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<http://kofcAssembly2595.org>

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Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595

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Assembly Meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 23, at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Our Assembly's monthly meeting will be held on this coming Thursday, February 23, starting at 7:00 pm, at St. Michael's in Poplar Springs. The meeting will be held in the Knights Room. We will be discussing initial plans for our Veterans Picnic on June 24.

Exemplification on Saturday, March 4, at St. Peter's

The next Maryland District Patriotic Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, March 4, at St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown, a very convenient location for the three Councils affiliated with our Assembly. This will be a one-day event, with registration of candidates beginning at 10:30 am, the exemplification starting at 11:30 am, followed by a banquet. A flyer describing the exemplification is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Time is short to get new candidates approved, so please quickly publicize this to Knights in your Council who have their Knighthood (Third) Degree. A Form 4 to apply for the Patriotic Degree can be obtained from Faithful Comptroller Rick Murray at murray20794@comcast.net.

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>

Links to Patriotic Degree Websites

1. Maryland Fourth Degree – <https://kcmaryland4th.org/>
2. MD 4th Degree GroupIO – <https://groups.io/g/KCMaryland4thDegree>
3. McGivney Guild – <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm, Assembly meeting, St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Saturday, March 4, 10:30 am, Patriotic Degree Exemplification, St. Peter's, Libertytown

Thursday, March 23, 7:00 pm, Assembly meeting, St. Michael's, Poplar Springs

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 pm, Assembly meeting, St. Peter's, Libertytown

From the Navigator's Stateroom ...

My Fellow Sir Knights:

I hope you all enjoyed a romantic St. Valentine's Day with your Lady and/or family.

We have a 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Peter's in Libertytown on March 4. I think St. Michael's Council has two men ready to accept their Knighthood Degree. We know of one candidate from Resurrection. Hopefully, St. Peter's will send more than one Knight for the degree. I hope that all of our Councils can have two candidates before the Exemplification. Please ask your fellow Knights and get the Form 4s signed, along with the checks.



Sir Mike Bir has started planning the June Veterans picnic. More to come at the business meeting.

Faithful Admiral Mike Lewis is chairing the team for a Flag Retirement this Spring. Things are happening. Lent begins this Wednesday; please try to go to Mass and get your ashes on your forehead. Go to the morning Mass, so you can wear your ashes proudly throughout Ash Wednesday.

Fish Fries start this Friday at St. Michael's from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm with Stations of the Cross starting in the large church at 7 pm. Does the Assembly want to meet at a Friday Fish Fry at St. Michael's, then attend the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm as an Assembly? Let's talk about it this Thursday during New Business at our meeting. I'll be manning the steak fryer again.

This Thursday, Sir Chef Al says we are having his chili, which would have been the winning chili if we had a chili contest. Let's show up to see if he is correct! I doubt it; I think my Polish sausage chili would still be better, but I'll let you know after we eat on Thursday.

See you all Thursday,

God Bless

Mel

Sir Melvin F. Szymanski

Navigator, Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly #2595

Some Maryland Right-to-Life News (adapted; reprinted with permission)

Recently, some lawmakers in the Maryland General Assembly introduced both the abortion constitutional amendment bill and the assisted suicide bill.

[House Bill 705 Declaration of Rights-Right to Reproductive Freedom](#)

Sponsor: Speaker Adrienne Jones (D-Baltimore County)

(Constitutional Amendment – Requires 3/5 passage for ballot question November 2024)

[Senate Bill 845 End of Life Option Act](#)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D-Montgomery County)

Please mobilize your networks to oppose these bills.

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THE TOP TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO DEFEND LIFE NOW

1- PRAY- Prayer warriors, we need organized, group prayer now for the conversion of hearts and the protection of our pro-life lobbyists and supporters.

2 - TESTIFY. Prepare your opposition testimony now. Watch for upcoming hearing dates at <https://www.mdrtl.org/legislation.html>. Register to testify on the [Maryland General Assembly MYMGA](#) page.

If you represent an organization, please line up your strongest witnesses now to provide *oral* testimony.

We are asking all pro-life citizens to submit *written* opposition testimony and CALL your state lawmakers.

3 - LOBBY. Organizational leaders - we could use you in Annapolis now to meet with legislators with us. Outreach to the Black Legislative Caucus is essential. Please call me to let me know when you are available.

4- INFORM. Circulate the [MDRTL TAKE ACTION](#) flyer, along with the [Abortion on Demand](#) flyer and the [Assisted Suicide](#) flyer. (Print back to back.)

5- TAKE ACTION. Assist all contacts in utilizing our Voter Voice campaigns on our [TAKE ACTION](#) page. Here they can send emails and get phone numbers for their legislators. Advise them to write and call on each bill separately.

6- MEDIA OUTREACH. Using the messaging from our flyers and TAKE ACTION page, write and release commentary and letters to the editor for print media. Be sure to follow the Maryland Right to Life Facebook page for social media posts you can share. Use every social media platform you can to guide people to our TAKE ACTION page. Post your own video messages. Line up speaking engagements with churches and community organizations and circulate the flyers.

7- ORGANIZE. Drive participation in our TAKE ACTION campaigns. Use social media to issue challenges to friends to participate.

