



THE PATRIOT



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Worthy Sir Knights, Ladies, and
Friends,

Spring has sprung and we are in the Easter Season. Yes, we have Easter day, a most glorious day, but the season extends to Pentecost, 50 Days, the longest season in our Liturgical Calendar. Christ is Risen!!

April leaves us ninety days or less remaining in the Fraternal Year. This is a very busy time for Assemblies. **Civic Award** applications are due. Do not wait until June to complete them. Get them in as soon as possible. **To Be A Patriot Awards** are due to Master Fritz Leach not later than midnight on **30 April**. Masters must get their nomination into the Vice Supreme Master not later than 15 May so that the VSM gets them to Supreme by 31 May. Every Assembly should be submitting applications for both Awards. Be very careful to submit award applications to the correct addressees. Master Fritz Leach and District Secretary are always addressees. Don't delay, I've already received the first applications.

Elections for Assembly Officers are opened in April with Elections occurring in **May**. Please get your Report of Officers Chosen submitted immediately following Assembly elections. It is best to use Member Management when completing the **Form 186** and, as always, Master Fritz Leach and District Secretary are addressees. Supreme uses the Form 186 to recognize Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers and give both access to **Member Management** for their respective Assembly.

The annual District Navigators' Seminar will be held on **Saturday, 12 June 2021**. We plan to meet in person at St Michael's Poplar Springs. The venue may change based on COVID restrictions. Stay tuned. The seminar is specifically for Faithful Navigators but is open to any Assembly member. In addition, Faithful Comptrollers, Color Corps Commanders, and Faithful Captains should find the Seminar particularly informative. There will be a small charge for a light lunch, coffee, tea, water, juice,

and pastries. The cost is borne by each Assembly and **every Assembly is expected to be represented.**

Traditionally we have recognized the Assemblies and Individual members at our "primary" Exemplification in March. This year will be a little different. Every Assembly should submit a nominee for Sir Knight, Color Corpsman, and Color Corps Commander of the Year to Master Fritz Leach not later than 15 May with a copy going to District Secretary Bill Copes. This is a simple, unformatted WORD document of no more than two typed pages describing why your Assembly's nominee should be selected as the District awardee for the year. Additionally, every Assembly should send a simple, unformatted WORD document, no more than four typed pages, to District Master Fritz Leach and District Secretary Bill Copes not later than 15 May describing why your Assembly should be recognized as the Maryland District Assembly of the Year. All of these District nominations can be emailed. Nominations received after 15 May will not be accepted. Please take the time to recognize your most worthy members. We plan to recognize the District awardees at the Navigators' Seminar in June.

Congratulations to the twenty-eight new Sir Knights who were exemplified on 13 March and the one new Sir Knight who took his degree with our Delaware Brothers on 26 March. All of their names appear elsewhere in this newsletter. With the current virtual degree format, we have time to get additional men into the Fourth Degree before the end of the Fraternal Year. Everyone is a recruiter and we should continue to recruit until the Fraternal Year ends then start again. There are degrees scheduled within Calvert Province and degrees outside of the Province nearly every weekend. All Form 4's and checks must go through District Secretary Bill Copes and District Master Fritz Leach. At no time should anyone go directly to another District. If you do, you most likely will not get credit for the degree. **We need 110 more Sir Knights by 20 June 2021.**

Thanks to all of our Maryland Sir Knights and Ladies who continue to conduct outstanding patriotic and civic programs even under the various COVID restrictions. Thanks for all you do for your parishes and communities. Thanks for Leaving No Neighbor Behind, especially

Brother Knights and their families. Lady Eleanor and I, on behalf of the entire Maryland District Staff, wish you a most Joyous and Blessed Easter. Please get your COVID vaccine, continue to wear a mask, remain social distanced, and stay safe
Vivat Jesu'

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"Maryland Knights - Serving GOD and Country"

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

**Remains Identified as Army Chaplain,
Medal of Honor Recipient Who Died as POW in
North Korea**

The remains of Father Emil Kapaun, an Army Chaplain during WWII and the Korean War, who died while a prisoner of war, have been identified by military officials.

