



THE PATRIOT



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God Bless America,

I have received several emails from assemblies that have done patriotic activities. I even saw one about taking veterans out for the day for a picnic. That is awesome! This is exactly what I was looking for our assemblies leading the way to show our communities what it means to be patriotic. I want to encourage all assemblies to do at least four patriotic activities this year. Help our military, our first responders and most importantly, our veterans who have given so much so we can be free.



I will be taking all of the Christmas Cards I have left to the Fall meeting in Cumberland next weekend. If your assembly wants to participate in this awesome show of support to our deployed troops, plan to pick them up or have them picked up next weekend. This will save the district on shipping cost to send them to you. All cards need to be back by December 5th, NO EXCEPTIONS. If they miss the cutoff date they will not be shipped overseas.

Since I brought up cut off dates. We had several candidates show up on Saturday the 30th of September for the Exemplification that had not registered in time. While it seems that a deadline for a Knight of Columbus means nothing, I want to tell you it does. Because of the guys who showed up, candidates and brothers alike, there was not enough food for everyone. My team was busy tearing down the degree stuff and got in line last and they did not get the meal they paid for. I thank the McGivney Assembly for the splitting of loaves and fishes but they should not have had to. I did not have certificates for those who showed up, these need to be printed, put in the red folder and have the clear sheet put in. I cannot do this in the hall for 70 candidates! It took several hours at home to do these.

A new policy will be put in place for the March Exemplification and it will be adhered to. Last year, we had 19 candidates who we had to get meals for and the hotel charged me \$734.33 dollars for add on meals. It will not happen again.

If your assembly has not scheduled your renewal of obligations yet, please do it soon. It is first come first served to get onto my calendar.

As I am sure you have heard, there is a new uniform. Even for installs and renewals. You do not need to wear a tux for the renewals any longer. A dark suit is all that is required. I'm sure Fritz is going to talk about this in his report so see the Marshals report for info about the uniform.

We need volunteers for the VAVS program at both Perry Point and Loch Raven VA hospitals. If you are interested in becoming a representative or deputy representative, please let me know. You can also talk to Dick Tymoch, Joe Serria or Wayne Davis. It is not a burden and there is only one meeting a month. Please consider helping our vets.

Thank you and God Bless you, God Bless our order and God Bless America.

SK Thomas Greul FDD PGK PFN
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*From the Desk of the Secretary to the
Master*

Star Assembly Award Checklist

How many of the following criteria has your assembly completed?

1. Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin to assembly members (copy to VSM).
2. Submit Form No. 186 Report of Officers Chosen (submit as directed).
3. Submit Form No. 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (submit as directed).
4. Submit Form No. 1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report (submit as directed).
5. Meet the assembly new member goal.
6. Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award (submit as directed).
7. Enter the "To Be a Patriot" competition (submit as directed).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Steve Ransdell
Secretary to the Master
srandell@comcast.net

District Marshal Report

Thank you to all who sponsored candidates or participated in the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree this past Saturday. Sixty-eight new Sir Knights! Very Well done. This was the first Exemplification under the new Dress Rules. There were mix of members and candidates in tuxedos and suits. Tuxedos are no longer required but certainly can be worn. The social baldric is now no longer used. The PG-113, Emblem of the Fourth Degree, pin is now the only pin to be worn for any Fourth Degree event whether on the New Uniform, a tuxedo, or a suit. Those PG-745-US, commonly called the national flag pin, are now relegated to your weekday or weekend suit or sport coat. We can now focus on candidates for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in Ocean City on 24 March 2018 at the Princess Royale Hotel and Convention Center. Let's double the number of candidates for that Exemplification.

Just in, Supreme is extending the deadline for the **25 percent discount** on ordering the **new uniform** to Oct. 31, 2017. Remember, 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.

Thanks to all who participated in the Pilgrimage for the Sea Services (Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and US Public Health Service) this past weekend at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. This is an annual event so put it on your calendar for next year.

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.

1 October, Pilgrimage for the Sea Services, Mass 3 PM, turnout time 2:15, National Shrine of Saint

Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave.,
Emmitsburg MD

7 October, Maryland State Columbus Day Ball,
7 PM, BWI Marriott, Linthicum. We will present
colors and form an arch as we have for previous
Balls. Color Corps practice will be at 6 PM.

