

# THE PATRIOT

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Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies,

Spring has sprung and we are nearly in the Easter Season, 17 April. 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!!

We have fewer than ninety days 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 **To Be A Patriot Award** 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.

**Nominations 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, 4 June 2022**. We plan to meet in person at St Michael's Poplar Springs. 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.**

Like last year, we will recognize our Sir Knight, Color Corpsman, Color Corps Commander, and Assembly of the Year at the Navigators' Seminar in June. 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.

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. The Maryland District will conduct an Exemplification in Spanish at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Highlandtown, on Saturday, 30 April. We continue to work towards a degree at Mount Saint Mary University or St Mary's Seminary before the end of their academic year. 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. Thanks to all of our Maryland Sir Knights and Ladies who continue to conduct outstanding patriotic and civic programs. 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.

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“Maryland Knights - Serving GOD and Country”

### Please Pray for Ukraine

We have Brother Knights and their families in Ukraine.

### 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 2022. 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 2022. Any To Be A Patriot Award application received after 30 April 2022 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 nominations for Assembly Officers. 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.

### Looking for an upcoming Fourth Degree???

If you have an individual interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight there are a number of opportunities in person and virtually. Please contact Master Fritz Leach and District Secretary Bill Copes about any of the following degrees.

7 May	Delaware	Smyrna, DE
21 May	Virginia	Richmond, VA
4 June	AWD	Washington, DC
4 June	PA-East	Malvern, PA
9 June <b>Thurs</b>	Saskatchewan	<b>Virtual</b>
11 June	PA-Central	White Haven, PA
11 June	PA-West	Erie, PA
18 June	Florida	<b>Virtual</b>

### District Assembly of the Maryland District

The Biennial District Assembly meeting will be held on Saturday, 23 April 2022, at Saint Michael’s Poplar Springs Catholic Church, 1125 St. Michael’s Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771. The Biennial meeting begins at 10 AM in the Church Hall and should conclude not later than 2 PM. The attire is a dark suit, white shirt, respectable tie, social baldric, emblem of the Fourth Degree pin (PG-113), jewel of office, and authorized miniature medals or Fourth Degree uniform without service baldric, sword, beret, or gloves. The Biennial Meeting is the official business meeting of the District. The Agenda is specified in Article V, Section 14 (f) of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Key items to be acted upon during this meeting include: Selection of three recommendations for the position of Master of the Fourth Degree for the Maryland District for the next two years (1 Sep 2022 – 31 Aug 2024), election of the Master’s audit committee, and consider matters consonant with the good of the Fourth Degree, including any Resolutions proposed by Assemblies. It should be noted that Sir Knights attending the District Assembly meeting must be in possession of the current membership cards of both the Third and Fourth Degrees in the Order to be admitted to the chamber. The Delegates to the Biennial Meeting should have been elected at the February meeting of the Assembly. We are still missing credentials from several Assemblies. The Faithful Comptroller must immediately forward to the Master, the Secretary to the Master, and the Credential Committee Chairman the names of delegates. It is now well past the time for submission of resolutions. No further resolutions will be considered. Likewise, Assembly necrologies were due by 1 April.

## Nominations for Master of the Fourth Degree

While nominations for the position of Master may be made from the floor, the meeting will move along more smoothly if you make your intentions to be considered known ahead of the meeting. If you wish to be considered for the position of Master, please contact District Master Fritz Leach and District Secretary, SK Bill Copes. Let Bill know, you wish to be considered, who will nominate you, and send him a copy of your nominating speech not later than 10 April 2022, so that it may be included in the meeting agenda and minutes. At this time the Chair is planning to entertain a motion to limit nomination speeches for Master of the Fourth Degree to five (5) minutes per candidate.

