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Worthy Sir Knights, Ladies, and
Friends of the Fourth Degree,

We are already one month into this Fraternal Year. If you haven't already gotten your Covid vaccine, please do so as quickly as possible, no one needs to risk getting sick or making anyone else ill. Consider it our duty to our family, community, and parish. Thank you.

The Supreme Convention begins at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, 3 August. You can follow online and watch all of the sessions, except the Wednesday Business Session, on EWTN, Salt+Light, or Catholic TV. This will be the first Convention for Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. During the Annual Report of the Supreme Knight, 8 PM on Tuesday 3 August, we will hear of all the contributions we have made as an Order during this past year, a compilation of all the Fraternal Surveys we submit in January, as well as, Supreme Knight Kelly's vision for the coming year. On Wednesday, 4 August, we will also begin a new Novena for Blessed Michael McGivney.

The Maryland District Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held at Pangborn Assembly on Saturday, 6 November. This is roughly ninety days away. The trifold will come out shortly. Now is the time to put a full court press on our recruiting efforts. There are already more than eighty Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplifications scheduled before 6 November, so plenty of opportunities to bring new practical Catholic gentlemen, at least eighteen years of age, into our Order and onto the Fourth Degree. Don't wait. Recruiting is a year around activity and the responsibility of every Knight. If you have a candidate who is not available on that date or is just very anxious to become a Sir Knight, have him complete a form 4 and get it to District Secretary Bill Copes with details of his availability. Thanks.

August sees the anniversary of Blessed Michael McGivney's birth, death, and feast day. Supreme has many resources to grow our devotion to our Founder. Everyone should be a member of the McGivney Guild,

not only Knights but our entire family and parish. Please promote his cause for Sainthood by encouraging everyone to become Guild members, pray the prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, and plan a program to celebrate our Founder.

As with every month, August offers us plenty of opportunities to teach, remember, and celebrate patriotic or civic events in our Nation's history. 4 August is the anniversary of the US Coast Guard. 7 August is Purple Heart Day. On 27 August, we remember the Revolutionary War Battle of Brooklyn and the Maryland 400. Assemblies should be planning at least one patriotic or civic activity or event for every month. These programs will benefit our members, our parishes, schools, and communities. They also speak to our Fourth Degree mission and allow us to earn the Civic and To Be A Patriot Awards.

We have a lot of Knights and family members who need our prayers every day. Notifications are sent out via the io groups or Assembly and Council email alias'. Please share the names of your members or family members who need our prayers and remember to pray for GOD's healing, mercy, and love. Also remember that not all challenges are physical, medical, or material, sometimes they are spiritual or emotional. They still require our prayers. Watch out for our Brothers Knights and their families.

May our loving GOD continue to Bless you and your families and these United States of America.

Vivat Jesu'

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"Maryland Knights - Serving GOD and Country"

Installation of Assembly Officers Schedule

Below is the current schedule of Installations.

Assembly #375 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #376 – Installation: 19 September
Assembly #378 – (not scheduled)
Assembly #379 – Installation: 30 August
Assembly #380 – Installation: 20 September
Assembly #381 – Installation: 8 August
Assembly #384 – Installation: 4 August
Assembly #385 – Installation: 14 September
Assembly #387 – Installation: 16 September
Assembly #1620 – Installation: 26 August
Assembly #1929 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #2272 – Installation: 22 July
Assembly #2367 – Installation: 23 August
Assembly #2378 – Installation: 29 July
Assembly #2454 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #2595 – Installation: 28 August
Assembly #2702 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #3162 – Installation: 26 July
Assembly #3245 – Installation: 13 July
Assembly #3389 – Installation: 18 August
Assembly #3502 – Installation: 13 September
Assembly #3769 – Installation: 10 August

Requirements for the Star Assembly Award

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf>

Every Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:

- Submit the Report of Officers — # 186 (due July 1)
- Submit the Annual Assembly Audit Report — #1315 (due August 1)
 - Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity — #1728 (due January 31)
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7% of 1 July's membership
- Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award – conduct four patriotic programs.
- Enter the “To Be A Patriot” competition highlighting your best patriotic program
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

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Fr. McGivney Guild

Every Knight of Columbus and all of our family members should be members of the McGivney Guild to support the beatification of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney. Please join today if you are not already a member and encourage your family members and fellow Catholics to join. It's FREE!!!

<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html>

IO Group

Register for the Maryland Fourth Degree IO Group to receive important and timely information, especially prayer notices, color corps callouts, legislative issues important to active Catholics, and much more. Take advantage of the Maryland District website and the resources found there - Maryland Fourth Degree - <https://kcmaryland4th.org>.

