



## 2020-2021 Leadership

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## Assembly Website

<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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### Vote!

As Worthy District Master Fritz Leach reminds all of us in the October District Newsletter, "As citizens of this great Nation, as Catholics, as Knights of Columbus, and especially as Fourth Degree Sir Knights, it is our obligation to vote and to encourage all others to do so." A number of you may have already voted by mail, and early in-person voting began on Monday, October 26, in Maryland. If you have not yet voted, please take advantage of early voting through November 2, or in-person voting on Election Day, November 3. And if you know anyone who needs a ride to vote in person, please offer to take them!

### **Honor Our Veterans on Veterans Day by Sending a Photo of You Standing by Your American Flag at Home**

With the restrictions on in-person meetings and events because of COVID-19, it has been difficult for our Assembly to conduct patriotic events. Many, if not most, of our Assembly's Sir Knights proudly display American flags at their homes. To honor our country's veterans on Veterans Day, our Assembly is organizing a "virtual patriotic event." If you have an American flag on display at your home, please have a photo taken of you (and family members if you wish) standing next to your American flag displayed at full staff – it can be on a free-standing flag pole or on a flagpole mounted at an angle on your home, porch, or other mounting. Preferably, please pick a sunny day, with a gentle breeze, between now and Sunday, November 8.

Once you have a photo you like, please e-mail your photo to Assembly newsletter editor, PFN Jim Coolahan, at [jim.coolahan@comcast.net](mailto:jim.coolahan@comcast.net). We will create a gallery of these photos on the Assembly web site, and publish a link to that gallery on Veterans Day, November 11. We will also include selected photos in a collage in the November Assembly newsletter.

### **Flag Re-Dedication at St. Michael's on November 14**

For many years, it has been a tradition at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs, around Veterans Day, to lower the American flag flying on the flagpole during the previous year, and raising a new flag in its place. This year, the flag re-dedication will occur at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 14. Our Assembly's Color Corps will assist in the re-dedication. All Assembly members are invited to attend.

### **Virtual Exemplification on November 7**

Time is tight for nominating Third Degree Knights for the virtual Exemplification to the Fourth Degree on November 7. If you know of a potential candidate, please contact Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray at [murray20794@comcast.net](mailto:murray20794@comcast.net) no later than October 31.

### **Patriotic Degree Web Sites**

1. Maryland Fourth Degree – <https://kcmaryland4th.org/>
2. McGivney Guild – <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

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

My Fellow Sir Knights, I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well!! We had our first in-person meeting on Thursday, September 24, at St. Michael's Church, Poplar Springs. It was great to see many of you there. We conferred Knighthood to eleven of our newest Sir Knights. And we also had installation of our Officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Our meeting finished up with an informal meal outdoors, where we got to meet many of the newest members. A special thanks to Fr. Mike Ruane for standing in as the Faithful Friar, and to Worthy Master Fritz Leach and Worthy Marshal Tommy Ebaugh for officiating at the installation.



I do want to bring to your attention that we have moved the final two General Meetings of the 2020 year to the third Wednesday of the months of November (11/18) and December (12/16). Your Zoom meeting invitations will be forthcoming. This newsletter also includes a notice from Worthy Trustee PFN Mike Jacobs explaining the Christmas Card for the Military program. He has volunteered to run the program for 2020-2021. Thanks, Mike!!

Please be sure to have your voice heard and exercise your right to vote. Early voting opened on October 26 in Maryland. Please, please VOTE!!!!

Please join me in prayer that the current pandemic will subside and that a vaccine will soon be available. We pray for those adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Best always and Vivat Jesus!

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## ***Christmas Cards for Deployed Service Members***

Every year, people all over the world celebrate the spirit of the season with a Christmas tradition: sending Christmas cards to friends and family alike. Whether sending them to folks back home, or distributing them among neighbors, people find joy in the simple act of sending season's greetings to those they love. But this year, consider spreading cheer overseas by sending Christmas cards to soldiers stationed away from home. What better way to show our heroes abroad how much we appreciate their work and sacrifice than by sending them warm thoughts and affection in the form of a Christmas card this holiday season? Our Assembly will be collecting your virtual Christmas cards to send to our Military troops.

When offering a salutation, try using more generic greetings like "Dear Hero", "Dear Troop", "Dear Service Member", or something similar. Your cards will be going to all sorts of members of our military across different branches and services, so keep that in mind when you're writing content and bringing up topics. When writing your letter or card, it is important to keep your messaging positive. Our service members look forward to letters from civilians as an escape and a way to forget the stress of active duty, so it's important that any letters or cards addressed to them stay focused on upbeat, happy thoughts and ideas. Be sure to thank them for their service and remind them that it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Feel free to remind them that they are in your prayers. For letter content, talk about yourself: tell them about things you like, what you do, or about where you live. Feel free to include a drawing or picture of yourself or something you would like to show them. We look forward to receiving your cards! Please e-mail your cards to PFN Michael and Robyn Jacobs at [bsketlady@comcast.net](mailto:bsketlady@comcast.net) by **November 17** so they can be printed and sent out by Thanksgiving. God bless and have a Merry Christmas, Sir Knight Michael Jacobs.

## ***How to Submit an Online Prayer Request***

We have had a number of prayer requests mentioned at recent Assembly meetings. But you do not have to wait to participate in an Assembly meeting. Our Assembly web site provides a way to submit a prayer request that will be available online for 30 days for all to review. To submit a prayer request, go to our Assembly web site at <http://kofcAssembly2595.org>. Then select PRAYER REQUESTS at the left. This will take you to a new page. Once there, click on SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST. You will then be asked to enter your K od C member number and a pass code (which is your birthday), after which you can enter your prayer request. (Note: It may take a while for new Sir Knights to have their membership information reflected in the web site, which may affect your ability to submit prayer requests.)

## ***Schedule of Upcoming Assembly Meetings for Fraternal Year 2020-2021***

Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting, using Zoom

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting, using Zoom