



2018-2019 Leadership

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Last Call for Help for June 15 Picnic for Veterans

Our fourth annual Picnic for Veterans will be held starting at 11:00 am (note new earlier start time) on this Saturday, June 15, at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD 21771). Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) Mike Bir is chairing the picnic again this year. We expect 25 veterans from the Perry Point VA Center (mostly mobile) to attend, and potentially other veterans from the local area.

We have reached out to local businesses for donations. Wegman’s in Frederick is donating a variety of items, including chicken thighs, chicken wings, chicken breasts, Italian sausage, pork, ground beef, beef franks, cheese slices, hamburger and hot dog rolls, ketchup, mustard, relish and mayonnaise. Mission BBQ in Columbia is donating a large pan of macaroni and cheese, and Giant Food and Food Lion have provided gift cards to purchase additional food items, such as salads.

We are still seeking donations of fruit and desserts, and the loan of outdoor games, from members of our Assembly. VA rules state that we can only provide desserts that are commercially prepared, but we can provide fresh fruits.

The picnic has quickly become our Assembly’s “signature event” and it takes many of our Assembly’s members to plan and execute it. Points of contact for donations of needed items are as follows:

Fruit and Desserts: Jim Coolahan (jim.coolahan@comcast.net) or Mike Borkoski (MBorkoski@gmail.com)

Outdoor Games: Mike Bir (bir@prodigy.net)

We also need a head count of Sir Knights and family members who will be attending. So, if you can help on the day of the event just socializing with the vets, please contact PFN Mike Bir to confirm your attendance.

Highlights of Master’s Seminar on June 8

As our Assembly has been doing since they were started in 2002, we successfully supported the Fourth Degree District Master’s Seminar for Navigators, Comptrollers and Color Corps Commanders with flair. It has been our tradition to provide home-made breakfast items and desserts – with your help we have built a reputation that is well-known. Thank you to our bakers: Liz Coolahan, Christy Ransom, Mary Messina, Mary Mason, Lis Fogleman, Marguerite Collins, Margie D’Valle, Rick Murray, Mike Bir, Carrie Lewis, Mel Szymanski, and Chris Luchansky. Thank you to all who helped: Sir Knights Marty Nau, Steve Mason, Rick Murray, Mel Szymanski, Bill Hammett, Paul Messina, Mike Bir, Jim Coolahan, Dale Solarz, and especially event lead, PFN Martin Luchansky.

Also at the seminar, our Assembly received the Civic Award for Fraternal Year 2018, recognizing our patriotic activities. Faithful Navigator-elect Steve Mason and Faithful Admiral Jim Coolahan accepted the award from District Master Fritz Leach (photo at right).



From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

Sir Knights, we now enter the final month of the Fraternal Year. It has been my pleasure to serve you, my Brother Knights. I hope I served you well.



Although it's June, we are not finished yet. We have the Veterans Picnic coming up on June 15 and I hope all the Sir Knights turn out to support our Veterans. I, personally, have invited everyone I meet. Whether it be the check-out person at the grocery store or Home Depot, or the guys at my cigar shop. I have asked everyone to come and meet the Veterans who made our country great! I also want to thank St. Peter's parishioners for their donations to the Giving Tree to donate items to our VA hospitals. Also, I want to thank the St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee for their monetary donation to the Veterans' "goodie bags" to be distributed at the Picnic. My wife and I shopped the Dollar Stores and bought \$350.00 worth of items to help brighten their day. We dropped them off to PFN Mike Bir, who already had a garage-full of items that he acquired from work and his own shopping spree. Thank you, Sir Knight Mike and Lovely Lady Jean, for assembling the bags. Your efforts are very appreciated!

Also, the Patriotic Degree Q&A document compiled by PFNs Marty Nau and Martin Luchansky was distributed to the Councils and we are already seeing results from their efforts, whether it be through comments or recruitment. Good job, guys! Now I will turn the reins over to Sir Knight Steve Mason and wish him the best. Please show him the same support you showed my wife Robyn and me. I could not have done this without the aid of our PFN, Sir Knight Jim Coolahan. His knowledge was invaluable! Thank you to my fellow Officers and to our Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky, who showed our District what it means to support the Patriotic Degree.

God Bless.

Mike Jacobs

Faithful Navigator, 2018-19

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Highlights of Secret Service Facility Tour on June 5

On June 5, Sir Knights from our Assembly and Brothers from Resurrection Council 11341 attended a tour of the United States Secret Service training facility, the James J. Rawley Training Center, in Beltsville, Maryland. About 25 Knights and several wives were able to tour the secret facility to learn what skills are taught to selected new agents appointed to the Secret Service. Unfortunately, no photos from inside the facility can be published. The tour started at 10:00 am and lasted until about 1:30 in the afternoon. During our tour, we were afforded the opportunity to receive briefings from the vast weapons library, to participate actively in "virtual" shooting ranges, and to observe the Secret Service driving center, where agents are trained who, in the future, may be required to drive Secret Service protectees, and even the President. During the tour, we were also pleased to identify other Brother Knights working at the facility from other local Councils.



Attendees gather outside the James J. Rawley Training Center prior to the tour.

The Secret Service is one of the oldest federal law enforcement agencies in the United States. It was started in 1865, to combat the counterfeiting of our currency. It was also signed into law the day before President Abraham Lincoln was killed by an assassin. At the time, it was thought that at least 1/3 of all currency in our country was counterfeit. The two main missions of the Secret Service are Protection & Investigations. When foreign officials visit the United States, the Secret Service is required to protect a country's head of government or head of state. Past protectees have included the Queen of England and her Prime Minister, the Pope, and many others.

Only about one in 100 people who apply to become a Secret Service agent are selected. Following the selection process, an agent attends a criminal investigative school in Glynco, Georgia, where they are provided training in law, firearms, search and seizure, surveillance, and many other aspects of law enforcement. This training runs about twelve weeks. Upon their

return, the new agents attend the Secret Service Training Center for about eight weeks, where agents learn the specifics of the Secret Service mission.

A good time was had by all, and there were plenty of smiles. There was also an appreciation for the effort, job, and capability of the men and women who protect our nation's leaders. The tour was arranged by Faithful Navigator-Elect Steve Mason, who is a former Deputy Assistant Director of the US Secret Service for Investigations.

Patriotic Rosary at Church of the Resurrection on Tuesday, June 25

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared the week of June 22-29 to be "Religious Freedom Week," in which we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. In observance of this special week, our Assembly, in conjunction with Resurrection Council, will lead a recitation of the "Patriotic Rosary" on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:00 pm, in the Chapel at the Church of the Resurrection. The Patriotic Rosary is a special rosary prayed for our country, in which every prayer is dedicated to a branch of government or one of the 50 states. There will be patriotic readings and singing of patriotic songs for each mystery. For the format and full text of the Patriotic Rosary, please see <http://www.patrioticrosary.com/patriotic-rosary.html>. For more information, please contact Faithful Admiral Jim Coolahan at jim.coolahan@comcast.net.

Reminder – Assembly Meeting at St. Michael's on June 27

Our June Assembly meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 27, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs. Please plan to attend.

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@yahoogroups.com
 - b. To subscribe - kcmaryland4th-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
3. McGivney Guild – To support the beatification of our founder
<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html>

Schedule of Assembly Meetings and Activities for Remainder of FY 2019

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 am, Picnic for Veterans, Old National Pike Park, Mt. Airy

Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 pm, Assembly-sponsored Patriotic Rosary at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City (Color Corps activity)

Thursday, June 27, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Saturday-Sunday, June 29-30, Unserviceable American Flag Collection at St. Peter's