

Knights of Columbus  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

November 2020

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,



As I write this, the Presidential election has still not been decided. Additionally, we still don't know which party will have the majority in the House or the Senate. We do, however, know that God loves us, and that he is carrying us through all the turmoil that we are currently experiencing. We pray to him for strength to see us through trials and tribulations that afflict us. We also pray to him to thank him for all the goodness in our lives with which we have been blessed.

The following items of note occurred at our last general assembly meeting:

- OJ Lenze II was named Sir Knight of the Month. OJ was very active this past month both with the Color Corps as well as helping us pick up trash for our last MDOT Adopt-A-Highway. *Congratulations, OJ!*
- A number of our new Sir Knights were in attendance and were introduced and welcomed!
- An announcement was made that the next State Convention on Mackinaw Island will be Wednesday through Friday (previously it has been Thursday through Saturday). I believe it will still be just before Memorial Day.
- The District Fall Harvest meeting was confirmed as an online event for November 7 (and I have since sent two emails with all the login details to all members).

A quick reminder...

**NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE FOR DECEMBER GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING:** Notice is hereby given that our December General Assembly meeting will be Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 7:00pm (not Sunday, December 20). This calendar change was announced early in the year. Officers will NOT be meeting in December.

The next meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm will be both live and online using Zoom. The governor's Emergency Orders have been invalidated by the Michigan Supreme Court, though most of what was put in place has now been promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Even so, as I write this, what is currently on the books for the State of Michigan has made it possible for us (and the Pope John Ladies) to meet face-to-face. While there are still limits, based on the size of the rooms at the hall I feel we can handle pretty much anyone that decides to come. Even so, I will still be running a virtual meeting at the same time for those that still feel uncomfortable coming to a group event such as this. If you plan to come to the face-to-face meeting, please remember to bring and wear a face mask!

Also, for those that feel that wearing a mask is not important, two groups that my wife and I support and deal with on a regular basis have each had a case of Coronavirus in the last few weeks. We are both OK (Kathy wasn't around the person or others as we were out of town) and I gave blood recently and once again tested negative. However, we do have members of the assembly that are actively fighting this and have had a rough time. I know there are people who feel strongly about this – both wearing a mask as well as not wearing a mask – but in the spirit of Charity, Unity and Fraternity we should do what we can to protect ourselves as well as others until we can permanently protect ourselves from this malady.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of SK Paul Pucci and SK Jim Laco, two of our members that passed on to Eternal Life in October. With November being the month of All Saints and All Souls, I will be working on scheduling a Memorial Mass. I will send the information to all members on this when I have made the arrangements. Additionally, you can find the names of all our members that have passed on to Eternal Life by visiting the **Deceased Assembly Members** page of our website at <https://kofc1536assembly.org/deceased.html>.

A number of our members are ailing and distressed and in need of prayers. Those that I know are in special need of your prayers are Lady Eileen Shaheen, SK Tom Lee and SK Ray and Lady Laura Walker. Please keep them in your prayers. You can find them as well as all those on our prayer list on our website at <https://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>.

On October 29 PGK Bill Dolunt from George F. Monaghan Council 2690 participated in the Exemplification of Patriotism and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in our assembly. *Congratulations and welcome, Bill!*

Our next District Exemplification of Patriotism will be Tuesday, November 24, 7:00pm, and will be online using Zoom. The cost will once again be \$50, and we expect to have at least three Sir Knights join our ranks. If you know of anyone that is interested, please have them contact me immediately (my contact information is at the end of the Navigator News).

A couple of months ago we made a donation to the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities to support Coats for Kids. SK Lou Brotchner, our Purser as well as Archdiocesan Program Director, has asked for help with the distribution of coats. Because of some construction, the original site and date are not available. When Lou has date, time and location firmed up, I will send the information to members so that those that are able can help with this very worthwhile event.

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 at the **Assembly Info** page of our website at <http://kofc1536assembly.org/info.html>.

For those that ordered name badges, shirts and t-shirts, our Worthy Admiral Chris Scanlan expects to have them at our next meeting on November 15. Please come and pick up your gear. Also, if you have not paid, please bring what you owe. Finally, Chris will also have assembly hats for sale.



Eucharistic Procession and Rosary, St. John Neumann



New Sir Knights, St. Paul Council 2632



New Sir Knights, Immaculate Conception Council 4513

Our Color Corps continues to be active, with events at St. Fabian, St. John Neumann, Mother of God, the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit as well as the Procession through Detroit. We have also done a number of funerals for Sir Knights.

If you would like to join the Color Corps, you will need to purchase a uniform, service baldric, gloves and sword. We do have a couple of swords that can be loaned. For more information, please contact our Commander, Dennis Lipski, at [dmlipski@gmail.com](mailto:dmlipski@gmail.com).

The State of Michigan Gaming Control Commission has set forth rules on how charity poker fundraisers can resume. The rules are pretty onerous, and, so far, none of the poker rooms have reopened. Our charity poker chairperson, Joe Bradley, is in contact with the poker room operators and is monitoring this situation. While we really don't know how the poker rooms could start up under the revised rules, someone might figure it out and we will try to take advantage of that.

Additionally, Joe is interested in having someone learn how to be a chairperson for a Charity Poker week-end. There is some mentoring that will need to occur, and Joe is not completely stepping out. He does, however, want to make sure someone else knows what to do so that he can go out of town occasionally. If you are interested, please contact Joe at [csmjb@protonmail.com](mailto:csmjb@protonmail.com) or 734.673.0004.

Finally, as mentioned above, our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, both in person at Renaud Hall as well as online using Zoom, at 4:00pm. The Pope John Ladies will be meeting as well. We will NOT, however, be doing dinner.

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>!

Vivat Jesus!

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