

Knights of Columbus  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



March 2020

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

We are now in the throes of Lent. Praying, fasting and almsgiving are the watchwords for the next 40 days. For Catholics, this is the time we must endure before we receive the greatest gift humankind has ever received.

Notice is hereby given that our Worthy Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak and our Worthy District Marshal George Roumaya will be the committee that will be taking nominations for Assembly offices as well as running the Assembly election.

Notice is also hereby given that we will be taking nominations for Assembly offices at the following General Assembly meetings: Sunday, March 15, 2020, 4:00pm; Sunday, April 19, 2020, 4:00pm; and, Sunday, May 17, 2020, 4:00pm. The election will be held at the May 17, 2020, 4:00pm General Assembly meeting after nominations are closed.

At the District Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 7, our assembly welcomed 7 new Sir Knights: **John Guth, Dennis Oszust, Eric Pohl, Michael Robinson, Deacon Steve Morello, Mark Pugliese and Giovanni Viola**. Please take a few moments at the next general assembly meeting to make them feel welcome!

By now you should have received (and likely read) your February 2020 issue of Columbia magazine. Perhaps you noticed our State Deputy, Bill Chassé, and his article on pages 23 and 24. You may have also noticed our assembly mentioned in the **Knights in Action – Patriotism** section on page 31, **Keeping Vets Warm**. This is the first time in a long time we have been mentioned in the national magazine.

We have only a handful of people that have not paid their 2020 dues. For those that have paid, much thanks! For those that have not, I will be at many council meetings this month. If you happen to see me or our Comptroller, Greg Rapelje, you can pay us in person. Notices will again be going out, and our Retention Committee is going to be making phone calls. This is a bit of additional work that none of us really want, but it is what is required.

Prior to our last General Assembly meeting on Sunday, February 16, Fr. Richard, our Faithful Friar, blessed our Assembly with a Memorial Mass for those Sir Knights that passed on to Eternal Glory from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019. This was very nice of Fr. Richard, and I appreciate his willingness to do this. We had quite a few people at the service which was, of course great to see.

With the start of Lent comes a Friday Knights of Columbus favorite: Fish Fries! Our brothers at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council have started and will continue every Friday during Lent up to and including Good Friday from 5pm through 7pm. As part of the contribution we make to the council and the hall, we help with cleanup afterwards. We need three or four people every Friday starting at about 6:45pm. This is not hard work. We have enough people for most days, but we do need additional people for March 20 and April 3. We have a signup sheet online which you can get to from the **News** page on our website, <http://kofc1536assembly.org/news.html>. You can also volunteer by emailing, texting or calling me (my contact information is below).

We are also taking volunteers for our next set of Charity Poker Nights at Crazy Kopz (Vision Lanes), 38250 Ford Rd, Westland, MI, which will be Thursday through Sunday, May 14, 15, 16 and 17. We already have people that have signed up for more than half the slots, which our chairman, SK Joe Bradley, appreciates. We still have lots of opportunities for those that are experienced and can be a shift chairperson as well as those that are not as experienced or would prefer to be workers. Additionally, we have a couple of short shifts (only about 90 minutes long) on May 16 and May 17, Saturday and Sunday, to help with the rush that occurs around 6:30pm. We have an online signup for this as well, which you can also get to from the **News** page on our website (see above). Alternately, you can email, call or text Joe at [jbradleyhome@comcast.net](mailto:jbradleyhome@comcast.net) or 734.673.0004.

The District Biennial meeting will be March 21, 2020, starting at 10:00am at Fr. John M. Lynch KofC Hall, 870 N Main St, Clawson, MI. All Sir Knights are invited to attend. We will be making nominations for District Master as well as dealing with the resolutions that have been sent in (we sent six). There is no cost to attend, though I would like to know who is coming. If you plan to attend, please email, text or call me to let me know.

As mentioned above, the election process will start in March. We will take nominations in March, April and May, with elections at the close of nominations in May. Please consider running for one of the offices. It is with the help of many people that our assembly is strong and does great work in the community. Once again, Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak and District Master George Roumaya will be the election committee.

On March 26th we return to the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd E, Plymouth, MI, to help serve steak lunches to veterans from Detroit and Ann Arbor. We start at about 11am. This is always a great event and we usually have at least a dozen Knights of Columbus from our assembly and the surrounding councils helping to serve. This is really easy work and helps to demonstrate the Patriotic value of the Fourth Degree.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we will be at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, 4646 John R St, Detroit, MI, to serve coffee and donuts to the veterans after the Protestant and Catholic services. We need at least four people to make the event a success, though we can certainly use more. One of our newest members, SK Sal DeSanto, has offered to lead this. Another new member has also agreed to join us for the day. That means we need only one more person. Please volunteer at one of the meetings or email, text or call me if you plan to join us.

PFN Jim Inch is leading the planning of the 50th Anniversary of the Assembly Celebration we plan to have on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Jim has been doing preliminary work on it for about 18 months, and we are only about six months away from the event. We know we will be at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Ave, Canton, MI, and we will start with 4:30pm Mass. We expect to have dinner, some speeches (can't avoid it) and some music and dancing. We need to pull together to make it happen. If you are interested in helping, please contact him at [jiminch66@gmail.com](mailto:jiminch66@gmail.com).

In particular, we are looking for a DJ for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. I have contacted all the Grand Knights in the area about this. Even so, if you know of one that might be willing to work this event, please contact Jim Inch (email address above) or me (email and other contact information at the bottom).

At our last (February) general assembly meeting, SK Steve Earles was named Sir Knight of the month for January (he was not at the January meeting) and Ed Hurst, Jr., was named SK of the month for February. Additionally, a motion was put forth to move our meeting location to the various churches in the area. That motion was sent to committee for further work and investigation.

If you visit the Hennepin Province website (<https://www.hennepinprovincial.org>), you know our Worthy Vice Supreme Master Cliff Wasmund has a new memo every month. In March he mentions not only the new combined degree ceremony – Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – he also mentions a memo from The Supply Room (TSR), the domestic supplier for the Fourth Degree uniform. The folks at TSR have done a bit of work on improving the product, including the beret which always seems to be a point of contention. It is nice to see progress is being made on this.

As mentioned above, our next meeting is Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Renaud Council Hall, at 4:00pm. Dinner will follow at the low price of \$5 per person. As always, I look forward to seeing you there!

Vivat Jesus!

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