



THE PATRIOT

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Worthy Sir Knights, Ladies, and
Friends,

Its May and time for elections. All assemblies must conduct election of assembly officers at your May meeting. Once you've elected your officers, you must submit your report of officers chosen form 186. This form should be completed online at member management for best results. Then it can be submitted directly to Supreme, the Vice Supreme Master, the District Master, District Secretary Bill Copes, and District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh. It is essential that this form be submitted not later 30 May.

It is very disappointing how few Assemblies took the time to submit your best Patriotic program for the To Be A Patriot award. There really is no reason why every Assembly should not submit an award application. By not submitting this award application, you have failed to recognize the efforts of your members and the Assembly and have disqualified your Assembly from any possibility of receiving the Star Assembly Award.

All Assemblies are expected to submit a Civic Award application. This form should be completed online and must reach Supreme not later than 30 June. You are highly encouraged to submit it well before 30 June.

There is still time to bring new members into your Assembly. There are still several Exemplifications scheduled in the Province and even more throughout the Order. All form 4's and checks must be submitted to District Secretary Bill Copes. Master Fritz Leach will process all paperwork through Supreme. Recruiting is everyone's duty and never ceases. Let's end strong!

Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day both occur in May. All Assemblies should have at least one program scheduled to observe at least one of the holidays. Remember all our veterans and their families, those who have been wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and remember those who have paid the ultimate price.

Vivat Jesu'

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"Maryland Knights - Serving GOD and Country"

From the Desk of the District Master

Navigators Seminar June 12, 2021

We will conduct our Annual Navigators Seminar on Saturday, 12 June, 9AM-2PM, location TBD. While this event is principally for Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and Color Corps Commanders it is open to any Assembly Member. Faithful Captains and Faithful Pilots would definitely benefit from attending. Every Assembly is expected to be represented. We are working to ensure there will be an opportunity for members to log in virtually but we will have material to distribute to every Assembly. Faithful Navigators who are unable to attend must contact Master Leach, by phone, well in advance of the date.

We are looking forward to having the entire Maryland District leadership together to share experiences and ideas. An agenda will be sent out in the coming weeks. If you have specific areas you would like covered or have questions you'd like answered, please email those to District Secretary Bill Copes and Master Fritz Leach soonest. Thanks.

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.

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.

Civic Award Application

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.

Assembly Elections and Report of Officers Chosen Form 186

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.

Keep Former Master Carl Roberts in Prayer

Former Master Carl Roberts is recovering from recent hip replacement surgery.

Faithful Friar's Message

As disciples of the Lord we are grateful that speaking from the cross, and through St. John, Jesus shares His Mother ("Behold your Mother..." John 19:26) with all who will be His disciples, His brothers and sisters. And so, in this month when we celebrate Mother's Day, we also honor Mary. When we consider the various prayers to Mary, as well as the titles under which we appreciate Mary's life, actions and appearances, don't we glimpse the very real Marian aspect of our faith lived out over the centuries? In doing so, I think most of us feel a personal closeness to Mary as our Mother.

We also come to see Mary as a woman of faith, of courage and of determination, and as such she can help us to live our faith. At a time in history when our witness and charity are so needed, Mary can give us the example to continue to strive as disciples, and with a solid realization that we are all invited to help build God's Kingdom here on earth.

Indeed, we pray, "Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order..." I think the many successes we find in our programs are because Mary inspires and intercedes for us. Celebrating that devotion in this month of May is part of our Church tradition, and certainly worth keeping alive.

We certainly wish all the Ladies, whether they be mothers, grandmothers, godmothers or aunts, a Happy Mother's Day, and may they feel Mary's inspiration in their lives.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Fr Donald Grzymski, OFM Conv.



