

# ASSEMBLY NEWS



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**FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2254**  
**THE PATRIOTIC ARM OF THE ORDER**



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## Assembly Officers

**FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**  
*Markus Bailey*

**FAITHFUL CAPTAIN**  
*Mark Furphy*

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**  
*Deacon Leo Tapler*

**FAITHFUL PILOT**  
*Nick Mazzuca*

**FAITHFUL ADMIRAL**  
*Kurt Lawler, PFN*

**FAITHFUL SCRIBE**  
*Ken Cheek*

**FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER**  
*Keith Barker, PFN*

**FAITHFUL PURSER**  
*Pat Love, PFN*

**FAITHFUL OUTER SENTINEL**  
*Joe Ozoniak*

**FAITHFUL INNER SENTINEL**  
*Mike Spire*  
**COLOR CORPS**  
**COMMANDER**  
*Tom Ernest*

**TRUSTEES**  
*Anthony Thompson, PFN*  
*Joe Baummer, PFN*  
*Jeff Brooks, PFN*

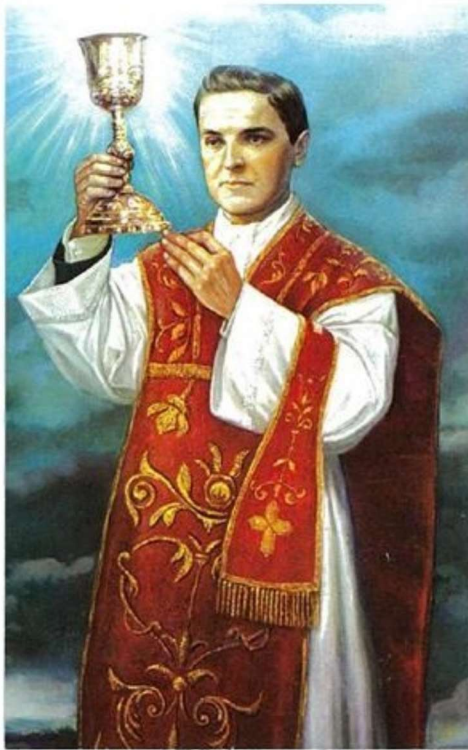
## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Sir Knights and Brothers All,  
Thank You all for the support you have given our Officers this past year.  
Let's start this next year strong. It is a blessing to be able to serve you and the parish as the Faithful Navigator. It gives a larger view of the results/effects we have on the efforts the Assembly does for the community.  
As I said in previous newsletter, my personal experiences with all that has happened this year in my family has given me a new perspective for the next year as the Faithful Navigator. Never take the next day as granted. We are only on this Earth for a limited time, and that time is only be known to him. Leave all your troubles and concerns on his shoulders and let him carry you. And that is all he asks of us.  
I have submitted the entries to the Civic Award for the 4 main evens chosen to represent us this past year. These include: Diner-Dance/Silent Auction, Chili Cook-Off, Wreaths Across America, and BSS School presentation to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade religion classes on Patriotism. There are others, but at the time, these were the ones chosen

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## Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney:



### PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please report all favors received:*

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## DISTRICT MASTER's REPORT

(Posted from the July '2023 GOLDEN PLUME)

My Brothers:

ON 3 JUN 23, Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama ordained Nicolas Rapkoch. If you don't know, Fr. Nick served nine years as a Marine. We now have two priests in the Raleigh diocese that started their careers as Marines.

WOW! On 30 JUN 23, Bishop Luis participated in the ground breaking ceremony for a new church in Hampstead. Get your regalia ready for participating in an honor guard for when the new church is built.

The State has done extremely well in recruiting new Knights. By the State Convention, they had already achieved their recruiting goal. I have talked with our State Deputy (Chris Losack), and said that he has baked a great cake. Now let's put some icing on it and get these new Knights to become 4th Degree Knights. Let's finish this cake!