## 24 April – Divine Mercy Sunday

On 24 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

### **Prayers Are Needed**

#### **For the Repose of the Soul of**

SK Robert Garpstas, St Joseph Assembly 3502 and Our Lady of Fatima

Mr. George Ward, father of District Warden 27 Greg Ward

SK John O. Murray (GK), Mother Seton Council 5381  
*Edward (Ed) Kin*, PGK, Mother Seton Council 5381

SK Arnie Rausch, PGK, Deacon John Lynn Council 11619 / PFN Archbishop Curley Assembly 383

### **Healing Prayers for**

Father Bernie Carman, St Leo the Great / Faithful Friar St Joseph Assembly 3502

Father John Dakes, Chaplain, Jesus the Divine Word Council 14775 / Faithful Friar of Lord Baltimore Assembly 2470

Lady Beth Leskuski. Wife of Walt Leskuski

SK Dave Burneston, FDD, FS Father Joseph G. McManus Council 7941,

PFN Mark Douglas, Pope Saint Paul VI Assembly 2367

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### **Remember Our Widows, Orphans, and Deceased Members**

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## *Faithful Friar's Message*

In its best form the knights of old saw their role with a spiritual basis, spending a night in prayer before being knighted, and with the important goals to protect and defend their Church and their fellow citizens. Today, as Knights of Columbus, we also know our Christian call to charity impels us to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters stricken with illness or tragedy, or to a community's need when stricken by something like a tornado or flood, as well as to the defense of life and God-given rights. In recent weeks we have seen so many needs among the war victims of Ukraine, and the refugees of that country who have fled for their lives. As a Church, as brothers to the Knights in Ukraine and nearby countries, and as citizens of the United States, we are collectively responding in so many ways to this humanitarian crisis and tragic war. While it is natural for us as Christians to respond to such needs, it is wonderful our country is also responding with medical supplies, food and aids to self-defense. As we move toward Easter, we will celebrate Jesus conquering death and offering us a share in his resurrection. Let us continue to pray that the new life of Easter will help to restore peace, reunite families separated by war, and give us a new impetus to grow the Lord's kingdom here on earth. My prayers and wishes for you and your loved ones to experience a blessed Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

SK Fr Donald Grzymski, OFM Conv.

## *Little Known History*

### **Oldest Recruit in the History of Parris Island**

The average age of a United States Marine Corps recruit is 21 years old. When Paul Douglas enlisted in 1942, he left behind his wife, child, and career and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island at the ripe age of 50.

After completing boot camp, Douglas proudly wrote "I found myself able to take the strenuous boot camp training without asking for a moment's time out and without visiting the sick bay." Following a recommendation from his commanding officer (and a strong recommendation from his old friend Frank Knox,) Douglas was commissioned as a captain in the Marine Corps, after seven months as an enlisted Marine.



Douglas went on to serve in the battle of Okinawa, often being remembered by Marines for running around the battlefield with the vigor of a much younger Marine. He was promoted to major during the battle of Okinawa.

Douglas had been hit by a machine gun in his left forearm and was evacuated by the men that he had dedicated his life to serving. After being hit, he proceeded to use his uninjured hand to take off his major rank insignia so that he wouldn't receive special attention.

Douglas expressed passionate interest in returning early to his men to continue serving on the front lines. He was hospitalized in San Francisco and subsequently moved to Bethesda, Maryland where it took more than 14 months to be dismissed from the hospital and he was medically retired from the Marine Corps, only regaining partial use of his left hand.

Because of his brave actions under fire and unselfish service, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel a year after he retired in January of 1947. After returning to Chicago as a war hero, Douglas won his spot as Illinois state senator in 1949. Even in public office Douglas continued to advocate for the Marine Corps, and proudly kept the Marine Corps standard displayed in office.

## *District Marshal Report*

Brothers and Sir Knights,

I actually don't have much to say this month. That might be a welcomed note to some of you. The Master has done an excellent job of putting the word out in his report. The only addition I have to the list of upcoming events is Deaconate and Priestly Ordinations for this year. I know I heard the dates and place(s) but honestly can't

remember. Getting old I suppose. Anyway, stay tuned for the next “Updated List of Upcoming Events” and I expect to have that information to put out to you all.

I do want to wish each of you a very Happy and Holy Easter! I will have you all in my prayers. Please, keep me in yours.

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](mailto: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.

Please share the following list of “upcoming events” with your members:

**15 April 2022 – Good Friday** – St. Leo the Great Church, 227 S. Exeter St., Little Italy/Baltimore, Md. 21202. Church service: 3:00pm followed by the “Way of the Cross” procession through the streets of Little Italy. We will have a flag team and other Color Corps leading the procession around the block. Color Corps turn-out in the basement of the church at 2:15pm please.