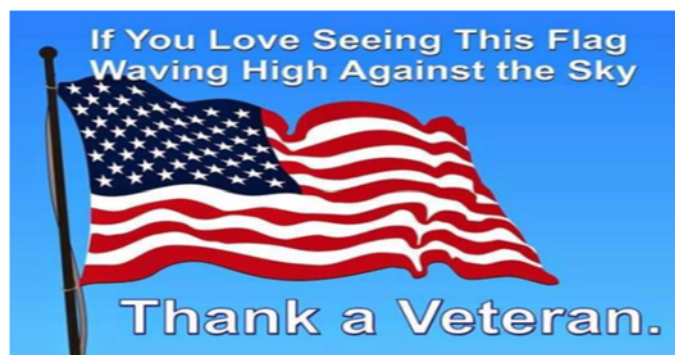
Little Known History Now You Know



General George S. Patton and Willie entering the U.S. Third Army Headquarters in Luxembourg.



This photo, taken a few days after the death of George S. Patton (December 21, 1945 in Germany), shows his faithful dog Willie, lying next to the General's personal belongings. The legendary Commander of the U.S. Third Army absolutely loved his white bull terrier who followed him everywhere. Shortly after this photo was taken, Willie was taken to the United States and spent the rest of his life with General Patton's wife and daughters.



District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

Well, let's see if the April showers bring the May flowers, we are all promised! I hope so.

Easter Sunday was a Glorious day, He is Risen! It's funny how participation "in-person" peaked on Easter Sunday, but then waned again the following week. Churches are opening up a little more and coronavirus restrictions are being relaxed, but please don't let your guard down, not just yet. I'm not afraid of the virus, and I am certainly not trying to spread fear, but I for one do not have confidence that just because I and others around me may be vaccinated, that I/we cannot still transmit the disease. Follow the guidelines, stay safe and keep those around you safe, please!

I am sure the Master has already said his piece about Assembly elections of Officers, but I want to emphasize how important it is to hold your elections in the month of May! The Navigator's Seminar is planned for Saturday, 12 June and your Form 186 should be completed and sent in prior to that date. We all have the tendency of waiting until the last minute and it is just foolish. Dates you may see on the website don't always tell the total picture. For example, the "To be a Patriot" award, just to name one, has to go through multiple "hands" before it reaches Supreme. The "Civic Award" has to be to Supreme by 30 June, but let's face it, most assemblies are focused on the turn-over to new officers, and Supreme is collecting all these forms and also the Council level forms by the same date. Send your submission in early so that your assembly and your MEMBERS get proper recognition for their efforts for the year. Please, Please, Please submit your Form 186 through "member management". The older write-in version does not have all the information the Master, Secretary to the Master and I need to update our files, and particularly email address, etc. that we will need to reach the new officers of your assembly. From time to time I get complaints from a PFN or a former Color Corps Commander or someone who has left that position and it is in large part due to not having been provided with the new officer's contact information. Enough of that. **USE THE MEMBER MANAGEMENT FORM!**

Assembly #2272, Christopher Columbus assembly led a Rosary prayer service on April 16 at the Baltimore County Police Department in Dundalk. The local Council and the assembly had very good attendance. I was invited and joined them. The "mission" of that prayer service was to pray for the police and public servants, to keep them safe

and show support for their chosen profession. Some Sisters from I believe the Our Lady of Fatima parish rode a bus over to join in the fun! A group of at least five police officers joined in as well. I think at least one was not a Catholic, because I did not see his fingers move across the beads of the rosary he was holding, but maybe this is the kind of thing that "rubs-off" on those who are not.

Master Francis "Fritz" Leach had a birthday on April 19. Don't ask me how "young" he is because I don't know! I think he's over 23, or 26.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, 2021. Please don't forget your Moms and your significant others. St. Leo the Great is having a 9:30am Mass in honor of Mother's Day. I suppose there will be many others at Parishes all around. Following the Mass at St. Leo's, Father Bernie is planning a procession around the block with the statue of Our Mother, Mary. Color Corps is invited to attend this Mass and procession. Turn-out time is 9:00am in the basement of the church.

