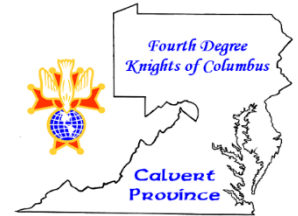




CALVERT PROVINCE PATRIOT



April 2021



We're moving towards getting totally active again!

Welcome to the sixth issue of the Calvert Province Patriot Newsletter. We continue to do very well with new Fourth/Patriotic Degree Membership as this Fraternal Year continues! By my count (not yet all processed at Supreme) we have 851 new Sir Knights in Calvert Province after completing our Exemplification of the Fourth/Patriotic Degree through March 2021. Well done to all involved! And so, we press on through Spring and Summer to the end of the Fraternal Year with more membership activity. Unfortunately, due to the Corona Virus mitigation actions, we continue to hold many events virtually, and some with social distancing, complying with local government and Diocesan rules. But even with these restrictions we held phenomenally successful Virtual Exemplifications throughout the Province so far. And I believe with vaccinations that we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel, and we may within months be able to return to in person events! Pray hard for this!

Information on the upcoming events can be found later in this newsletter, on the Calvert Province Web Site, or on the District Web Sites. These exemplifications are an important part of our development of the Fourth/Patriotic Degree, and each individual Sir Knight has an important role in these events. Not only helping during the execution of the Exemplification, but by each one of you being a recruiter and asking the new Third-Degree members in your councils, following the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, to join us in the Fourth Degree, and then assisting them to prepare for it. I need every Sir Knight in the Calvert Province to continue to push hard in this area. We need new members to conduct Patriotic Programs, serve in the Color Corps, and assist with New Assembly Development.

The preparation consists of each one of us shepherding these candidates through the paperwork and providing the needed fees for the Exemplification, and then making sure that they get there when and where the event takes place. This is the membership piece of Fourth Degree development. Following this membership piece comes the conduct of Patriotic Programs. There are many to choose from, such as becoming a Rep or a Dep Rep in the VAVS Program, volunteering at VA facilities, helping our active-duty service people, leaving no neighbor behind, or teaching school children about our flag! Another great one just being rolled out at the VA Medical Center in Washington, DC, is the Compassionate Contact Corps, where volunteers visit with veterans through telephone calls to help ensure that veterans are receiving the right care, in the right place, at the right time, and to make the home, whenever appropriate, into the preferred place of care. I'm hopeful that all VA Medical Centers will develop such a program during these challenging times! You will see many great Patriotic Programs in this newsletter! Finally, there is the Color Corps. With the price of the new uniform decreased, incentives being provided for buying the uniform and participating in the Color Corps, and other exciting initiatives in the uniform area, I hope that you will be encouraged to consider joining or returning to the Color Corps with me. Patriotic Programs, Membership, Color Corps, New Assembly Development – there is a lot for us to do to move the Fourth Degree forward, and to make our assemblies, districts, and this province better than when we got here in living Patriotism in everything that we do!

Continue the great work in leaving no Neighbor behind. Continue to help them, as you see happening in some of the programs shown in this newsletter. Treat each human being equally as we know Jesus wants us to treat them! Each one of you is doing a superb job! Take stock and ask yourself, what can I do even better, and let's move forward with those things! I appreciate everything that you do for your

brother, for your assembly, for your district, for Calvert Province, for the Fourth Degree, our Order, our Church, and our Country. Keep up the great work! Please join me as we move forward in the Calvert Province! Remember my mission: To leave Calvert province better than I found it when I became Vice Supreme Master, on September 1, 2019, when I leave this assignment. Make it your mission in your area of responsibility, too!

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From the Provincial Secretary’s Quill

Upcoming Exemplifications

2021

- April 17 Virginia - Virtual
- May 15 PA Central – Virtual
- May 29 PA East – Virtual
- June 5 Archdiocese of Washington – Virtual or Hybrid
- June 6 PA West – Cranberry Township, PA

**Provincial Statistics
 As of 3/1/2021**

Provincial Membership Goals

District	Membership Goal	YTD New Members
Archdiocese of Washington	192 (93) 46%	89
Delaware	77 (2) 97%	75
Maryland	223 (146) 34%	77
Pennsylvania Central	249 (168) 32%	81
Pennsylvania East	446 (416) 6%	30
Pennsylvania West	325 (262) 19%	63
Virginia	447 (105) 76%	342
Totals	1,977 (1,220) 38.29%	757

Some numbers from recent virtual exemplifications are not yet entered into the system