**17 April 2022 – Sunday, Easter Sunday. Our Lord and Savior Has Risen!**

**23 April 2022** – Saturday, Maryland District Biennial meeting, St. Michael’s Poplar Springs, 1125 St. Michael’s Rd., Mt. Airy, Md. 21771. 9:00am coffee and pastries. Doors will close at 9:50am SHARP to seat Delegates. Doors reopen @9:55 to seat the remainder of the Sir Knights joining the meeting. The meeting will convene promptly at 10:00am. Until NLT 2:00pm with refreshments following.

**26 April 2022** – Tuesday, the Supreme Council will be honoring the Blessed Michael McGivney Council at St. Mary’s Seminary with the presentation of their Charter. This Council was instituted approximately one year ago, and presumably due to covid, their Charter was never bestowed upon them. At this time, details are very “fuzzy” and to my knowledge, there is no real Color Corps turn-out scheduled. I do believe that Marshal Jim Duryee is assembling a flag team, but until I know more, there

is no further action needed. **IF** there is a turn-out, it will likely be very small and hand-picked. Stay tuned!

**30 April 2022** – Saturday, Maryland District **SPANISH** Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Sacred Heart of Jesus/ Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, 600 S. Conkling St., Baltimore, Md. Flag team and Color Corps turn-out: 8:00am PLEASE. I am specifically asking the Color Corps members of Assembly #3769 to turn-out in uniform as row guards and other duties as being better able to communicate with Spanish-speaking candidates. Flag Team members will be contacted by Marshal Jim Duryee or Color Corps Commander, Rick Przybylski. Other Color Corpsmen are welcome to assist, though I do not have any idea yet as to the potential size of the class.

**7 May 2022** – Exemplification – Delaware District – TBD

**8 May 2022** – Sunday, **Mother’s Day 2022!**

**12-15 May 2022** – Maryland State Convention 2022.

**21 May 2022** – Exemplification – Virginia District – St. Edwards Church/School, Richmond, VA.

**21 May 2022** – Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, PA Central District (TBD)

**22 May 2022** – Sunday, Final Mass of Bicentennial Celebration, St. John the Evangelist Church, 13305 Long Green Pike, Hydes, MD. 21082. More to come on this one.

**22 May 2022** – Provincial Event – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Mass, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, 4:30 PM, Upper Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Archbishop Broglio will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

**4 June 2022** – Saturday, Navigator’s Seminar, St. Michael’s Poplar Springs, 1125 St. Michaels Rd., Mt. Airy, Md. 21771

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## Maryland District Assemblies in Action

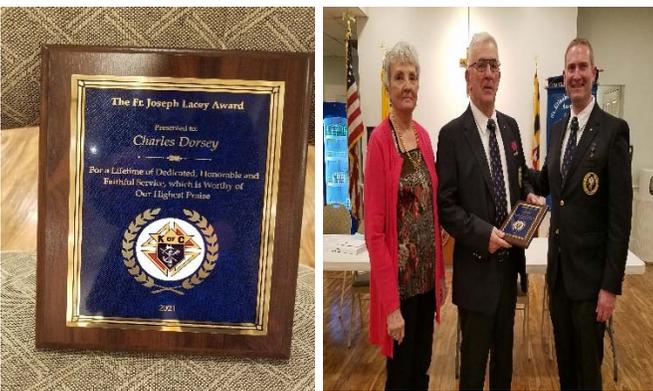
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly 1620  
Installation of Rev. Santhosh George, O.S.S.T.  
20 February 2022**



On 20 February 2022, Rev. Santhosh George, O.S.S.T. was installed as Pastor of St. Mark Parish in Catonsville by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori. A total of 18 Color Corps members representing nine assemblies and three Districts, including from as far away as Scranton, PA participated.

Alan Pultyniewicz  
Faithful Navigator

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly 1620  
Father Joe Lacey, S.J. Distinguished Service  
Award Presentation  
25 February 2022**



Last year, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly #1620 established an award in honor of the contributions of our

past Faithful Friar, Fr. Joe Lacey, S.J., for his contributions and service he provided to the Assembly, to the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez parish community, and to the underserved in India. The award, known as the Father Joe Lacey, S.J. Distinguished Service Award, is given out annually to an individual in honor and gratitude for a person's fidelity to the church, exemplary selflessness and steadfast service.

