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Worthy Sir Knights, Ladies, and Friends,

Lady Eleanor and I pray your Christmas Day was joyous and that joy continues through the entire Christmas Season right up to Epiphany. We would hope it doesn't end there. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a much better 2021, full of good health and GOD's Blessings. A vaccine is on its way although many of us will have to wait for several more months before receiving it. In the meanwhile, please wear a mask, remain socially distanced, and wash your hands.

I'm sure the number of hours we were able to give to others this past year are less than previous years, but still get your individual fraternal surveys into your assembly as soon as possible. Every Assembly must submit an annual Fraternal Survey to Supreme (fraternalmission@kofc.org) not later than 31 January. This is also one of the requirements for the Star Assembly Award. Send your individual fraternal surveys to the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Comptroller, and all three Trustees. Both the individual fraternal survey and Assembly Fraternal Survey is available online at Supreme. When sending the Assembly Fraternal Survey, be sure to send a copy to Vice Supreme Master Thumm and myself.

Gentlemen, I know that Supreme has announced changes to the Council Meeting. There are no changes planned for Assembly meetings. It is also important to note that Assemblies should be meeting every month. Meetings should be completely virtual or hybrid, i.e. a few men are in person but others may log into the meeting virtually. There is always business to conduct and events or programs to plan. Meetings are also a good time to check in on folks and their families. Remember we Leave No

Neighbor Behind and that starts with our Knights of Columbus Brothers and their families.

Everyone is a recruiter and we are always recruiting new members to our Order and the Fourth Degree. There will be a virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in Spanish on Saturday, 6 February. We will also conduct a virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on Saturday, 13 March. Get the form 4's to District Secretary Bill Copes as soon as possible. Space, especially for the degree in Spanish, will be limited. First come, first served. So, don't delay in getting the forms into Bill. Be sure to indicate which degree each candidate will attend. The cost for either degree is \$50. Checks should be made out to "Master of the Fourth Degree" and also sent to Bill as soon as possible. Some folks think I am joking when I say this but, we really are looking for at least 100 new Sir Knights between these two degrees. So, get out there and ask every practical Catholic man of at least 18 years of age to become a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree. Let's start out calendar year 2021 on a strong, positive note.

Lady Eleanor and I pray that your 2021 is healthy and Blessed. Stay safe.

Vivat Jesu'

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***From the Desk of the
District Master***

Reflection

As I look back on 2020 there are many reasons to hope and pray for a much better 2021. It is unfortunately true that many of our Brothers and family members have gotten sick and some have passed away. We lost many others due to non-COVID reasons as well. Many were impacted financially by the COVID restrictions. Our churches were closed and we were not able to receive Communion or Reconciliation. Some are still closed. Often our ability to reach out and assist our neighbor has been a challenge. We've lost far too many Americans and fellow man and woman. Yet through all of this, we have much to be thankful for. We have the love and mercy of GOD the and the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We have family, our biological and Fraternal family. Most of us have a roof over our heads and food on the table. We have folks who support our needs - physical, emotional, and spiritual. Our basic needs are generally being met and we have many Blessings to look forward to. So, as we move into this new year of 2021, let's thank GOD for what we have, especially his unconditional Love and Mercy. Please continue to pray and reach out to those less fortunate.

Upcoming Events

- 3 Jan Epiphany
- 4 Jan Mother Seton 200th Anniversary Mass
11:30 AM on EWTN. Archbishop Lori is
the celebrant from the Shrine
- 9 Jan Maryland State Council Mid-term Meeting
- 18 Jan Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20 Jan Presidential Inauguration
- 24 Jan Life is Beautiful Mass at the Basilica of the
Assumption of Mary, Archbishop Lori is
the celebrant.
- 29 Jan National March for Life
- 30 Jan Wreath Cleanup at many veterans
cemeteries

7 November 2020 Exemplification (Updated)

375 Charles Carroll of Carrollton

- SK Dave Jenkins *
- SK Michael Pollard

376 Chief Justice Taney

- SK Alexander Kidwell

379 James Cardinal Gibbons

- SK Brad Brooks
- SK Bob Detrow *
- SK Andrew Keefer
- SK Michael Kelbaugh
- SK Steven Spencer

380 Saint Francis Xavier

- SK Matthew Stephenson

381 Admiral William Benson, U.S.N.

- SK Richard De Stwolinski
- SK James Gary, Jr.
- SK VADM. Tom Kilcline, USN (Ret.)
- SK Mark Marbut
- SK Brian Schneider
- SK Leon Turkevich

