



October 2018

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

October is filled with football, falling leaves and pumpkins. The church is in the midst of ordinary time, with the end of the church year next month.

At our last Assembly meeting:

- Nominations were taken for Faithful Purser. Lou Brotncher accepted nomination. We will take nominations again at the October meeting, and will also vote.
- I provided a summary of both the picnic as well as the Officer Installation. The After Action Review documents are intended to provide a basis for improvement the next time these events occur. Additionally, the lessons learned can be applied to other similar events that the Assembly may choose to undertake.
- Reverend Richard Leliaert was recognized for 51 years of service as a priest as well as for his years of service as a Knight of Columbus and as our Friar.
- I covered for those at the meeting the new District Officers that became effective on September 1, 2018.

They are:

- Rev. Eric Fedewa – Friar (Administrator, St. Basil, Eastpointe)
- Mark Brezenski – Master
- Norm Pranger – Comptroller
- Herb Stacer, Tom Schmidt and George Roumaya – Marshals (no change)
- Gene Suchyta – Secretary (yes, that is me...)

At the risk of being redundant:

Our Faithful Purser, Robert Schoenborn, has given notice that he has vacated his office due to being transferred out of state for work. Notice is hereby given that nominations for the office of Faithful Purser were taken at the September 16, 2018, 4:00pm, General Assembly meeting, and will be taken again at 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.

The Michigan District One Fall Exemplification was held on Saturday, September 15 at DeCarlo's. Sixty-one new Sir Knights were Exemplified. Additionally, we were blessed to have Bishop Bob Fisher as our class honoree. We also had 4 of the 5 State Officers in attendance, including the State Deputy Bill Chassé.

Unfortunately, we had no one Exemplified for our Assembly. While I am disappointed, I am also hopeful. I spoke to a number of people that are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. Family commitments and other issues made it impossible for them to attend. I plan to follow-up with them to see if we can get them Exemplified next spring on March 2, 2019.

September also saw us busy in the community. On September 9, Jim Laco, John Germain, Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak and I served donuts and coffee to veterans at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. We had the opportunity to talk to a number of veterans as they came to see us after both the Catholic and Protestant services.



On September 22, Greg Rapelje, OJ, TJ, John Filipiak and Joe Bradley were able to participate in the last Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in Livonia on Plymouth Road. This is the third year we have done this. While turn-out was low, the job got done. I appreciate the help of everyone that turns out for these events.

If you have time and are looking for a place to eat dinner on Saturday, October 13, please consider joining Msgr. Russell E. Kohler Council #15204 for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Proceeds will help support Deacon Derik Peterman as he finishes his last year at the seminary on his way to ordination. The dinner will be at St. Mary Cause of Our joy, 8200 N Wayne Rd, Westland, MI. A number of our Assembly Sir Knights are members of Kohler Council, and I know they would appreciate our support.

Our next opportunity to help our local community will be Thursday, November 8, when the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks host their semi-annual Veteran's Steak Luncheon. Our Assembly has been great about supporting this event over the years. If you plan to help, please show up at 11am and wear your Assembly shirt. The Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge is located at 41700 Ann arbor Rd E, Plymouth, MI. This is a great way to show support for the patriotic degree!

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

- **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.

Looking ahead, I noted that both St. Patrick's Day and Easter fall on the Third Sunday of the month this year. There are a few other conflicts as well. The officers and I discussed this and we have come up with a 2019 calendar that we feel addresses these issues.

Your prayers for those on the prayer list are appreciated. It is great to see some of those that were put on our prayer list this past summer coming to the Assembly meetings. Even so, others are not so fortunate and still in need of prayers. Again, I encourage you to find the up-to-date prayer list at our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>

Our Color Corps continues to be busy participating in a variety of events. Please consider participating in events upon which our Assembly has been called. Also, note that Supreme has said that regalia (cape and chapeau) can be worn through the end of this Fraternal year (up through June 30, 2019). You can find an up-to-date list of Color Corps events on the website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/colorcorps.html>. Our Commander, Dennis Lipski (dmlipski@gmail.com) is regularly sending out requests made of our Assembly. Please get back to Dennis and let him know if you can or can't make an assignment. It is rare that any of us can make all, but quite a few of us can make some. It seems as though there is always someone that approaches at least one of us after the event to say how much they appreciate having us in attendance.

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, October 21, 2018, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall.

Vivat Jesus!

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