



2018-2019 Leadership

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Highlights of Veterans Picnic on Saturday, August 11

by PFN Marty Nau, with inputs from several Sir Knights

Our Assembly held its annual Veteran's picnic at the Old National Pike District Park near New Market, MD, on Saturday, August 11. The picnic is one of the Assembly's many ways to thank veterans for their service to our country. We partnered with area food providers. A major contributor was the Frederick Wegmans market for all the meats served, assisted by Weis, Giant and Food Lion markets for side dish support, and Mac-N-Cheese from Mission BBQ in Columbia, MD. These generous donations reflect our local stores' commitment to community support in honoring our veterans.



SK Mike Lee & FN Mike Jacobs tend the grills.

Desserts and beverages were generously donated by members of the assembly. The meal was prepared at the picnic by several of our Sir Knights to serve a bus load of hospitalized Veterans from the Perry Point VA Medical Center in northeastern Maryland. BBQ chicken, pulled pork, sausages, hamburgers, and hot dogs were grilled or smoked and served to nearly 30 veterans, and 50-plus other guests, including Boy Scouts from Troop 428 of St. Michael's Parish in Poplar Springs, MD., service dog handlers and many K of C family members.

The veterans were met with welcoming applause and handshakes from the Sir Knights, Scouts and family members awaiting their arrival. Beautiful weather, and the smell of the amazing food, greeted the veterans as they disembarked their bus after their long ride from Perry Point. We had set up several corn-hole games, chess sets, and other interactive games for the veterans to enjoy on their day away from their hospital routines. Sir Knight Ralph Trautwein brought his vintage 1974 yellow Charger for inspection by the vets.

A special group, the Warrior Canine Connection (WCC), a non-profit service dog organization based in Boyds, MD, was in attendance for the veterans. WCC utilizes a Mission Based Trauma Recovery model to help warriors recovering from the stress of combat reconnect with their families, communities, and life. Through this, one dog can help as many as 60 warriors heal and move forward in their lives. The dogs, with their handlers, were on hand to mingle with the veterans and entertain the men, women and children in attendance. Following their interaction with the Knights and family members, where they played games or related stories of their military careers, the veterans were able to pack up "take-home" meals for themselves and other vets back at the hospital that were unable to get away for the picnic. Upon their departure, several Sir Knights saluted the veterans as their bus pulled away.

Thanks to PFN Mike Bir for organizing the event this year, to our several cooks extraordinaire, and to the many Sir Knights and family members who donated items and assisted. See the end of this newsletter for a collage of photos from the event. (Note: Due to VA regulations, we cannot display photos in which any of the vets are personally recognizable.)

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

Sir Knights, welcome again to the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. As I took the position as Faithful Navigator at the July Meeting, I am pleased to announce two very important items were noted. First and foremost, we have a new Faithful Friar. I want to thank PFN Jim Coolahan for facilitating the search to replace Fr. Jason Worley, who as you all know was transferred to St. Ursula in Parkville, MD, in January and Msgr. John Dietzenbach, who filled the remainder of Fr. Jason's unexpired term. I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to Fr. Conklin. As he is new to being our Faithful Friar, he will need our help to guide him through the important task of being our spiritual leader.



Secondly, the proposed budget was passed and we now have an overview of finances available for our programs this year. I was asked to outline the programs I would like to see carried out during the Fraternal Year. We will still be holding our Patriotic Rosaries, the collection of personal items for the Veterans, and a Flag collection and a retirement ceremony. Of course, we will be holding our annual Veterans picnic, which, by the time our Assembly newsletter comes out, will have been another successful event! As always, I am just an email away. If you have any questions or concerns and I can help in any way, please contact me and we will continue to grow our Assembly. I look forward to working with the Sir Knights of the Fr. McGivney Assembly.

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Collection of Items for Vets on September 14 at Resurrection

Our Assembly is continuing our collection of items for veterans who are living at the Loch Raven VA Medical Center in Baltimore. For the fourth consecutive year, we will be obtaining and displaying items such as toiletries, books, etc., at the Resurrection Council's Italian Dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 14. Attendees at the dinner will be offered the opportunity to purchase, and then donate, the items on display, which our Assembly will subsequently deliver to the VA Medical Center. Last year, this event raised about \$250 of donated items for the vets.

Color Corps Corner

from inputs provided by Faithful Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky

During the past month, our Assembly's Color Corps supported three varied and important activities.

On Sunday, July 15, several members participated in the Casket Guard for Brigadier General (ret) John Vaccarino. The District Master, Tom Greul, had asked for support on behalf of the family of a close friend. We integrated his friend into the first and last formations. With a turnout representing three Assemblies, we had 12 Color Corpsmen for the afternoon session and nine for the evening. Such a good showing of support to the family brought tears to their eyes, as many thanked us. In addition, our Color Corps supported the installation of officers for St. Michael's Council on Saturday, July 14. Thanks to Sir Knights Nau, Mahoney, Messina, Kaufman, Murray, and Venskus for supporting the above events.

At the Supreme Convention at the Baltimore Convention Center on Tuesday, August 7, our Assembly's Color Corps participated in the opening Mass and the evening banquet, as well as standing honor guard at the Adoration Chapel from 7 am until 5 pm (except during the Mass). The Mass was great in magnitude – concelebrating were 102 priests, 74 archbishops and bishops, plus ten cardinals. For the evening dinner, the flag presentations required nine national flags, each with two guards, plus 28 bearers of the historical flags (55 Color Corpsmen), with almost 11 percent from our Assembly. We were joined by members of other Assemblies, including SK Bob Skok and SK John Navarro for the entire day, including the honor guard for the Adoration Chapel. SK Lee Eder joined us for the 7 am turnout and the Mass. Thanks to Sir Knights Nau, Mahoney, Coolahan, Kaufman, and Szymanski for supporting the Convention activities.



SKs Brad Kaufman and Terry Mahoney stand honor guard at the Adoration Chapel.

Schedule of Assembly Meetings and Activities for Remainder of FY 2019

Sunday, August 19, 12:30 pm, Officer Installation at St. Peter's, Libertytown
Thursday, August 23, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at Resurrection, Ellicott City
Friday, September 14, 6:00 pm, Collection of Items for Vets at Resurrection Council Italian Dinner, Ellicott City
Thursday, September 27, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Peter's, Libertytown
Thursday, October 25, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs
Thursday, November 15, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Peter's Libertytown (moved to third Thursday because of Thanksgiving)
Thursday, December 27, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs
Thursday, January 24, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at Resurrection, Ellicott City
Thursday, February 28, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs (Renewal of Promises)
Friday-Saturday, March 8-9 (tentative), Maryland District Exemplification, Princess Royale, Ocean City
Thursday, March 28, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs
Thursday, April 25, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City
Thursday, May 23, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Peter's, Libertytown
Thursday, June 27, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Photo Collage from Veterans Picnic

photos courtesy of Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray and Faithful Outer Sentinel Terry Mahoney

