*. Prof. Raj Pandravada will demonstrate his special province with a quiz from which the keenest pleasure is to be derived. Other possible topics of discussion include:

- **“a series of tales”** – This story was published as the 12th and last short story that became a part of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. What emerges if we consider this the “season 1 finale” of the Canon?
- **“upon the crime that you should dwell”** – This story’s opening scene features a debate between Holmes and Watson about merits of Watson’s writing. How convincing are those opinions? What side would you agree with?
- **“a quite exceptional woman”** – Consider Violet Hunter. Holmes praises her several times throughout the story, and Watson offers an epilogue that he seldom extends to clients. (In addition, she is an oft-expanded character in Holmes adaptations & media.) What, if anything, about her portrayal in this story could inspire this treatment? How does she compare to others of Holmes’s clients?

Our dining room can comfortably seat approx. 35 people, and we request that students pay for class at the time of enrollment; otherwise, we are not able to hold your place. Please send your RSVP and **tuition fee of \$40** no later than **Saturday, Sept 27** 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 PrioryNYC@gmail.com. If financial challenges 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, lunch, chit-chat, and more! As usual, if you are interested in participating, 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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