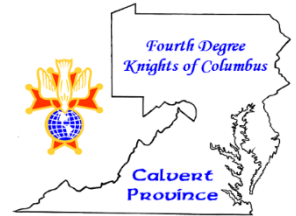




CALVERT PROVINCE PATRIOT



January 2021



Moving Forward and Improving Things

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Calvert Province Patriot Newsletter. We have been doing very well with new Fourth/Patriotic Degree Membership so far, this Fraternal Year! By my count (not yet all processed at Supreme) we have 782 new Sir Knights in Calvert Province after completing our Fall Exemplification of the Fourth/Patriotic Degree. Well done to all involved! And so, we press on to Winter and Spring 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 in October and November. 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, 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. I'm hopeful

that before too many months we will be able to transition back to in person Exemplifications.

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! You'll see many great Patriotic Programs in this newsletter! Finally, there is the Color Corps. With the price of the new uniform decreased, 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 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 on September 1, 2019, when I leave this assignment. Make it your mission, too!

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From the Provincial Secretary's Quill

Upcoming Exemplifications

2021

February 20	Archdiocese of Washington District - Virtual
March 13	Maryland – Virtual
April 17	Virginia – Fredericksburg, VA or Virtual
May 15	PA Central – White Haven, PA
June 6	PA West – Cranberry Township, PA

Provincial Statistics As of 01/01/2021

Provincial Membership Goals

District	Membership Goal	YTD New Members
Archdiocese of Washington	192 (106) 44%	86
Delaware	77 (76) 0%	1
Maryland	223 (151) 32%	72
Pennsylvania Central	249 (170) 31%	79
Pennsylvania East	446 (428) 4%	18
Pennsylvania West	325 (262) 19%	63
Virginia	447 (112) 74%	335
Totals	1,977 (1,323) 33.08%	654

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

High Performing Assemblies 50% and Up in Membership As of 01/01/2021

District	Assembly (Location)	Membership Percentage
Archdiocese of Washington	#377 (Ridge)	127%
	#1548 (Forestville)	83%
	#1763 (Bowie)	63%
	#2470 (Prince Frederick)	58%
	#382 (Port Tobacco)	50%
Maryland	#3769	250%

	(Annapolis) #376 (Cumberland)	183%
	#2378 (Hydes)	63%
	#379 (Westminster)	55%
	#387 (Hagerstown)	50%
Pennsylvania Central	#3755 (Pittston)	400%
	#959 (Mount Carmel)	310%
	#980 (Stroudsburg)	71%
	#971 (Palmerton)	50%
Pennsylvania East	#3787 (Philadelphia)	50%
Pennsylvania West	#968 (Indiana)	140%
	#929 (Butler)	116%
	#939 (Pittsburgh)	81%
	#918 (Latrobe)	76%
	Jeannette	
	#914 (Greensburg & Vic)	71%
	#911 (Monessen)	66%
Virginia	#1720 (Danville)	275%
	#1163 (Arlington)	208%
	#2204 (Alexandria)	160%
	#1894 (Fairfax)	154%
	#2914 (Potomac Falls)	133%
	#1164 (Newport News)	125%
	#3596 (Fairfax Station)	115%
	#1166 (Portsmouth)	114%
	#2588 (Virginia Beach)	114%
	#1505 (Virginia Beach)	111%
	#2996 (Burke)	111%
	#3568 (Spotsylvania)	100%
	#1162	90%

(Norfolk) #2185	90%
(Chesapeake) #1165	88%
(Richmond) #1678	66%
Manassas) #2184	62%
(Yorktown) #3174	62%
(Prince William County) #1315	60%
(Lynchburg) #2331	53%
(Springfield) #2205	50%
(Richmond)	

Provincial New Assembly Goals as of 11/30/2020

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	Coming up!
Form #TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award	May 1 st to MFD	Yes
Form #990 Tax Report EZ – Due date depends on year end	May 15 – Nov 15	Yes
Form #2321 Civic Award	June 30	Yes (for most!)
Form #186 Report of Officers Chosen	July 1	Yes (for most!)

Form #1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	Yes (for most!)
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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

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Provincial Marshal's Message

My Brothers All,

WE MADE IT! 2020 has come to an end, and we are all still here! Many of us have lost friends or family members this past year. I lost my Mom three weeks ago; she was 92 years of age. I miss her! I want to thank all who expressed their sympathy for me and my family. Forgive me for not responding individually, but know that I am very grateful for your condolences, prayers and Mass cards.

It was a very strange year for Wreaths Across America as you all know. My assembly was represented by members at the Baltimore National

Cemetery. I was on the list to place wreaths, but that morning I got up with fluid on the knee and couldn't walk. Our Faithful Navigator and one other PFN from assembly #3245 made us proud. As in years past, the cleanup is always undermanned. I am not sure about this year with the restrictions on numbers, but I will ask that all remain "flexible" with your schedules and be willing to help remove the wreaths if the call comes to do so. I remember last year that only myself and Master Fritz Leach made it out to the Baltimore National Cemetery to remove the wreaths. I think in total, there were around eight people to perform this task including he and I. Shameful. Anyway, there may not be a call, but if it comes, please help if you can.

