

Knights of Columbus
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

November 2019

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,



Thanksgiving is a great tradition we have in the United States where we celebrate family and the bountiful harvest upon which God has bestowed our great country. This is also the end of the Church's Liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. Advent will start the time of great anticipation as we await the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus.

With November also comes memorials and remembrances for fallen family members and members of the Knights of Columbus. Father Victor J. Renaud Council #3292 has been kind enough to share their Memorial Mass on Monday, November 11, 7:00pm, at Our Lady of Good Council in Plymouth, with our Assembly. We will be remembering not only the brother Knights from Renaud Council but also those Sir Knights that have passed on to eternal life in the last twelve months. Our Color Corps will be there, and I hope to see you there, as well.

Veterans Day is November 11. There is a ceremony at Plymouth's War Memorial Park at 11:00am that day. While this is not an official function, I encourage you to come to the ceremony and show support for our veterans. Additionally, I wanted to thank the veterans of our Assembly for their service over the years. You can find a list of our Assembly's veterans, as well as a list of those assembly members that have passed on to eternal life, at the **Assembly Info** page of our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/info.html>. Current month birthdays and other assembly information can also be found there.

In the last meeting our Faithful Pilot, John Filipiak, resigned from his position. I thank John for his hard work and the dedication he has shown to the assembly since he joined. With the position vacated, I took the action of appointing John as acting Pilot until such time as the position is filled by election. We also took nominations for the position, and so far OJ Lenze, II, and Salvatore DeSanto have been nominated. For those that are interested, I have attached to this email responsibilities for the position.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS: Notice is hereby given that we will be taking nominations for the Faithful Pilot position at the following remaining General Assembly meetings: Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4pm and Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00pm. The election will be held at the Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00pm General Assembly meeting after nominations are closed. The elected individual will take office immediately and serve out the term through June 30, 2020.

NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE FOR DECEMBER OFFICER AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: Notice is hereby given that our December General Assembly meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7:00pm (not Sunday, December 15). This calendar change was announced early in the year. Officers will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 5:30pm.

Since my last email, two of Sir Knights from our assembly passed away: Bill Arkesteyn and Tony Fielek. Both will be missed by both us and their family. SK and commander Bob Van Eenoo from Sacred Heart Assembly #2599 also passed into eternal life. Additionally, Jean Scanlan, aunt of our Faithful Admiral Chris Scanlan, is now with our Lord in heaven. Please pray for the repose of the soul of these four individuals.

I recently had an opportunity to talk to a few of our older Sir Knights. Both SK Stephen Gierak and SK Carl Provencal have mobility issues and have difficulty leaving the house. Carl has a number of serious health issues. Please keep them in your prayers as well. Our web site has our complete prayer list at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>.

Please join me in welcoming to our assembly SK Steve Earles and SK Joshua Earles. Both are transfers from Msgr. Schulte Assembly #492 and both are members of the Color Corps. *Welcome Steve and Josh!*

At the Fall Harvest meeting earlier this month, we earned the Civic Award and the Red, White and Blue Award. I feel we earned these because of the hard work of the many individuals in our assembly. You should be very proud of the work you do!

Also at the Fall Harvest meeting our Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Clifford Wasmund, reminded us that the spring

District meeting will be the Biennial meeting. It will likely be scheduled for late March. During the meeting, nominations will be taken for the position of District Master. We will also deal with any resolutions that come from the assemblies. Cliff encouraged us to submit resolutions, as we won't get another chance for two more years. To that end, the officers of our assembly have, so far, received 6 resolutions that we will be considering. If any other members would like to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact me and I can let you know what you need to do.

Supreme has announced that **The Supply Room** (TSR) is the domestic supplier for the Fourth Degree Official Regalia (uniform). TSR, a supplier of uniforms for the military and first responders, is moving the stock to their warehouses and they announced they will not be taking orders until December 1, 2019. The price will be \$449.00. Our assembly also announced at the last meeting and via email immediately thereafter an incentive program to help members purchase the new regalia. The program, limited to the first five people that show proof of ordering the uniform, provides an incentive to reduce the cost of the uniform up to \$200. Five people have already taken advantage of this incentive. Our commander, Dennis Lipski, and I discussed if we will provide any further incentives. We will announce this at the next meeting and immediately thereafter.

You may recall the **On The Border** fundraiser we had a while back. We plan to do another on Thursday, January 16, 2020. This is pretty easy – you just show up, tell them you are there for **Give Back Night** and you eat! Since this is not something we included in the budget, we plan to use this, and others like it, to replenish the Color Corps account and perhaps provide additional help for individuals to purchase the new uniform. We will continue to use the Charity Poker fundraisers for supporting the charitable work of the assembly.

Our Coats 4 Veterans collection is finished and we did great! Over 600 coats were collected that we were able to give to Veteran's Haven in Wayne, House by the Side of the Road in Ann Arbor and Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte. This was a lot more coats than any of us thought we would collect, and really helps underscore the generosity of people when you ask them to give to a worthy cause. Also, my thanks to SK Dennis Lipski for his help in collecting coats, as well as to SK Richard Adis, commander of VFW post 6695 and Brother John Lockwood, commander of American Legion post 391, for their help and support in making this successful. We can all be very proud of this activity and how it will help those that served our country.

Keeping our veterans in mind, on Saturday, December 7, starting at 9:00am we will be helping our friends at the Plymouth Elks wrap gifts for veterans. This only takes a couple of hours and is very easy. Later that day, at 1:00pm at Plymouth's War Memorial Park there will be a Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance ceremony. Rounding out the year at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 14 we will be participating in Wreaths Across America at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. All these activities help us highlight and live the Patriotic value of the Patriotic Degree!

At our last meeting we printed out the meeting minutes and made them available for members to read before the meeting. Not only is this an opportunity for you to read them at your leisure, it also helps reduce the time of the meeting. We will continue the practice at our next meeting. Please be sure to show up a few minutes ahead of time so you can read through them.

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next Assembly meeting, November 17, 2019, 4:00pm, at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council Hall. We will be having our annual Turkey dinner (for our always low price of \$5 per person) as well as fun and games!

Vivat Jesus!

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