**High Performing Assemblies
 50% and Up in Membership
 As of 11/30/2020**

District	Assembly (Location)	Membership Percentage
Archdiocese of Washington	#377 (Ridge)	127%
	#1548 (Forestville)	83%
	#1763 (Bowie)	63%
	#2470 (Prince Frederick)	58%
Maryland	#3769 (Annapolis)	325%
	#376 (Cumberland)	183%
	#2378 (Hydes)	81%
Pennsylvania Central	#3755 (Pittston)	400%
	#959 (Mount Carmel)	310%
Pennsylvania East	#3787 (Philadelphia)	50%
Pennsylvania West	#968 (Indiana)	140%
	#929 (Butler)	116%
	#939 (Pittsburgh)	81%
	#918 (Latrobe)	76%
	Jeannette	
Virginia	#1720 (Danville)	275%
	#1163 (Arlington)	212%
	#2204 (Alexandria)	160%
	#1894 (Fairfax)	154%
	#2914 (Potomac Falls)	133%
	#1166 (Portsmouth)	128%
	#1164 (Newport News)	125%
	#3596 (Fairfax Station)	115%
	#2588 (Virginia Beach)	114%

	#1505 (Virginia Beach)	111%
	#2996 (Burke)	111%
	#1162 (Norfolk)	109%
	#3568 (Spotsylvania)	100%
	#1165 (Richmond)	94%
	#2185 (Chesapeake)	90%

Provincial New Assembly Goals as of 3/30/2021

District	New Assembly Location	Established (Y/N)
Archdiocese of Washington		
Delaware		
Maryland		
Pennsylvania Central		
Pennsylvania East		
Pennsylvania West		
Virginia		
Totals	Goal: 7	0

Reports

Form	Due Date	Completed
Monthly Newsletter (Star Assembly Requirement)	Monthly	Ongoing
Form #1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	Finnish Up 100%
Form #TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award	May 1 st to MFD	Coming Up!
Form #990 Tax Report EZ – Due date depends on year end	May 15 – Nov 15	Yes
Form #2321 Civic Award	June 30	Coming Up!
Form #186 Report of Officers Chosen	July 1	Yes (for most!)
Form #1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	Yes (for most!)

Need all reports turned in, even if late!
Work to get them in soonest!

Archdiocese of Military Services Chaplain's Fund

Donations to the Archdiocese of Military Services (AMS) Chaplain's Fund are always greatly appreciated. As a reminder, checks should be made out to Military Chaplains and mailed to:

Knights of Columbus
Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities
One Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

Joseph E. Murtha, FM
jem6901@msn.com

Provincial Marshal's Message

On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Maryland District Master Francis "Fritz" Leach was contacted by the Hampshire County Veterans Foundation (HCVF) with a request for help for a disabled Army Veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan among other tours of duty. This veteran, Paul Edwards, had been recently discharged from the VA hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia and moved into a small apartment in Petersburg, WV. The HCVF representative said that Mr. Edwards receives a small stipend for his disability that barely covers his monthly personal needs. She was requesting money to be sent to the HCVF in his name to assist him with getting on his feet and so on. The HCVF was running out of resources and needed help. The connection between the HCVF and the Maryland District Knights of Columbus is Past Faithful Navigator Dick Vandenburg of Our Lady of Victory Assembly #3389. The woman who contacted Master Fritz Leach is Dick's sister Janice.

Master Fritz Leach put out a request to all of our Faithful Navigators and many others to pass the word and see how we could help the Veteran. Many of us "grabbed the bull by the horns" and got to work. By the following Friday, 15 January, the Maryland District Knights of Columbus had delivered many furniture items such as a reclining loveseat, end table, 32" flat screen TV, coffee table, another recliner chair, leather desk chair, microwave and more. We also delivered three boxes of non-perishable food,

bath linens, throw rugs, knife set and still more. We were able to make this Veteran comfortable in his new apartment and show him that people care, and thank him for his service to our Great Country! After all, we were told he had nothing but (2) folding hammock-type chairs in his apartment. Additionally, many other assemblies as well as individuals sent checks to the HCVF to be used on his behalf.



This is one isolated event that just typifies what the Knights of Columbus and the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and most of all, Patriotism are all about. Five Sir Knights from four different assemblies were involved with the “hands-on” actions here, but we cannot forget about the countless others who sent money, plus the behind the scenes coordination and gathering of the food and furniture that was delivered some 150+ miles from our home territory to help a disabled veteran which none of us had ever met or heard of! God works in mysterious ways, does He not?

Monetary donations can be sent in support of “Veteran Edwards” to:
Janice Faust
c/o Hampshire County Veterans Foundation
733 Tanager Trail
Augusta, WV 26704

Please keep all Veterans, and particularly disabled Veterans in your “crosshairs”. Paul Edwards was/is deserving of our help, but he is not alone. There are many more out there that could use our help! That’s who we are. That’s what we do!

The Master of Maryland and I have just completed the last scheduled “Renewal of Obligations” for this year. Seventeen of our assemblies renewed their

obligations. Two of our Spanish speaking Brothers took their Fourth Degree with a District in Texas on February 6, 2021 in a Spanish language degree. The Maryland District also brought 28 new Sir Knights into our Order on March 13, 2021 and one on March 27 in the Delaware exemplification.