For those who may not be aware, the Annual Fraternal Survey MATTERS! It is important as it is a measure of the Order's charitable contributions to society and provides the Knights of Columbus with our non-profit or not for profit designation for tax exemptions. Please push to get these reports from your members and be sure your assembly does its part in reporting to Supreme. Take credit for all the good deeds you and your members do for others!

As I mentioned last month, I am very proud of the members who are stepping up to purchase the uniform and join or rejoin us in the Color Corps. Several of the men who have recently made the commitment are guys who were against the change in the uniform originally, but have come to realize that without the uniform, they cannot participate fully in the events that we do as Color Corpsmen. I was as upset about the change as the next guy when it came about. But I quickly realized that it is not as important as to what I am wearing, as to what I am able to do to honor a fallen Brother or his family members, or escort the Clergy into the Church for Mass, or participate in a Mass of a Priestly or Diaconate Ordination, or any of the other very visible things we do as Color Corpsmen. This is a big part of why I am a Knight of Columbus and in particular, a very Proud Fourth Degree Sir Knight and Color Corpsman.

I want to say that I observed all of the virtual exemplification that each District presented with the

exception of Virginia as I was on watching the Mass for Blessed Michael J. McGivney which was on at the same time, Sorry Worthy Master Steve. You guys always do bang-up job anyway and I am sure this last exemplification was no exception. All that to say that from where I sit (Provincial Marshal) all the Districts did an exemplary job. Keep up the good works. I truly hope we can get together sooner than later. I miss the comradery and the good times.

I also want to take a moment to thank Master John Philapavage for asking me to come up and work with the Pennsylvania Central District on the occasion of the investiture of the Supreme Secretary, Michael J. O'Connor as a Knight of the Pontifical Order of Pope Saint Sylvester. This is long overdue as the event took place on October 18, 2020 but I want to thank Master Philapavage and all of his District Marshals as well as his Color Corps members who turned out for the event. It was my privilege to work with all of you. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,

Tommy Ebaugh
Provincial Marshal, Calvert Province
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**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, no-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,

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What's going on in Calvert Province?

Maryland District

Columbus Day celebration Little Italy, Baltimore



On October 11th, Maryland District Master Sir Knight Fritz Leach and Maryland District Color Corps members celebrated Columbus Day with a Mass at St Leo the Great Catholic Church, and then paraded for a ceremony in the square where the statue of Christopher Columbus once stood.

Archdiocese of Washington District

Feeding the Hungry in the District of Columbia



On Columbus Day, October 12th, 2020, members of O'Boyle Council #11302 and Washington Assembly #151 joined together to prepare bag lunches for the homeless at Columbus Circle.

Vigil Prayer Service and Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney



On October 30th, the District of Columbia State Council, SK Brandon Brown, State Deputy, hosted a

Prayer Service on the Vigil of the Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Following the Beatification, a Mass of Thanksgiving was held on November 1st.



Providing Supplies and Funds to the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center



On Tuesday, November 3rd, the DC State Chaplain/Washington Assembly #151 Faithful Friar Rev. Fr. Pawel Sass, DC State Deputy SK Brandon Brown, and Washington Assembly #151 Faithful Navigator SK Amado Alvarez delivered baby diapers and checks totaling \$1,005 to Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center's, Executive Director Janet Durig.

Assistance to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Father John T. Dewan Assembly #3047 has regularly delivered a truckload of snacks and sodas to our honored military veterans who reside there, and for those who care for them.



Veterans Day Celebration



On November 11th, Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly #386 joined Father Rosensteel Council #2169 in recognizing Veterans and their families during a time of celebration and fellowship. Food was provided and Quilts of Valor were presented.

Veterans Day Mass at St. Luke Catholic Church



On November 8th, St. Martin de Porres Council #9386 and Washington Assembly #151 joined to recognize and honor our Veterans.

St. Martin of Tours Centennial Mass



On December 5th, St. Martin of Tours celebrated 100 years as a parish for the Gaithersburg community with a Centennial Mass. Worthy District Master SK Joseph M. Feakes, Worthy District Marshal SK Yen Lee, The Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Assembly #2443, Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly #386, and San Juan Diego Council #12463 joined in the celebration.

Virginia District

100th Birthday Parade for Sir Knight Jim "Horse Collar" Smith



On December 7th, Officers and Sir Knights of Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894 participated in a parade to honor one of their own on his 100th birthday! SK James "Horse Collar" Smith.

Wreaths Across America 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Wreaths Across America was not the same this year. Each cemetery ran it differently. Lady Patti and I participated at Arlington National Cemetery on December 13th. What follows is a recap of some of the Maryland District activity during this period.



Christopher Columbus Assembly #2272 Baltimore National Cemetery December 18-19, 2020

Despite the pandemic environment, 2020 was a record drive for the Assembly's annual wreaths

program. Through our partnership and support from approximately fifty total donors to include assemblies, councils, and individuals, we were able to increase our contribution of wreaths from 350 in 2019 to over 400 this year which was included the total number of 5,051 wreaths laid at Baltimore National Cemetery.



**St Joseph Assembly #3502
Baltimore National Cemetery**



**St Joseph Assembly #3502
Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
Owings Mills, MD**



**James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #379
Ellsworth Cemetery
Westminster, MD**



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
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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.



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

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