

THE PATRIOT

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

We are roughly two months away from our first in-person Exemplification in more than twenty months. We will conduct a one-day degree at Pangborn Assembly in Hagerstown on 6 November 2021. While we did continue to recruit during the pandemic, we are behind in where we should be membership wise. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly challenged us all to recruit just two men into the Order. If we in the Maryland Fourth Degree did just that, we would bring in over six thousand new Knights. And if just 22% of those six thousand became Sir Knights, we would add over 1,300 to the District. Don't believe this is too farfetched. I know what we can do when we put our minds to it. Remember, everyone is a recruiter and don't feel like you have to stop at only two. Every Assemble can and should make their target recruiting goal. Let's get to work. Send your form 4's to District Secretary Bill Copes as soon as possible. If you have a man who cannot make the 6 November degree, there are other Exemplifications occurring across the Province in the coming weeks and there are still virtual degrees occurring across the Order.

The twentieth anniversary of 9/11 occurs this month. I know that several Assemblies have ceremonies planned to remember the events of the day and those who died or were injured. Supreme has memorial service resources available on their website. I also sent information to every Assembly. Please also remember those patriots who have served during the war on terrorism, many who paid the ultimate price and many more who live with the pain and scars, physical and emotional, of that service. Every Assembly should be planning something for 9/11 or Patriot's day, 17 Sep – Constitution / Citizenship day, and / or Gold Star Mother's Day on 24 September. In Maryland, we can also celebrate Defender's Day on 12 September, remembering the defense of Baltimore and the surrounding area during the War of 1812.

I am very proud of the many patriotic and civic programs conducted by the Maryland District Assemblies. I am very proud of the patriotic Catholic American Sir Knights and their families who support their communities, parishes, and schools every day. Who fly their flag. Who support veterans, police, firemen, EMS, and other first responders. Who remember our Brother Knights and family members called home to the LORD. We are Maryland Knights – For GOD and Country.

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

Vivat Jesu'

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Installation of Assembly Officers Schedule

Below is the current schedule of Installations.

Assembly #375 – Installation: 12 September
Assembly #376 – Installation: 19 September

Assembly #378 – (not scheduled)
Assembly #380 – Installation: 20 September
Assembly #385 – Installation: 14 September
Assembly #387 – Installation: 16 September
Assembly #1929 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #2454 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #2702 – Installation: 9 September
Assembly #3502 – Installation: 13 September

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

Maryland District Facts

As of 1 July, the Maryland District has 3,190 Sir Knights, 87 Councils with 14,475 Knights feed 22 of 24 Assemblies. The percent of eligible Knights to Sir Knights is 22%.

Calvert Province has 28,239, second largest in the Order, Sir Knights from seven Districts with 122,693 total Knights (5th largest), 23% are Sir Knights.

Order-wide there are 1,988,683 Knights of which 368,366 are Sir Knights, 18.5%.

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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>.

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Planned Exemplifications

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

Lay Candidates, Deacons and Seminarians	\$70.00
Priests & Members of Religious Orders	\$40.00
Additional Banquet Tickets	\$35.00
Ladies Activities	\$0.00

**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

Sick

FM Carl Roberts	SK Gary Heil
SK Mike Famiglietti	Lady Lynn Feakes

SK Les Hiett	SK Jerry Znamirovski
SK Johnnie Aguirre	SK Terry Maloney
SK Charlie Knott	PGK Chris Coker

Remember Our Widows, Orphans, and Deceased Members

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Faithful Friar's Message

Labor Day is one of those transitional holidays, symbolically marking the change from summer to fall, even if the official date is weeks away on the calendar. It's certainly true in parishes and schools, and I think it applies to councils and assemblies as well. After Labor Day the pace of the calendar picks up, with more events and projects, and I think it is often accompanied by a burst of human energy after a time of summer "r and r." It is a

time for organizations to make the most of getting everyone involved and eager to participate. Surely, we know that being out with others helps us to meet so many fine people we have never met before.

Most of us are probably ready to see activities resume and to enjoy the social interaction that is part of involvement (not ignoring the COVID-19 precautions we must still take). There are so many worthwhile things to do! Related to this, if we aren't eager to be going again, perhaps we should give ourselves a little push. Being active is usually healthy, and sharing our gifts and talents is a good thing. If our life is really busy, perhaps it's a moment to think about the priorities we have set, and if we should re-arrange any of them. Are we doing our best to care for our physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social needs?

As Knights we are fortunate that we bring prayer and a spiritual dimension to our meetings and gatherings, and our service to others is done out of Christian charity. As we can do more this year than was possible last year, it also means graced moments of growth will be waiting for us. I hope we can have many good experiences in the months ahead, and help others to the same positive outcomes. May this fraternal year be a blessed year!

Vivat Jesus!

