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2017-2018 Leadership

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Mike Jacobs
Faithful Captain

Steve Mason
Faithful Pilot

Will Barber
Faithful Admiral

Fr. Jason Worley
Faithful Friar

Rick Murray
Faithful Comptroller

Martin Luchansky
Faithful Purser

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Faithful Scribe

Tom Theis
Inner Sentinel

Terry Mahoney
Outer Sentinel

Marty Nau
One-Year Trustee

Mike Bir
Two-Year Trustee

Dale Solarz
Three-year Trustee

Assembly Website

<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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Welcome to the 2017-18 Fraternal Year

As of July 1, we entered into a new Fraternal Year. The officers are listed in the panel at the left. We had a great year in Fraternal Year 2016-17 – see the Navigator's Stateroom column on page 2 of this newsletter. And we expect this year to be even better! To achieve this goal, we need the help of all Sir Knights in our Assembly. There are many ways to get involved – pick one that aligns with your interests and schedule. And please attend an Assembly meeting, so that you can get more information on what's going on and how you can help. It will take all of us to have another great year for our Assembly!



2016-17 FN Mike Bir hands the gavel to 2017-18 FN Jim Coolahan.

New Exemplification on September 30 at St. Peter's

At The Master's Seminar on June 10 at St. Michael's, District Master Tom Gruel announced that an additional Patriotic Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, September 30, at St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown. Unlike the annual Exemplification that is now held in Ocean City, this will be a one-day event. It provides an opportunity for those not able to travel to Ocean City next spring (March 23-25, 2018) to receive the Patriotic Degree. Please publicize this to Knights in your Council who have (or can soon receive) their Knighthood (Third) Degree. A Form 4 to apply for the Patriotic Degree can be obtained by contacting Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray at murray20794@comcast.net.

Highlights of Picnic for Veterans on June 3

On Saturday, June 3, our Assembly held its second annual Picnic for Veterans at the Old National Pike Park on Rt. 144 between Mt. Airy and New Market. Our Sir Knights cooked a great lunch for the veterans, who came from the Loch Raven Veterans Administration Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore. For many of the wheelchair-bound vets, getting out into the countryside was a special event.

In addition to the chicken, hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs, some great side dishes and desserts were provided by the families of our Assembly's Sir Knights. The Warrior Canine Connection program brought a couple of their dogs-in-training, which the vets greatly appreciated. Also, the Boy Scout Troop associated with St. Michael's, Poplar Springs, provided games for the vets, and assisted them in getting from the bus to the picnic pavilion.

We were happy to have our Assembly's Faithful Friar (and District Friar), Fr. Jason Worley, in attendance, as well as District Master Tom Greul. We plan to continue this event next year, and the VA may also bus residents from the Perry Point facility to join in the festivities. *(continued on page 2)*

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

I am very humbled to have been granted the opportunity to serve as our Assembly's Faithful Navigator for Fraternal Year 2017-18. During the past two Fraternal Years, under the leadership of Past Faithful Navigators Dale Solarz (2015-16) and Mike Bir (2016-17), our Assembly has accomplished very much, and has been recognized at the District level for these accomplishments.



At the February Assembly meeting, District Master Tom Greul presented to the Assembly the inaugural Star Assembly Award of the K of C for the fraternal year of 2015-16. Our Assembly was one of only three Assemblies in the State of Maryland to win the award in its inaugural year. Congratulations to Past Faithful Navigator Dale Solarz for leading our Assembly during the period covered by the award.

At the Exemplification banquet on March 4 in Ocean City, our Assembly was one of three Assemblies to receive the District Master's award for activities for veterans, based on our Picnic for Veterans in June 2016. Congratulations to Past Faithful Navigator Will Barber for leading the effort that resulted in this award. Also at the Exemplification banquet, Assembly member Terry Mahoney was awarded the Color Corpsman of the Year Award for the Maryland District. Congratulations, Terry!

This coming Fraternal Year will provide many more opportunities for our Assembly to excel in performing patriotic activities. I look forward to working with all of our Assembly members in finding new ways of fulfilling the patriotic obligations of our degree!

Jim Coolahan
Faithful Navigator, 2017-18

Highlights of Picnic for Veterans on June 3 (continued from page 1)

Thanks to Past Faithful Navigator Will Barber for making the initial pavilion reservations, and to Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir for coordinating the event. Many Sir Knights contributed, including our grill masters: current Faithful Captain Mike Jacobs, Past Faithful Navigator Marty Nau, and Mike Lee. A few photos of the event are shown below. A more complete gallery of photos will be uploaded to the new Assembly web site at <http://kofcAssembly2595.org>.



Grill master Mike Lee displays the grilled chicken.



Fr. Jason Worley, FN Mike Bir, and Master Tom Greul enjoy a conversation.



One of two buses from the VA Center arrives at the picnic.



Volunteers prepare lunch plates for the veterans in attendance.



An extra canopy provides both shade and fewer barriers for wheelchairs.



Dave Pellegrini of the VA provides some entertainment for the vets.

Highlights of Patriotic Rosary at Church of the Resurrection on June 27

In conjunction with the Fortnight for Freedom, our Assembly led a recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at the Church of the Resurrection on Tuesday, June 27. Our Assembly's Color Corps, under the leadership of Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky, provided a Color Guard for the event, and members of the Assembly led the recitation of the rosary. Assembly ladies Kim Weiss and Liz Coolahan provided the music. Over 30 people attended.

As part of the event, over 500 Ranger Rosaries that had been assembled by volunteers in the Ranger Rosary ministry at the Church of the Resurrection were blessed by Deacon Skip Comegna prior to being shipped overseas to deployed members of the military. The national Ranger Rosary program, which started in 2003 at St. Mary's in Annapolis, has sent over one million rosary overseas since its inception.



Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky (left) leads the Color Guard after the rosary.

New Assembly Website

As noted on the previous pages of this newsletter, our Assembly now has a functioning web site! We're in the process of adding more information. Its features (will) include photos of Assembly events and activities, a calendar of Assembly meetings and events, copies of our newsletters, and other information.

Assembly Officer Installation Scheduled for August 6 at Resurrection

Our Assembly's 2017-18 officers will be officially installed at 1:30 pm on Sunday, August 6, at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City, following the noon Mass. District Master Tom Greul will preside. All are invited to attend, not just the officers and their wives. A complimentary hot lunch will follow the installation. So that we can ensure we have enough food and drink, if you plan to attend, please send an e-mail to Faithful Navigator Jim Coolahan at jim.coolahan@comcast.net with the number attending by August 2.

Assembly Meeting Schedule for the Fraternal Year

Thursday, July 27, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs
Thursday, August 24, 7:30 pm, at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City
Thursday, September 28, 7:30 pm, at St. Peter's, Libertytown
Thursday, October 26, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs
Monday, November 20, 7:30 pm, at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City (moved to Monday because of Thanksgiving)
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
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