



## 2017-2018 Leadership

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*Three-Year Trustee*

## Assembly Website

<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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# Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595

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## March 23-25 Exemplification Weekend Is Here

This spring's Exemplification weekend is here! Please enjoy our Assembly's hospitality in the Navigator's Room in room 251 of the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City. Sir Knights who were exemplified in the spring of 2017, under the leadership of Sir Knight Mike Lewis, have been planning for the weekend for several months. All food and drink will be complimentary, to welcome our new 2017-18 Sir Knights, including those who were exemplified in September who can come to Ocean City. We will start with dinner on Friday evening, followed by a reception. Breakfast will be served starting early on Saturday morning. Lunch will follow the Exemplification, and refreshments will be available until the Mass at 4:00 pm, and after the banquet.

The Exemplification itself will begin at 11:15 am on Saturday, March 24. Dress for current members is either a dark suit, white dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes; or the current tuxedo uniform. In either case, the social baldric should be worn under the jacket, as well as the PG-113 lapel pin.

## Highlights of February 22 Assembly Meeting

Our Assembly's February 22 meeting was highlighted by the annual Renewal of Promises. Worthy District Master Tom Greul, assisted by Worthy Provincial Marshal Fritz Leach, presided over that portion of the meeting. Also during the meeting, the Master presented two awards to the Assembly for the 2016-17 Fraternal Year. The first, the Civic Award, is presented to Assemblies for outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The second, and most prestigious, is the Star Assembly Award, which is presented to Assemblies for achievements in civic activities, patriotic programs and membership growth. Our Assembly was the only Assembly in the Maryland District to earn this award. Thanks to Past Faithful Navigator Michael Bir for his leadership of our Assembly during the period for which this award was earned.



*Assembly members are joined by Master Tom Greul and Marshal Fritz Leach after the Renewal of Promises for a group photo, displaying the Civic Award and the Star Assembly Award.*

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

The Exemplification weekend on March 23-25 in Ocean City is finally here. I hope many of you will be able to take advantage of the hospitality in our Navigator's Room at the Princess Royale hotel, from the Friday dinner through the post-banquet reception on Saturday. We will be honoring our eleven new Sir Knights from the September 2017 and March 2018 Exemplifications. Thanks to Sir Knight Mike Lewis and his team for all the preparations!



Our Assembly will be hosting the Maryland District Biennial Meeting on Saturday, April 21, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs. The meeting will bring together delegates from each Assembly in the Maryland District. We will be soliciting volunteers to help with setup, food service, and cleanup, as well as donations of breakfast sweets and lunch desserts. Please look for an e-mail as the date approaches.

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

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## ***Highlights of Meet the Candidates Reception on Sunday, March 4***

Continuing a long-standing tradition of our Assembly, we held the annual Meet the Candidates reception on Sunday, March 4, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs. This year, our invited guests also included the new Sir Knights who were exemplified in September (as well as their family members), as we were unable to hold a similar reception for them last fall because of the tight scheduling. A complimentary lunch was provided, followed by informal presentations by our Assembly and Color Corps leadership. Thanks to all who contributed and attended!

## ***Results of Unserviceable American Flag Collection at Resurrection***

As our Assembly members certainly know, but perhaps not all parishioners of our associated parishes, there is a proper way of disposing of used American flags that are no longer serviceable (e.g., faded, worn, or tattered). The most common way for cotton flags is by burning, in a respectful ceremony. Nylon flags need a different method, because of environmental concerns. On the weekend of February 24-25, our Assembly conducted an unserviceable flag collection before/after Masses at the Church of the Resurrection that netted 45 American flags for disposal. We also have unserviceable flags that have been previously collected at St. Michael's and St. Peter's.

At our March and April meetings, we will be discussing how we will dispose of the flags later in the spring. We will also be discussing a sale of new American flags planned for early May, in anticipation of Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day.



*Faithful Navigator Jim Coolahan tends the used American flag collection box at Resurrection.*

## ***Picnic for Veterans Scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018***

Our third annual Picnic for Veterans has been scheduled for 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD 21771). Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir has agreed to chair the picnic, and has reserved the pavilion. The coordinator at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center has it on the Center's calendar, and we again expect two busloads from that VA Center again this year. There is also the possibility that veterans from one of the other VA Centers may join them. The picnic has quickly become our Assembly's "signature event" and it takes a committee to plan and execute it. If you can help, please contact PFN Mike Bir at [bir@prodigy.net](mailto:bir@prodigy.net).

## ***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](http://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](mailto:jgiacal@verizon.net).

## ***Assembly Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of the Fraternal Year***

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