



2017-2018 Leadership

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Assembly Website

<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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Christmas Cards for Our Deployed Service Members

One of the significant patriotic programs initiated by District Master Tom Greul is the inscription and mailing of Christmas cards to members of our deployed Service members. In 2016, our District sent thousands of Christmas cards to Service members deployed overseas. A few of those Christmas cards even made their way to Service members deployed on the International Space Station!

Once again this year, our Assembly has participated in the program, with opportunities to inscribe notes on Christmas cards provided in each of our three constituent Councils and parishes. The inscribed cards will be provided to the District Master in early December for forwarding. Thanks to all Sir Knights who supported this patriotic activity!



Both grandchildren and Knights inscribe personal notes to deployed Service members on Christmas cards.

Flag Pole Re-Dedication at St. Michael's on Veterans Day

Continuing our Assembly's tradition, our Color Corps participated, along with members of St. Michael's Council and their local Boy Scout Troop, in the annual re-dedication of the flagpole at St. Michael's in Poplar Springs. The American flag that has flown at St. Michael's since November 2016 was retired, and a new flag raised in its place on Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11. Thanks to Faithful Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky for leading our Assembly's participation.

Annual Collection of Items for Vets Has Been Completed

Our Assembly's annual fall collection of items for veterans has been completed. Approximately \$1,000 of toiletries, books, DVDs, CDs, etc., were collected by various means at our Assembly's three constituent parishes. The donated items, comprising approximately eight cubic feet in nine boxes, will be taken to the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore in early December.

Assembly members in each Council/parish coordinated the collection. At St. Michael's, Faithful Trustee / Past Faithful Navigator Dale Solarz coordinated the collection from parishioners, as did Past Faithful Navigator Mike Bir at St. Peter's. At Resurrection, Faithful Navigator Jim Coolahan and Sir Knight Ted Rieve staffed a table at Resurrection Council's Italian Dinner to collect items. In addition, two boxes of DVDs and CDs that were unsold at Resurrection's Second Hand Treasure Sale were provided to our Assembly for donation to the VA center.

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

First of all, I wish Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Assembly members and your families. Thanksgiving is a truly unique American holiday that celebrates the heritage of our nation, well before its official founding in 1776. Let us all give thanks for the many benefits we have received!

As mentioned on the first page of this newsletter, we are at the conclusion of two patriotic events that have required us to engage non-Assembly members in each of our three associated Councils/parishes, and each responded with enthusiasm. Thanks to the Council/parish coordinators for both the collection for vets and the District's Christmas card program!

If you have received your November issue of *Knightline* and haven't yet read it, please take a look at the box on the bottom of page 7. It lists the 101 assemblies across the entire Knights of Columbus organization that won the Star Assembly Award for the 2016-17 fraternal year. The award recognizes assemblies that have excelled in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, and keeping their members and others informed of assembly activities. This is the second year in a row that we are receiving this recognition. Congratulations to Past Faithful Navigator Michael Bir for leading us during this period. We will receive a plaque later in the year.



At the November 20 Assembly meeting, we began to discuss the scheduling of two events for the first quarter of 2018 – our now annual chili cook-off, and our Meet the Candidates reception a couple/few weeks prior to the March 23-25 Exemplification. Look for more information on these events in future newsletters.

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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Picnic for Veterans Scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018

Mark your calendars! 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. Two of our Assembly's chefs (Faithful Captain Mike Jacobs and Sir Knight Mike Lee) are already onboard. If you would like to help, please contact PFN Mike Bir at bir@prodigy.net.

Invitation to Eagle Scout Court of Honor on December 10 at St. Michael's

As those of you who participated in this past June's Picnic for Veterans will remember, the event was greatly enhanced by the involvement of Boy Scouts from St. Michael's, who escorted the veterans in wheel chairs from the buses, and played a set of games with them that the Scouts had designed and built. Those games were the Eagle Scout project of Joshua Trautwein, son of Sir Knight Ralph Trautwein of our Assembly.

Because of our Assembly's association and involvement with his project, Joshua has invited all Assembly members to attend his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 pm at St. Michael's. So that they can plan for the number of attendees, please contact SK Ralph Trautwein at trautwein@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Update on Transition to New Color Corps Uniform

As previously communicated, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council announced in August a change to the Fourth Degree uniform worn by the Color Corps, from the tuxedo/cape/chapeau-based uniform to a new blazer/beret-based uniform. At that time, it was announced that the old uniform could no longer be worn after June 30, 2018. As our Assembly's Color Corps members already know from an e-mail from Faithful Color Corps Commander Martin Luchansky, we were informed on November 20 by the Secretary to the District Master that the Supreme Master has announced a change to the transition, specifically that "The wearing of the current regalia which includes the cape and chapeau has been extended to June 30, 2019."

Assembly Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of the Fraternal Year

Thursday, December 28, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Thursday, January 25, 7:30 pm, at St. Peter's, Libertytown

Thursday, February 22, 7:30 pm, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs (Renewal of Promises)

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