

June 2019



Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

With Pentecost comes the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christianity! Soon we will be back to Ordinary Time, though we Catholics are not ordinary people. We are called by Christ to witness to him and spread the good news about him all over the earth! And Pentecost was the kick-off!

May and June are always interesting... We had elections in May, and the June General Assembly meeting has already occurred (please enjoy Father's Day with your family). Here is a quick recap of what happened in the last two meetings:

- Sir Knight of the Month for May was Richard Fulmerhouser. Richard continues to progress on his recovery and was able to join us for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup in May.
- Sir Knights of the month for June were Bill Wendling (he toughed out a Color Corps assignment AFTER tearing his hamstring) and OJ Lenze, II (he worked 7 of eight shifts for our Charity Poker Fundraiser).
- Sir Knight of the Year was John Filipiak. John has been stepping up and helping, taking care of getting chalices engraved, making sure the room is set up, and took over the Adopt-a-Highway when Richard had to step away.
- We reviewed Special Practice 3 regarding the Chalice Fund, and determined the number of chalices on hand, with the account balance, to be adequate.
- We will be doing a Coats for Veterans activity this fall (with much planning to do before then).

Members of our Color Corps were recognized during the June meeting for their participation over the years. A Resolution of Recognition, as well as a token gift, was given to those in attendance. For those that were unable to attend the meeting, I am trying to get to as many Council meetings as I can and will present them at that time. For anyone that I cannot reach at a Council meeting, I will likely ask someone from the Assembly to present both items or I will mail them to you. In any event, MUCH THANKS for your service over the years.

There are still a few opportunities this month for those wishing to wear the old regalia before it is officially retired at the end of the month. Events include Fr. Theo's last Mass at St. Priscilla on June 23, a parade and flag pole dedication in Windsor on the same day, a sword blessing and regalia retirement ceremony in Sterling Hts. on June 29, and our Corporate Communion (along with Council 16169) at St. John Neumann in Canton and another at Our Lady of Sorrows, both on June 30. See the Color Corps calendar on the web at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/colorcorps.html> for more information.

In the last month, Color Corps, along with other Sir Knights from our Assembly, marched in the annual Plymouth Memorial Day Parade on May 27. Color Corps also participated in events at the State Convention on Mackinaw Island, four local Confirmations, Rev. Derik Peterman's First Mass (Derik is a Sir Knight in our Assembly and was ordained a priest in our Archdiocese on June 8, 2019) and the annual Mass at the Motor City Irish Festival and. We also managed to work in a Flag Retirement Ceremony with Scout Troop 743 at Renaud Council grounds on June 11. I appreciate everyone that has been able to turn out for these events.





In mid-May we held a Charity Poker fundraiser at Vision Lanes. Much thanks to all those that helped with this event, and especially to Joe Bradley, the overall chairperson and coordinator. Our efforts raised a significant amount for us such that we can continue, and likely increase, the contributions we make to the various charities we support. We are planning another for September 19 through 22, and your help will again be needed.

Before that, however, there are two activities in which you can participate. The first is easy (if you like to eat). Our Worthy Scribe, Ed Hurst, Jr., has arranged for a fundraiser at On The Border at 35613 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185 (across from the Westland Mall) on June 20, 2019. Show up, mention that you are there for **Give Back Night** (or show them the flier available at our website), and 20% of the sales goes to our Assembly. If you plan to go (remember, this is an eating event), please RSVP at <https://www.groupraise.com/events/98891>. **PLEASE RSVP by June 17!** (On The Border has asked us to this, as at least 20 people need to RSVP by June 17 or the event will be cancelled).

The second activity is our second Adopt-a-Highway cleanup for 2019 the morning of July 13. In April, only 6 people showed up. This is not sustainable, and I know we can do better. Getting about a dozen people really helps, as we can start from both ends and it makes the walk much shorter. Without adequate participation, we will be forced to notify M-DOT that we can no longer keep our commitment and will have to give up that stretch of highway to someone else. This is a great event that helps the community in which most of live, travel or do business. It also demonstrates to the public some of things about which we care that have an impact on everyday lives. Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time on July 13 to help. I will send more information as we get closer to the event, but please mark your calendar.

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. As with last year, the Assembly is sponsoring a hole. Additionally, a number of members have chosen to sponsor a Veteran. See the news article and flier on our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/news.html> for more information.

PFN Jim Inch is in charge of the 50th Anniversary planning team and is still looking for help. The 50th Anniversary of the Assembly will be August 1, 2020, and we plan to celebrate. Jim has been doing preliminary work on it for about a year, 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.

Finally, the results of the election can be found on the website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/index.html> until July. As the new fraternal year begins, you will find the all the officers at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/leadership.html>. (Spoiler alert: everyone was re-elected.)

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, July 21, 2019, 4:00pm, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall.

Vivat Jesus!

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