



St. Mary, Mother of Christ  
Queen of the Knights

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# ASSEMBLYLINE

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE ASSEMBLY #377  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE**



The Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney  
Founder of our Beloved Order

June 2012

## Faithful Navigator's Message

Brothers,

Congratulations again to our twelve new Sir Knights! We had two excellent exemplifications in March and April. Those who were unable to make it can be first in line next year!

Thanks for all of your help with May events! Plenty of Confirmations, Crownings of Mary, the Car Show at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (my personal favorite, as we combined Sir Knights, non-SKs, family members, neighbors – and the residents enjoyed the show and appreciated our help), as well as a full agenda to mark Memorial Day.

Please RSVP by 7 June for the annual Flag Day Awards Banquet. I need to get a firm headcount to our hosts, SK Jim and Susan Dexter. We'll gather at Victorian Candle B n' B at 7:30 pm and have dinner at 8 pm, followed by a short program. The Victorian Candle is located at 25065 Peregrine Way (just off Sotterley Road), in Hollywood. All are welcome. You may pay our Faithful Comptroller \$25 per person at the door.

Please consider joining the Color Corps if you are not already a member. If you are a member and have not been active, we need you. The demand for Color Corps assistance has crept up to new heights, so that we are often stretched thin and sometimes, barely present. This is the most visible part of what we do as Knights. We must continue to do it well.

Thank you again for your assistance and support throughout this fraternal year!  
Patriotically,

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### Master's Memorial Day Message

Worthy Officers and Sir Knights:

This weekend we are celebrating Memorial Day – a day when we have to take the time to thank, honor and remember all of the veterans and those still serving that have and are giving so much for our freedom. Memorial Day is a day unlike any other. Since 1868 we have come together in our communities, towns and villages, to place flowers and flags on the graves of those who have given their last full measure of devotion to our country. I ask you to remember on this Memorial Day...to honor the memory of our fallen warriors who have given everything for their country.

We are also reminded on this day that in each generation, brave men and women will always step forward to take the oath of allegiance as members of America's armed forces, willing to fight and if necessary die, for the sake of freedom. Why do they do this? They do it to provide a strong national defense --- to keep America safe and secure against those enemies who would destroy our American way of life. They do it for their fellow comrades...for those fighting by their side against all odds and for those who eventually separate from the military but proudly claim their status as veterans. They do it for American core values of God and country --- family, patriotism and our religious liberties and heritage. They do it for their children...so that they can grow up in an America that is strong and free. It is through this last pillar - children...that we can continue the spirit of Memorial Day each and every day.

Remembering our fallen veteran once a year is not enough. The widows, widowers, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children remember EVERYDAY. The empty seat at the dinner table, the smaller gathering on Thanksgiving, and the voice of a loved one heard only as a distant memory are constant reminders that they are gone. But there are also people who can enjoy time with their families because of the sacrifices that others have made. Scripture tells us that "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

We are here to remember and honor those who have done their duty, as God allowed them to see that duty.

How is it possible to honor such men and women, both the dead and living? There are many tangible things we can do to honor the service of our fallen heroes. First and foremost, is to take care of their families. In some cases, this means providing financial assistance to help their children obtain higher education.

Perhaps we cannot do any better than to call you the Greatest Generation of the greatest country in the world.

Perhaps we should make certain that your stories are told to the young.

Perhaps we should try to imitate both your purposes and lives, in both peace and war.



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Perhaps we should just sincerely thank you for making sure that this island of liberty would continue.

Perhaps we should just say this, along with Abraham Lincoln: "Gold is good in its place; but living, brave, patriotic men, are better than gold."

Memorial Day is not about picnics and parades – although, there is nothing wrong with enjoying and celebrating our American way of life. But Memorial Day is really about remembering those who made our way of life possible.

To all of those veterans, gone on before us and still serving, we are in your debt and we thank you.

