

Knights of Columbus  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



April 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

We are in the midst of Lent. Palm Sunday is just around the corner, which means Easter, and the celebration of Christ's victory over death, is but a few days away. What starts out as a somber and reflective liturgical time turns into a joyous celebration. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS:** Notice is hereby given that we will be taking nominations for all Assembly offices at the following remaining General Assembly meeting: 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.

March and April Meeting Summary:

- Minutes were approved for January, February and March (March was at the April meeting)
- Edmund Shaheen was named Sir Knight of the Month at the March meeting and Vince Ventura was named Sir Knight of the Month at the April Meeting
- Nominations for all positions are well underway
- We decided to have the annual picnic at Renaud Council Hall (assuming we can get the date)

First, a quick word regarding the annual picnic... Last year we decided that we would choose a different location for the picnic in 2019. The goal is to try and move the picnic around a bit so that first responders in other communities might have a chance to visit us and allow us to provide some hospitality. Looking at the park options in various communities we touch, this appears to be a good alternative, especially considering location.

On April 13, we will do our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for the year. This will start our third year of providing this service to the community. We take care of Plymouth Road between Farmington Road and Middle Belt Road. While cleanup starts at about 9am, many of us gather at the Red Olive at Plymouth and Farmington Roads at 8am for breakfast, coffee, chit-chat and sign-in. Note that we will also have a short safety briefing. Attendance for the last couple of sessions last year was not very strong. About a dozen people help make this go quickly. Family members can also help, including anyone over 12 years of age. (Maybe kids you know need some community service hours...) Please come out and help... This is very easy work. We walk between one mile and two miles, depending on how many people show up. (More people means less walking.) Note that I will send a reminder on Friday, April 12.

Regarding Assembly welfare, Jim Laco continues to recover from his surgery, as does PFN Jim Inch. Our Master Emeritus and his Lady Joan are also recovering from their ordeals. I spoke to PFN Bill Arkesteyn; he and his lady Marie are still in need of your prayers. Finally, both Joe Bradley and John Russell are trying to find their new normal after dealing with some heart issues.

I have made a number of additions to the prayer list, including prayers for the repose of the souls of Valeria Paczkowski, Landon King Williams, Martha Foster and SK Gorden Vess. You can find all these at the prayer list on the website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>.

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, we again helped the Plymouth Elks and American Legion serve steaks to veterans. Thirteen Knights of Columbus were involved, and we served about 120 lunches. The next opportunity for this will be in the fall on Thursday, November 7.

On March 31, Sir Knights from our Assembly were involved in two activities. In the morning, four of us visited the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit, serving coffee and donuts to those that served our country. We had a great time speaking to the veterans about their experiences. Our next serving opportunity will be on Sunday, September 8.

Later in the day, members of our Color Corps helped other Michigan District One Sir Knights stand guard over the incorrupt heart of St John Vianney. This relic is touring the United States through June, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Normally this relic is in Ars, France. It was great honor to have it so close to where we live. Many people from

the metro Detroit area came to pray in the presence of the relic.



Pictures of these and other events in which Sir Knights of our Assembly have participated can be found on our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/recognition.html>.

The Spring District Meeting will be May 18 at Fr. Lynch Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N Main St, Clawson, Michigan. **ALL** Sir Knights are invited to attend, not just the Faithful Navigator. The meeting will start at 9am. Refreshments will be available prior to the meeting and a light lunch will be served once the meeting has concluded.

On May 16, 17, 18 and 19, we will be working our very first (in a long time) Poker Party fundraiser at Crazy 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. This mass is open to the public; all are invited to attend.
- 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).

Finally, as mentioned at the very top of this note, final nominations, with elections to follow, will be at the May 19 General Assembly meeting. Because of the fundraiser starting at 6pm, the plan is to have the elections as early in the meeting as practical. Please be on time!

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!

Eugene Suchyta, Faithful Navigator  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536  
[www.kofc1536assembly.org](http://www.kofc1536assembly.org)  
[gene.suchyta@gmail.com](mailto:gene.suchyta@gmail.com)  
734.748.2644