SK Fr Donald Grzynski, OFM Conv.

Little Known History

**Nile Kinnick Jr., the 1939 Heisman Trophy winner
was a US Navy Sailor?!**



Nile Kinnick showed athletic aptitude at a young age. As a youth, he played on a Junior Legion baseball team with the future major leaguer Bob Feller, who was a Navy Chief in WWII. Nile went on to be a student and a college football player at the University of Iowa. He won the 1939

Heisman Trophy and was a consensus All-American. Nile Kinnick was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951, and the University of Iowa renamed its football stadium Kinnick Stadium in his honor in 1972.

In 1941, he left law school after one year and enlisted in the Naval Air Reserve. After completing a speaking tour of Iowa communities and visiting his parents in Omaha, he reported for induction three days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He wrote, "There is no reason in the world why we shouldn't fight for the preservation of a chance to live freely, no reason why we shouldn't suffer to uphold that which we want to endure. May God give me the courage to do my duty and not falter." Later, he added, "Every man whom I've admired in history has willingly and courageously served in his country's armed forces in times of danger. It is not only a duty but an honor to follow their example the best I know how. May God give me the courage and ability to so conduct myself in every situation that my country, my family, and my friends will be proud of me."

Nile was able to return to Iowa one last time in 1942. He saw his father one final time and then went to Iowa City and watched Iowa's football game against Washington University from the press box. When the Iowa crowd heard of Nile's presence, they began a loud "We want Kinnick!" chant until Kinnick leaned out of the press box with an appreciative wave.

Kinnick was training to be a fighter pilot. On 2 June 1943, he was on a routine training flight from the aircraft carrier USS Lexington CV-16, which was off the coast of Venezuela in the Gulf of Paria. He had been flying for over an hour when his F4F Wildcat developed an oil leak so serious that he could neither reach land nor the USS Lexington, whose flight deck was crowded with planes preparing for launch. Kinnick followed standard procedure and executed an emergency water landing, but died in the process. Rescue boats arrived on the scene eight minutes later, but they found only an oil slick. His body was never recovered.

Nile Kinnick was the first Heisman Trophy winner to die; he was a month and seven days away from his 25th birthday. Numerous honors for Nile Kinnick have been created since his death.

When the US occupied Japan, it renamed the site intended for the 1940 Summer Olympics "Nile Kinnick Stadium." Also, a high school on the US Naval base in Yokosuka, Japan, for dependents of military personnel is named Nile C. Kinnick High School. The coin flipped at the start of every Big Ten football game bears his image, and each

captain of a Big Ten team receives one such coin at the end of the year. Shortly after his death, a memorial fund was established at the University of Iowa in his honor. The Nile Kinnick Memorial Scholarship Fund is awarded annually to outstanding student-athletes at Iowa.

District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

The Master and I completed eight more installations of assembly officers this past month. Marshal Marty Nau assisted the Master with his own assembly installation, Father McGivney assembly #2595 just this past Sunday. I was in Pa-West for the Exemplification of their Fourth Degree. I believe I was told that they brought 30 new Sir Knights into the Fourth Degree. Last night (8/30/21) we installed the officers of the Former Master Tom Greul's assembly, #379 up in Westminster. It was a great turn-out of assembly officers and we were blessed with many wives and family members. Assembly #379 is one of the assemblies in the District making great strides in getting members into, or back into the uniform! Well done and continue the good work.

As the Maryland District Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in Hagerstown is barely over two months away, I want to let you know that I have scheduled a Color Corps practice in preparation for the exemplification for Saturday morning, 9 October 2021 at the St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 9190 Church St., Libertytown. We have the hall there from 9-noon. I am actively seeking two more venues to hold two additional practices, possibly at Columbian Center and maybe Columbus Gardens. Stay-tuned! I, for one, am very "rusty" with the in-person degree and I know that I need the practices!

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, questions concerning events listed here should first be addressed to your Assembly Color Corps Commander or Faithful Navigator, then to District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh, tjebaugh@verizon.net, 443-226-8812. If you have an event you'd like to have listed here, especially one that you need or are inviting participation from other Assemblies, please send the information to DM Tommy Ebaugh; be sure to include the date, time, address, and what is expected. Thank you.

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

9 Sep – Dundalk Council #2942 75th anniversary as a Council celebration. Archbishop William E. Lori will be the main celebrant. Mass time: 7:00 pm, **Color Corps turn-out in rear of the church at 6:15 pm.** There will be an ice cream social after Mass. All are welcome. Location: St. Casimir Church, 2718 O'Donnell St., Baltimore, Md. 21224. Contact: GK Gerry Novak gerardfrancisnovak@gmail.com, or CCC Jim Bocklage, Jmbock1225@gmail.com. Marshal Thom Partenope will be the person in charge.