During the Battle of Unsan, Fr Kapaun, a chaplain in the 8th Cavalry Regiment, ran from foxhole to foxhole while under fire to provide comfort to soldiers. He helped wounded soldiers to safety, but stayed behind himself in order to care for others. He was then captured by Chinese forces in November 1950.

While in captivity, Kapaun continued to care for his fellow soldiers while resisting his captors, including conducting a sunrise service on Easter morning, 1951. He died alone in a prison camp hospital on May 23, 1951.

In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared Father Kapaun a Servant of God, the first step toward sainthood. The Presidential Medal of Honor was awarded in 2013. An annual 60-mile pilgrimage honoring Fr Kapaun, organized by the Diocese of Wichita, is scheduled for June 3-6 this year. He is the namesake of Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School in Wichita. The Diocese is championing Kapaun's cause for sainthood.

**Exemplification of the Fourth Degree
March 13, 2021**

Congratulations to the Sir Knights and Assemblies participating in the Maryland District Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on March 13th.

Sir Knight	Assembly
Craig Leasure	Chief Justice Taney 376
Todd Geatz	Chief Justice Taney 376
John Forberger	Msgr Edward Mickle 378
Adewale Obanla	James Cardinal Gibbons 379
Dean Ditman	James Cardinal Gibbons 379
Michael Alegieunu	James Cardinal Gibbons 379
John Ortlieb	Adm William Benson, USN 381
Richard Losier	Adm William Benson, USN 381
Roy Pinto	Adm William Benson, USN 381
Dan Miller	Adm William Benson, USN 381
Rev Vincent Arisukwu	Adm William Benson, USN 381
John Schmuff	Arbp. Francis P Keough 385
Martin Mossa	Arbp. Francis P Keough 385
CharlesFagan	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 1620
William Howard	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 1620
Anthony DePasquale	Father Joseph Mosley 1929
David Remaniak	Father Joseph Mosley 1929
Larry Carter	Christopher Columbus 2272
Aloysius Muscella	Archbishop John Carroll 2378
Dale Peckinpugh	Archbishop John Carroll 2378
Dennis Monaghan	Archbishop John Carroll 2378
James Kearney	Archbishop John Carroll 2378
Edward Amatucci	Fr Michael J McGivney 2595
Rev Kurt Kilsmet	Fr Michael J McGivney 2595
Paul Banas	Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno 3162
Steven Johnson	Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno 3162
Joe Albanesi	Col Anthony F. Naples, USA 3245
Sam Adamczyk	Col Anthony F. Naples, USA 3245

**Exemplification of the Fourth Degree
March 26, 2021**

Congratulations to the Sir Knight and Assembly participating in the Delaware District Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on March 26th.

Sir Knight	Assembly
Frank Jackson	St Francis Xavier 380

11 April – Divine Mercy Sunday

On 11 April we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday which ends the Octave of Easter. The feast of Divine Mercy is based on the revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska and established by St. John Paul II in 2000.

Because the Knights have a special calling to support the Church in its endeavors and because they are called to perform acts of charity, we should do our best to assist every parish in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. It is very clear, that this feast is to be a refuge and shelter for all souls, but especially for those, who have fallen away from the practice of their faith. This Feast of Divine Mercy offers to all souls, who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, on that feast, a complete pardon of all sins and punishment. As Knights we are called to do acts of charity and there could be no greater acts of charity than to participate in the salvation of lost souls.

It is clear that the Church has established this feast as a means to rebuild the Church and to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. Saint Pope John Paul II died on the feast in 2005 and left a final written request asking for a greater understanding of, and acceptance of Divine Mercy. We can best help our own parishes by equipping them with all the necessary information and an image of the Divine Mercy, which is central to a proper celebration. The image is a perfect representation of the gospel on that day!

