

2019-2020 Leadership

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Meeting Cancellations/Postponements Due to COVID-19

Because of state of Maryland, Maryland District, and St. Michael's, Poplar Springs, actions taken in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, both the March 26 Assembly meeting (Renewal of Promises) and the March 28 Maryland District Biennial Meeting at St. Michael's have been cancelled. Assembly delegate voting usually conducted at the Biennial Meeting is expected to be conducted by e-mail. The Maryland VA has also requested that we postpone the Veterans Picnic previously scheduled for June 13 to the late summer / early fall. Please stay tuned for Assembly e-mails and newsletters regarding future Assembly meetings and activities.

Fourth Degree Exemplification in Ocean City

The annual Maryland District Patriotic (Fourth) Degree Exemplification was held earlier this month in Ocean City. Although a number of candidates expressed valid concerns related to the COVID-19 virus and decided not to participate, over 20 candidates from the District were exemplified, including two new Sir Knights from our Assembly, Richard Kaelin of St. Michael's Council and Steve Tolkacevic of Resurrection Council. We understand that consideration is being given to an additional Exemplification later in the spring, perhaps in the Emmitsburg area, that could allow our Assembly's remaining candidates to be exemplified during the current fraternal year.

At the Saturday evening banquet, both our Assembly and an Assembly Sir Knight received recognition. Our Assembly received the Civic Award for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year, and PFN and current Color Corps Commander Marty Nau was recognized as our Assembly's Color Corpsman of the year!

Thanks are due to all who contributed to our Assembly's Navigator's Room (a.k.a. Hospitality Room). We were one of only two Assemblies (in addition to the District Master) that had a Navigator's/Hospitality Room. Our "full-service" room provided a Friday evening dinner and post-dinner reception, a Saturday morning breakfast and post-Exemplification lunch, as well as a post-banquet reception on Saturday evening.



New Sir Knights Richard Kaelin and Steve Tolkacevic, flanked by Exemplification Honoree Rev. Msgr. Martin Feild and FN Steve Mason.



Our Assembly Navigator's Room welcomed District Friar Rev. Donald Grzymski, visitors from other Assemblies, Assembly Sir Knights, and spouses.

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

Well, brothers, it has been an interesting month. It may seem like that everything was shut down, but Assembly 2595 showed up in Ocean City, MD, with the aid of disenfectant wipes and social distancing as much as possible. Our Color Corps members participated in all segments of the ceremony as some 20+ candidates were able to attend and receive their Fourth Degree. Our Assembly had two brothers receive full Knighthood at this event. Congratulations to both Stephen Tolkacevic and Richard Kaelin.



I was also pleased that we received two awards for our assembly at the Exemplification: #1 Worthy Color Corps Commander Marty Nau received an award for Color Corpsman of the Year 2020 for

our Assmbly, and #2 Assembly 2595 received the Civic Award for outstanding implementation of patriotic programming, which was awarded for the patriotic leadership under Past Faithful Navigator Michael Jacobs. Congratulations to both of these outstanding brothers who do so much for our assembly.

At the Exemplification, I was able to have several minutes with our District Master, Fritz Leach, who advised that all Renewal of Promises that have not been completed are cancelled. This event was to be held at St. Michael's on March 26. Along with this information, he advised that the biennial meeting that was to be held on March 28 at St. Michael's will be completed with the delegates by e-mail, most likely on the same date.

Another event that we need to be thinking about is the Master's Seminar to be held at St. Michael's on June 6. The VA has already asked us to postpone the Veteran's Picnic that was scheduled for June 13.

I will be sure to keep everyone up to date regarding future meetings. Also be advised that in addition to St. Michael's, both St. Peter's, and Resurrection are in a shutdown mode.

Remember, please be careful and only venture out if absolutely necessary, and adhere to all the recommendations that your local area government, and the state of Maryland are issuing. "Keep your distance!"

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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 <u>kcmaryland4th@yahoogroups.com</u>
 - b. To subscribe <u>kcmaryland4th-subscribe@yahoogroups.com</u>
- 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 FY 2020

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City Thursday, May 28, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs Saturday, June 6, District Master's Navigators Seminar, hosted at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs Thursday, June 25, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Peter's, Libertytown