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THE PRIORY SCHOLARS OF NEW YORK CITY



Dear Scholars,

We would be delighted if you join us for our Fall 2026 session of the Priory Scholars of NYC, where we will converse with extraordinary vigour and earnestness, perhaps driving our points home by the slapping of our knees. We will meet on **Sat, October 3, 12pm-4pm EDT**. Our venue is THE CHURCHILL TAVERN, 45 East 28th Street, New York, NY 10016, which is located between Madison and Park Avenues and around the corner from the 28th Street subway station for the 4 & 6 trains.

Our meeting will be centered around ***“The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter.”*** Prof. Raj Pandravada will offer a quiz for our own puzzled quarter of an hour. Other possible topics of discussion include:

- **“the best and soundest thing in England”** – The story offers a rare example of Holmes’s lack of knowledge in one specific area. Consider how this is used, or not used, throughout.
- **“a man of energy and character”** – Consider the relationship between Holmes and Dr. Leslie Armstrong. How does Armstrong’s presence influence the narrative?
- **“I am much more anxious to hush up private scandals than to give them publicity”** – The Complete Sherlock Holmes has only 60 stories. Why do you think the author wanted to include this story? Why do we think Holmes took the case?

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 **Sat, Sept 26** 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, shameless commerce, 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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