

Knights of Columbus
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

November 2018

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,



November means Thanksgiving, as well as the end of the Liturgical year. People are also starting to think of Christmas and what that means in their faith as well as their family. Many of us have been greatly blessed; others perhaps not as much. Many of our actions in October, November and December are intended to help many less fortunate than us.

At our last Assembly meeting:

- Nominations were taken and closed for Faithful Purser. Lou Brotchner was the only person to accept the nomination and was elected by acclamation. Please join me in welcoming Lou to the leadership team.
- A resolution was submitted and passed regarding the signature authority for the checking account. Bylaws state all checks need to have two signatures, and usually that is the Purser and Navigator. We also authorized the Admiral to be a signatory, in case either the Purser or Navigator is unavailable.
- Bill Arkesteyn, PFN, was named Sir Knight of the Month. Until recently, Bill had been a mainstay at Color Corps events. Bill will still occasionally participate, and I appreciate his leadership and willingness to help.

Also, at the last Assembly meeting, I was asked by Lady Kathy to discuss having chili, soup and salad for dinner after the November Thursday General Assembly Meeting as this will be very close to Thanksgiving. Those in attendance were OK with this. Lady Kathy was having the same discussion with the rest of Pope John Ladies. When we arrived upstairs after the meeting, I discovered the Ladies felt very strongly about having Thanksgiving dinner, which means dinner at the November 18 Thursday General Assembly Meeting will indeed be a turkey dinner with trimmings (for only \$5 per person). I've also been told to make sure you bring a roll of quarters for the Turkey Trot game!

Additionally, we will be collecting sweatshirts for Holy Cross Services at the November 18 meeting. Lady Joyce Hansen will be collecting the items... I had the flier for this at the last meeting, and you can find it on our website on the News page at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/news.html>. We have been very supportive of this in the past, and I would like to think that will continue.

You may recall prayer requests for this month for Sir Knight and PGK Tom Lee as well as Lady Kathy McCann. Kathy is home and recovering from surgery. When last I heard Tom Lee was recovering and, if all goes well, may be home by the time you read this (or shortly thereafter). You may also recall we've been praying for Sir Knight Richard Fullmerhouser. Richard was at our Color Corps assignment on November 2, which was the first time he had been back in church in many months. While on the mend, he still has a long way to go. Lady Joyce Hansen was mentioned in our last General Assembly meeting as being very ill. She is doing much better and is out of the hospital. Oh, and our Admiral, FDD and PFN Sir Knight Chris Scanlan is driving. Your prayers have helped these, as well as others on our prayer list, deal with and recover from their health issues. Your continued prayers for all those on our prayer list are appreciated. You can find an up-to-date prayer list at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of SK John Becker's father-in-law John Spencer on November 5, 2018. Please keep John and Lady Karen, as well as their family, in your prayers. Additionally, I also discovered Sir Knight Joe Sanchez passed away on September 7, 2018. Please keep his widow Barbara and the rest of their family in your prayers.

You may recall that last year we had a Memorial Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine. This year, we plan to join with Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council #3292 and have a combined Memorial Mass on December 6, 2018, 7:00pm at Our Lady of Good Council Church, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170. Although this will be a Color Corps event, the entire Assembly is invited to remember those that have been called home to be with Jesus.

Our Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak noted that in the October 2018 Michigan Columbian on page 15 in the "Around the State" section there is a short article and photo regarding our Adopt-A-Highway program. This is great recognition for us and I appreciate all the members that are able to help with this. Our last effort was in September; we will start again next year.

The Memorial Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus Detroit Archdiocesan Vocation League (DAVL) was on November 4 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. This Mass is in remembrance of the members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses, families and friends who have been called to be with God the Father. Forty-one Sir Knights from the District participated in the Color Corps for the Mass, with three Sir Knights from our assembly in attendance.

The Fall Harvest was also November 4, 2018 at DeCarlo's. Five Sir Knights and their Ladies attended from our assembly. We once again supported Dessert Angels with a donation to cover postage and our Ladies helped pack the boxes. At the meeting we covered a number of items including a different approach to Exemplification that would have mass before the ceremony. (Note that nothing firm was decided.)



We also passed a resolution to purchase a new sound system for the District (we agreed to support this after it was originally discussed in the Spring meeting). After dinner, seven Assemblies received the Civic Award, while 2 Assemblies received the Red, White and Blue Award. Because of your hard work, our Assembly won both!



Joe Bradley received notification from the Michigan State Gaming Commission that our Charity Poker license (Millionaire Party to the MSGC) has been approved. This is great news. Joe already has dates scheduled in May and September of 2019 and will be looking for opportunities before then. This will be a huge help for raising money for the charitable causes we like to support.

The Ladies of the Assembly at Msgr. Schulte Assembly #0492 have invited us to their annual Christmas Party. It will be Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council Hall located at 23663 Park St in Dearborn. Cocktails start at 6:00pm with an open bar; dinner, with dessert, will be served at 7:00pm. Light entertainment will follow. This year tickets are \$25.00 per person. Your Lady, of course, is also invited to attend. Additionally, they will once again be having their basket raffle, and basket donations valued at \$10.00 or more are welcome. If interested, please send your check made out to "**Msgr Schulte Assembly #492 LOTA**" by December 1, 2018, to Lady Eleanor Ulfig, 6147 Dwight, Dearborn Hts, MI, 48127. If you have any questions, Lady Eleanor can be reached by phone at 313.274.3397. Note: No tickets will be sold at the door.

Between now and Christmas, Sir Knights from our assembly, as well as others, will be gathering for the following:

- **Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Veterans Steak Luncheon, November 8, 11:00am:** 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!
- **Veterans Day Memorial Service, November 11, 11:00am:** This service will be held at War Memorial Park, 743 Church St, Plymouth. Please wear your Assembly shirt if you plan to attend. Note that this is not a Color Corps event.
- **Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Gift Wrapping, Saturday, December 1, 8:30am:** We will be helping the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks wrap Christmas gifts. Please wear your Assembly shirt to this event.
- **Memorial Mass, Thursday, December 6, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Good Council Church:** Our Assembly, along with Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council #3292, will be having a Memorial Mass for those Knights that have been called home to God. While this will be a Color Corps event, please make plans to attend even if you are not Color Corps.
- **Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Service, December 7, 1:00pm:** This service will be held at War Memorial Park, 743 Church St, Plymouth. Please wear your Assembly shirt if you plan to attend. Note that this is not a Color Corps event.
- **Wreathes Across America, Saturday, December 15, 12:00 noon:** This will be held at St Hedwig Cemetery, 23755 Military Rd, Dearborn Heights. This is a Color Corps event, though all are invited to pay tribute to those in the military that have been called to Heaven. This is a great event and I encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

This past month the officers and I firmed up the 2019 calendar. We had to move a few meetings than usual mostly because of St Patrick's Day and Easter. You can find the calendar online at <http://kofcassembly.org/calendar.html>. Additionally, I will always try to let you know in the Navigator News when the next meeting will be. Note that the December meeting will be Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00pm. Because of the timing of the meetings and the Holidays, I will likely send only one Navigator News in December/January.

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, November 18, 2018, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall.

Vivat Jesus!

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