

2017-2018 Leadership

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Assembly Website

http://kofcAssembly2595.org

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Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595





Renewal of Promises on Thursday, February 22

In addition to normal business, this month's Assembly meeting on Thursday, February 22, will include our annual Renewal of Promises. Worthy District Master Tom Greul will preside over that portion of the meeting. Please make every effort to participate. Members may wear either the traditional tuxedo uniform, or a dark suit, white dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes. In either case, the social baldric must be worn under the jacket. The standard Fourth Degree lapel pin (PG-113; i.e., no flag) is also suggested.

Meet the Candidates Reception on Sunday, March 4

It has been a tradition in our Assembly for many years to welcome candidates for the Patriotic Fourth Degree in a reception a few weeks prior to the Exemplification, to describe our Assembly's activities, and to inform both them and their ladies about our plans for the weekend hospitality surrounding the Exemplification. This year's "Meet the Candidates" reception will be held at 1:30 pm on Sunday, March 4, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs. A complimentary lunch will be provided, followed by informal presentations by our Assembly and Color Corps leadership.

All Assembly members and their ladies are invited to attend. Dress is casual. We would especially welcome the attendance of our new Sir Knights who were exemplified in September. Homemade desserts are also being sought – if you or your lady can provide a dessert, please contact Faithful Navigator Jim Coolahan by e-mail at faithfulnavigator@kofcassembly2595.org, or by phone at 410-440-2425 (cell).

March 23-25 Exemplification Weekend Details

Details of the Exemplification weekend on March 23-25 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City were forwarded to all Assembly members in an e-mail on January 10. Hotel reservations must be made by March 3, and can be done online at bit.ly/2018MDRooms. The room rate is \$89 per night. The Exemplification itself will begin at 11:15 am on Saturday, March 24. (Candidate registration is at 9:30 am.) Dress is dark suit, white dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes. Current members may also wear the current tuxedo uniform with social baldric (under the jacket) and PG-113 lapel pin.

Tickets for the Saturday evening banquet for members and guests are \$50 each. On Saturday morning, there will be District-wide entertainment for ladies attending, starting at 9:45 am. Cost for the entertainment and lunch is \$35. We will be coordinating attendance at both events as an Assembly. Please contact Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray at murray20794@comcast.net to make a reservation. Checks should be made payable to Fr. Michael J. McGivney Assembly #2595. Please do not delay, as we must submit payment to the District no later than March 16.

Our Assembly will, of course, be providing hospitality in our Navigator's Room at the hotel. All food and drink will be complimentary, to welcome our new Sir Knights, including those who were exemplified in September who can come to Ocean City. We will start with dinner on Friday evening, followed by a reception. Breakfast will be served starting early on Saturday morning. Lunch will follow the exemplification, and refreshments will be available until the Mass at 4:00 pm, and after the banquet. Sir Knight Mike Lewis is leading a committee of Sir Knights who were exemplified in March 2017 to prepare for and host the Navigator's Room.

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

Our Assembly is now entering a busy time of the Fraternal Year, with our Renewal of Promises on February 22, the Meet the Candidates reception on March 4, and the Exemplification weekend on March 23-25 in Ocean City. I hope many of you will be able to participate in each of these important events.

We are nearing the deadline to consider and approve candidates for the March 24 Exemplification. As our March meeting is after the deadline, the February 22 meeting is the target for approving all applications. So now is the time to make a final effort to enlist Third Degree Knights in your Council to become candidates. The application, known as Form 4, is available from Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray at murray 20794@comcast.net.



I would like to thank Past Faithful Navigator and current Trustee Marty Nau for leading our annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser on February 3 at St. Peter's. Thanks are also due to the Assembly members, spouses, and friends who contributed a total of 19 crockpots of chili for the event. In addition to a tasty and filling meal, those attending were offered a chance to vote on their favorite chili. Congratulations to Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir for winning, in a close contest.

If you haven't done so already, please send in your \$25 in annual dues promptly, and, if you can afford to do so, please add an additional donation to aid in our Assembly's many patriotic and charitable efforts.

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

Highlights of Chili Cook-off Fundraiser on February 3

Our annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser was held on Saturday evening, February 3, in Sullivan Hall at St. Peter's. Under the leadership of Past Faithful Navigator Marty Nau, volunteers provided 19 crockpots of chili for tasting by the attendees. Toppings were also provided, as well as cornbread, water, iced tea, and lemonade to accompany the chili. The net proceeds of over \$350 will be used to support our Assembly's patriotic, charitable, and fraternal activities.







Volunteers prepare to serve their chili donations.

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 bir@prodigy.net.

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 www.kofc-md.org, 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, February 22, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs (Renewal of Promises)

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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