

Knights of Columbus
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



March 2021

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Lent... A time of reflection... A time of repentance... A time to examine our lives and think about what our Lord has done for us... A time to think about what we can do for God to help bring forth his plan of salvation... A time to consider what we can do to help others... Lent...

While winter has not left us yet, March brings us warmer weather, melting snow and... assembly nominations for election!

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 21, 2021, 4:00pm; Sunday, April 18, 2021, 4:00pm; and, Sunday, May 16, 2021, 4:00pm. The election will be held at the May 16, 2021, 4:00pm General Assembly meeting after nominations are closed.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has lifted some restrictions and increased the number of people that can be indoors. This is great news, and I look forward to seeing those that feel comfortable coming to our next general assembly meeting in person. (I will still have a Zoom meeting at the same time for those that aren't quite ready to venture out.)

At our next meeting, which will be Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the Renaud council hall, District Master Mark Brezenski will be joining us in person and will be presenting the awards we received last fraternal year. This will include Sir Knight and Lady of the Year for the district, both of which are from our assembly.

Note that the Pope John Ladies will NOT be meeting this month, nor will we be doing dinner after the meeting. Lady Kathy and I have discussed this a couple of times, and we both don't believe we are quite ready.

You may recall that our assembly was sponsoring a collection for the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. I feel the collection was a great success! With the help of 10 councils in the area, a couple of neighborhood associations, two churches and one American Legion Post, we collected and delivered over:

- 150 jigsaw puzzles
- 50 games
- 1000 puzzle, crossword, sudoku and word search books
- 100 pens and pencils
- 350 small snacks (a last-minute ask from the VA Hospital)

Sir Knights Ray Walker, Ray Busuttill, Dennis Lipski, Ed Hurst and I delivered these items on Friday, March 5. I will have more details at the general assembly meeting. I mentioned at the officer meeting that it is for things like this that I joined the Knights of Columbus!

At the Saturday, March 6, Fourth Degree Exemplification of Patriotism, we welcomed the following new Sir Knights:

- Dennis Bruner (Monaghan)
- Charles Fay (Monaghan)
- Joseph Carrier (St. Paul)
- Kevin Shinaberry (St. Paul)

This brings the total new Sir Knights added to the assembly to 44. Please join me in welcoming them to the assembly!

About 90% of our members have paid their 2021 dues, and both Greg Rapelje, our, comptroller, and I appreciate

the prompt payment. Second notices are going out. If you have paid and you receive a second notice, please contact Greg at 734.474.8398 or gregrap@juno.com (US mail is still slow, it seems). You can also either contact Greg or me if you are experiencing some extenuating circumstances and need a little more time.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, promoting respect for life. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. There are 8 Silver Rose's, one of which will be in Michigan from March 29 through May 2, 2021. One in particular will be at St. John Neumann in Canton on April 14. Veneration will likely start at 3:00pm and continue for about two hours. More information will be sent as plans are firmed up.

M-DOT Adopt-A-Highway will start again next month. We collect three times per year, and our first date will be Saturday, April 17. We need about a dozen people to make this a success. Some people gather at 8:00am for breakfast before we start, though this is optional. We then gather at 9:00am, get a picture by our sign, and start picking up trash. This year, we will gather at Annie's Place, 33427 Plymouth Rd, Livonia (south side of Plymouth Rd just west of Farmington Rd). If you can walk a couple of miles, you can help with this. The work is easy and we always have great conversation along the road!

For those that ordered shirts and badges, Chris Scanlan will have those at the March 21 meeting. The meeting starts at 4:00pm and Chris gets there a little early. If you have ordered a shirt or a badge, please come pick them up (and pay for them if you need to) even if you cannot stay for the meeting. After the meeting, Chris and I will start contacting folks to try and move the shirts and badges into members hands as well as collect any money for these items that might be outstanding. If you have any questions about what you ordered or if you owe any money, please contact Chris at 734.674.1364 or cjscanlan@aol.com.

One of our newest Sir Knights, Bill Dolunt, past grand knight of George F. Monaghan council 2690, has volunteered to run a golf outing fund raiser for the assembly. The outing is planned for **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia**. Cost will likely be \$100 per person and include lunch at the turn, a steak dinner and door prize. To be really successful we will need hole sponsors, which are \$100 per hole. These can be for things like a business or an in memoriam. Please start thinking about this... This will be our first fundraiser in a year, and it would be great to make it successful!

Our charity poker chairman, Joe Bradley, is interested in having someone learn how to be a chairperson for a charity poker weekend. 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 or 734.673.0004.

Our next general assembly meeting will be Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 4:00pm. I will send the zoom meeting information closer to the meeting. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Vivat Jesus!

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