19 April 1775 – The Shot Heard Round The World

"The shot heard round the world" is a phrase that refers to the opening shot of the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, which began the American Revolutionary War and led to the creation of the United States of America. At about 5 a.m. on 19 April 1775, 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington to find 77 armed minutemen under Captain John Parker waiting for them on the town's common green. British Major John Pitcairn ordered the outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation the Americans began to drift off the green. Suddenly, a shot was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the green. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded. Only one British soldier was injured, but the American Revolution had begun.

FREE!!! – Become a Father McGivney Guild Member

If you aren't already, please consider becoming a Father McGivney Guild member. It's free and open to everyone. Every Knight and all of their family members absolutely should be members. Pray for Father McGivney's intercession and canonization. Hopefully you participated in the Novena leading up to Founder's Day, 29 March.

Your Articles, Photos, and Programs are Needed

Please share your successes, activities, and Programs with District Newsletter Editor SK Mike Forehand. Mike is also the Calvert Province Newsletter editor. We are always looking for interesting articles and photos of activities and events occurring throughout the Maryland District and Calvert Province. You don't need to wait until the last week of the month to send Mike your input. Toot your Assembly's horn and share what worked for you and how you support your parishes, communities, and veterans.

Civic Award Application and To Be A Patriot Awards

Gentlemen, at this point, all Assemblies most likely have completed at least four patriotic and / or civic programs and are now eligible for the Supreme Council's Civic Award. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the Assembly's program of activities. Those Assemblies winning the award should display it with justifiable pride. In order to qualify for the Civic Award, the Assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year. Programs must be reported on the Civic Award application and submitted to the Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Mission. This application must be received by the Supreme Council office no later than 30 June 2021. Don't wait, submit it now, then based on those four programs, you select the best and report on the To Be A Patriot Award application. Master Fritz Leach MUST receive your To Be A Patriot Award application not later than 30 April 2021. Any To Be A Patriot Award application received after 30 April 2021 will NOT be considered. The form must be snail mailed, scanned and emailed, or physically handed to the Master. Every Assembly should be submitting both applications. This is what the Fourth Degree Assemblies and Sir Knights do – patriotic programs.

Assembly Elections and Report of Officers Chosen Form 186

In April, Assemblies open nomination for Assembly Officers. In May, Assemblies vote on Assembly Officers at their first Business Meeting in May. The current Faithful Navigator then has ten days to provide the Report of Officers Chosen on Form 186 to Supreme and the District Master. This is best accomplished through Member Management. Start planning for next year now and get your reports in.

HOT! HOT! HOT! – New Uniform Support

In addition to any support provided by the Assembly, the District will give \$100 to the first five Sir Knights who send the Master a copy of the paid invoice for the new uniform ordered after 1 April. When you order the uniform, Supreme will send you an email confirming your purchase. Just forward that email to Master Fritz Leach. This offer does not include purchase of a second uniform. You will be expected to participate in at least three color corps events in the course of the coming year. We need to continue growing our Assembly color corps.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

GOD, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow you son, Jesus Chris, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to a greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to your will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, Defend us in the Day of Battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May GOD rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, o Prince of the heavenly host,

By the divine power of GOD, cast into Hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph

Oh, St Joseph, whose protection is so strong, so prompt before the throne of GOD. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St Joseph, Patron of departing souls – Pray for me.



Faithful Friar's Message

After Maryland, the state in which I lived the most was Massachusetts. In mid-April that “commonwealth” celebrates Patriots’ Day, traditionally on April 19, recalling the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, and the success of the Minutemen. I also recently completed David McCullough’s book “John Adams,” a biography of a true Massachusetts patriot whose personal sacrifices for his country extended over decades. Such holidays and biographies can be very important for us, especially when they inspire our own patriotism. Those revolutionary patriots also spoke of their efforts in terms of God-given rights, and what that means for human destiny. Someone like Adams also struggled with the shortcomings of his era of history, e.g. slavery. It is neither easy to be a patriot, nor to do so while keeping a

perspective of faith and true justice. Yet that must be our goal as disciples and as Knights.