On March 21, we had nine Color Corpsmen turn-out to escort the Clergy for the Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph at St. Leo the Great Church in Little Italy. This is the home of the St. Joseph assembly #3502 in Baltimore, Md. After Mass we gathered in the basement for coffee, soda, water and pastries before heading down to Millersville, Md. for the annual Maryland State Council Founder’s Day Mass and awards ceremony. We were joined by a number of Color Corpsmen from the Archdiocese of Washington District including District Marshal Yen Le and others. In total, we had fifteen Color Corpsmen under the direction of Maryland Master Fritz Leach and event chairman, SK Marshal Jim Duryee. Color Corpsmen from both the Maryland and the Archdiocese of Washington Districts joined forces in a combined flag team as well as the procession leading the Clergy in and out of Mass. It was a good feeling doing a Color Corps event as we continue to move towards the “new normal”, whatever that actually is.

I think that’s just about enough out of me for this publication. I want to wish each of you a very Happy and Blessed Easter Season! I want you all to know you are ALL in my prayers, always.

Tommy Ebaugh
Maryland District Marshal
Provincial Marshal, Calvert Province

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIFORM
PROGRAM MANAGED
BY THE SUPPLY ROOM**

The Supply Room is a small Veteran-owned business located in Oxford, Alabama. We have been in business for over 37 years serving all branches of our armed forces. Most of the Government agencies who started with us 37 years ago are still our largest

customers today. The owner of the company is a Former Army Officer and I am a Retired Navy E9/CWO. Both the owner and I understand specifications, quality control and paying attention to the details. These qualities are what has kept the Supply Room at the top of a highly competitive industry, and it will also serve us well as we work toward building a first-class Knights of Columbus program. We took possession of the existing uniforms during the first two or three days of December. Our first step was to measure every garment to be sure the size label was accurate before we placed it into stock. By doing this timely and costly evaluation and by asking the right questions when the customers place their orders, we have pretty much eliminated the rejects or returns. We are now in the process of dyeing fabric and sewing our products and will have most every product on our shelves in the April/May timeframe.

Here are the actions we have taken to improve each item:

Blazer We will have two models of the blazer, the traditional fit and what we are calling our executive fit. Both models will be made from a tried and tested pattern which have been used to make hundreds of thousands of commercial blazers over the years. The fit and style have been battle tested. The traditional cut is for those who still have a chest and waist in proportion. We will have sizes from 32 XX Short to 72 X Long, so we can fit most anyone. The Executive cut (Portly) is for those who need a little more coat around the stomach so it can be buttoned. This will allow us to fit you properly over the back and shoulders and still take care of the buttoning issue.

Trousers We found the trousers to be this biggest problem from the past and we have taken the necessary action to correct this problem. We have also used a tried and tested pattern for the trousers to provide plenty of room in the thigh, seat and leg. We also have added a concealed stretch waistband to provide 2 to 3 inches of ease above and beyond the waist size. If you wear a 34, these pants will fit you even if you are a 35 or even 36- inch waist.

Beret We heard a lot of stories about the beret and how it fit or didn't fit. Many said it looked like a "beanie" and just sat on the top of the head. Our military experience kicked in and we took the style we make for the Special Forces which would fit properly and allow the drape to extend over the right ear. Removed the lining, trimmed it in a top-quality leather and used a fine Australian wool. From the feedback we have received, this has solved the problems. We supplied the Color Guard at the Kellenberg Assembly up in New York State who refused to wear the old style and according to Rob Timmerman, the Color Guard members now love it.

Tie Not a lot of complaints about the tie other than the Long was not long enough, so we have added an extra-long which is 64 inches and should fit the tallest member.

OPTIONAL ITEMS We were asked if we could offer, as an option, a white shirt, a black oxford shoe and an overcoat. We can, and we have provided prototypes of each for approval.

White Shirt We will be offering a 100% cotton, non-iron white shirt with exact sleeve lengths. We will stock sizes from a 13" neck and 28" sleeves to a 23" neck and 37" sleeve. This should fit most every need. Shirts are like the blazers; some need more room in the stomach area, and we have addressed this.

We will have an executive cut/style for those who need this extra room. We will have these available around April and they will be favorably priced for this quality and features. Once approved, they will be available on our website www.kofcuniform.com or toll-free number 833-562-4327.

Black Oxford Shoes We will have these shoes ready for sale in late March early April. We have used a top grain cowhide and the inside of the shoe is lined with a soft leather. From the feedback we have received from test wears this is one comfortable shoe.