I have some great Regional Marshalls to help and I'm looking for two more. One in the Fayetteville area and one in the Wilson area. If you are interested, please let me know. You must have the new regalia.

It is not too early to prepare for the next exemplification in **Asheville on 26 AUG 23** at St. Eugene. Information is on the State website. If you are having problems, let me know.

I am conducting installations across the state. A special thanks to Regional Marshall- Ron Cortopassi for getting five (5) assemblies together for a joint installation 8 Jul. I have another joint installation on 23 Jul in Southport [three assemblies]. What a great way to get together and celebrate!

Two assemblies that are that I'm talking with to host a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification are New Bern and Winston-Salem - again. What about yours?

Continue to pray for all our service personnel, our priests and Bishop Jugis.

Sir Knights—a call to action—Please support the various occasions throughout the state by wearing your regalia. These include the Marches for Life in our great state (and the national one if you can go); our State Convention; color guards and honor guards at both cathedrals, Special Olympic functions, and I'm sure that I missed more than a few. The more we have participating, the more people see us doing good, the more likely they will join us. Thank you.

**It is time to update the State Website with your new officers. Please do it now.**

***be SAFE and PRAY often***

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Asheville in August 26, 2023. This will be at St. Eugene in Asheville.

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We are always looking for new fundraisers.

On the new regalia,

I would like to push for more Sir Knights in obtaining the new regalia since we need more additions to the Honor Guard. If you have not done so, Please think about doing this.

I am in full confidence that the Sir Knights in this Assembly will ALWAYS step up to the task. "We Got This". These veterans need our support! Thank You All Sir Knights for all you do in Christ!

I am in process of ordering shirts for Assembly brothers. Currently, I have put in for the current ones requested and the company working with and waiting back with time frame.

Please send request into me (email identified below) if you need Assembly badge and/or Assembly shirt(s) for the next order.-please identify how many and size

Payment for badge's and shirts will be expected to be paid to whom ordered.

If this is your first badge with your current title, then the Assembly will reimburse for it.

I apologize for the Assembly Installation date to be moved around a lot, however the Church schedule for adoration on Thursdays, Time off for priests, Other ministry schedules and other conflicts have overlayed with each other.

Faithfully,

SK Markus Bailey, FN

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**2023**

- July 15-16      **Stuff A Truck** – Outside Grounds- Blessed sacrament
- July 23        **Blood Drive** – St Francis Rm
- July 25-        **Assembly meeting** 7:30 pm (now moved to St. Francis rm/BSC)
- July 29-        **Parish Picnic** (Outside grounds- Blessed Sacrament Church)
- July 30-        **Corporate Communion** – 10:30 am Mass
- August 2nd-    **Assembly Installation of Officer/Dinner** – 6:00pm - Blessed Sacrament Church
  - o Dinner to follow at Mama's Italian Restaurant in Burlington
- August 26-    **4<sup>th</sup> degree Exemplification** – **St. Eugene Catholic Church, Asheville, NC**
- August 26-27   **Hot Dog** fundraiser (council) event
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## SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations!!

### SIR KNIGHTS of the MONTH

<b>June 2023</b>	<b>SK Ken Cheek</b>	This Sir Knight has taken on many activities of helping with painting at the school, requirements of being the Worthy Scribe, and being available to help keep maintenance of Knights of Columbus projects.
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Below is a listing of the nominated slate of officers for the Assembly 2254 for year 2023/2024. Thank you to the nominating committee for the efforts put in. SK Jack Murray, SK Pat Love, SK Paul Spire

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Faithful Comptroller:	Keith Barker
Faithful Scribe:	Kenneth Cheek
Faithful Purser:	Patrick Love
Inner Sentinel:	Darren Hinkle
Outer Sentinel:	Nick Mazzuca
Admiral-(Appointed)	Kurt Lawler
Trustee one year:	John Farrell
Trustee two years:	Joe Baummer
Trustee three years:	Tommy Robards