

Knights of Columbus  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



October 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Fall is upon us and we are in the heart of the football season. All Hallows' Eve comes at the end of the month, and soon thereafter All Saints Day and All Souls Day. We remember those that have gone before us marked with the sign of peace. We also remember all the Knights of Columbus that have passed away this past year.

We've had some recent prayer requests for which I wanted to give you a quick update. First, Jack Mastanuono, a former member of our Assembly, passed away on September 30. PFN Ken Pietryga's twin brother Duane was released from the hospital and is at home. PFN Bill Arkesteyn is also at home with home hospice visiting him regularly. PFN Jim Inch had some very recent health issues of which there is some concern. All are on our prayer list, and your prayers are still appreciated. Others on our prayer list can be found at our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>.

At our last General Assembly meeting, Dennis Lipski was named Sir Knight of the Month. Dennis was recently named Michigan District One representative to the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. Additionally, four of our eight new Sir Knights were in attendance, as well as a number of Sir Knights that had not been able to attend a meeting in quite a while. It was really great to see everyone!

As I mentioned above, our Assembly welcomed eight new Sir Knights at the September 14, 2019 Michigan District One Exemplification. These new Sir Knights are:

- GK Larry Utter and Daniel LaViolette from Fr. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., Council #3959
- Salvatori DeSanto from Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, Council #5492
- Dariusz Dzikowski from Msgr. Clement H. Kern, Council #8284
- Ray Busuttill and Ray Walker from St. Edith, Council #13645
- GK Jeff Burden from Msgr. Russell E. Kohler, Council #15204
- Joe Pryce from St. John Neumann, Council #16169

Please join me in welcoming all eight to our Assembly!



Our Assembly has been busy on a number of fronts... Over the week-end of September 19 – 22, nineteen Sir Knights of the Assembly helped with the Charity Poker fundraiser at Krazy Kopz in Westland. Through the efforts of all the people involved (as well as all the players), we will be able to meet our budget goals and increase the amount we donate to a variety of the charitable causes we support. *Much thanks to those that volunteered to help!*

On Saturday, September 28, members of the Assembly were blessed with a short break in the weather that allowed us to complete our last Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup of the year. Eleven Sir Knights and family members gathered to help clean the stretch of Plymouth Rd between Farmington and Middle Belt. *Again, thanks to those that helped!*

Our Vice Supreme Master Clifford Wasmund is hosting the Hennepin Provincial meeting this month in Sterling Heights. This will be a great opportunity to meet with other Sir Knights not only from Michigan District One but other Michigan Districts and Ohio Districts as well. I'm looking forward to being able to pass on to you what I learn at the meeting.

Following close on the heels of this will be the Michigan District One Fall Harvest meeting on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2pm. The Ladies will also be having their packing party at the same time. Attendance at the meeting as well as the

Packing Party is free; dinner costs \$23 per person if ordered before October 22 (\$26 per person after that). If you would like to stay for dinner, please let me know **BEFORE** the start of the General Assembly meeting on October 20. Also, please bring your money to the Assembly meeting (check made out to the Assembly or cash) or get it to me before the meeting. We plan to write one check from the Assembly to the Master for the dinner.

Our Coats 4 Veterans drive started September 30 and will be going through October 21. We are collecting new and gently used coats for both men and women with the goal of distributing them at the end of October through **Veterans Haven** in Wayne and **House by the Side of the Road** in Ann Arbor.

If you have any coats you would like to donate, you can bring them to General Assembly Meeting on October 20 or you can drop them off in a collection bin at one of these locations:

- **Canton:** Township Admin Offices, Summit on the Park or St. John Neumann
- **Livonia:** Livonia City Hall, Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, St. Colette (Sep 30 – Oct 13)
- **Plymouth:** Plymouth District Library, VFW Post 6695 Mayflower Lt. Gamble, KofC Renaud Council Hall
- **Plymouth Township:** Plymouth Township Admin Offices, Our Lady of Good Council (October 20 and 21)
- **Wayne:** Wayne City Hall, Wayne Public Library, KofC Notre Dame Council Hall
- **Westland:** Westland City Hall, William P. Faust Public Library, St Mary Cause of Our Joy

Please be generous and help our veterans! Encourage friends, family and neighbors to give as well!

Also, please feel free to visit the Coats for Veterans website at <http://coats4veterans.org>.

At our last coats 4 Veterans meeting, team members discussed what we would do after we collect the coats and the drive winds up. We will likely have to sort them by size and gender and bag them for easy counting and shipment. I am thinking of doing this on October 29 at 11:00am at either the VFW hall or Renaud Hall. Please make a note on your calendar if you have the time. While I know many Assembly members still work, I also know we have a lot of retirees that can help. More to come on this later in the month.

On Thursday, November 7 at 11:00am we will again join our friends at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd E, Plymouth, to serve steak lunches to veterans from both Detroit and Ann Arbor. 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.

Also, November is the month we usually honor those Sir Knights that have passed away during the last fraternal year. The State Memorial Mass will again be at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit on November 10 at 10:00am. Color Corps from around the District have been invited to participate. Please feel free to attend this great event if you can.

On November 11 at 11:00am, there will be a Veteran's Day Remembrance ceremony at Veteran's Park in Plymouth. This is led by the Veterans groups in the area, and they always appreciate when there is a good crowd. Please feel free to come and help remember those that served.

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. Jim and a couple of us met after the last Assembly meeting to discuss a couple of items. If you are interested, please contact him at [jminch66@gmail.com](mailto:jminch66@gmail.com).

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, October 20, 2019, 4:00pm, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall. Please bring a coat to donate to our Coats 4 Veterans drive!

Vivat Jesus!

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