Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

May 2021

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,



We have seen the Lord and believe He has risen from the dead! He has promised to send the Holy Spirit to those he has prepared and will send his apostles to all ends of the earth to make disciples of all peoples! We are, indeed, the descendants of those that, for the last 2000 years, have been preaching his gospel and spreading his word to all nations.

May is upon us, half-way through spring. And that means - ELECTIONS!

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, 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 decide, and vote if necessary, to fulfill the obligation for the Chalice Fund that is found in Special Policy 3.

Notice is hereby given that, as previously announced at the start of the year, the Officer meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 is cancelled.

Also, as previously announced at the start of the year, the June General Assembly Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, 2020, at 7:00pm. This will allow members to spend the third Sunday of the Month, Father's Day, with their family. This meeting will also be available on Zoom.

At the April meeting, George Roumaya was named Sir Knight of the Month. Not only is George active as a district marshal, he is also a deacon at Mother of God Chaldean Church, a District Deputy and a state membership director responsible for Eastern Rite outreach. He also has time to grow one of the largest herb and food gardens I have seen!

During April, the knighting ceremony was completed for the following Sir Knights:

Dennis Brunner

Charles Fay

Kevin Sullivan

Joseph Carrier

• Paul St. Clair

A quick word about Kevin Sullivan... He is currently recovering from a second rotator cup surgery on the same shoulder (the first surgical work was destroyed by an errant vehicle that didn't see Kevin in his wheelchair). The District Master and a few Color Corps members went over to Kevin's house to complete the ceremony. All involved felt it was an honor to be present for the knighting of a new Sir Knight and veteran that served our country.

The District Master was also present for the showing of the Silver Rose at St. John Neuman. Our Color Corps also turned out for this event that saw the Silver Rose on display for over three hours at one of our local parishes. It is a great honor to have the Silver Rose in the area, and even more special to have it so close to home.

During the month of April, I had an opportunity to visit all the councils in the area for which our assembly is responsible. (For the record, there are nine of them.) At each visit I awarded to the Grand Knight a Patriotic Service Award for their help in collecting comfort items for out VA Hospital collection in February. Fr. Larry Zurawski of St. Thomas the Apostle was also given a Patriotic Service Award as he was active in encouraging people at the parish to participate and promoted the collection from the pulpit.



District Master Mark Brezinski knighting SK Kevin Sullivan



Sir Knights with the Silver Rose



FN Gene with Fr. Larry Zurawski and GK Phil Bustos

Finally, 10 Sir Knights participated in the MDOT Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on April 17. It took us about 2 hours to walk Plymouth Road between Farmington and Middlebelt and pick up all the trash we could. Although it was a little cool, the day was sunny and, as always, the collection was without incident.

May is a busy month for the assembly. Not only do we have elections, but we also have a few events for which the entire assembly can participate...

First, we will be joined by Scout Troop 743 at Renaud Council Hall for a **Flag Retirement** on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 4:00pm. We will be outside in the back yard and using the really nice firepit one of the scouts constructed as an Eagle Scout project. Yes, the Color Corps will be there. However, the event is open to all assembly members and their families. Note that the ceremony is not that long, though burning the remains of the retired flags does take some time.

Second, on May 31, 2021, at 9:00am, we will be gathering in the parking lot at Renaud Council Hall and along Lilly Road to help pay tribute to our veterans on Memorial Day. With the COVID restrictions last year, the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade was turned into a procession of vehicles with veterans that made their way through Plymouth. COVID restrictions are still in place, and the response from the community last year was so positive that the plan is to do something similar this year. I anticipate the path they will take will be similar to last year, and I am anticipating they will travel by the council hall. As they do, those of us that are there will salute and cheer them on. Again, this event is open to Sir Knights and their families. Further, I will be letting the councils in the area know we are doing this and that they are invited as well.

Finally, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 7:00pm, just before the start of the general assembly meeting (see above notice), we will present one of our chalices to Transitional Deacon (soon to be Father) John Dudek. John is expected to be ordained at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Saturday, May 15. It is always special when we know who is receiving one of our chalices and know that it will be in the area.

A quick reminder that our assembly is sponsoring a golf outing on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia**. Cost is \$100 per person and includes lunch at the turn, a steak dinner and door prize. To be successful we need hole sponsors, which are \$100 per hole. These can be for things like a business or an "in memoriam." You can find the flyer at our website, <u>https://kofc1536assembly.org</u> and at <u>http://patrioticgolfouting.org</u>. 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, May 16, 2021 at 4:00pm, with the officer meeting at 2:30pm the same day. 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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