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# Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595

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#### Picnic for Veterans Scheduled for Saturday, June 15

Our fourth annual Picnic for Veterans has been scheduled for 11:00 am (note new earlier start time) on Saturday, June 15, at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD 21771). Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir has agreed to chair the picnic again this year, and has reserved the pavilion. We are expecting 10-15 veterans (most in wheelchairs) from the Loch Raven VA Center and about 25 veterans from the Perry Point VA Center (mostly mobile) to attend.

With the expected total attendance (perhaps 100, including the veterans, VA attendants assisting them, and volunteers), 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.

We are seeking additional food and drink donations from members of our Assembly and their families. VA rules state that we can only provide salads and desserts that are commercially prepared. We can provide fresh fruits and vegetables. We are also asking for donations of items to be put in gift bags for the vets attending, including socks, word search puzzles, deodorant, ball caps, individually wrapped snacks, lip balm, lotion, slippers, water shoes, and blankets. It would be great if those could be delivered at the Assembly meeting at St. Peter's on Thursday, May 23.

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 various items are as follows:

Sodas/water: Steve Mason (<u>swmmason@aol.com</u>) Salads/desserts: Jim Coolahan (jim.coolahan@comcast.net) or Mike Borkoski (<u>MBorkoski@gmail.com</u>) Gift bag items: Mike Bir (<u>bir@prodigy.net</u>) or Martin Luchansky (martinluchansky@gmail.com)

And, of course, if you can help on the day of the event just socializing with the vets, please participate.

#### Reminder – Assembly Meeting at St. Peter's on May 23

Our May Assembly meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 23, at St. Peter's, Libertytown. Our Assembly is preparing for a number of activities, and needs your help! Please plan to attend. The meeting will be held in Sappington Hall.

#### Memorial Day Mass at St. Peter's on May 27

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, at 11:00 am, St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown will celebrate its annual Memorial Day Mass, and Grotto ceremony following the Mass, to remember and honor our heroes. The Color Corps will be posting flags before Mass and carrying flags in leading the procession to the Grotto. Practice will be held on Saturday, May 25 at 6:00 pm at St. Peter's.

## From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

Sir Knights, as we close in on the end of May, many celebrations have taken place. We celebrated our Mother's Day, giving them the true praise that they deserve. For all of you who can still spend time with them, I hope it was a wonderful day for them. If you're like me, I had to send my praise to my mother through our Lord Jesus Christ and she is in his loving arms.

We also celebrate our Mother Mary, Queen of the Knights. To quote our prayer to her, "Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your



Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus." Like our Mothers, she had to carry her baby for 9 months, raise us, protect us, watch us grow to be young men and all the while, rely on our heavenly Father that our futures were his will.

On Monday, May 27, we as a country will remember those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. St Peter's will be holding a special Mass that day to recognize their deeds. Color Corps support will be on hand as we celebrate Mass, and then proceed to the Grotto to recite the Gettysburg address, read the names of the military men and women who have gone before us, and then gather for a light reception afterwards. Please let me know if you would like to attend. Finally, our upcoming May meeting held at St Peter's will be the final one before our annual Veterans Picnic. Please, consider attending to honor the Veterans from Loch Raven and Perry Point. It will be an honor to give back to them as Knights of Columbus.

God Bless.

Mike Jacobs Faithful Navigator, 2018-19 faithfulnavigator@kofcassembly2595.org

## Secret Service Facility Tour on Friday, May 31

Our Assembly's Faithful Captain (FC) Steve Mason, also a member Resurrection Council 11341, has arranged for Assembly 2595 and Council 11341 members to receive a tour of the United States Secret Service's Training facility in Laurel on Friday, May 31, at 10:00 am. FC Steve has provided all of the information that follows. The tour will last approximately four hours. This opportunity came about because FC Steve has taken other groups to this tour and was able to make contact with an old friend who has helped him to set up the tour. FC Steve is a retired Secret Service Agent who served for 23 years. The Secret Service is a federal law enforcement agency under the Department of Homeland Security that is charged with conducting criminal investigations and protecting the nation's current and past leaders. As one of the oldest and best law enforcement agencies, it was formed on July 5, 1865, when two-thirds of all paper currency in the United States was counterfeit.

In order to participate in the tour, FC Steve needs to have those attending cleared for admittance to the facility. To do this, he needs to provide a list of attendees with their full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number. He needs that data no later than May 24. The tour is limited to 40 persons. So please get your information to FC Steve by the date requested.

There is likely to be a car pool from the Church of the Resurrection leaving no later than 8:30 am on the tour date. For anyone who cannot meet at the church and wants to go directly, the address is the James J. Rawley Training Center, 9200 Powder Mill Road. Laurel, MD. Please arrive no later than 9:45 am.

FC Steve is certain that you will enjoy this tour, which will give you an interesting view of what agents go through to prepare to be investigative/protection agents for the Secret Service. You will get an up-close look at the President's vehicle. You will be given an actual ride in a vehicle that agents use to train on driving the President. You will be shown the weapons the Service uses, and a demonstration of their bomb detection canine partners, along with other interesting training programs such as the CAT, or Counter Assault Teams.

You may call FC Steve on his cell phone at 443-315-7150 or his home phone at 410-313-8649 with your data. Please don't put your personal data in an email. If you cannot reach FC Steve by telephone, please leave your number and he will call you back. If you need to contact FC Steve by e-mail, you can reach him at <a href="mailto:swmmason@aol.com">swmmason@aol.com</a>.

#### Hosting of Master's Seminar at St. Michael's on Saturday, June 8

Our Assembly once again has the privilege of hosting the annual Master's Seminar at St. Michael's on Saturday, June 8. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and end by 2:00 pm. We will be serving a continental breakfast and lunch for the attendees. If you can provide some home-made goodies for breakfast or lunch, they are a welcome tradition of our Assembly. Setup and breakfast preparation will begin at 8:00 am. Lunch is planned for 12:00 noon. Cleanup should be complete by 2:30 or 3:00 pm. If you can assist, please contact Faithful Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky at martinluchansky@gmail.com.

#### Schedule of Assembly Meetings and Activities for Remainder of FY 2019

Thursday, May 23, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting at St. Peter's, Libertytown

Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26, Toiletries for Vets Collection at St. Peter's, Libertytown

Monday, May 27, 11:00 am, Memorial Day Mass and Grotto Ceremony, St. Peter's, Libertytown (Color Corps activity)

Saturday, June 8, 8:00 am, District Master's Seminar at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

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