



June 2021

Worthy Sir Knights of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536,

The Easter season has finally come to and with Corpus Christi. We now enter into Ordinary Time, filled with the Holy Spirit and the joy of the Risen Lord!

Many of you know that my mom passed away on May 30. I appreciate all the kind words, thoughts, and prayers from everyone in the assembly as well as from the folks at Msgr. Clement A. Kern council 8242 (at St. Thomas a'Becket, mom and dad's parish). I also appreciate those Sir Knights that made sure the Memorial Day week-end events took place without my help.

June saw the passing of SK Anthony J. "Tony" Wright. Tony was an active member of Father Victor J. Renaud council 3292 as well as the American Legion. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Tony's Family.

Officer elections occurred during the May General Assembly meeting. The results are:

- Navigator – John Russell
- Captain – Ed Hurst, Jr.
- Pilot – Joe Bradley
- Comptroller – Greg Rapelje
- Scribe – Eric Pohl
- Purser – Lou Brotchner
- Inner Sentinel (2) – Larry Redman and Joe Pryce
- Outer Sentinel – Bob Rugenski
- Admiral – Chris Scanlan
- 3-Year Trustee – Michael Doyle
- 1-Year Trustee – Robert Grayson

I am humbled and honored that members have allowed me to serve as navigator for over 3½ years. Although I will no longer be an officer, I still plan to be active in assembly events as well as with Michigan District 1.

At the May meeting, Joe Bradley was named Sir Knight of the Month. Joe is our pilot, poker fundraiser chairperson and is helping with the golf outing. Additionally, Joe is very active in the Color Corps. Congratulations, Joe!

At the June meeting, Chris Scanlan was named Sir Knight of the Year. In addition to being a former district deputy and past faithful navigator, Chris was formerly on first, second and third degree exemplification teams. He regularly participates in council Tootsie Roll drives, assembly Adopt-A-Highway cleanup days and charity poker fundraisers. He is active in the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Alhambra Manresa Caravan, Knights of Equity and Sons of American Legion. Chris has been active at church as the Mass audio person and tech person for outdoor Masses as well as singing in the choir. He has been a Eucharistic Minister trainer, altar server trainer, Worship Commission chairman, Vicariate delegate, usher, captain and vice-president of the Ushers Club. For the assembly, Chris has served as admiral for the last four years and continues to handle shirts, hats, name badges and purchase of chalices. Congratulations, Chris!

Just prior to the June meeting, our Worthy Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak completed the knighting ceremony for William "BJ" Juadawlakis of Fr. Daniel A. Lord council 3959. Bill was exemplified earlier this year in a virtual ceremony.



Reverend Father John Dudek receives assembly memorial chalice



William "BJ" Juadawlakis knighted by Master Emeritus Frank Pawelak



Chris Scanlan receiving Sir Knight of the Year award

Also just prior to our June meeting, our assembly presented to Reverend Father John Dudek one of our memorial chalices. Father John was ordained on May 15, 2021, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. The chalice he received bears the name of SK Thomas G. Lee, PGK of Fr. Daniel A. Lord.

The Color Corps was extremely busy in May. A May Crowning started off the month. That was followed by a Blue Mass and three Confirmation Masses. At the end of the month on Memorial Day weekend, we participated in another procession and a corporate communion. This was followed by a flag retirement with Scout Troop 743 (we retired about 50 US flags). Then, on Memorial Day, members gathered at Renaud Hall to recognize those veterans that drove by as part of the Plymouth Memorial Day car procession. And if that wasn't enough, a couple of our members helped our good friends at American Legion Post 391 Passage-Gayde collect donations for poppies on Memorial Day weekend.



Color Corps at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Marion Procession



Scout Troop 743 retiring US flags



Memorial Day veteran recognition

With help from Sir Knights at St. Francis of Assisi assembly 2136, on June 6 our Color Corps, and other Sir Knights, joined with the KofC council and parishioners at St. John Neumann in Canton for a Eucharistic Procession after the 12:30pm Mass. Assembly 2136 also joined us on June 13 as we helped celebrate Mass under the tent at the 2021 Motor City Irish Festival.

Two quick reminders... First, 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, <https://kofc1536assembly.org> and at <http://patrioticgolfouting.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.

Second, our next **M-DOT Adopt-A-Highway** will be **Saturday, July 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. The optional breakfast will be 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!

Our next general assembly meeting will be Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 4:00pm. This will be John Russell's first meeting as Faithful Navigator, and I know you will support him as much as you supported me.

Finally, this is my last Navigator News... As I mentioned above, it has been my honor to serve as navigator of the assembly for over 3½ years. It is time for someone else to take over the assembly leadership and continue moving us forward. It is great to look back on all that we have accomplished, and inspiring to look ahead at what more we can accomplish. I have been told by other navigators and district masters that we should leave the assembly better than we found it. I hope I have accomplished at least that and have continued to create an assembly of which each of us can be proud.

Vivat Jesus!

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