



September 2018

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Fall is in the air, and we are starting to get into the swing of the new Fraternal Year!

I am sure many of you are aware of the new information and accusations that have surfaced regarding some of our priests and bishops. A week-end or two ago, depending on when you are reading this, the Sunday homily likely centered around some of this. Let us pray for holy priests that are obedient to God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

At our last Assembly meeting:

- Bill Wendling was named Sir Knight of the Month for the Assembly. Bill continues to support the assembly and has been to many Color Corps events over the past few years. *Congratulations, Bill!*
- I announced that our Faithful Purser, Bob Schoenborn, was stepping down, and that nominations will be taken in September and October for the position, with voting in October.
- The meeting was very short, as we had Officer Installation following the meeting.

At the risk of being redundant:

Our Faithful Purser, Robert Schoenborn, has given 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.

We had two major events in August: our Annual Picnic and Officer Installation.



We had about 40 people at the Annual Picnic. A lot of people helped make it successful, including OJ and Jackie Lenz, Sheri and John Filipiak, John Russell, Greg Rapalje and Kathy Suchyta. Serving as Worthy Grillmasters, George Roumaya and John Russell made sure the dogs, brats and burgers were cooked to perfection. John Russell also made sure plenty of beer was on hand, while John Filipiak arranged for a very generous donation from Keurig Dr. Pepper of Detroit for water and soda. Much thanks to all of them for help in making this event a success!

The Officer Installation included members of Msgr. Schulte Assembly #0492 and St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136. In addition to our Worthy Marshal George Roumaya, the District Master (now Immediate Former District Master) John Hundiak and the District Secretary (now District Master) Mark Brezenski, and their Ladies (Elizabeth and Jan), were able to join us to install all of the Assembly Officers as well as Msgr. Schulte's LOTA (Ladies of the Assembly). We had a great turnout from the Color Corps as well as the Pope John Ladies. Much thanks to them, especially Kathy Suchyta, for the table decorations. We received a number of compliments from the attendees on how nice an event this was.



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

- **Fall Exemplification, Saturday, September 15, 9:00am:** As before, this will be at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren, with mass following. Only a few people from our Assembly will be attending. Unfortunately, there is no one being exemplified this fall for our Assembly.

- **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 or uniform). The dinner is optional and costs \$30, the Provincial meeting itself on Saturday is \$50 and includes the Saturday evening banquet. While flag officers and others (Comptroller, Purser) should attend, all Fourth Degree Sir Knights are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact Greg Rapelje.
- **Fall Harvest, Sunday, November 4, 2:00pm, DeCarlo's Banquet Hall:** This is the fall District Meeting. The Ladies will be having their annual Packing Party while the Sir Knights have their fall meeting. As in the past, all Sir Knights are invited to attend. More to come on this event.

Specifically, for our Assembly, we have the following upcoming events:

- **Coffee and donut serving at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit:** The Assembly will once again be providing coffee and donuts to veterans at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, 4646 John R St, 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. We will gather at Jim Laco's house, 37042 Ladywood St, Livonia, at 7:30am to carpool to the Medical Center. If you choose to drive yourself, please arrive no later than 8:30am. Please wear your Pope John XXIII Assembly polo shirt.
- **Adopt-A-Highway, September 22, 9:00am (optional breakfast at 8:00am):** This will be our last Adopt-A-Highway activity for this year. The optional breakfast will once again be at 8:00 at the Red Olive, 33326 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, NE corner of Plymouth and Farmington roads. We will start our trash collection at 9:00am. Many hands make light work, and we would like to start from both ends (Farmington Rd and Middlebelt Rd). Please try to make time for this if you can. (And, yes, I know there are football games that day...) The rain date will be September 29.

Joe Bradley has been making a lot of progress regarding Charity Poker days. With Greg Rapelje's help, our paperwork has been turned in, and we are waiting to hear from the State of Michigan. In the meantime, please save the following 2019 dates on your calendar: May 16, 17, 18 and 19 as well as September 19, 20, 21 and 22. These are days Joe has been able to secure for us at Krazy Kops. *Thanks, Joe and Greg!*

The power of prayer is alive in our Assembly! George Roumaya seems to be as active as he ever was, and Chris Scanlan is using a walker and has been making meetings. Even so, Richard Fullmerhouser and Curt Schneider are still very much in need of prayers. My mother, Monica Suchyta, is doing better, though she still has a ways to go. As always, you can find an up-to-date prayer list at our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>

The Color Corps continues to be called upon to participate in events. Upcoming events include the 100 year anniversary of Sacred Heart in Dearborn, Deacon Regis's first mass, Exemplification and the Provincial Mass to name a few. Please keep our Commander, Dennis Lipski, informed of those events you can attend, as well as those you can not.

All activities, including our regular meetings, are on the Assembly calendar. You can find them on the web at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/calendar.html>

Vivat Jesus!

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