***** **Don't forget your plain black face masks. Required in the City of Baltimore!** *****

12 Sep – 26th Annual Filipino Pilgrimage of Healing, National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 S. Seton Dr., Emmitsburg, Md. Mass time: 1:00 pm, Color Corps turn-out at 12:15 pm. Point of contact: Marshal SK Thom Partenope thom.pfn379@gmail.com, or Color Corps Commander, SK Walter Leskuski pfn.md384@gmail.com.

18 Sep - (Archdiocese of Washington District) the Philippine-American community is planning a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the Great Upper Church. The pilgrimage will celebrate Holy Mass in the memory of Saint Lorenzo Luis, the 1st canonized Saint of the Philippines and the 500th year anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines. The community has requested Color Corps for normal processional and recessional and escort of the Gifts. No other requests for Color Corps participation at this time. I expect that this request will be fielded by the folks in **AWD**, as this is in their home place and it has not been designated as a Provincial Event. Please mark your calendars and see if you can lend a hand when the call comes out.

18 Sep – Calvert Province Annual Meeting, Columbian Center, 355 N. Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD

18 Sep – Padre Pio Mass, St. Leo the Great Church, 227 S. Exeter St., Baltimore, MD. 10:00 am Mass. Color Corps is requested to process in, escort the Gifts and recess out at the end of Mass. Color Corps should turn-out at least 30 minutes ahead of Mass time. No other details beyond this. Points of contact and **reply to:**

Color Corps Commander, SK Buzzy Stockman at buzzstock2@comcast.net or SK Jim Goldbeck at jag24b4212@gmail.com.

18 Sep – Saturday, U.S. Air Force's 74th Birthday!

19 Sep – St Leo the Great 140th Anniversary Mass, St. Leo the Great Church, 227 S. Exeter St., Baltimore, MD. Mass time: 9:30am. Color Corps should turn-out by 9:00 am. Color Corps will process in, escort the Gifts and recess out after Mass. Point of contact for this Mass: Marshal SK Jim Duryee at j_duryee@hotmail.com.

24 Sep – Gold Star Mother's Day

26 Sep – 11th Annual Filipino Saints Fiesta Celebration, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD. Archbishop William E. Lori, celebrant. Color Corps is requested to process in, escort the gifts and recess out after Mass. Mass time: 2:00 pm. Color Corps turn-out: 1:15 pm. PLEASE let **me** know if you plan on attending this Turn-out!

2 Oct – Marathon Bluegrass Jam for Fisher House, American Legion Post 267, Old Quarterfield Rd, Glen Burnie. (Color Corps. usually Presents Colors at 5:00 pm).

3 Oct – Italian Heritage Day sponsored by St. Vincent Palotti Council at St. Leo the Great Church, 227 S. Exeter St., Baltimore, MD., Mass Time: 11:30 am, Color Corps Turn-out: 11:00 am.

3 Oct – Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services, National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD. Mass Time: 3:30 pm. Color Corps turn-out: 2:45 pm.

9 Oct – Color Corps Exemplification practice. St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 9190 Church St., Libertytown, MD. 9:00 am – 12 noon. Please bring your service baldric, sword, beret, dress shoes and a really energetic attitude!

9 Oct – PA-East Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. I do not have the exact location yet, but I do know it is in Carlisle, Pa. Degree time is set for 2:00 pm.

9 Oct – Maryland State Council Columbus Day Gala/Ball, Double Tree by Hilton, 210 Holiday Ct., Annapolis, Md. 21401. BALLROOM IS LIMITED TO 300 PERSONS! Get your reservations in right away. Tables of 12 seating. 6:30-11:00 pm. \$75/person.

11 Oct – Provincial Event. Columbus Day Celebration, Union Square, Washington, D.C. 11:00 am. Color Corps turn-out 9:00 am.

13 Oct – U.S. Navy’s 246th Birthday!

16 Oct – AWD Fourth Degree Exemplification, Saint Pius X Council, 3611 Stewart Rd., Forestville (District Heights), MD. 20747 (Sarto Hall). Candidate check-in: 9:30 am. Ceremony begins at 11:00 am.

23 Oct – PA-Central District Fourth Degree Exemplification, White Haven, Pennsylvania.

30 Oct – Virginia District Fourth Degree Exemplification, Church of the Ascension, 4853 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach, Va.

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Virginia Hall

The One-Legged Spy Tormented the Nazis & the Most Decorated Female Spy in US History

Virginia Hall was born into a privileged family in Baltimore in 1906. During WWII, she kept the Gestapo at bay and coordinated both Jedburgh teams and Resistance cells behind enemy lines in France, knowing that her life could end at any moment.

If the Gestapo had broken into where she was working, it was highly unlikely that Hall could have gotten away – she had a wooden leg.