May God always bestow His blessings upon them, their families, those still serving today and you who are the patriotic members of the Knights of Columbus.

If we remember to keep them forever with us do this we will always be ***One Nation Under God***, but it does come at a price. ***God Bless America and God Bless you and your families!***

**Thank you.**

Charles M. Smallwood

Master

Archdiocese of Washington District



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### Faithful Captain's Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

I'm honored to be selected as your next Faithful Navigator. I look forward to our fraternal year together. A couple of notes for the summer schedule.

- Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm: FAW Officers meeting at St. Mary's Council #1470 (all SKs are welcome to attend this planning meeting).
- Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm: FAW Assembly Investiture Mass and Banquet. The evening begins with 5:00pm Mass in our Faithful Friar SK Msgr Chimiak's church, followed by the investiture ceremony. The evening continues with a catered meal and brief remarks.
- Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm: FAW Monthly meeting at St. Mary's Council #1470. Following this meeting, the locations will continue their traditional cycle around the county.

I second the recommendations of our Faithful Admiral and Faithful Navigator, both of whom recommended that you join the Color Corps if you're not already a member. It is a rewarding and important service. You'll be part of the 'visible arm of the Knights'. Although many associate the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree with Color Corps, it's important to remember that we are the patriotic degree. In this regard, there are two near term actions *each of us* should accomplish – neither requires Color Corps regalia.

- Have you signed the petition to place a referendum on HB 438, the Civil Marriage Protection Act, on the November ballot for consideration 'by the people'? If not, it's important to act before the June deadline.
- The USCCB called all Catholics to participate in the Fortnight for Freedom. Learn more at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/>, and plan to participate in the public event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (see note inside).

Vivat Jesus,  
Chris



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### Faithful Admiral's Message

Worthy Sir Knights and Worthy Brother Knights,

As we wind down the Fraternal Year, I want to congratulate the new Sir Knights in Father Andrew White Assembly! Whether or not you choose to join the Color Corps, there are many activities for you to get involved in and I encourage you to do so.

To those of you who indicated interest in joining the Fourth Degree, but could not make it to the Exemplifications this year, we will work with you next year to have you join us in the Patriotic Degree! It has been a pleasure serving the Assembly as the Membership Chairman this past year.

Fraternally,  
Mike Thumm

# **Stand for Religious Freedom!**

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm**  
**Along MD-235 in front of**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

On **Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**, @ **9:30am**, folks will be gathering in the parking lot of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park, MD (22375 Three Notch Rd.). A Mass for Religious Liberty will be offered at IHM beginning at 9:00am.

From **10am-12pm** everyone will stand along both sides of Rte. 235 and hold up signs, which will say, "*Standing up for Religious Freedom*". We will also have small American flags for people to hold. Signs and flags are being provided by the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 1470.

**Anyone is welcome to join us in this stand for religious liberty.**

***STAND UP FOR  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!***

*Religious Liberty Is More Than Freedom of Worship*

*If our obligations and duties to God are impeded,  
or even worse, contradicted by the government, then  
we can no longer claim to be a land of the free, and a beacon of hope for the world.*

***CALL FOR REVERSAL OF HHS MANDATE!***

**FORTNIGHT**  
*for*  
**F R E E D O M**

**STOP**  
HHS MANDATE



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# *Catholics Called to Action!*

*Sign the petition to place HB 438, the Civil Marriage Protection Act, on the November ballot for consideration "by the people".*

On May 8, 61% of North Carolinians voted to uphold marriage and against same-sex 'marriage' becoming the 32nd state to say NO to a redefinition of marriage!

Here in Maryland, the petition drive is the first step to repeal legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly to drastically redefine marriage in Maryland. A minimum of 56,000 valid signatures must be collected within the next few weeks in order to have the measure placed on the November ballot.

Any Maryland registered voter may sign the petition.

