



2020-2021 Leadership

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Assembly Meeting on Thursday, July 23, Using Zoom

Because of continuing state of Maryland, Maryland District Knights of Columbus, and Archdiocese of Baltimore actions taken in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, in-person meetings and patriotic events have had to be cancelled, postponed, or adjusted. Our Assembly's July meeting will be held using Zoom on this coming Thursday, July 23, starting at 7:30 pm. Zoom meeting login/dial-in information was included in the e-mail that forwarded this newsletter to Assembly members.

Our Assembly Recruited the Most New Members in the Maryland District in Fraternal Year 2019-2020!

As reported in the June Assembly newsletter, our Assembly welcomed 19 new Sir Knights because of the two "virtual" Exemplifications held on June 13 and June 20. This brought to about 30 the number of Sir Knights joining our Assembly during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, the largest single-year number in the Assembly officers' memories.

Each year, the District awards custody of two bells – one for the Assembly recruiting the greatest percentage of new members and one for the Assembly recruiting the greatest number of new members. In the July issue of the Maryland District Newsletter, *The Patriot*, a copy of which is attached to the e-mail forwarding this newsletter, District Master Fritz Leach reported "Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595 brought in 28 new Sir Knights this Fraternal Year making them the winner of the other bell [greatest number of new members]. Congratulations to the Fr. McGivney Team and Faithful Navigator Steve Mason on a tremendous job!!"

Also in the District Newsletter is an article, with accompanying photos, of a "virtual" Memorial Day ceremony conducted on behalf of our Assembly and St. Peter's Council. Thanks to Faithful Color Corps Commander Marty Nau for his leadership, and for Past (then current) Faithful Navigator Steve Mason and Sir Knight Terry Mahoney for assisting.

Testimonials from Patriotic Degree Exemplifications

For a number of years, Faithful Purser and former Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky has suggested to candidates for the Patriotic Degree that they listen attentively during the ceremony, and concisely describe their key takeaway (without revealing details) from the ceremony in a few words, amounting to a sort of testimonial. Over the next several newsletters, we will publish testimonials from selected new Sir Knights, with their permission. Below is the first one.

"I didn't really know what to expect from the Patriotic Degree ceremony, and it was indeed a ceremony. The presentation was spectacular and one I wish I had a copy of and could share with family. {The lesson} is truly exceptional and quite impressive. The three degrees of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are important lessons in and of themselves, but Patriotism is clearly the capstone. The unique US brand of patriotism reinforces and incorporates the other three degrees." SK Steven Linberg

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well!! As the incoming Faithful Navigator, I want to welcome you to Fr. Michael J. McGivney Assembly #2595 for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. I especially want to welcome our newest members. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to limit our activities in the community and the Church.



At this time, we will have our meetings via Zoom. Please mark on your calendar our next two Zoom meetings on July 23 and August 27 at 7:30pm. A separate link for the Zoom meeting for July 23 has been sent in the email that forwarded this newsletter. I do hope and pray that we will be allowed to meet, in person, on September 24 at St. Michael's Church. There, we can have the newest members Knighted, our current Officers installed, and a nice meal to celebrate the occasion. I will keep you posted on this meeting.

Our largest Patriotic function of the year, the Veteran's Picnic, is cancelled for this year. We will work with the VA hospitals to facilitate a Veteran's picnic on June 19, 2021.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of my fellow members for their thoughts and prayers during my wife's recent illness. She had many trips to the hospital and is now almost fully recovered.

Please join me in prayer that the current pandemic will subside and that a vaccine will soon be available. We pray for those adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Best always,

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Cancellations/Adjustments Due to COVID-19

For the foreseeable future, there will be no in-person Assembly meetings and activities. Please stay tuned for Assembly e-mails and newsletters regarding future Assembly meetings and activities.

Useful Patriotic Degree Web Sites and E-mail Group

1. Maryland Fourth Degree - <https://kcmaryland4th.org/>
2. Maryland Fourth Degree Yahoo Groups – To share information with other assemblies
 - a. To post a message - kcmaryland4th@yahogroups.com
 - b. To subscribe - kcmaryland4th-subscribe@yahogroups.com
3. McGivney Guild – To support the beatification of our founder
<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html>

Schedule of Upcoming Assembly Meetings for Fraternal Year 2020-2021

Thursday, July 23, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting (to be conducted online using Zoom)

Thursday, August 27, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting (to be conducted online using Zoom)

Thursday, September 24, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting and officer installation, St. Michael's, Poplar Springs