

Knights of Columbus
Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



April 2021

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! This is the best time to be a Catholic and follower of our Lord and Savior! By God's mighty hand Jesus was sacrificed for our sins and raised from the dead! Through Him salvation to all the world is come! Alleluia!

With April comes some rain and daffodils and grape hyacinths and crocus! It is great to see the flowers blooming once again. That also means it is time for... 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. If you wish to run for an office, please contact George at george3345@comcast.net or Frank at fpmasterkc@aol.com.

Notice is also hereby given that we will continue taking nominations for Assembly offices at the following General Assembly meetings: 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.

Notice is hereby given that at the Sunday, May 16, 2021, general assembly meeting, we will make a determination, and vote if necessary, to fulfill the obligation for the Chalice Fund that is found in Special Policy 3.

A quick recap of the March meeting... The District Master was in attendance and presented a lot of awards... I've included only 3 pics, including Lady of the Year for the District Joyce Hansen, Sir Knight of the Year for the District Dennis Lipski and me receiving the Star Assembly Award. I also named Ray Busuttill and Ray Walker Sir Knights of the month for their help on the VA collection. Finally, we did take nominations at the March meeting, and will continue to do so in April and May. In about a week I will email the minutes to everyone, and you will be able to see the nominees for the offices at that time.



Mark and Lady Joyce Hansen



Mark and SK Dennis Lipski



Mark and Gene

We seem to be on a COVID see-saw... I know people are tired of hearing about it, and I know vaccines are available (Kathy has had her two shots and I will have my second by the next meeting), though the curious thing is that Kathy and I know more people with COVID in the last month than in the last 13 months. So, **please take care of yourself!** If you are feeling just a little bit off, Zoom into the meeting (please don't come in person).

Top of mind is the Knights of Columbus **Silver Rose**, which will be at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren, Canton, MI, on **Wednesday, April 14**. Public viewing and veneration will be from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**, with a prayer service to follow. 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. All Knights and their families, as well as all people, are invited, though masks and social distancing

guidelines need to be observed. Note that our Color Corps, as well as those from two other assemblies, will be watching over the rose.

Next on my top of mind list is the **M-DOT Adopt-A-Highway** which starts this 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! If you are a new Sir Knight, this is also a great way to meet some of the other Sir Knights in the assembly!

We have only a handful of members that have not paid their 2021 dues. Both Greg Rapelje, our comptroller, and I appreciate the prompt payment from most everyone. Second notices have been sent. 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.

This past March, our Worthy District Master George Roumaya discovered one of the priests in the area, Fr. Sanharib Youkhana at Mother of God in Southfield, was in need of a chalice. After Mass on Monday, March 22, our Admiral Chris Scanlan joined me in presenting one of our chalices to Fr. Sanharib. George, who is also a deacon at Mother of God, told us that Fr. Sanharib uses the chalice for every Mass he says! Additionally, the other priests (and the bishop) that get to use it are impressed with the quality and feel it is a wonderful memorial to our fallen Sir Knights.



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 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." I will be sending out the flyer for the golf outing shortly AND you will be able to find it at our website, <https://kofc1536assembly.org>. Note that with COVID restrictions, we have not had a fundraiser in over a year. Your help in signing up golfers and hole sponsors will be the key to success.

Our next general assembly meeting will be Sunday, April 18, 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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