If you haven't signed yet, please do so at your first opportunity. Petition drives will continue for a few more weeks. If you haven't signed, and cannot locate a petition drive, contact your Grand Knight, or email [kofcFAW@gmail.com](mailto:kofcFAW@gmail.com)

# Upcoming Color Corps Events

## June Events

SAT 9 JUN - St. Francis Xavier Parish 350th anniversary Celebration Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl

Show time 3:30 p.m. Mass at 4 p.m.

SAT 9 JUN - American Cancer Society fund raiser at Leonardtown HS Present Colors prior to the event

Show time 5:00 p.m. Start at 5:30 p.m.

SUN 10 JUN - Corpus Christi Procession after 9 a.m. Mass at St. John's

Show time 8:30 a.m. Need 4 Color Corps, Bring swords for procession

THU 14 JUN - Flag Day Events

Leonardtown - Show time 6:30 p.m. Colors at 7 p.m.

Helen - TBD

WED 20 JUN - Pro Life Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Council 9968)

Need 4+ Color Corps

SAT 23 JUN - Present Colors at the Blue Crabs Game.

Show time 5:45 p.m. Game Starts at 6:35 p.m. Need 4+ Color Corps

## July Events

WED 11 JUL - Silver Rose Program at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Show Time 6:30 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.

SUN JUL 15 - Investiture of Officers at Council # 1470 St. Mary's at OLMN

Show time 10:30 a.m. Mass at 11 a.m. Need 4 Color Corps

SAT JUL 21 - Investiture of Officers at Council #7914 St. John's Francis Regis, SJ

Show 4:30 p.m. Mass 5p.m. Need 4 Color Corps

SUN 22 JUL - Investiture of Officers at Council #13091 Fr. Sebastian De Rose at St. Georges Church

Show Time 10:30 a.m. Mass 11 a.m. Need 4 Color Corps

SAT 28 JUL - Investiture of Officers of FAW Assembly 377 at St. Georges Church

Show Time 10:30 a.m. Need 4 Color Corps

TUE 31 JUL - Feast of St. Ignatius Mass at St. Ignatius Church outside of Webster Field

Times are TBD Need 4 Color Corps

## August Events

SAT 4 AUG - Investiture of Officers at Council #2065 St. Michaels at St. Cecelia's Church

Show time 3:30 Mass at 4 p.m.

SAT AUG 11 - Investiture of Officers at Council #9968 Immaculate Heart of Mary

Show time 3:30 Mass 4 p.m. Need 4 Color Corps

SAT AUG 18 - Investiture of Officers at Council # 3849 Holy Face

Show time 4:30 p.m. Mass 5 p.m. Need 4 Color Corps

Items in red are not confirmed







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### District Deputy #8

Brothers,

I count it among my personal blessings that District #8 has four fully functional, healthy councils, each with its own cadre of experienced and capable leaders (who should proudly take credit for the health of their councils). These are councils that communicate well with your members; you plan ahead and execute smoothly. You have done marvelous things for Church and community and, at the same time, kept up with all the required (but important) reports. You've made my job easy. Thank you!

As the new Columbian year begins, I encourage you to give your council's newly elected officers your full support. Provide them with a thorough pass down and continue to be available to them as questions arise. Share the lessons you have learned the hard way. Spare them the pain.

And, if you're continuing in office, I wish you the very best in the coming fraternal year. Thank you again for all that you do!

Thanks for all you do!  
Jerry Hicks  
District Deputy #8



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### Intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

**General Intention:** That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities numerous missionary vocations, willing to fully consecrate themselves to spreading the Kingdom of God.

### The Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the Kingship of thy Divine Son on Earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

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A Prayer for all Veterans:

We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, As a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

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TO:



## Assembly Meetings & Other Events

Flag Day Awards Banquet

14 June 2012

Gather at 7:30 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

Location:

The Victorian Candle

25065 Peregrine Way

Hollywood, MD

RSVP: SK Jerry Hicks