385 Archbishop Francis P.Keough

- SK Michael Hannan
- SK Thomas McNamee
- SK John Yeager

387 Pangborn

- SK Robert Goldsack
- SK MSGR. Bruce Jarboe
- SK Walter Rusty Reichmeider

1620 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- SK Joseph Jauquet
- SK Lawrence Lang *
- SK David A. Wynne

2272 Christopher Columbus

- SK Brother Bill Ciganek *

2367 Pope Saint Paul VI

- SK Lawrence Dabrowski

2378 Archbishop John Carroll

- SK Joseph Bankard
- SK Mark Bittle
- SK Rick Bohdel *
- SK Thaddeus Daniecki, Jr.
- SK Arthur Grieshaber *
- SK Christopher Rossi
- SK Jay Tremblay

2595 Father Michael J. McGivney

- SK Albert J. Myers

3502 St. Joseph

- SK Peter A. Brocato, III

*** Denotes Addition to Original List**

Faithful Friar's Message

There are so many reflections, editorials and news reports as the country prepares for a change of presidential administrations and for new people in so many other elected offices. There have been a number of times in our history when these changes brought acrimony and a certain divide, and this seems to be one of those times. It is not too hard to understand that, for political parties often take very different positions on issues which are very close and personal to various groups of voters. It is often a challenge for the individual voter as well, trying to be conscientious and faithful, as Candidate A can seem so right on some issues and so wrong on others, and Candidate B may be just the opposite. What is one to do?

We know that in our Church and as Knights we speak to issues and do not take any official positions on particular candidates. So, if one is happy about the election results, or disappointed in the outcome, I would like to suggest several things to make sure we do not harm relationships with family members, brother Knights, fellow parishioners, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

First, we can all try to stay on top of issues, and charitably witness to our beliefs, while we strive to influence political leaders in civil ways (e.g. the advocacy of the Maryland Catholic Conference). Second, we can pray for enlightenment, for a well-formed conscience, and a true change of heart if that is needed for ourselves or others, including leaders who we may consider wrong or misguided on a particular topic.

Issues today can be social, racial, economic, moral, environmental, or come under other categories. There is surely much to improve for the common good of our fellow citizens and all people of the world. As Catholics, as Knights, as patriotic citizens, let us not abandon our roles in learning about, praying about, and advocating on issues, for in all of those we are living our faith and serving others.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Fr Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

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.

As the Master pointed out, half of the District assemblies have scheduled their Renewal of Obligations. Please reach out to him and schedule your assembly Renewal ASAP.

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.

Obligations should be completed by 31 March 2021.

I want to let each of you know that you are always in my prayers, but more fervently in these trying times, and particularly in this holiday season as we look forward to the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Maryland District Assemblies in Action

Wreaths Across America

**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.



SK Larry Delss, FN SK Gary Heil, PFN SK Jim Bocklage

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



PFN SK Charles Bankard, PFN SK Herb Kraft, Lady Jan Kraft, PFN SK Francis Blatterman

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



SK Glen Andriasiak and SK Marco Minnie



PFN SK Buzzy Stockman, FN SK Frank Corrazza, SK Glen Andriasiak, SK Marco Minnie, SK Jim Goldbeck, PFN SK Jim Bocklage and students from Archbishop Curley High School

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



FM SK Tom Greul and SK Brad Criddle

**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 has 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.

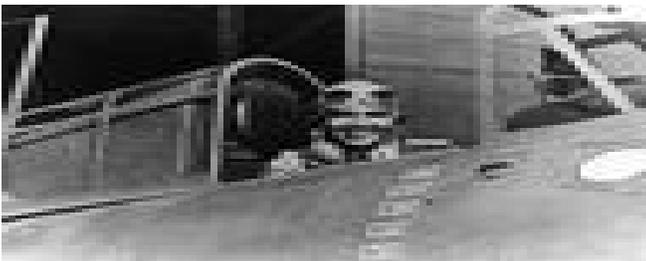
Overcoat There are some areas in America where an overcoat is needed in the wintertime. We have developed a 19 oz., 100% wool, mid-calf coat with a heavy satin lining. The coat will be water resistant as well. The coat will have epaulets on the shoulders for the Baldric to go under and the gold K of 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 334-863-1674 cell 800-458-5180, Ext: 168

How a Mobster's Son Became a Medal of Honor Hero

Lieutenant Commander Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare (March 13, 1914 – November 26, 1943) was a young aviator of the United States Navy who suddenly became a national hero. It was 1942, and US forces had officially entered World War II following the attack on Pearl Harbor. On February 20, 1942 while serving aboard the USS Lexington he became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II when he engaged 5 Mitsubishi "Betty" bombers. He managed to down them in under 4 minutes.



