



### 2018-2019 Leadership

Mike Jacobs  
*Faithful Navigator*

Steve Mason  
*Faithful Captain*

Kevin Quinn  
*Faithful Pilot*

Jim Coolahan  
*Faithful Admiral*

Fr. Ross E. Conklin, Jr.  
*Faithful Friar*

Rick Murray  
*Faithful Comptroller*

Martin Luchansky  
*Faithful Purser*

Carman Peltzer  
*Faithful Scribe*

Marty Nau  
*Inner Sentinel*

Terry Mahoney  
*Outer Sentinel*

Paul Messina  
*One-Year Trustee*

Dale Solarz  
*Two-Year Trustee*

Will Barber  
*Three-Year Trustee*

### Assembly Website

<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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## Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595



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### Welcome to the 2018-19 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 2017-18, 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.



2017-18 FN Jim Coolahan hands the gavel to 2018-19 FN Mike Jacobs.

### Veterans Picnic Re-Scheduled for Saturday, August 11

The Veterans Picnic has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 11, at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD 21771). The vets should arrive around noon. We have the meats covered but will need commercially produced sides, fruit, sodas, lemonade, ice tea, and desserts. This year, at the District Master's request, we are adding a car/bike show for the vets. If you have a car or bike that you would like to show, please bring it for everyone to enjoy.

If you want to help with set-up, please arrive by 10:00 am. The Boy Scouts are coming to help with games. If you have a fun yard game, feel free to bring it. The therapy dogs in training will also be coming again this year.

Please let Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir know what you will be bringing and how many people will be attending, by contacting him at [bir@prodigy.net](mailto:bir@prodigy.net) or 301-401-9065.

### In Memoriam – Sir Knight Tom Theis

On June 30, Sir Knight Thomas J. (Tom) Theis, the Inner Sentinel of our Assembly for Fraternal Year 2017-18, passed away after a ten-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Tom was a devoted husband and married to the love of his life, Jan, for forty years. He was a dedicated father to his daughters, Michelle Theis and Stefanie Theis Shifflett, and son-in-law, James Shifflett. Tom was devoted to his family and greatly enjoyed spending time with them, most especially his grandsons, Colton Thomas and Mikey Shifflett. He was a hero to his family and all who knew him. His generous spirit, kind eyes, and infectious smile would light up a room.



Tom proudly served his country, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1962. His tour took him to Vietnam where he had many close calls. Tom was a Past Grand Knight of St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council #10525. He selflessly spent countless hours volunteering with his brother Knights, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

## ***From the Navigator's Stateroom ...***

Sir Knights of the Fr. McGivney Assembly: Welcome to the 2018-19 Fraternal Year! I look forward to leading you in the upcoming year and I have very big shoes to fill. We start off with our Veterans Picnic on August 11th at Old National Pike Park at 12 noon. PFN Mike Bir has been busy keeping tasks on point to feed and entertain our Services' Veterans. It is truly an honor to give back to those who have served to protect our country.



Mike Lee has arranged for twelve canines to attend this year to accompany the Veterans from two VA Centers who will attend. The Boy Scouts will be helping with games, and we look forward to music and songs to be sung in the Vets' honor. We will still need food donations and a head count to be provided to PFN Mike Bir.

Once again this year, Martin Luchansky will be our Color Corps Commander, and I ask that all who can please try to participate in our Color Corps events. We have a fantastic team in place and, with Martin's leadership, our Patriotic Degree will be well received no matter what the task.

Don't forget to visit our Assembly website, <http://kofcAssembly2595.org>, to stay up to date on our Assembly activities. If there is anything I can do to help our Assembly live up to the legacy that is in place from our Past Faithful Navigators, please let me know. I am here to serve our Order and you.

Mike Jacobs  
Faithful Navigator, 2018-19  
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## ***Patriotic Rosary at Church of the Resurrection on June 20***

In conjunction with the Fortnight for Freedom, our Assembly led a recitation of the Patriotic Rosary in the chapel at the Church of the Resurrection on Tuesday, June 20. Members of the Assembly led the recitation of the rosary. Assembly ladies Liz Coolahan and Kim Weiss, and Kim's daughter Kelly, provided the music. A total of about 25 people participated.



*Sir Knight Ted Rieve leads a decade of the rosary.*

As part of the event, several hundred Ranger Rosaries that had been assembled by volunteers in the Ranger Rosary ministry at the Church of the Resurrection were assembled for viewing prior to being shipped to deployed members of the military. The national Ranger Rosary program, which started in 2003 at St. Mary's in Annapolis, has sent over a million rosaries to deployed members of the military since its inception.

## ***Color Corps Corner***

Our Assembly's Color Corps has again been active during the past month. During the Patriotic Rosary at the Church of the Resurrection (article above), our Assembly's Color Corps, under the leadership of Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky, provided a Color Guard for the event. With seven members present, we were able to provide four flags and a lead and trailing guard, along with the commander.

For SK Tom Theis' visitation and funeral, we had an outstanding turnout. There were eight Color Corps members at the afternoon visitation, seven in the evening, and ten for the funeral Mass. Some took vacation from work and some participated after coming home from work. Others altered their schedules. This shows a fine level of commitment to honor SK Theis, and a good commitment to responding as Color Corps.

Thank you to Sir Knights Jacobs, Mahoney, Messina, Nau, Coolahan, Murray, Weiss, Kaufman, Trautwein, Conko, Bir, Borkoski, and Miller.



## ***Did You Know? – Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund***

For the past several years, our Assembly has annually donated \$100 to the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. Over the past six years, the Knights of Columbus has raised over \$1.6 million in support of the tuition assistance program to recruit and ordain Catholic priests to serve our military men and women worldwide. To date, 46 men have entered the program.

We have recently been notified by the Supreme Master that the program has lost the financial support of a major annual contributor to the program. As a result, the Knights of Columbus has set a goal to raise an additional \$400,000 by June 30, 2020.

Although our Assembly has budgeted \$100 again this year for this program, we ask each Sir Knight to prayerfully consider donating \$25 directly to the program. Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund checks should be made payable to “Knights of Columbus Charities” with “Military Chaplains” on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to Knights of Columbus; Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities; One Columbus Plaza; New Haven, CT 06510.

## ***Supreme 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. For more information on the activities planned in conjunction with the convention, please see [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org).

## ***Near-Term Schedule of Assembly Meetings and Activities***

Thursday, July 26, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Saturday, August 11, 12:00 noon, Veterans Picnic at Old National Pike Park

Sunday, August 19, 12:30 pm, Officer Installation at St. Peter's, Libertytown