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Assembly Meeting on Thursday, October 28, Both In Person at St. Peter's, and Remotely on Zoom

Our Assembly's October meeting will be held at St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown in Sappington Hall, and broadcast using Zoom, on this coming Thursday, October 28, starting at 7:30 pm. Zoom meeting login/dial-in information was included in the e-mail that forwarded this newsletter to Assembly members. Among other items, we will be recapping the highly successful Veterans Picnic on September 26. (See article below.)

Highlights of the Veterans Picnic on September 26

from materials provided by PFN Marty Nau

Our Assembly held its fifth Veterans Picnic at the Old National Pike District Park in New Market, Maryland on Sunday, September 26. These picnics are one of the patriotic activities that the Assembly sponsors to honor our active and retired military veterans to thank them for their service and many sacrifices to the country. This picnic is especially meaningful as it directly affects those veterans that are confined to VA hospitals and nursing homes in the Baltimore area. This year, the patients were from Perry Point VA Medical Center in Northeastern Maryland.

As has been the custom, our Assembly has a team of BBQ grillers and smokers who prepare a great quantity of smoked pulled pork and grilled chicken, sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs along with sides, to serve the 20+ veterans and their assistants from the hospital that arrived by bus around noon at the park pavilion. Our Assembly is most grateful to our corporate partner, Wegmans of Frederick, for their continued support of this program through their donation of all the meat, rolls and condiments for the picnic. Mission BBQ of Frederick and Columbia also supplied sides of baked beans and Mac-n-Cheese to round out the menu.

In addition to Sir Knights of our Assembly and their families, Boy Scouts from Troop 428 of St. Michael's, Poplar Springs, also participated. A featured group at the picnic, as entertainment and instruction for the veterans, was the Warrior Canine Connection service dogs, and their handlers who gave presentations about the utility of these canines as emotional support animals for many veterans with different traumatic stress-related issues, to help them reconnect with their families, communities and their lives after seeing combat duty.

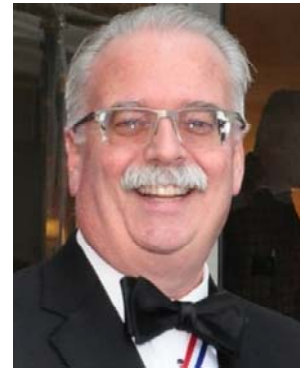
The bus of veterans was welcomed by the Knights, Scouts and family members as it pulled up to the pavilion. As they disembarked the bus, to the applause and accolades of the crowd, they quickly headed to the tables for a delicious lunch, preceded by a National Anthem and pledge of Allegiance and grace.

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From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

My Fellow Sir Knights:

Welcome to October. The Summer is fading and Fall is here. Soon it will be Thanksgiving, and Christmas is just around the corner. This is my favorite time of year! Our Assembly has been busy and active. Our Veterans Picnic was a great success! Thank you to PFN SK Mike Bir for chairing the event. Thanks to our "Holy Smokers" SK Mike Lee, PFN SK Marty Nau and PFN SK Mike Jacobs for the terrific treats that came off of "Zeke" the BBQ! The Veterans all had a terrific time and each left with a take-home plate full of BBQ.



Thanks to all of our sponsors: Wegmans in Frederick who donated all of the meat the Holy Smokers prepared, Mission BBQ in Columbia and Frederick for the delicious pans of Mac n Cheese and BBQ Beans! We also had the pleasure of seeing and hearing from the Warrior Canine Connection who train service dogs as companions for Veterans with PTSD and the Boy Scouts who came and played board games as well as cornhole with the vets!

There is still time to recruit for the upcoming exemplification on 11/6/21 at the Pangborn Assembly in Hagerstown. Please get those Form 4s in quickly!

Also, please remember to check our website frequently for events / prayer requests / Color Corps events / news and announcements and much more at <http://kofcAssembly2595.org>.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10/28/21 at St. Peter's, Libertytown. This will be a hybrid meeting and the Zoom link will be sent to all members before the meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Lewis
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Fr. Michael J. McGivney Assembly #2595

Links to Affiliated Council Websites

St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council: #10525: <https://kofc10525.org>

Resurrection Council #11341: <https://www.knightsofcolumbus.org>

St. Peter the Apostle Council #13290: <http://kofc13290.org>

Patriotic Degree Web Sites

1. Maryland Fourth Degree – <https://kcmaryland4th.org/>
2. MD Fourth Degree GroupIO Group – <https://groups.io/g/KCMaryland4thDegree>
3. McGivney Guild – <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

Upcoming Meetings and Events for Fraternal Year 2021-2022

Thursday, October 28, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting, St. Peter's, Libertytown, and using Zoom
Saturday, November 6, 11:15 am, Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Pangborn Assembly, Hagerstown
Thursday, November 18, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting, St. Michael's, Poplar Springs, and using Zoom
Wednesday, December 22, 7:30 pm, Assembly meeting, Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City, and using Zoom

Highlights of the Veterans Picnic on September 26 (continued from page 1)

Following lunch, the veterans were able to partake in some bean bag tossing games, chess and checkers, and battleship board games with the Scouts and Knights. The Warrior Canine Connection service dogs mingled with the veterans and guests to the delight of all who met these beautiful animals. Then, before leaving for home, the veterans were able to pack up take-home meals for the trip back to the hospital. Each veteran was given a goodie bag of personal hygiene items and baseball caps, games, playing cards, pocket-size tape measures, cooling towels, and even a desktop cornhole game.

Upon their departure, the Knights and the Scouts lined the driveway from the pavilion and rendered a salute to the veterans as the bus pulled away.

Thanks to PFN Mike Bir for coordinating the picnic again this year, and to the many Sir Knights, family members, Boy Scouts, and Warrior Connection Canine members who helped.

See below for some photos from the picnic. Note: we cannot share personally identifiable photos of the veterans.