8- MARCH. Turn Out Pro-Lifers for the **Maryland March for Life, February 27th**, beginning at 5 pm at St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. We do a great job of organizing large groups and buses for the national march, but the fight has been returned to the states and we need numbers in Annapolis.

9- RALLY. Peaceful, non-violent rallies may be held in Annapolis and locally, on key hearing dates. Schedule a press conference with friendly legislators. Rallies can be earned media opportunities to help get the word out. Wearing the same color or stickers helps visibility. (When rallying in Annapolis, you should follow state and local ordinances and attempt to secure a permit through the [Maryland Capitol Police](#).) Please note, Maryland Right to Life does not have a legal defense fund. Know your rights as pro-life advocates (see [Thomas More Law Society](#)).

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights perform exemplary deeds for God, country, and the Order. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus unites to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each Assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each Assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

What You Will Need to Bring with You

1. Proper Uniform (Dark suit)
2. Your, Third Degree Membership card
3. Name and number of the Assembly you are joining.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Registration of Candidates. 10:30-11:15 AM
Exemplification..... 11:30 AM
Banquet Following Exemplification

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Candidate Initiation Fee includes one banquet ticket, lapel pin, social baldric, and processing fees.

Lay Candidates, Deacons and
Seminarians..... \$70.00
Priests & Members of Religious Orders \$40.00
Additional Banquet Ticket..... \$30.00
Ladies' Activity\$N/A

Each candidate will receive one free banquet ticket. No credit is allowed if the candidate does not attend the Banquet.

PAYMENT:

Exemplification Fees should be paid to your Assembly. Each Assembly should submit one check for all candidates, additional banquet tickets and ladies activities, payable to the **Master of the Fourth Degree.**

Mail to SK Jeffrey Wilk,
2910 Gray Beech Ct,
Harwood, MD 20776

EXEMPLIFICATION DRESS CODE

The official dress for the Fourth Degree Exemplification is:

- Dark suit
- White dress shirt
- Dress shoes
- Members of the armed forces, police, and firefighters may wear dress uniforms
- Religious may wear their clerical garb

Current 4th Degree members may also wear the current uniform or dark suit with a social baldric (under the jacket) and PG-113 lapel pin.

CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Candidates with medical or physical disabilities are to report to the District Marshal. Their Assembly will escort those with special needs to and from the exemplification room.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

February 18, 2023

LADIES' ACTIVITY:

There will be an informal Ladies' Activity at the March First Saturday in Frederick, MD.

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Assemblies in the Maryland District:

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly #375

FN: Peter Hammerer 410-852-1042
Councils: 205, 2901, 14102, 17759

Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly #376

FN: John Hershberger 301-790-5922
Councils: 586, 1058, 1442, 1771, 5450

Msgr. Edward Mickle Assembly #378

FN: Richard Lafferty 410-202-7249
Councils: 3489, 11616

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #379

FN: Joseph Langan 443-791-2195
Councils: 1393, 5208, 7612, 9127, 11631

St. Francis Xavier Assembly #380

FN John Marley 410-459-9331
Councils: 2002, 2427, 4714, 6188

Admiral William S. Benson, USN Assembly #381

FN: Larry South 410-757-3263
Councils: 5263, 7025, 8251, 10881, 11214, 11552, 14534

Bishop McNamara Assembly #384

FN: Dirk Griffin 301-639-5995
Councils: 1622, 11703, 14726, 14011

Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly #385

FN: Erwin Lacanienta 408-849-7224
Councils: 2521, 5058, 6021, 9462, 11615, 11787

Pangborn Assembly #387

FN: John Navarro 301-512-3980
Councils: 1365

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly #1620

FN: Thomas Devlin 443-869-1542
Councils: 1960, 4449, 5466, 7559, 9638, 10648, 11898, 13294

Fr. Joseph Mosley Assembly #1929

FN: Daniel Tuel 410-924-0596
Councils: 2274, 12054

Christopher Columbus Assembly #2272

FN: Joseph Nichols 443-838-2463
Councils: 370, 2452, 2605, 2942, 10137, 13859

Pope Saint Paul VI Assembly #2367

FN: Jeffrey Maynard 443-220-1583
Councils: 3413, 10966, 14612, 17990

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Councils: 8736, 9729, 10100, 11372

Pope John Paul II Assembly #2454

FN: Joseph Kostelac 410-726-2126
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Councils: 10525, 11341, 13290

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Councils: 7941, 14189, 11248

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Councils: 11815, 12255, 15985

Col. Anthony F. Naples, USA Assembly #3245

FN: Stephen Furth 443-540-8167
Councils: 11618, 12180, 12524, 14099

Our Lady of Victory Assembly #3389

FN: Richard Briggs 410-236-8113
Councils: 4011, 9815

St. Joseph's Assembly #3502

FN: Frank Corazza 410-804-2628
Councils: 4606, 14535, 15768, 10137

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Councils: 1384, 2809, 16611

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EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FOURTH DEGREE



Exemplification
Saturday, March 4, 2023

Exemplification Honoree:
SK E. Paul Jones, Sr., FM

St. Peter the Apostle
Roman Catholic Church
9201 Green Valley Rd.,
Libertytown, MD 21762