Hall didn’t have to do this type of work. At the time she was born, not much was expected from upper-class women. They might go into teaching of some kind or organize local charities. Perhaps, if she were a loner, she might become a poet or locally known artist. Of course, there were exceptions to this informal rule, the biggest one being the First Lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt, who came from a similar background.

Virginia Hall was another of those exceptions. Extraordinarily smart, she attended the prestigious women’s colleges of Radcliffe and Barnard where she studied French, Italian, and German. She was quite fluent in French and more than proficient in the others.

She asked her parents to send her to Europe to finish her studies in 1930 and she traveled through France, Austria, and Germany. She then secured a job in Warsaw at the American Embassy in 1931.

The exposure she got to the languages, culture, and the experience of working in governmental and bureaucratic circles would pay off during the war. Unfortunately for Virginia, during a visit to Turkey in 1932, she had a hunting accident. She shot herself in the left leg, and it had to be amputated from the knee down. She was given a wooden leg which she used for the rest of her life.

Of course, there had to be times when she was shaken and depressed by the loss of her leg, but if she was, it rarely showed. As a matter of fact, she nicknamed her wooden leg “Cuthbert.”

Unfortunately, the injury made an advanced career in the diplomatic corps an impossibility at the time, and she resigned from the State Department in 1939.

She came back home for a brief period to continue her studies, but the coming of the war brought out her humanitarian spirit and love for France. She volunteered for the Ambulance Service of the Red Cross and was in France during the German invasion.

When France surrendered, Hall was in Vichy-controlled territory and that made it easier for her to get to England, where she volunteered for a new force: the Special Operations Executive (“SOE”). Churchill had instigated the SOE to “Set Europe Ablaze” with sabotage, assassination, and other acts of resistance and irregular warfare.

In the summer of 1941, after her training, Hall was sent back into Vichy France where her language skills and knowledge of the country would come in useful. She was to help coordinate the activities of the Resistance in Vichy with that of the Resistance in German-occupied France. Although she could speak French very well, America was a neutral country at the time, so it was easier and more convenient for Hall to take on the cover of a correspondent for the New York Post. This allowed her more travel than normal people, and gave her access to people of power and influence.

She gained contacts and knowledge and was able to get a full sense of what was going on in the country. Of course, all of this she reported back to England, where it was added to the growing amount of intelligence being gathered to use against the Nazis and their collaborators.

Though America was officially at war with Vichy after the Pearl Harbor attacks, most Americans in the territory went unmolested. However, in November 1942, the Germans occupied Vichy as well. This caused Hall to make her way to Spain.

By this time, the Gestapo, which had been working in Vichy, had an inkling that Hall was much more than a correspondent and wanted to “talk” to her. Both the Germans and the Vichy French had nicknamed her “The Lady who limps,” and were on her trail. She barely made it to Spain ahead of them.

On her way out of France, she sent a signal to the SOE telling them that she hoped “Cuthbert” wouldn’t hinder her escape. The SOE handlers in London didn’t know about “Cuthbert” and assumed it was a code-name they had overlooked. It was war, so the SOE returned the message: “If Cuthbert troublesome – eliminate him.”

Hall worked for the SOE in Madrid for a time and returned to England in July 1943. By the spring of 1944, American forces were massing in England for Overlord, and Hall transferred to the Office of Strategic Services (“OSS”), the forerunner of the CIA. Her experience made her quite valuable to the nascent American organization, and they sent her into France to work behind enemy lines in preparation for the invasion.

Unlike many other OSS agents, Hall was not parachuted in — parachuting with one leg was not a good idea. Instead, she was dropped off by a British Motor Torpedo Boat on the coast of Brittany in the dead of night — alone. Hall made her way to central France under the identity of “Marcelle Montagne.” Her code-name was “Diane.”

During the run-up to D-Day and afterward, Hall mapped drop zones for the famous “Jedburgh” teams made up of three men to work behind enemy lines and create havoc as well as gather intelligence and coordinated the Resistance with Allied forces.

The teams were made up of one of each of the OSS, SOE, and French Underground. Hall had ties to them all, making her extremely valuable and effective.

She continued to operate from central France after the invasion, helping to train three battalions of Resistance fighters in irregular warfare and reporting on German movements. This she continued until the front lines caught up with her in the fall of 1944.



Virginia Hall of Special Operations Branch receiving the Distinguished Service Cross from General Donovan, September 1945

In 1945, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General William Donovan, the only one awarded to a civilian woman during the war.

Many, including President Truman, wanted the award ceremony to be public, but Hall demurred, saying she was still working for the OSS and did not want her face in the public eye. She was later made an Honorary Member of the British Empire (“MBE”).

Hall continued working in intelligence until 1966. She and her husband, also a former OSS member, worked for the CIA in France, gathering information on events in that country. She passed away in 1982.

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