

Knights of Columbus  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

March 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,



The Lenten season has started. This is a time for reflection and prayer. Much of the music during Mass is simple, somber and reflective, underlining the reason for this season. Many people choose to “give something up” during this time of year as a form of penance for their sins. Others choose to “do something extra” that they usually don’t do.

**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS:** Notice is hereby given that we will be taking nominations for all Assembly offices at the following General Assembly meetings: Sunday, March 24, 2019, 4pm; Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 7pm; and, Sunday, May 19, 2019, 4pm. The election will be held at the May 19, 2019, 4pm General Assembly meeting after nominations are closed. Note that because of our fundraiser that evening, nominations and elections will be early in the meeting on May 19.

Our last Assembly meeting was very short, as many of us were going to the Funeral Home to celebrate SK Steve Socha’s life. Steve gave a lot to the Knights of Columbus, and served as a District Deputy, Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of our Council. He is survived by his wife and children as well as his parents, and he will be missed by many.

Recently, I received an email from SK Bob Yancey informing me that the father of SK Longinus Iwuoha, Augustine Iwuoha, passed into eternal life on March 14, 2019. Augustine lived in Nigeria, and Bob promised to pass along any information he received. Prayers for Longinus and his family, as well as the repose of the soul of Augustine, would be appreciated.

Jim Laco, our former Comptroller, sent me an email indicating he recently had cancer and is at home recovering. He will be at home for quite a while during his recovery and would appreciate your prayers for a speedy recovery.

A couple of other quick updates on my family... My mom is doing well and responding to the medication she has been using for about six months. She will likely have an operation to remove her tumor in early July. My uncle Richard, however, is not doing well. He has been in the hospital for four months and will likely be moved to hospice very soon. They, as well as many others, including some I recently added, can be found on the prayer list at our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>.

Both SK OJ Lenze as well as SK Dan Timmerman sent me information on the movie **Unplanned** which is coming out this spring. One of the producers of the movie, Michael Kenny, will be at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Rd, Canton, on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm for a behind the scenes look into the making and the message of the movie. This event is free and open to the public. Additionally, the movie will be showing at the AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggarty Rd, Livonia, on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00pm and Saturday, March 30 at 2:00pm. For more information on the showings, you can visit the Ave Maria Radio web site at <https://avemariaradio.net/unplanned-free-screening-showtimes-information/>.

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, 59 brothers were Exemplified to the Fourth Degree to become Sir Knights. Of those, four joined our Assembly. From Dr. Thomas Dooley: **GK Lee Nutall, Juan Maldonado** and **Robert Seaser**. From George Monaghan: **Fred Salmu**. Please join me in welcoming them to our Assembly, and I look forward to seeing them at the next meeting!

Our Worthy Financial Secretary, Greg Rupleje, reported that over 80% of our members are members in good standing for 2019! This is great to hear. For those that have not already paid, second notices were sent, and we will start the retention process. So, if you have not paid, please do so quickly!

The Incorrupt Heart of St John Vianney will be in our area at the end of the month, and Michigan District One Color Corps Sir Knights will be standing guard. On Saturday, March 30, 2019, the relic will be at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township, from 2pm to 8pm with mass at 5pm. On Sunday, March 31, 2019, the relic will be at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. At the seminary, mass will be at 10am, with Sir Knights standing guard during veneration of the relic from 11:30am to 5pm. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a United States tour of the relic, which is usually in France. Having the relic this close to us is a great honor.

Closer to home, we will have opportunities for members of our Assembly to lend a hand and help ourselves as well as others. Friday Fish Fry is a Lenten staple, and our friends at Renaud Council have asked us to help with clean-up after their fish fry. This is not hard work but does require about an hour of time on Fridays during Lent from 7pm to 8pm. Please come and help – many hands make light work, and the folks at Renaud appreciate the help.

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, we will again help the Plymouth Elks and American Legion serve steaks to veterans. We provide

a lot of manpower for this, and it is always a good time. Spouses and youth's age 12 and over can also help, though any youth's should have at least one parent accompany them.

On Sunday, March 31, we will be serving coffee and donuts at the John D. Dingall VA Medical Center. Jim Laco has always helped with this in past, but will be unable as he is recovering from surgery. I will be asking for help with this at the next meeting. This only takes a little bit of time and is very easy to do. Both this and the Elks Steak Luncheon really help underscore the Patriotism value we, as Forth Degree Sir Knights, are so proud to extoll.

Our first Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup will be Saturday, April 13, 2019. Follow-up days will be July 13 and September 28. As with the Fish Fry clean-up, many hands make light work, and we get a lot of good publicity for this. In fact, other Councils and Assemblies have picked up on this are getting their own stretches in various parts of Southeastern Michigan. This is pretty easy work and allows us to get out and go for a long walk (albeit picking up trash at the same time). Please consider coming out to help when the time comes. (And yes, I will send out reminders.)

On May 16, 17, 18 and 19, we will be working our very first (in a long time) Poker Party fundraiser at Krazy Kops (Vision Lanes) in Westland. Joe Bradley has been pulling this together for months. We have two shifts on all four days: May 16 and 17 will be the early shifts (10am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm); May 18 and 19 will be the late shifts (6:30pm to 10:30pm and 10pm to 2am). Joe is signing up people now to help and needs three people for each shift. Joe can be contacted at [jbradleyhome@comcast.net](mailto:jbradleyhome@comcast.net) or can be reached at 734.673.0004. You can also signup online at <https://volunteersignup.org/D7C3B> (we use this online signup in our Council quite a bit). I can't emphasize the importance of this fundraiser, as it will allow us to do so much more for the charities we support. Note that there are only 4 slots left!

Other events on the horizon that I believe are important to our Assembly are:

- Ordination Mass at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10:00am: We expect the seminarian we have been supporting, Derik Peterman, to be ordained a priest at this mass. I am unsure if this is by invitation only or open to the public, and I am contacting folks to find out.
- Corporate Communion at St. John Neumann in Canton, Sunday, June 30, 10:30am. Our Assembly will be joining St. John Neumann Council 16169 for their Corporate Communion, and this may also be a District Corporate Communion for District 14. Note that, as of right now, this is the last day that Fourth Degree Sir Knights can wear regalia at a Color Corps event. I know I have a commitment which will prevent me from attending, though I would indeed be there if I could.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assembly will be August 1, 2020, and we plan to celebrate. PFN Jim Inch is in charge of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning team. He has been doing preliminary work on it for about 6 months, and he is at the point where he needs people to help make this successful. If you are interested, please contact him at [jiminch66@gmail.com](mailto:jiminch66@gmail.com).

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, March 24, 2019, 4pm, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall.

Vivat Jesus!

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