As we celebrate Easter, we realize the difference the Lord's resurrection makes for our hopes and dreams, our inner peace even in times of adversity, and our ability to have a true sense of the eternal. Our Christian faith is a gift to the world. May you and your loved ones know the Lord's peace as we celebrate Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

SK Fr Donald Grzyski, OFM Conv.

District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

Just a couple weeks ago it was still **FREEZING** and yet the beginnings of the daffodils started to poke their stems up through the semi-frozen ground, at least in my garden. Now they are in full bloom and giving us a feeling that winter is finally over and Spring is in the air! Still, some cold weather to come, but longer daylight hours and a promise of better days is here.

As the Master has most likely mentioned, we brought 28 new Sir Knights into the Maryland District. I believe that gives us a total of 106 this fraternal year. That has us still behind on our numbers though, so let's keep trying to recruit as we move forward. Remember, there is a virtual exemplification within the Order almost every weekend, but the Master and District Secretary must coordinate with the other Districts for you to be able to participate and GET CREDIT for becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight!

It is getting really tedious struggling through this pandemic, but please hang in there just a little bit longer. The more of us that get vaccinated, the faster we get to that "new normal" I believe we are all looking for. I have gotten my first Moderna vaccine and will have my second by the time this newsletter reaches your inbox! My second shot is scheduled for March 31st! Woohoo!!! Please continue to socially distance yourselves and "wear the damn mask" as our Governor Larry Hogan has so aptly said. Honestly, my biggest fear is not contracting the virus myself, but rather being a "carrier" of the disease and giving it to some of you, or my family members. I have not heard of any proof yet saying that even with being vaccinated, that you cannot still transmit the virus to

others. The vaccine just keeps you from getting seriously ill!

The Color Corps has been able to turn-out for a few events which is also giving us hope that we are making progress towards an end to this pandemic and all the distancing restrictions we are being limited by. I know that virtually every week of late, I am fielding inquiries and requests for casket watches and funeral assistance by the Color Corps across the District. We have lost a number of Priests in recent weeks as well as a 100-year young Deacon who just turned 100 in February. The Maryland District Color Corps turned-out for a re-dedication of the church at St. Philip Neri Parish in Linthicum on March 14th. Archbishop Lori was the celebrant. Don't tell anybody, but we were even permitted to "carry swords" in the ceremony and formed a gauntlet with a sword arch at "Present Sword" following the Mass. Don't tell any of your friends in AWD because that would just make them jealous!

On March 21st we had nine Color Corpsmen celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with the St. Joseph assembly #3502 at St. Leo the Great Church in Little Italy. Following Mass, we gathered downstairs for coffee and pastries before heading to Millersville for the annual Maryland State Council Founder's Day Mass.

Oh, and speaking of AWD, the Maryland District, in conjunction with some Color Corpsmen from the Archdiocese of Washington District jointly turned-out for the Founder's Day Mass at Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church in Millersville, Md. on March 21, 2021. We had a total of 15 Color Corpsmen under the direction of the Master of the Maryland District, SK Francis (Fritz) Leach and program chairman, SK Marshal Jim Duryee. District Marshal Yen Le of the Archdiocese of Washington District along with other Marshals and Color Corpsmen from both Districts participated in the event. Both District's Color Corpsmen even blended our talents in a combined flag team to Present the Colors prior to Mass. All fifteen processed in with the Clergy and processed back out following Mass. It was almost a sense of "normalcy"!

I want to wish each of you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter Season! You are ALL in my prayers, always.