Overcoat There are some areas in America where an overcoat is needed in the wintertime. We have developed a 19 oz., 100% wool, mid-calf coat with a heavy satin lining. The coat will be water resistant as

well. The coat will have epaulets on the shoulders for the Baldrick to go under and the gold K of C buttons. This coat is currently being test worn and if it is accepted as it is, we will have these available before the winter ends, especially in the northern part of the country.

In summary, we at the Supply Room feel blessed to have been given the responsibility to provide the 4th Degree Knights with a complete uniform with the highest quality in materials and workmanship. We have accepted this challenge and we think we are well on our way to meet all the objectives set before us. Let me assure everyone, we take this seriously and we will work hard to earn the respect and trust of each member. You will receive professional and courteous service from the moment you call us. We have a team of skilled ladies accepting your calls and, if they cannot answer your questions, they give the call to me. We are also receptive to your comments and/or suggestions as to how we can improve. We must always get any changes approved by the Supreme Headquarters; but, trust me, Headquarters wants the best possible program and they are trusting us to get it right. I hope these answers most of your questions. If not, let me know and I will do my best to do so.

God Bless,

Jim Craig
The Supply Room
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What's going on in Calvert Province?

Maryland District

Presentation of Wheelchairs Perry Point VA Medical Center

On 25 March 2021, the Maryland Knights of Columbus presented wheelchairs to the Perry Point VA Medical Center. The effort was led by SK Wayne Davis, who is the Maryland State Council Wheelchair Program Chairman and our representative to the Perry Point VA and the 2019 Knights of Columbus National VAVS

Volunteer of the Year. Wayne, together with members of Bel Air Council 4714 and St. Francis Xavier Assembly 380, delivered the wheelchairs to Perry Point. Additional wheelchairs were also delivered to Loch Raven, Baltimore, Glen Burnie, and Ft Meade VA Medical Centers.



Archdiocese of Washington District Presentation of Fr McGivney Portrait To Archbishop Wilton Cardinal Gregory

On January 10th, at the Nativity Church in Washington, DC, 10am Mass, His Eminence Cardinal Wilton Gregory was presented with a beautiful portrait of Blessed Michael McGivney by Fr Peter Gregory. The portrait was gifted to Cardinal Gregory in celebration of the recent Beatification of the Knights founder. Cardinal Gregory is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and a member of St Augustine Council #15723 and Washington Assembly #151.



Lord Baltimore Assembly #2470 Assistance to Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home



On February 27th, SK John Weaver and SK Stephen Coker (Faithful Navigator) delivered about \$850 worth of snack items to the Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home. The items were donated by our feeder councils, representing the Knights of Columbus in all of Calvert County.

Pennsylvania East District

Color Corps Turnout to Support Mass Honoring Blessed Michael J. McGivney



Pictured outside the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia following a Mass on March 20th in honor of the Knights of Columbus and Blessed Michael J. McGivney are Father Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector and SK Joseph Paoletti, Master PA EAST along with over 25 members of the Color Corps from throughout the Archdiocese. It is Father Gill's intention to hold a Mass

on a Saturday evening close to our Founders Day March 29 each year. Next year it is already scheduled for April 2nd.

Closing Thoughts

Please stay safe and continue to check on our Brothers, families, and neighbors. Especially watch out for the elderly! See where we can assist with the new "Leave no neighbor behind" program! We can all use some prayer right now, so please pray for those on the front lines of this war with an invisible enemy and pray for a speedy and merciful end to this pandemic!

Never forget those who have gone before us!



In 1964 Charles Joseph Watters entered active duty as a Catholic chaplain with the U.S. Army. On November 19, 1967, during the Battle of Dak, one of the worst friendly fire incidents of the Vietnam War occurred killing 21 men. The dead included MAJ Charles Watters. Earlier in the battle, Watters had ventured out past the perimeter several times to rescue wounded soldiers, carrying or dragging them to safety, providing first aid and administering last rites to the dying—actions for which he was later awarded the Medal of Honor. His Medal was posthumously presented to his family at the White House by Vice President Spiro T. Agnew on November 4, 1969. His name can be found on the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 30E, Row 036. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery Section 2-E, Grave 186-A.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

Mike

Micheal W. Thumm
Vice Supreme Master
Calvert Province

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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

Prayer for our Nation

Today, our great nation is greatly divided and reeling from all the terrible injustices we have witnessed these past days, the violence and unrest, the fear, and the pain. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently remarked to us, “his brothers and sisters in the United States ... we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life” (General Audience Address, June 3, 2020).

In these troubling times it is more important than ever that we turn to our Mother, Mary Immaculate, patroness of the United States, seeking her powerful intercession for reconciliation and peace, for the acknowledgment of the sacredness and equality of all human persons, and for the repose of the souls of all who have lost their lives to violence.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to join us in raising our voices to God, so that we might pierce the heavens with our cries for peace.

Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.” Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*here make your request*). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed 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, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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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