



2017-2018 Leadership

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Outer Sentinel

Marty Nau
One-Year Trustee

Paul Messina
Two-Year Trustee

Dale Solarz
Three-Year Trustee

Assembly Website

<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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Veterans Picnic Re-Scheduled for Saturday, August 11

Because of the forecast of extreme weather for Saturday, June 2, the Veterans Picnic committee met by telephone on the evening of Thursday, May 31, and made the difficult decision to postpone our third annual Veterans Picnic. But the good news is that we have been able to reschedule the picnic for 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 11, at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD 21771).

We continue to expect two busloads of veterans from the Loch Raven VA Center, and a busload of veterans from the Perry Point VA Center. We expect that both Wegman's and Mission BBQ will provide donations of food, and we hope that Assembly members who volunteered food donations for June 2 can also provide donations for August 11. If you can provide food donations or can help on the day of the event, please contact Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir at bir@prodigy.net.

Memorial Day Mass at St. Peter's on May 28

Our Assembly's Color Corps once again supported the Memorial Day Mass and Grotto Service at St. Peter's. Thanks to Faithful Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky, Deputy Color Corps Commander Marty Nau, Faithful Admiral Will Barber (who read the Gettysburg Address at the Grotto), and the Color Corps members who participated.



Hosting of Master's Seminar at St. Michael's on June 9

Our Assembly once again had the privilege of hosting the annual Master's Seminar at St. Michael's on Saturday, June 9. The meeting began at 10:00 am and ended a little before 2:00 pm. We served a continental breakfast and lunch for the attendees.

Thanks to Faithful Color Corps Commander and Purser Martin Luchansky for coordinating the effort, to Sir Knight Mike Lee for the great luncheon menu, as well as the many Sir Knights and ladies who contributed in person and by providing breakfast items and desserts for lunch. As SK Martin reported, we had many compliments on our hospitality, "Time and time again I heard comments like 'I've been to a LOT of Knights' functions and this Assembly is the BEST'."

Near-Term Schedule of Assembly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, June 28, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs
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

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

It is unfortunate that our Assembly's annual "signature event" – the Picnic for Veterans – had to be postponed due to the weather forecast for June 2. The event has earned us the Maryland District's Master's Challenge Award, and was instrumental in our receiving the Assembly of the Year Award at the Exemplification in March. But more importantly, the event serves our nation's veterans, providing them with an opportunity to leave the confines of their VA centers and enjoy a picnic in the country. I am happy that the event has been rescheduled for August 11.



We are finishing up a great fraternal year, in which we performed a number of patriotic activities, welcomed eleven new Sir Knights into our Assembly, and hosted three Maryland District events. At the May Assembly meeting, we elected a new slate of officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year, listed below. As this is my last column as Faithful Navigator, I want to thank all of our members who contributed this year, through continued dues payments and/or helping with our many activities. I will be "handing over the gavel" to Faithful Navigator-Elect Mike Jacobs near the end of our June 28 meeting. Our new officers will be installed on Sunday, August 19, after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Peter's.

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

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Assembly Officers for 2018-19 Fraternal Year

At the May 24 Assembly meeting, the Assembly elected its officers for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year that begins on July 1. Congratulations to the following Sir Knights who have agreed to serve.

<i>Faithful Navigator:</i>	Mike Jacobs	<i>Faithful Scribe:</i>	Carman Peltzer
<i>Faithful Captain:</i>	Steve Mason	<i>Inner Sentinel:</i>	Marty Nau
<i>Faithful Pilot:</i>	Kevin Quinn	<i>Outer Sentinel:</i>	Terry Mahoney
<i>Faithful Admiral:</i>	Jim Coolahan	<i>One-Year Trustee:</i>	Paul Messina
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<i>Faithful Purser:</i>	Martin Luchansky	<i>Three-Year Trustee:</i>	Will Barber

Retirement/Disposal of American Flags on June 16

During the last year or so, our Assembly collected about 100 unserviceable American flags at our three affiliated parishes. At the May 24 Assembly meeting, the Assembly decided that, instead of conducting our own retirement/disposal ceremony as we did several years ago, we would provide our flags to the American Legion Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post 156 in Howard County, who set up collection boxes at the Alpha Ridge landfill about 18 months ago, and who have been conducting a retirement/disposal ceremony on a quarterly basis. About half of the Assembly's flags were deposited in those collection boxes (before they became full), and Faithful Navigator (FN) Jim Coolahan brought the remainder to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall in Ellicott City on Saturday, June 16, for the ceremony.



About ten members of the American Legion, the VFW, and our FN, spent two hours cutting each of 857 flags into several pieces, carefully preserving the field of stars as a unified piece. After lunch, a formal ceremony was conducted, in which our FN was invited to participate, after which the disassembled flags were burned in a fire pit.



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.