Tommy Ebaugh
Maryland District Marshal
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Upcoming Events

4 Apr	Easter Sunday
17 Apr	Virginia District Fourth Degree Exemplification, Fredericksburg, Va. Or Virtual. (time: TBD).
15 May	(Tentative) PA Central District Fourth Degree Exemplification, White Haven, PA
16 May	Provincial Event – AMS Memorial Mass, 4:30pm, Great Upper Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.
22 May	Diaconate Ordination, Basilica of the Assumption, time TBD
6 Jun	PA West District Fourth Degree Exemplification, Doubletree by Hilton, Cranberry Township, PA.
19 Jun	Priestly Ordination, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, time TBD

Maryland District Assemblies in Action

**Maryland District
And
Archdiocese of Washington District**

**Maryland State Council
Founder's Day Mass
March 21, 2021**



**St Joseph Assembly 3502
St Joseph Mass
St Leo Church
March 21, 2021**



Heroes Among Us

**Navy WAVE, WWII Code Breaker
Celebrates 100th Birthday
with Her Own Parade**

A World War II code breaker who helped hunt down Nazi U-boats turned 100 on March 2nd and was honored with a parade past her house in Pittsburgh. The nonprofit Veterans Breakfast Club of Pittsburgh, which provides a forum for veterans to meet and tell their stories, organized the parade of local police and firefighters, veterans and current service members. There was also a virtual birthday party open to any who wished to attend.

Does Anybody Here Speak German?

Julia Parsons, who served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or Navy WAVES was among a remarkable group of women recruited for the WAVES and Women's Army Corps, or WACs, to assist in super-secret intelligence work against the German and Japanese war machines.



The majority of the women were recruited from historically women's colleges such as Bryn Mawr, Wellesley and Goucher College in Baltimore,

whose dean was Dorothy Stimson, a cousin of Secretary of War Henry Stimson. Parsons came to the job by a different route. She grew up in Pittsburgh and went to Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University) where she received a bachelor of science degree in humanities. She volunteered for the WAVES in 1942.

"If the war hadn't come along, I'd probably have gone to library school and become a librarian," Parsons said. But she saw in the Pittsburgh newspapers that the Navy had started taking women; if they had a degree, they'd be sent to Smith College in Massachusetts for three months of specialized training.

At the end of the training, one of the instructors addressed the women and asked, "Does anybody here know German?". "I raised my hand and said I had two years in high school," Parsons said. "Well, I was the only one who put my hand up so they sent me down" to a closely guarded communications annex in Washington, D.C., that worked on German submarine traffic. "I don't know how I got to be there," she said. "We had no special training in any kind of code work. They had taught us to use a teletype machine, but that was about it."

She and the other "Code Girls" worked off versions of what was called the "Bombe" machine, one of the earliest computers. It was developed by British mathematical genius Alan Turing to break the Germans' Enigma code with the aid of more than two thousand women recruited for the task at the now-famed Bletchley Park site, northwest of London.

The Army and Navy later developed their own versions of the Bombe machine based on the work at Bletchley Park, codenamed "Ultra". "It was like doing anagrams every day or crossword puzzles or something," she said. "It was fun but also frustrating" in that she was sworn not to talk about it. She said she honored her oath long after the war.

The decoding work at Bletchley Park and in the U.S. was declassified in the 1960s, but Parsons did not learn of that until 1997, when she was finally able to tell her husband of what she did in the war before he passed away. The secret has now been shared with her three children, eight

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, said Parsons, who is still grateful for the chance the Navy gave her to serve. "The Navy never stops giving," she said. "I met my husband through them and had the job of my life through them. And I got my [COVID-19] shots through them."

Maryland District Web Site And Yahoo Group

Subscribe to the Maryland Fourth Degree Yahoo Group by sending an email to <https://groups.io/g/KCMaryland4thDegree> to join the Master's Yahoo Group.

If your Assembly has events that you want to advertise for others to consider for their participation, send the information or flyer to Mike Forehand at michael4hand@yahoo.com. for inclusion in the District Newsletter.

Archbishop Lori encourages prayer against coronavirus

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



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

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 Fabrizio di San Pietro M. Pallara.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS