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God Bless America,

First I wanted to let you know that Former Master Carl Roberts is home and doing better. He and Audrey appreciate all of the prayers and cards. Please keep praying for them and all on our sick lists.



Christmas cards are due back to me by Dec 5th or they will not make it overseas. We did not have nearly the support we have in previous years. Send the cards directly to me and I will get them to our troops.

We are half way though the fraternal year. Have you accomplished all that you wanted to do? Has your assembly done at least two of the required four patriotic programs? Has your assembly taken on the Masters Challenge and invited veterans from out three VA hospitals out for the day? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? I don't ask you to do a lot as an assembly, four patriotic programs are something your assembly is doing every year! If you're not running patriotic programs what are you doing? As I come to all of your assemblies for renewals of Obligations I am going to put you on the spot and I will want to know what your programs are. What have you done or what do you have planned. If you need help, reach out to the programs chairman John Winfrey Former Master for help. I want to call every assembly up and recognize your assembly for taking on the Masters challenge and for making a difference in the lives of our veterans.

See the district marshals report for call outs.

The District Staff and I want to wish everyone a very joyous blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please pray for our active military and first responders that will not be home for the holidays. Remember the reason for the season and God Bless us one and all.

Vivat Jesus,

God Bless America and God bless OUR order!

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From the Desk of the Secretary to the Master

2018 Supreme Convention Call for Volunteers

The 2018 Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore Maryland August 6 – 9, 2018. We are beginning to recruit volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success. The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their spouses to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties and support opportunities throughout the convention. We are asking that you share this information with our Brother Knights at your upcoming Assembly meetings and encourage participation. A Volunteer Information Sheet is available on line at www.kofc-md.org, and can be submitted electronically (see the homepage slide show "Supreme Convention 2018 is in Baltimore.") A copy is also available in the monthly State Bulletin. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Giacalone at 301 774 6338 or jgiacal@verizon.net.

Please note that the Washington and Maryland Districts Masters will also be asking for volunteers to participate in the Color Corps activities during the convention. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

Reminders

If you have any new Sir Knights who took part in the September Exemplification but did not receive their certificate, please contact the Master as soon as possible. He has the certificates for all who took the degree on the 30th and did not get one or it was misspelled. The Master will have them with him at all of the events he attends so he can give them to someone in your assembly. That way we can save money on shipping.

The completion time for our annual Christmas Cards for the troops program is rapidly approaching. We need to get the completed cards back by Dec 5th. After that date we will not be able to ship them to the troops, no exceptions. To order cards contact the Master.

We have been asked to gather information about the Chalice Program in each Assembly. Please let us know as soon as possible if your assembly participates in the Chalice Program. If so, how do you work the program in the Assembly?

And finally, if you have not made plans for the required annual Renewal of Obligations, please contact the Master as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The Master's calendar is already very full, so please let him know the date you would like for your renewals.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Steve Ransdell
Secretary to the Master
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Volunteer VAVS Representatives Needed

I am looking for new representatives and deputy representatives for all three of our VA hospitals. The VAVS program representatives are the liaison between the hospitals and the Knights of Columbus. You have to do a training class and you have to really

should, attend a monthly meeting. At the meeting you will hear what is going on, any changes and what they need help with. You bring that back to the councils and assemblies. You can run things like Christmas Caroling or bingo or gather personal items the vets need. You can have the Knights collect these items and you as the contact get them to the hospital.

It is not a lot to do but the rewards are so tremendous. Please consider becoming a rep for the Knights. Contact me and I will get you a folder full of information and you can make your decision after seeing all of the material.

S/K Thomas Greul
Knights of Columbus
Master of the MD District
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District Marshal Report

You can only get the New Uniform at the **KnightsGear.org** and the uniforms will arrive some weeks or months in the future. There are 2,000 on back order at this time. The New Uniform is only required for Color Corps events but we would like to see many more **Color Corpsmen** added to our ranks so please get this out as soon as possible.

Master Tom Greul has received notice from Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard through Vice-Supreme Master Wayne Freet: **"The wearing of the current regalia which includes the cape and chapeau has been extended to June 30, 2019."**

Fritz Leach
Provincial Marshal
443-691-4408

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, questions concerning events listed here should first be addressed to your Assembly Color Corps Commander or Faithful Navigator, then to District Marshal Fritz Leach, francis.leach@yahoo.com, 443-691-4408. If you

have an event you'd like to have listed here, especially one that you need or are inviting participation from other Assemblies, please send the information to DM Fritz Leach; be sure to include the date, time, address, and what is expected.

Below is a list of upcoming turnouts and related activities for the Maryland District Color Corps. Please ensure that this list is passed out to all of the members of your Color Corps. Please let me know if you or any of your members are interested in serving at any of these turnouts. Reporting time for each turnout is 30 minutes prior to the listed start time, unless otherwise stated. If you or your Assembly are aware of other turnouts where the help of other Assemblies is required, please let me know the details as far in advance as possible.

16 Dec, National Wreaths Across America Day

6 Jan, MD State Mid-term Meeting, Columbus Gardens

9 Jan, 8 PM, Archbishop Francis P Keough Assembly 385 Renewal of Obligations, Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman, Ave., Nottingham 21236

18 Jan, 7 PM, Pangborn Assembly 387 Renewal of Obligations, 20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742

27 Jan, Wreath Across America Clean-up Day at Arlington National Cemetery

Memorable History Dates in December

- 12/1 Boy's Town founded by Fr Edward Flanagan west of Omaha, Neb (1917)
- 12/5 German physicist Albert Einstein granted a visa to enter US (1932)
- 12/9 "A Charlie Brown Christmas" premieres (1965)
- 12/22 First string of Christmas lights created by Thomas Edison (1882)
- 12/25 St Francis of Assisi assembles the first Naivety scene in Greccio, IT (1223)

Maryland District in Action

**Admiral William Benson
Assembly #381**

Angel in the Background



Lady Lucinda Welenc

Quilting is an area of creative work rich in tradition that demonstrates how ideas and inspiration flow between quilters as they share with each other, move to new parts of the country, and develop their own designs. Admiral William Benson, Assembly 381 is blessed with such a person. Lady Lucinda Welenc wife of SK Bob Welenc has made quilts for over 7 years for the Knights of Columbus and the Wounded Warriors programs. Lucinda designs and makes 4 to 8 quilts a year for raffles with proceeds going to Wounded Warriors or our Veteran Homes.

Lady Lucinda continued to make quilts during the time she had serious health issues. Lady Lucinda willingness to take on this mission has proved her dedication to the Knights of Columbus, Military Families and people in need. We are blessed, grateful and appreciate of her willingness to go the extra mile.

SK Lou Diaz, PGK, PFN
Assembly #381

Archbishop Francis P Keough Assembly #385

Flag Disposal Ceremony



Maryland District Web Site And Yahoo Group

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Maryland District web site at www.kcmaryland4th.org.

Subscribe to the Maryland Fourth Degree Yahoo Group by registering with Yahoo or by sending an email to kcmaryland4th-subscribe@yahoo.com to join the Master's Yahoo Group Listserv.

All Assemblies are invited to publicize their Assembly's good works and upcoming events in the **Maryland District in Action** provided the information is both timely and concise. This newsletter is published every month and information should be forwarded no later than the 21st of the month. Flyer information will be appended to the newsletter. Send the information to SK Mike Forehand at michael4hand@yahoo.com.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2452

Annual Lenten Fish Fry



Every Friday during Lent: February 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cost per person - \$12.00 for adults
\$6.00 for children

Adult Menu: **Alaskan Pollack or Butterfly Shrimp or Combo**, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Dessert, coffee, tea, lemonade, and Soda or Water (additional beverages available at extra cost.)

Children's Menu: Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese and Dessert

Eat in or Carry Out

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall
1707 Eastern Blvd.
Essex, MD 21221

Contact Information:

Gary Heil: 443-563-0020 or

Charlie Knott: 410-925-2046

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SOCIETY

The Maryland State Council Perpetual Memorial Society which is being established this year, provides a way to remember and pray for our loved ones and friends. Anyone is welcome to enroll anyone they choose (family, friends, loved ones) in the society. The person being enrolled did not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Next of kin will receive a letter of condolence from the Perpetual Memorial Society Chairman. The donor will be sent an email or letter of appreciation if desired for using the Perpetual Memorial Society as a way of remembering and praying for their loved ones for eternity.

The amount of the donation will never be revealed. Donations will be made to the Maryland State Council and on the memo line, include Perpetual Memorial Society. The funds raised as a result of donations will be used for Vocations Programs throughout the State of Maryland. Each year a proper accounting of monies raised will be reported at the Annual Convention.

The Maryland State Council Perpetual Memorial Society will maintain book of names enrolled and the book will be present, on the Altar, at every Mass offered at functions of the Maryland State Council. The book will show the enrollee's name, year of birth and death, as well as the donor's name. In addition, a complete listing can be found on the Perpetual Memorial Society's portion of the Maryland State Council web site (www.kofc-md.org).

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Please Print

Registration Form

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Please enroll: Name _____ (Gender) Male or Female

Year of Birth _____ Year of Death _____

Enrollee was member of Council (Number) _____ Assembly (Number) _____

Donor's thank you letter requested by (Check one): E-mail Mail None

E-mail Address (If checked above) _____

Donor's Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Send Letter of Condolence to: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Who is the (Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Son, Daughter, Brother, Sister, Other) of the deceased. (Circle one)

Please make your check payable to: Maryland State Council - Perpetual Memorial Society

Mail to: Michael Forehand

16 Horney Court

Baltimore, MD 21221-3000

Note: You can print out forms from the internet. Go to: www.kofc-md.org and select Perpetual Memorial Society