

Knights of Columbus
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



August 2018

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Summer is in full swing! I hope all had a super Independence Day! The Catholic Church is about half-way through Ordinary Time, and many of us still taking some time to visit family, friends and the beach. Even so, our work continues, and the Assembly has been busy, as well.

At our last Assembly meeting, we took actions of which all of you should be aware:

- Dan Crowley was named Sir Knight of the Month for the Assembly. Dan is one of three Charter Members of the Assembly, and he continues to serve, recently being elected Trustee.
- PFN Jim Inch agreed to lead the 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Team.
- 2018-2019 Budget was approved.

Our Faithful Purser, Robert Schoenborn, has given me notice that he is vacating his office due to being transferred out of state for work. Notice is hereby given that we will be taking nominations for the office of Faithful Purser at the September 16, 2018, 4:00pm, General Assembly meeting, as well as the October 21, 2018, 4:00pm General Assembly meeting. The election will be held at the October 21, 2018, 4:00pm General Assembly meeting after nominations are closed.

This past month, with the passing of Sir Knight Frank Mireles, we activated the Rosary Call List. Some of the captains reported to me that some of the phone numbers were not good. Phone, email and letter (or a personal visit to the address we have) are the means we have to get in touch with members. (As you have noticed, I use email most of the time.) If you think you should have received a call, but did not, we may not have your current phone number. Feel free to email me at gene.suchyta@gmail.com or text/call me at 734.748.2644 with your current information, and we will get it updated.

Over the next three months, Sir Knights from our assembly, as well as others, will be gathering for the following:

- **Annual Picnic, Saturday, August 18, 12:00pm to 4:00pm:** This will be John Stymelski Veteran's Park, 14407 Stark Rd, Livonia, which is the same location as last year. We expect to be with hot dogs, burgers, sides, beer, soda and such. In addition to interesting auction the ladies lead, we will also do a 50-50 raffle. Come on out and join the members of the assembly for a few hours of fun and conversation!
- **Officer Installation, Sunday, August 19, 6:00pm:** This will be at the Fr. Victor Renaud Council Hall, upstairs. Joining us will be our friends from Msgr. Schulte Assembly 0492 and St Francis of Assisi Assembly 2136. Dinner is \$15 per person, and we would love to have as many as possible come. However, you must let both Chris Scanlan (cjscanlan@aol.com or 734.674.1364) and me (gene.suchyta@gmail.com or 734.748.2644) know by Sunday, August 12, of your intention to join us, as we need to let the caterer know how many people are coming. Beer and wine are included with dinner. Also, it would be great if as many Color Corps as possible could attend.
- **Fall Exemplification, Saturday, September 15, 9:00am:** As before, this will be at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren, with mass following. Dinner is \$30 per person, and we need to send the stuff to the Master by September 1. If you plan to attend, please let Greg Rapelje (Gregory.Rapelje@kofc.org or 734.474.8398) know as soon as you can, and please be sure to get him a check promptly. Also, if you know someone that would like to be Exemplified to the Fourth Degree, please let me know quickly. The cost for Exemplification is \$70. An optional photo of the Exemplification class is \$9.
- **Provincial Meeting, week-end of October 12, 13 and 14:** This will be at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Sterling Heights. Most of the activity is all-day Saturday, with the Vice Supreme Master's Dinner on Friday night and mass at 8:30 on Sunday morning (Color Corps, please bring your regalia). The dinner is optional and costs \$30, the Provincial meeting itself on Saturday is \$50. While flag officers and others (Comptroller, Purser) should attend, all Fourth Degree Sir Knights are welcome to attend. If you are interested, again, please contact Greg Rapelje.

In addition to all of this, we in the Assembly will once again be providing coffee and donuts to our veteran friends at the John D. Dingell Medical Center in Detroit. We expect to be there between 8:30am and 12:00pm, and expect to serve after both the Protestant service and the Catholic Mass. This is a great opportunity for us to live the Patriotic value that is core to the Fourth Degree. I will be reminding members of this again at the general assembly meeting as well as in another email before the event occurs.

Our last Adopt-A-Highway activity for this year will also be in September. Saturday, September 22 will likely be the date, with September 29 as a rain date. I'll discuss with the officers how football might affect this (September 22 is a home game for U-M vs. Nebraska; September 29 is a home game for MSU vs. Central). I suspect, however, we will keep the September 22 date.

Joe Bradley and I had an opportunity to spend about 90 minutes with Brothers from Fr. Victor Renaud Council at one of their Charity Poker days. Joe and I have never been a part of this and wanted to see what was really involved. The time spent gave us some good insight. Joe and Greg Rapelje are working on the paperwork to register us with the State of Michigan (our license had not been used in over four years and had expired). I think we can look forward to doing some much-needed fundraising in 2019 once the state issues us a license and we are able to get some dates.

This past month I have sent out a number of prayer requests. Very quickly, I can tell you that Richard Fullmerhouser and Curt Schneider are really in need of prayers. My mother, Monica Suchyta, is having some issues, and she could use your prayers as well. Chris Scanlan and George Roumaya could also use them, though both of them are in great spirits and George has been at Color Corps events. As always, you can find an up-to-date prayer list at our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>

Our Color Corps has been busy with a bevy of activities, including Novenas at Ste. Anne in Detroit, Officer Installations and Corporate Communion. Together with Msgr. Schulte, we participated in the Senior Clergy Village 25th Anniversary Mass. We have been able to make all of our commitments, though I am concerned that it seems to be the same people that show up for the events. The Fourth Degree Color Corps has always been the face of the Knights of Columbus, and I would like to think we will continue the tradition going forward. While I know there are some pretty deep feelings from many members regarding the new uniform, the older regalia can be used through this fraternal year.



In closing, there are lots of activities, including our regular meetings, that are on the calendar. You can find all of those on the web at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/calendar.html>

Try to stay cool and out of the heat, and I hope to see you at the picnic or one of our meetings or events!

Vivat Jesus!

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