



September 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Summer appears to be winding down. Kids and grandkids are back in school, and the football season has started. Even with all these distractions, we are still called to be witnesses to God's saving power and Jesus's message of love God, love one another and love yourself.

Over the past few weeks our Assembly has been touched with passing of loved ones... Sir Knight Eugene Osowski passed away on August 13. Lady Lee Borycz, wife of SK Gerry Borycz, passed away on September 1. Eric, brother-in-law of Sir Knight Steven White, and Lady Antoinette Dorsch, wife of the late SK George Dorsch, both passed away on September 3. Please remember to keep them and their families in your prayers. Our prayer list can be found on our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayers.html>.

This is a quick summary of our last General Assembly Meeting:

- George Roumaya was Sir Knight of the Month
- We have at least 4 candidates for Exemplification
- A 2019-2020 Fraternal Year budget was presented and approved

Since then, we have had a few more candidates that we have been talking to for a while step forward. At this time, we have seven candidates confirmed for Exemplification with another three additional likely to participate. Having 10 new members will be great! I know you will join me in welcoming them to the Assembly.

A few days ago, I received notification that Sir Knight Dennis Lipski was appointed to serve as our District's representative to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. Dennis is taking Former Master John Hundiak's position as John is now taking care of Special Olympics at the state level for the Knights of Columbus. This is a great honor. I am sure Dennis will do well. Please join me in congratulating Dennis on his appointment!

On August 15 our Vice Supreme Master Clifford Wasmund published a letter to all members of the Hennepin Province. The letter can be found at the Hennepin Province website, <http://www.hennepinprovincial.org>. I think the biggest news is that Supreme is still working on a domestic supplier for the new uniform, though no timeline for approval has been announced.

Our Color Corps has been busy with a number of assignments in the area. On August 11 we joined with members of two other Assemblies at the annual Pierogi Festival at Sweetest Heart of Mary in Detroit. Archbishop Alan Vigneron was presider, with pierogis and polkas following mass. Additionally, on August 24, members of St Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136 joined our Assembly at St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia to celebrate the appointment of Rev. William Tindale to Monsignor.



On Sunday, September 8, members of our Assembly once again travelled down to the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit to serve coffee and donuts to veterans. This is always a great opportunity to say thank-you to those that served. Much thanks to the Sir Knights Frank Pawelak, Vince Ventura and Chris Scanlan for helping out.

Our Charity Poker chairman SK Joe Bradley reports all the slots have been filled for our September 19 to September 22

Charity Poker sessions! We have 19 different people participating this time, with a number of people helping for the first time. We are anticipating this will be as successful as our spring Charity Poker fundraiser. With these two events in the spring and the fall, we have been able to double the amount that we plan to donate to charities that we support. Much thanks to all those that have been able to volunteer to help!

The next event at which we will need help will be the last Adopt-A-Highway of the year on Saturday, September 28. U-M will be at home against Rutgers and MSU will be at home against Indiana. And we should be done in time to catch either (or both) games if we get enough help. In July, we had 13 people show up, which made the work go very quickly. As a reminder, we will gather at 8:00am at the Red Olive at Plymouth and Farmington Roads for breakfast, coffee, chit-chat and sign-in. At 9:00am we will gather for a photo then head out to pick up trash. As I have said in the past, many hands make light work, and getting a dozen people really makes this go quickly. Please consider joining us. All family members can help, and this is also a great way to get community service hours if you have kids or grandkids that need them. (Note that you must be 12 years of age or older to participate.)

Starting on Monday, September 30, and continuing through Monday, October 21, we will be collecting Coats for Veterans. As I write, we have over 15 confirmed locations where we will have collection bins, including city halls, libraries and churches in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Wayne and Westland. We are working with our friends at VFW Post 6695 Mayflower-Lt. Gamble, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #528 and American Legion Post 391 Passage-Gayde. Further, we will be distributing the items we collect through **Veterans Haven** in Wayne and **House by the Side of the Road** in Ann Arbor. For your convenience, we will also be collecting coats for veterans at our September 15 meeting as well as our October 20 meeting. For more details, see the website created specifically for this at <http://coats4veterans.org>.

From a wider perspective, not only do we have Exemplification on Saturday, September 14, we also have the Hennepin Provincial meeting October 18, 19 and 20 at the Wyndom Gardens Hotel in Sterling Hts. The Provincial meeting will never be closer, and I encourage you to attend. If all you want to do is attend the sessions on Saturday, the cost is only \$5 to defray the cost of lunch. Dinners on Friday and Saturday are \$30 and \$50 per person, respectively. The Ladies program on Saturday is also \$20. If you plan to attend, please bring your checkbook (or cash) to the September 15 meeting as we will be collecting the money for this at that time. If you are not planning to attend our September 15 Assembly meeting but still want to attend Provincial, please contact me at my cell phone or email address (below).

In November the District will be holding its Fall Harvest meeting at DeCarlo's on November 3rd. As usual, the ladies will be supporting Desert Angels with their annual Packing Party. The Fourth Degree Sir Knights will be holding their Fall District Meeting. More to come on this next month; please save the date if you think you will be interested in attending.

Also in November, we will again join our friends at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks to serve steak lunches to veterans from both Detroit and Ann Arbor on Thursday, November 7 at 11:00am. This is always a great time, and we always have a lot of Sir Knights show up to help serve. This fits well with our mission of recognizing and supporting those that served, and I am looking forward to another great showing.

I keep mentioning that 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 over 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.

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, September 15, 2019, 4:00pm, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall. I am hopeful that many of our newly Exemplified Sir Knights, and their Ladies, will be able to join us. Please consider coming and welcoming them to our Assembly.

Vivat Jesus!

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