For this feat he was awarded the Medal of Honor and went to the White House with his wife Rita to meet President Roosevelt. He rose up the ranks, becoming Lieutenant Commander of his old squadron and finally Air-Group Commander.

Tragically, Butch O'Hare's final action took place on the night of November 26, 1943, while he was leading the U.S. Navy's first-ever nighttime fighter attack launched from an aircraft carrier. During this encounter with a group of Japanese torpedo bombers,

O'Hare's F6F Hellcat was shot down; his aircraft was never found. But news of his triumph had made a strong impression on St Louis, the place where he was born and raised.

O'Hare International Airport was named after him, but that was in Chicago. Why there? The answer lies in Butch's famous father, Edgar Joseph "EJ" O'Hare. This enterprising lawyer, nicknamed "Easy Eddie", started off living above a grocery store in St Louis. He purchased the rights to the mechanical rabbit used on dog tracks, and soon drew attention to himself. Eddie then became a business partner of Al Capone, working together in the Windy City – hence the Chicago connection.

Having inspired Butch's love of planes, Eddie sent his son to the United States Naval Academy. Capone's man began to question being involved in criminal activity, worrying about the memories he'd leave Butch. He switched sides, helping Eliot Ness and the Untouchables convict his boss of tax evasion. Eddie knew he was in big trouble. Sure enough, he was assassinated in his car. It was 1939. Butch would enter the history books as a war hero just 3 years after.

In 1945, the U.S. Navy destroyer USS O'Hare (DD-889) was named in his honor. A few years later, O'Hare was honored when Colonel Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, suggested a name change of Chicago's Orchard Depot Airport as tribute to Butch O'Hare.

On September 19, 1949, the Chicago, Illinois airport was renamed O'Hare International Airport. The airport displays a Grumman F4F-3 museum aircraft replicating the one flown by Butch O'Hare during his Medal of Honor flight. The Grumman F4F-3 Wildcat on display was recovered virtually intact from the bottom of Lake Michigan, where it sank after a training accident in 1943 when it went off the training aircraft carrier USS Wolverine (IX-64). The Air Classics Museum restored the aircraft in 2001 to look like the exact one that O'Hare flew. The restored Wildcat is exhibited in Terminal Two at the west end of the ticketing lobby to honor O'Hare International Airport's namesake.

Renewal of Obligations

Renewal of Obligations should be planned for Fraternal Year 2020 – 2021 sometime between 1 January and 31 March. So far, we have the following 12 Renewal of Obligations scheduled. Please confirm to District Secretary Bill Copes, District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh, and District Master Fritz Leach, the date and time and whether it will be completely virtual or hybrid and who will initiate the online meeting. As a note, District Master Fritz Leach will be out-of-town 11 – 15 January 2021.

14 January 2021	Assemblies #1929 & 2702	
21 January 2021	Assembly 2378	8 PM
25 January 2021	Assembly 379	7:30 PM
28 January 2021	Assembly 1620	7 PM
1 February 2021	Assembly 3502	7 PM
3 February 2021	Assembly 384	7:30 PM
8 February 2021	Assembly 3162	7:30 PM
9 February 2021	Assembly 3245	
22 February 2021	Assembly 2367	7:30 PM
17 February 2021	Ash Wednesday	
25 February 2021	Assembly 2272	7:30 PM
9 March 2021	Assembly 381	7:30 PM
25 March 2021	Assembly 2595	7:30 PM

The following Assemblies need to schedule their Renewal as soon as possible. First come, first served.

Assembly 375	25 January or 22 March?
Assembly 376	10 January, 14 February, or 14 March?
Assembly 380	18 January, 15 February, or 15 March?
Assembly 385	9 February or 9 March?
Assembly 387	18 February or 18 March?
Assembly 2454	11 February or 11 March?
Assembly 3245	9 February or 9 March?
Assembly 3389	26 January, 23 February, or 23 March?
Assembly 3769	9 February or 9 March?