

# ASSEMBLY NEWS



**MSGR. FRANCIS K. O'BRIEN**  
**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

The last couple months have been a whirl wind.

The Lenten season has passed, but to me, it is like the Spring weather that comes in March every year. All the cold winter leaving us, and new life forms in the flowers, yards, fresh air. It is time to refresh your life within being with the Lord.

Spend more time with the Lord and open yourself up to him.

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. Thank You for allowing me to be your Faithful Navigator this past year. Now that I have figured out a few things, it is now to start thinking about the next year.

Blessed, SK Markus Bailey, FN

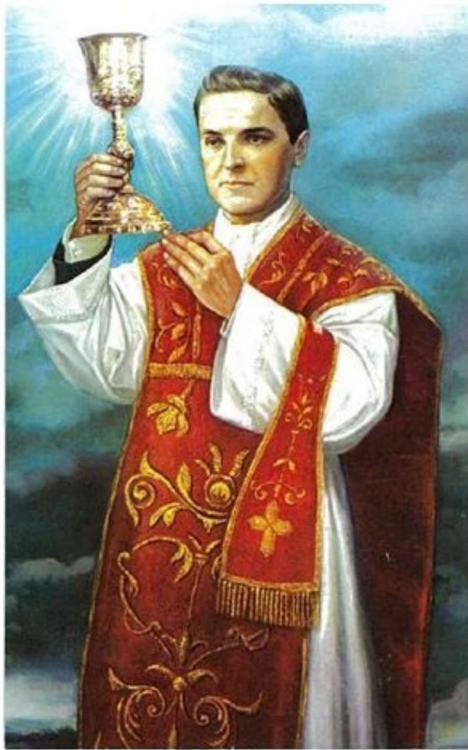
Please send request into me (email identified below) if you need Assembly badge and/or Assembly shirt(s) -please identify how many and size

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.

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<b>Faithful Pilot:</b>	Nick Mazzuca	336/228-0254	nmazzuca44@gmail.com
<b>Faithful Scribe:</b>	Ken Cheek	336/214-4676	kencheek@triad.rr.com
<b>Faithful Captain:</b>	Mark Furphy	336/512-8442	furph22@gmail.com

## 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:*

The Father McGivney Guild  
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## DISTRICT MASTER's REPORT

(Posted from the May '2023 GOLDEN PLUME)

My Brothers:

The Easter season draws near as we prepare for Pentecost. This has been a great year so far, please keep doing God's work. We are blessed.

It is not too early to prepare for the next exemplification in **Asheville on 26 AUG 23** at St. Eugene. Information will be on the State website very soon.

If you missed the Exemplification in Raleigh, you missed the second largest candidate class in three years. We had 74 present to include two priests. (I Exemplified and knighted another a few days later as he is still recovering from his "chemo" treatments.) The dinner too, was a huge success. 185 meals were prepared (and probably more) as there were plenty of observers and guests. WOW! My compliments to St. Francis of Assisi Assembly. A job well done.

I am still looking for more Exemplars and future sights for exemplifications. Recruiting now, is not too soon. And guess what, I was approached before the last Exemplification and a current Faithful Navigator wants to join our team as an Exemplar. What a great way to help Knights to become Sir Knights. The traveling also, lets you see how other councils and assemblies do their works; make new friends throughout the state, and carry-on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

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

I also wish to thank the eleven Sir Knights that brought their regalia to the State Convention. Color guards and Honor guards--You all made this even more special. You all could not hear, but as you all were performing your tasks on the Color guard detail, I could hear the bothers on the dais whispering what a great job you were doing. This made me feel even prouder! You should be very proud.

Sir Knights, keep bringing your regalia to the State Convention.

Continue to pray for all our service personnel and our priests.

Lastly, thank all who attended the State Convention and sang Happy Birthday to me.

***be SAFE and PRAY often***

JP

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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**Faithful Navigator's report continued from Page 1.**

We are looking for new fundraisers.

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!

Faithfully,  
SK Markus Bailey, FN

**UPCOMING EVENTS:  
2023**

- May 31- **BSS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (6pm-7pm)** – Blessed Sacrament Church
- June 6 - **Council Planning** – 6:30pm
- June 14 - **Council Officer Installation** – 6:30pm - Blessed Sacrament Church
- June 17- **Stuff A Truck** – 10am-12pm – Church parking lot
  - o Available in parking lot all weekend
- June 28- **Assembly Installation of Officer/Dinner** – 6:00pm - Blessed Sacrament Church
- July 4- **Snow Camp parade**
- July 10- **Council Meeting** – 6:30pm Social, 7:30pm Meeting (now moved to St. Francis rm/BSC)
- July 25- **Assembly meeting** 7:30 pm (now moved to St. Francis rm/BSC)
- August 26- **4<sup>th</sup> degree Exemplification** – **St. Eugene Catholic Church, Asheville, NC**

**Congratulations** to our newest member of the Assembly. **SK Rick Champion**

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Congratulations!!

### **SIR KNIGHTS of the MONTH**

<b>January 2023</b>	<b>SK Mark Furphy</b>	This Sir Knight has taken on the role/duties of the Worthy Grand Knight for the rest of the Fraternal year while maintaining current roles in the Assembly officer ranks and other various functions.
<b>February 2023</b>	<b>SK Nick Mazzuca</b>	This Sir Knight dedicated his time this year with communications to the council's widows, brother's in our Good of the Order, and assisting with cooking in Council and Assembly events
<b>March 2023</b>	<b>SK Jack Murray</b>	This Sir Knight is always available for guidance, leading of projects/events and just about everything the assembly is involved in
<b>April 2023</b>	<b>SK John McCravey</b>	This Sir Knight dedicates many hours behind the scenes at the requests of the Church/Council/Assembly
<b>May 2023</b>	<b>SK Keith Barker</b> <b>SK Pat Love</b>	These Sir Knights dedicate their time every month in keeping the financial record keeping straight

Some pictures from previous events

 4th Degree Knights of Columbus  
Monsignor Francis K O'Brian  
Assembly 2254

Presents their  
Annual Dinner and Dance Fund Raiser  
February 3rd, 2023

Dinner  Dance  Silent Auction 

DJ: Joe Baker

Friday, February 3rd, 2023  
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
at Blessed Sacrament Church  
Tickets are \$25 at the door

menu  
Pot Roast and Chicken Pot Pie  
Desserts

Beer and Wine available for purchase



MUSIC by Joe Don Baker





Some hanging out with the DJ playing trivia games, eating, and even some dancing....

Some winning prizes (even if temporary)



Some Silent Auction items



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