On Saturday, 15 May, the Color Corps will participate at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, located at 5200 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. in support of the Transitional Diaconate. Mass time is 10:00am. Color Corps turn-out at 9:15am. I presume we will meet in the library in the basement.

The Annual Archdiocese of Military Services Memorial Mass is scheduled for Sunday, 16 May at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. Mass time is 4:30pm. **Color Corps WILL NOT be participating** due to covid restrictions.

On Saturday, 22 May, the Color Corps will participate in the Permanent Diaconate Ordination at the Basilica of the Assumption located at 408 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Mass time is 10:00am. Color Corps turn-out at 9:15am, likely gathering in the crypt or the basement museum.

I was made aware that Assembly #3389, Our Lady of Victory had been contacted to have a small Color Corps contingent to carry flags and lead a procession at the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens on Memorial Day. The Faithful Navigator has asked for help as his assembly does not yet have anyone in the Color Corps uniform. This is just for informational purposes. We will reach out on an individual basis and have a "few good men" turn out to help this assembly!

That's about all I have to say for the month of May. OH YEAH, CINCO de MAYO! Well I don't drink, so it's not a big deal for me. If you do, please do so responsibly.

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Upcoming Events

15 May	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
29 May	PA East District Fourth Degree Exemplification
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

Christopher Columbus Assembly 2272 Rosary Rally for Police Dundalk, MD



On Friday April 16 at 1:00PM, Nun's, Church Parishioners, and Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Color Corps and 6 Police Officers joined to pray to

St. Michael the Archangel to protect our Police who protect us!



Heroes Among Us

WWII NAVAL AVIATOR TURNS 107 |CAPTAIN ROBBIE ROBERTS

At 107, Captain Roberts is among the oldest surviving WWII veterans in the United States. Born on April 17, 1914, Robbie entered service in the US Navy at 23 in September of 1937. Developing a fascination for aircraft from the time he was a young child, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program soon after joining the service. When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, Robbie was stationed in the Philippines as a PBY Catalina seaplane pilot. He vividly remembers flying his first mission of the war and watching two of his fellow pilots' aircraft explode midair after taking intense enemy fire. "Seeing some of your friends shot out of the sky was just horrible," he said, "I've got a lot of horrible memories."



On the third day of WWII, Roberts' plane didn't get more than 50 feet off the runway when it was shot up and severely damaged by a Japanese fighter. Miraculously, he was able to keep the aircraft in flight before landing the seaplane on the water below. Robbie and his crew managed to repair the plane's damage, get it back in the air, and return to base. But his time in the Philippines was short-lived. As the Japanese swiftly overran the island, Richard's PBY became the last American airplane to evacuate the Philippines, carrying military personnel and civilians. To this day, Robbie remembers his comrades who were left behind and became Prisoners of War in Japan.

After escaping the Philippines, he was assigned as the Air Officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS San Jacinto (CVL-30). Roberts had the vital job of directing planes on and off the deck of the ship. He served in this critical position during nine major sea engagements across the Pacific Theater during the war. The carrier provided close air support during multiple amphibious landings, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa. One of Robbie's most notable wartime memories was observing a Japanese kamikaze strike the USS Franklin (CV-13), another aircraft carrier just a short distance away. He recalled seeing a Japanese bomber come through the clouds and dive into the ship, blowing dozens of men and aircraft overboard and engulfing much of the carrier in flames. When the war ended in September 1945, Robbie and the San Jacinto returned home to the US. When asked if he lost many close friends during the war, he somberly replied, "All of them."

After the war, Captain Roberts was instrumental in the Navy's transition from seaplanes to helicopters, pioneering tactics and doctrine still used today. He retired from the Navy on December 1, 1963, after more than 25 years of honorable service. At 107 years of age, Roberts has fought in one of the most significant wars known to man, became a pioneering Naval officer, traveled to over 60 countries, and left an incredible legacy for us all to remember.


**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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

