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Farewell to Our Faithful Friar, Fr. Jason Worley

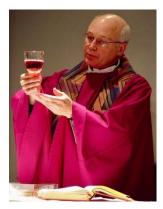
As many of you already know, Fr. Jason Worley is being reassigned from St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown to be pastor of St. Ursula's in Baltimore, effective on January 1. As a result, he will no longer be able to serve as our Assembly's Faithful Friar, a position in which he has served for the past 18 months. We still expect to see him at District Exemplifications, since he remains the Friar for the Maryland District. The Assembly presented Fr. Jason with a certificate of appreciation at his farewell at St. Peter's on December 17 (see photo at right). The Assembly has also approved a more substantial gift (a stole with Knights of Columbus logo) that is being ordered.



Msgr. John Dietzenbach, current pastor of the Church of the Resurrection and former pastor of St. Peter's, has graciously agreed to serve as our Assembly's Faithful Friar from January 1 through June 30, the end of the fraternal year.

In Memoriam, Msgr. James McGovern

Msgr. James McGovern, retired pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, passed away on Friday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Msgr. Jim was a Fourth Degree Knight (Assembly 375). He was fondly remembered at a wake service at the Church of the Resurrection on December 12, and at his funeral Mass there on December 13. Archbishop Lori celebrated the Mass. Msgr. Jim's cousin, Cardinal James Stafford, celebrating his 60th year as a priest, also participated, as did over 30 priests from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



Our Assembly's Color Corps, with assistance from two Color Corps Commanders of other Assemblies, provided a casket guard for the six-hour viewing, and assisted at the funeral Mass. Thanks to Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky and Deputy Color Corps Commander Marty Nau for leading the Color Corps participation.

Christmas Cards for Our Deployed Service Members

As reported in last month's newsletter, our Assembly's members worked in our affiliated Councils and parishes to have Christmas cards inscribed with five or six notes each, to be mailed to deployed Service members in time for Christmas. Five boxes (129 cards total) from our Assembly were delivered to District Master Tom Greul on December 5. Thanks to all Assembly members who contributed to this worthy effort!

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

First of all, I wish a Merry Christmas to all of our Assembly members and your families. The Christmas holidays offer all of us an opportunity to take a breath from our normal routine, reconnect with sometimes far-flung family members, and contemplate our spiritual life.

As mentioned on the first page of this newsletter, our Assembly's Faithful Friar, Fr. Jason Worley, is being re-assigned as pastor of St. Ursula's in Baltimore. I had the opportunity, on behalf of our Assembly, to thank Fr. Jason for his service to our Assembly at his farewell at St. Peter's. Thanks again, Fr. Jason!

It's that time of year again – time for all of us to pay dues for 2018. All Sir Knights will be receiving a dues notice <u>by U.S. Postal Service mail</u> this year. Please send in your 25 in dues

promptly, and, if you can afford to do so, please add an additional donation to aid in our Assembly's many charitable efforts.

The date for our (now annual) chili cook-off has been set – Saturday evening, February 3, at St. Peter's. This is the night before the Super Bowl, so please consider providing a sampling of your favorite chili recipe for others to enjoy.

Also, please encourage Knights in your Council who are not yet Fourth Degree Sir Knights to become candidates for the Exemplification in Ocean City on the weekend of March 23-25. Details will be published shortly. The application, known as Form 4, is available from Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray at <u>murray20794@comcast.net</u>.

Finally, please mark your calendars to visit our new Assembly web site once a week, to stay up to date on our Assembly activities. To do so, go to the web site at http://kofcAssembly2595.org, where you can see photos of Assembly events and activities, a calendar of Assembly meetings and events, and copies of our newsletters. You can also submit prayer requests, which will remain visible for one month.

Jim Coolahan Faithful Navigator, 2017-18 faithfulnavigator@kofcassembly2595.org

Items for Vets Delivered to Loch Raven VA Center

As reported in last month's newsletter, approximately \$1,000 of toiletries, socks, hats, puzzle books, DVDs, CDs, etc., were collected by various means at our Assembly's three constituent parishes. The donated items, comprising approximately eight cubic feet in nine boxes, were delivered to the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore on December 8. The photo at the right shows Jessica of the VA Center accepting the donations from Faithful Navigator Jim Coolahan.



Annual Assembly Chili Cook-off on February 3 at St. Peter's

Mark your calendars! Our annual chili cook-off fundraiser for the Assembly has been scheduled for the evening of Saturday, February 3, at St. Peter's, after the 5:00 pm Mass. We need about 14-16 crock pots with 4-to-5 quarts of chili each, so we have enough to last throughout the event. We would prefer (but do not require) that each submission be accompanied by the "chef" that prepared it so they would be at their crock pot to answer questions about the recipe.

If you can participate in this very simple event, and are willing to at least make your favorite recipe and have it there that evening (by 6:00 pm), please contact Faithful Trustee and Past Faithful Navigator Marty Nau at <u>writenau@gmail.com</u>. This is the night before the Super Bowl, so please consider providing a sampling of your favorite chili recipe for others to enjoy before offering it to your guests on Sunday!



Picnic for Veterans Scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018

Our third annual Picnic for Veterans has been scheduled for 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD 21771). Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir has agreed to chair the picnic, and has reserved the pavilion. The coordinator at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center has it on the Center's calendar, and we again expect two busloads from that VA Center again this year. There is also the possibility that veterans from one of the other VA Centers may join them.

The picnic has quickly become our Assembly's "signature event" and it takes a committee to plan and execute it. Two of our Assembly's chefs (Faithful Captain Mike Jacobs and Sir Knight Mike Lee) are already onboard. If you would like to help, please contact PFN Mike Bir at <u>bir@prodigy.net</u>.

Volunteers Needed for K of C Convention in Baltimore, August 6-9, 2018

The 2018 Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Baltimore on August 6-9, 2018. The State K of C is recruiting volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success. The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their spouses to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties, and support opportunities throughout the convention. A Volunteer Information Sheet is available online at <u>www.kofc-md.org</u>, and can be submitted electronically. See the homepage slide show "Supreme Convention 2018 is in Baltimore." (It is on the rotating view in the center, so wait for it to appear.) If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Giacalone at 301-774-6338 or jgiacal@verizon.net.

Assembly Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of the Fraternal Year

Thursday, December 28, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs Thursday, January 25, 7:30 pm, at St. Peter's, Libertytown Thursday, February 22, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs (Renewal of Promises) Thursday, March 22, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs Thursday, April 26, 7:30 pm, at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City Thursday, May 24, 7:30 pm, at St. Peter's, Libertytown Thursday, June 28, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs