



July 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

The Catholic Church is now in Ordinary Time. Summer is here, as well. This is the time of the year when we vacation, travel, do gardening, and get our air conditioners fixed when they fail in the heat! This is also the time of year when we can still witness to Christ and bring his light to others!

We also started the new 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. I feel we did well last year, with many accomplishments. Especially with the Charity Poker restart, our financial footing is strong and we will be increasing our charitable contributions for this fiscal year. We should all be proud of our Assembly and what we are doing. My plan for this year is to do a little more than last year, such that our light may shine to those we help.

Because of the large gap between the June and July meetings, a bit has happened. First, I'll cover the prayer list, as we have many people in need of prayers:

- Bill Pawelak, son of Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak, passed away on July 13. Visitation will be Thursday, July 18 at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home on Ann Arbor Rd in Plymouth, and the funeral mass, with in state 30 minutes prior, will be Friday, July 19 at St John Neumann on Warren in Canton.
- Laura Scanlan fell last month and sustained injuries that, while not life threatening, are serious enough to require surgery later this month.
- Vince Ventura is undergoing some therapy for his vision. He is spending considerable time at this.
- Bill Wendling is still recovering from his injury, as well.
- My mom, Monica Suchyta, had cancer surgery about a week ago. She is recovering, though slowly.

As always, please keep these, as well as the others on our prayer list at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayers.html>, in your daily prayers.

Our Color Corps was busy last month with a number of activities, culminating in the retirement of the old regalia. Supreme has been very firm on using only the new uniform starting on July 1, 2019. I thank all of those that have been in the Color Corps and have chosen not to acquire the new uniform. I know from many this transition was not easy. Even so, our Color Corps will continue, and we will represent our Assembly and the Knights of Columbus to the best of our abilities. Also, I still have the recognition items for many Sir Knights. I've been very busy with mom and will do my best to get these items to Color Corps members as soon as I can.



On July 13, we completed our second Adopt-A-Highway of the year. Thirteen assembly members and with their family members joined us to help pick up trash along Plymouth Road. This is one of the ways the public sees what we do to help the general good of our community. Thanks to all those that helped!

Also, thanks to those that were able to join us for Give Back Night at On The Border on June 20. By way of fundraisers, it was pretty simple – just show up and eat! Our Worthy Scribe Ed Hurst, Jr, is still working with On The Border to find out how much we made and to close this out. When my family and I were there, we saw a lot of people from the Assembly enjoying themselves as well as the food and drink.

Speaking of other activities, our Annual Picnic will be Saturday, August 3rd, 2019, and will be at Renaud Council Hall on the lawn out back. George will once again be grill master, and we will be having the usual fair. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair for those that are coming (Renaud does have some chairs out back, but not a lot). As in the past, the Assembly will provide the meats (burgers, kielbasa dogs), buns, water, soda and beer. Please feel free to bring a side or dessert to share. Also, we will

once again have the One Pound Bag auction. Please feel free to bring an item to auction, and little bit of spending cash to perhaps buy something!

Our next Charity Poker fundraiser will be September 19, 20, 21 and 22 at Vision Lanes in Westland. (The May fundraiser went quite well and is one of the reasons we should be able to increase this year's charitable contributions.) Sir Knights will be able to sign up to help at the July meeting. You can also sign up online to help... Go to <https://volunteersignup.org/W7CEJ>. We already have people signing up. We will have the late shifts (6pm to 10pm and 10pm to 2am) on September 19 and September 20, and the early shifts (10am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm) on September 21 and September 22. Those of us that participated the last time had a lot of fun and this is not hard work. If we can get a lot of people then it will be easy for everyone!

Also at the next Assembly meeting I want to talk a little about our charitable giving. As I mentioned above, I feel we can increase the amount we give to charities because of the Charity Poker Fundraisers. I also feel we can support a few other groups and will be welcoming your recommendations. The officers will take the recommendations you have and will consider how to add them to the budget. Please keep in mind that any suggestions you have should fit well with the mission of the Fourth Degree and should consider those actively serving, veterans and first responders.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is September 14, 2019 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center with registration starting at 9am. Please encourage your fellow Knights and council members to join. We believe we will have at least four people being exemplified and joining our Assembly, though there is always room for more! I have kits available that include a Form 4, an information brochure from Supreme as well as the agenda for the day. While I do my best to get to Council meetings and recruit, there are a lot more of you than there are of me, and I appreciate the help!

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/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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