At the bottom of the home page you will find



Subscribe to the Maryland Fourth Degree GroupIO by registering for the Master's Group IO Listserv.

Or load the following link into your browser - Maryland Fourth Degree IO Groups – KCMaryland4thDegree@groups.io | Home

Planned Exemplifications

6 Nov 2021, Saturday, Maryland District
Exemplification of the Fourth Degree,
Pangborn Council

5 March 2022, Saturday, Maryland District
Exemplification of the Fourth, tentatively
Columbus Gardens, Nottingham, MD

There are many other Exemplifications planned within the Province and across the Order, some are still virtual and some are hybrid or in person. Bottom-line is that we need to be actively recruiting new members and getting them into an Exemplification as soon as possible.

Please Pray for

Gary Heil – severe back issues
Mike Famiglietti – health challenges
Dave Lotz – surgery
Lady Lynn Feakes – broken ankle
Les Hiett - triple bypass
Jerry Znamirowski - hospitalized health related issues.
Johnnie Aguirre -home recovering from a severe infection following kidney stone surgery
Chris Arciaga, whose sister Barbara Jane Fernando passed away after a tough battle with cancer
Raymond Dion – hospitalized
Richard (Rick) Callender - deceased

Remember Our Widows, Orphans, and Deceased Members

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Faithful Friar’s Message

There are three important dates for us to celebrate in mid-August. August 13 is the first feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney, the day between his birthday (August 12) and his day of death (August 14). While those beatified are not celebrated universally, we Knights can surely join in celebration because we have a personal relationship to this Blessed. We can ask Blessed Michael to intercede for us, and for the good works we strive to accomplish. If you are a member of the Fr. McGivney Guild you read of some of the favors credited to his intercession in each quarterly edition of the Guild newsletter. If you do not belong to the Guild, you might consider joining (there is no cost), and continue to pray for his canonization.

August 14 is the 80th anniversary of the death of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who was executed in Auschwitz in 1941. Imprisoned for being a Franciscan priest and outspoken defender of the faith, he volunteered to die in place of a husband and father. A great champion of Mary Immaculate, he died on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption. Called a “martyr of charity” by St. John Paul II who canonized him, he is one of those individuals who remind us of the primacy of charity. As Knights we reflect that value, which highlights how the Order is aligned with Christian virtues. In Poland St. Maximilian is also honored for his patriotic stand against Nazi oppression. As patriotic citizens we rise above partisanship and are ready to work collaboratively to seek the common good. At the same time, there are some values—and our faith helps us to know these—which cannot be compromised. We Knights can really help our communities, state and country when we are informed and active citizens.

On August 15 we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is observing the 200th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral/Basilica of the Assumption, a title which reflects Christian belief for centuries before the Assumption was defined as a dogma in 1950. Remembering that the Basilica was also where Blessed Michael McGivney was ordained, and St. John Paul II visited and prayed, let us continue to honor Mary as Queen of the Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Fr Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

Little Known History Now You Know

Did you know Jackie Robinson was a Buffalo Soldier?

Jackie Robinson became the first African-American in Major League Baseball when he played his first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers April 15, 1947. But before he was a Dodger, he was drafted in 1942 and assigned to a segregated Army Cavalry unit the 9th Cavalry Regiment, making him a part of the historic "Buffalo Soldiers". Robinson attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in January of 1943. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1944.

He is pictured on top of a cavalry horse at Fort Riley.



“Drummer Boy of Chickamauga.”

In May of 1861, 9 year old John Lincoln “Johnny” Clem ran away from his home in Newark, Ohio, to join the Union Army, but found the Army was not interested in signing on a 9 year old boy when the commander of the 3rd Ohio Regiment told him he “wasn’t enlisting infants,” and turned him down. Clem tried the 22nd Michigan Regiment next, and its commander told him the same. Determined, Clem tagged after the regiment, acted out the role of a drummer boy, and was allowed to remain. Though still not regularly enrolled, he performed camp duties and received a soldier’s pay of \$13 a month, a sum collected and donated by the regiment’s officers.

The next April, at Shiloh, Clem’s drum was smashed by an artillery round and he became a minor news item as

“Johnny Shiloh, The Smallest Drummer”. A year later, at the Battle of Chickamauga, he rode an artillery caisson to the front and wielded a musket trimmed to his size. In one of the Union retreats a Confederate officer ran after the cannon Clem rode with, and yelled, “Surrender you damned little Yankee!” Johnny shot him dead. This pluck won for Clem national attention and the name “Drummer Boy of Chickamauga.”



