

Knights of Columbus
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

May 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! We celebrate the Risen Christ and his victory over death! This is the best time of the year for Catholics as we make our way toward the Ascension and Pentecost!



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.

NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE FOR JUNE OFFICER AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: Notice is hereby given that our June general membership meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 7:00pm (not Sunday, June 16). This calendar change was announced early in the year, as Sunday, June 16, our normal meeting day, is Father's Day. Officers will meet on Tuesday, June 4, 5:30pm.

Last month the General Assembly meeting immediately followed the Officer meeting, so a summary of the April meeting was included with the April Navigator News (Easter was on the third Sunday of the month so the meeting was moved). Note that this will occur again in June so that we can celebrate Father's Day with our family.

I anticipate this news will reach you after Mother's Day, as I was out of town between the officer's meeting and Mother's Day, treating my mom to trip to visit my daughter that lives in Florida. I hope all of you had a great Mother's Day with your mom, your wife, and other woman that you have found worthy with which to celebrate the day.

The annual picnic will be on Saturday, August 3, from noon to 4:00pm at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall (the place where we have our meetings). Last year, we decided to move to a different location so first responders in other communities might have a chance to visit us and allow us to provide some hospitality. We looked at park options (and fees) in the surrounding communities, and this seemed like the best alternative.

On April 13, we will do our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for the year. Participation was pretty light – only 7 people showed up to help. We were fortunate to receive some help from the 16th District Court which certainly helped, but that is not something upon which we can depend. While I realize that there were conflicts on that day (many people had signed up to work Tootsie Roll Drives for their Council), we need more people to help with this, or we will have to let the Department of Transportation know that this is not an event we can support. Our next pick-up date is scheduled for July 13th, and I am hopeful there will be many people to help.



Our Color Corps has been busy, with a number of assignments coming our way. In the Plymouth-Canton area, Confirmations have started and will continue through May and June. It is great to be able to support these events, as it gives us a way to reach our young people that will be the future of the Knights of Columbus.

I continue to regularly update the prayer list which can be found online at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>. Lately it seems as though all of the additions have been for those that have preceded us into the waiting arms of Jesus into eternal life. Please pray for the repose of their souls, as well as the living for which we have also been asked to offer up prayers.

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 Krazy Kops (Vision Lanes) in Westland. Joe Bradley has been pulling this together for months. Pretty much all the work shifts are filled, for which I thank those in the Assembly that have volunteered to help. I am eager to see how well this goes, as I believe it will allow us to be much more generous regarding the charities we choose to support.

Our next General Assembly Meeting is Sunday, May 19th at 4:00pm at Renaud Council Hall. Elections are that day. Additionally, I am trying to wrap up as much as we can from this Fraternal year as it comes to end on June 30th. This will likely be a slightly longer meeting because of the business of which we need to take care. Even so, your attendance at this meeting, especially so that you can cast your vote, is welcome. Note that because of the fundraiser starting at 6:00pm, the plan is to have the elections as early in the meeting as practical. Please be on time!

The State Convention is Thursday, May 23rd through Saturday, May 25th. I will be attending, as will a number of our Assembly members. While I know this is more of a Council event, the Forth Degree plays an important part with the Living Rosary as well as the Masses each day. If you don't plan to attend, please remember to pray for those that do.

If you live in or frequently visit the Holly area, there are some Memorial Day activities planned at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4300 Belford Rd, Holly, MI. Flags will be placed at veteran graves on Friday, May 24, starting at 5:00pm. They will be removed starting Tuesday, May 28 at 5:00pm. Your help for these activities, if possible, would be appreciated. A flier with some details is attached.

For those of you that are golfers, the 2nd Annual Provincial Golf Outing will be on Saturday, June 29th, at Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb, MI. Last year, the Assembly sponsored a hole. This year, individuals have an opportunity to remember a veteran with a small donation. Proceeds will go to veteran charities that will be at the discretion of the Master of each district. For more information, see the news article and flier on our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/news.html>.

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

- Ordination Mass at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10:00am: We expect the seminarian we have been supporting and who is a member of our Assembly, Derik Peterman, to be ordained a priest at this mass. This mass is open to the public; all are invited to attend. Note that if you choose to attend, Sunday best attire would be preferred over a Fourth Degree uniform. This is about the young men that are becoming priests.
- Reverend Derik Peterman's first mass will be celebrated at St Mary, Cause of Our Joy, 8200 N Wayne Rd, Westland, on Sunday, June 9, at 10:00am. This is a Color Corps event. Even so, feel free to come to the mass to support Derik if you are not Color Corps. I'm sure he will appreciate it. At this mass, you can feel free to wear your Fourth Degree uniform (tux, dark suit, whatever you have that would be appropriate).
- Corporate Communion at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Rd, 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 50th Anniversary of the Assembly will be August 1, 2020, and we plan to celebrate. PFN Jim Inch is in charge of the 50th 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.

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, May 19th, 2019, 4:00pm, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall.

Vivat Jesus!

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