7 October, Opening Mass for Rosary Congress,
5:30 PM, Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called
the Baltimore Basilica, 409 Cathedral St, Baltimore,
MD 21201; Archbishop Lori is the celebrant.

**8 October, Baltimore Columbus Day Wreath
Laying and Parade,** 9:30 AM Mass at St Leo the
Great, 227 S. Exeter St., Baltimore 21202 with
Wreath-laying and Flag Presentation immediately
following at Columbus Plaza, Presidents St.,
Baltimore. Parade begins at 2 PM from the Science
Center,

9 October, Columbus Day Wreath-Laying, 10
AM, Turnout 9 AM, Union Station, 50
Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington, DC. This is a
Calvert Province Event. Full Service Regalia with
Sword and PG-113 Emblem of the Fourth Degree
Pin, no others.

13 October, 242nd Birthday US Navy

13 October, Closing Mass for Rosary Congress,
7 PM, Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called
the Baltimore Basilica, 409 Cathedral St, Baltimore,
MD 21201; Bishop Madden is the celebrant.

**13 October, Apparition of Fatima 100th
Anniversary Closing Mass,** 11:30 AM, Our Lady of
Fatima Church, 6400 East Pratt Street Baltimore,
MD 21224. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till
7:00 PM with Benediction and procession of the
Blessed Mother. Turnout times are 11:00 AM and
6:30 PM for both services. POC is Jim Chachulski,
CCC, 410-288-2363, jchachulski@verizon.net.

18 October, Living Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima,
7:00 PM 6420 E. Pratt St., Baltimore 21224

**21 October, Opening Ceremonies for Maryland
Special Olympics' Fall Sports Festival at Mount
St. Mary's University -** The annual Fall Sports Fest
will return to the Knott Complex at the Mount this
year, with a second remote location at the former Ft.
Ritchie in Sabillasville, where the bicycling events
will be held. Last year, we were able to support this
with a flag team at the Mount opening ceremonies,
but we were unable to cover the ceremonies at Ft.
Ritchie. SOMD would appreciate our efforts to
cover both events this year, if we can. Opening
ceremonies are scheduled to start at approximately
9:00 a.m. right now, but may change. I expect
confirmation from SOMD in the next few days as the
hammer out their final schedules. Report time would
be approximately 8:00 a.m. in the Knott Arena at the
Mount, and exact location at Sabillasville TBD.
POC Dirk Griffin.

**22 October, PA-West District Exemplification of
the Fourth Degree,** Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel &
Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505.
Candidate Registration – 11 AM. Exemplification –
1 PM. Anyone planning to attend must coordinate
with your District Master.

**28 October, AWD District Exemplification of the
Fourth Degree,** Nativity Catholic Church, 6001
13th Street NW, Washington, DC. Luncheon to
follow immediately after. Registration of Candidates
- 9:30 AM. Exemplification - 11:00 AM. SK Joseph
N. Massimini, Information (240) 997-0402

**29 October, District 7 Communion Mass and
Breakfast,** Our Lady of Fatima, 9:00 AM Mass 6420
E. Pratt St., Baltimore 21224.

**29 October, PA-C District Exemplification of the
Fourth Degree,** Bloomsburg, PA.

Maryland District in Action

Father Michael J McGivney
Assembly #2595

Donation of Items for Veterans at Resurrection Council Italian Dinner September 15



FN Jim Coolahan and FSK Ted Rieve staff the veterans donation table

This year, our Assembly is continuing the collection of items for veterans who reside at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore, through activities at the parishes of each of our three affiliated Councils. For the third consecutive year, we obtained and displayed items such as toiletries, health care items, and books at the Resurrection Council's Italian Dinner on Friday, September 15. Attendees at the dinner were offered the opportunity to purchase, and then donate, the items on display.

This year, approximately \$230 of items were purchased and donated, which our Assembly will deliver to the VA Center later in the fall.

Veterans Online Exchange Shopping Privileges Update

Last year, the Base Exchange system announced they would allow veterans to begin shopping on the AAFES, NEX, and other online stores, starting on

Veterans Day 2017. The Exchanges have begun verifying eligibility and have started rolling this out on a limited test basis. So far, they have granted online shopping access to several thousand veterans as beta testers.

AAFES will continue to allow some veterans access to the online store now, so they can test adding new people to the system and get a head start on the process.

We have information here regarding how to register.

<http://themilitarywallet.com/aafes-allow-veterans-shop-online/>

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@yahoogroups.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.



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