Clem stayed with the Army through the war, served as a courier, and was wounded twice. Between Shiloh and Chickamauga, he was regularly enrolled in the service, began receiving his own pay, and was soon-after promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was only 12 years old. After the Civil War he tried to enter West Point but was turned down because of his slim education. A personal appeal to President Ulysses S. Grant, his commanding general at Shiloh, won him a 2nd Lieutenant’s appointment in the Regular Army on 18 December 1871, and in 1903 he attained the rank of Colonel and served as Assistant Quartermaster General. He became the last Civil War Veteran on active duty when he retired from the Army as a Major General in 1916, having served an astounding 55 years.

General Clem died in San Antonio, Texas on 13 May 1937, exactly 3 months shy of his 86th birthday, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

I don’t know about you guys, but I am once again encouraged by the Master’s comments! Things are

looking “up” with regards to some sort of return to a new normal.

The Master and I have completed four of the twenty-two Installation of Officers ceremonies for this Fraternal year with eighteen more to go. Only one assembly has yet to schedule their installation. Please remember that these ceremonies are to be scheduled in the months of July, August or September! Renewals of Obligations should be scheduled for the months of January, February or March.

As you see in the list of upcoming events, there are many opportunities to get involved in one way or another. There are many turn-out requests and I know I am sounding like a broken record here, but WE NEED YOU IN THE COLOR CORPS! As I said in my report on the “State of the District” at the Navigator’s seminar, we are currently up to a total of I believe the number was 83 members in the Maryland District “in uniform”. Though that is an improvement over my previous report, it is still far short of the numbers we need to carry out our “mission” as Color Corpsmen and members of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus here in the Maryland District.

The uniform is still available through the domestic supplier based down South in Alabama. See below:

This message pertaining to the Fourth Degree regalia contains the corrected phone number for customer service.

We are pleased to welcome “The Supply Room” (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia.

TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the cost will drop to \$449.

What to know:

- As before, orders may be placed at kofcuniform.com.
- The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.

- TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

3-4 Aug – Supreme Convention (virtual)

15 Aug – Sunday, Feast of the Assumption. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori at the Basilica of the Assumption, 409 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md. Mass time: 10:45am. Homilist will be: Bishop Robert Barron. Color Corps has been requested by the Rector, Father James Boric. Color Corps turn-out at: 10:00am.

15 Aug – Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Mass and Installation of Officers, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 6400 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, Md. Mass time: 12 noon.

22 Aug – Seton Chapter of Grand Knights Mass and Installation of Officers

28 Aug- Saturday, Pennsylvania West District Fourth Degree Exemplification, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Mary’s, PA.

28 Aug – Saturday, Testimonial for IPSD Dale Trott, 7-11pm at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave, Nottingham, Md. 21236

7 Sep – Tuesday, Provincial Event - AMS Father Vincent R. Capodanno Memorial Mass, 6:30pm, Crypt Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017

10 - 11 Sep – Supreme Assembly (virtual)

18 Sep – Calvert Province Meeting, Columbus Center, 355 N. Ritchie Hwy

18 Sep – St Leo the Great 140th Anniversary Mass, Little Italy

24 Sep – Gold Star Mother’s Day

1 Oct – Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services, National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD

2 Oct – Marathon Bluegrass Jam for Fisher House, American Legion Post 267, Old Quarterfield Rd, Glen Burnie

8 Oct – Columbus Ball, Annapolis

11 Oct – Columbus Day Wreath laying at Union Station, Washington, DC

16 October 2021 – AWD Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Saint John Paul II National Shrine

23 Oct – PA-C Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, White Haven, PA

30 Oct – Virginia Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Virginia Beach, VA

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Maryland District Assemblies in Action

Dundalk Heritage Festival Parade Dundalk, MD July 3, 2021

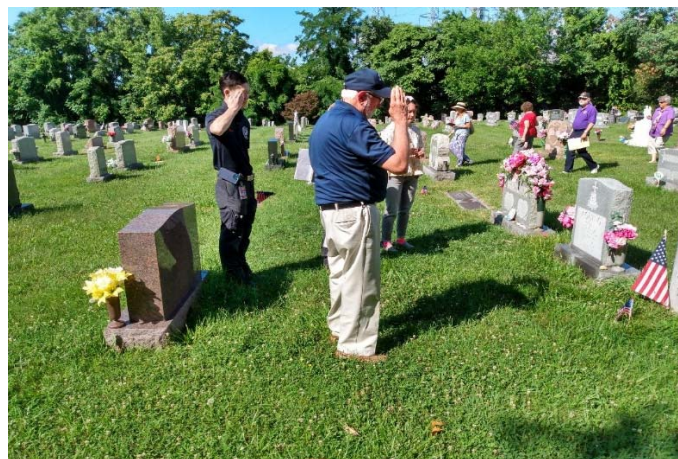


Not only did the Maryland District Fourth Degree Flag Team under the leadership of Marshal Bill Copes participate in the parade, but they took first place

in the Honor Guard category. The Maryland District Fourth Degree Sir Knights have marched in this parade every year of its existence, 86 years, the only organization to do so.

Absp Francis P Keough Assembly 385 Father Burggraff Council 6021 Flag Placement Ceremony July 3, 2021

On July 3rd, Archbishop Francis P Keough Assembly 385 and Father Burggraff Council 6021 conducted a Flag Placement ceremony at St Joseph Fullerton) parish cemetery. One hundred fifty-two flags were placed in honor of veterans buried in the cemetery.



Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony St Leo's Church in Little Italy Baltimore, MD



St Joseph Assembly #3502 participate in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony with Fr Carmen and Deacon Doug.

US NAVY AND THE WEATHER!

Sailors have always respected the power of the ocean, especially in heavy seas. Although Navy ships are made to withstand a certain degree of bad weather, they are not indestructible. Weather-related incidents have caused massive destruction and loss of life all throughout the history of the Navy.

The Navy's experience with weather-related incidents is as old as the service itself. The first ship lost to weather was the Continental sloop USS Saratoga off the Bahamas with all her crew on 18 March 1781. Although most associate bad weather with open seas, it can strike anywhere. From 1810–1813, the Navy lost three gunboats in the Chesapeake Bay and a schooner in Lake Ontario.

Once ships began to sail on the open seas more frequently, storms became especially dangerous. Sailors would not know a storm was upon them until it appeared on the horizon, and by then it was often too late. In September 1854, the brig USS Porpoise was lost with 62 Sailors somewhere between Formosa (Taiwan) and China due to a typhoon. During a powerful storm on 15–16 March 1889 in Apia, Samoa, the Navy lost three ships, USS Trenton, USS Vandalia, and USS Nipsic by huge destructive waves called tsunamis. On 29 August 1916, armored cruiser USS Memphis was hit by a series of reportedly 75 feet high tidal waves in the harbor of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, which wrecked the ship and killed 43 Sailors.

The most well-known storm the Navy faced happened during World War II. On 18 December 1944, Admiral William Halsey's Third Fleet encountered a massive typhoon northeast of Samar. Destroyers USS Hull, USS Spence, and USS Monaghan capsized, going down with nearly all hands. A cruiser, five aircraft carriers, and three destroyers suffered serious damage. Approximately 790 officers and enlisted men were lost or killed, and another 80 injured. Fires broke out on three carriers when planes broke loose in the hangers. Approximately 146 planes on different ships were lost or damaged beyond repair by fires, impact, or swept overboard.

As a result of the typhoon, the Pacific Fleet established new weather stations in the Caroline Islands, Manila, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. To coordinate weather data, weather central offices were established at Guam and Leyte.



Heavy weather operations by Task Force 99 in the North Atlantic near Iceland during 1941. The crew of a seaplane tender struggling to secure seaplanes during a storm off the coast of Hvalfjörður, Iceland.

Although weather-related incidents continue to effect Navy operations to this day, advancements in technology to include satellite imagery, radar mapping, and communications have greatly reduced risks associated with sea service. Today, the Navy relies on a series of eight Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian, and Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Centers, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command to provide weather-related information to the fleet.

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.

Maritime Community Day

Open House Aboard the S.S. JOHN W. BROWN



Come spend a Saturday with family and friends exploring
Baltimore's Maritime Heritage!

September 4, 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm

(all visitors ashore by 4 pm)

Pier 13, 4601 Newgate Avenue Baltimore MD

(Easy Access from I-95)

- FREE Tours of the JOHN W. BROWN – Tour crew quarters, the bridge & more. Visit the engine room and learn about our **140-ton triple-expansion steam engine**.
- Meet our Crew and watch equipment demonstrations
- Kid friendly activities - Face Painting, Shipboard Scavenger Hunt & more
- **Premier** viewing of our newest video by the Wicklein Group
- View the NS SAVANNAH & the tugboats also at Pier 13
- BMI & other museums will be present
- Have lunch and support the Maryland Food trucks



Our all-volunteer crew looks forward to welcoming YOU aboard!

NS SAVANNAH at Pier 13



Join us for the fun!



Cool down with a shaved ice
treat from Kona Ice

www.ssjohnwbrown.org

Moran Towing at Pier 13



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