This year, the Assembly recognized a Sir Knight well known throughout Maryland, Color Corps Commander SK Charlie Dorsey. SK Charlie is a committed family man, served an honorable career as a police officer in the City of Baltimore and has served our Order in numerous capacities at the State level and in his council and Assembly. His resilience, dedication, and ability to recruit Catholic gentlemen and be a mentor to his brother Knights is truly appreciated. Congratulations Charlie! The Assembly wishes to thank State Deputy Vince Grauso, District Master Fritz Leach, and District Marshall Tommy Ebaugh for attending this special awards presentation with the Assembly.

Alan Pultyniewicz  
Faithful Navigator

## **PLOT 9 SCHOFIELD BARRACKS CEMETERY, HAWAII**

Within the breezy six-acre solitude of the Schofield Barracks Army base Cemetery, hidden by an L-shaped mock orange hedge, there sits a smaller, second cemetery that is unceremoniously known as Plot 9. Plot 9 is not mentioned on the official locator map just past the front gate, as are plots 1 through 8. Visitors rarely notice it.



Those who do stumble across it fail to realize its significance. Nor do many visitors understand that beneath this tiny piece of serene earth lie the remains of soldiers executed in Hawai'i during WWII.

The seven dishonored men in Plot 9 are purposely segregated from the hundreds of surrounding tombstones that reverently mark the burial places of soldiers, as well as their dependents, who fought in wars like the Korean War and WWI and II.

Of the general prisoners buried in Plot 9, the last to die was Garlon Mickles, hanged in 1947. Mickles died at a location next to the cemetery known as Execution Gulch, a deep and foreboding quarter-mile wilderness of rocks and jagged vegetation directly south of the base stockade. The harshness of Execution Gulch stands in marked contrast to the manicured tranquility of the base cemetery, which is sheltered by rows of towering pine trees.

Mickles, 23, the only prisoner in Plot 9 to die after WWII, was also the last person to be executed in Hawai'i. Ten years after he was put to death for raping a military woman in Guam, the Territory of Hawai'i abolished capital punishment.

On 1 August 1945, Jesse D. Boston, 35, and Cornelius Thomas, 23, were escorted from the base stockade to a point 200 yards inside Execution Gulch. Each had been condemned, in unrelated incidents, for killing a Maui resident. Thomas confessed to shooting a man with a .45-caliber pistol. Boston confessed to attacking a woman with a nine-pound rock.

Officially, 142 American soldiers were executed during WWII, 72 for murder, 51 for rape, 18 for rape and murder, and one, private Eddie Slovik, for desertion. Unlike Slovik, who achieved posthumous notoriety, the remaining executed soldiers, including those Americans at Schofield's Plot 9, are virtually unknown.

Boston, Thomas and Mickles are the only Plot 9 residents who died at Execution Gulch. Accurate information about the remaining four has been elusive, and how exactly they ended up in Hawai'i is unclear, but this much is known:

Herman Perry, Robert A. Pearson, Edward J. Leonski, and Louis E. Garbus all died and were buried on foreign soil. On 14 April 1949, all four were reinterred at Plot 9, known as Plot 3 in those days.

Leonski and Garbus have the distinction of being eternal roommates on two continents, having been buried side by

side in the mid-1940s at an American war cemetery in Ipswich, Australia. Leonski was executed in Melbourne on 9 November 1942, for murder. As for Garbus, there are conflicting stories. A 1981 newspaper account, supposedly based on Army information, said Garbus was executed in a gas chamber in Australia for carnal abuse of a 10-year-old girl.

Also reported was that Pearson and a man named Cubia Jones were hanged in England in 1945 for raping a pregnant woman at knifepoint. How Pearson ended up being buried in a Guadalcanal military cemetery before arriving in Hawai'i is something that may never be known. Pearson's military records were destroyed in a 1973 fire in St. Louis.

Perry, according to another military source report, was hanged on 15 March 1945, in Kalaikunda, India, for killing his platoon lieutenant while working on the Burma Road with the 849th Engineers.

Existing records indicate that five of the seven men in Plot 9 were black. Garbus and Leonski are listed as Caucasian.

The graves are arranged in two rows. Garbus, Mickles, Thomas and Boston occupy the front. Perry, Pearson and Leonski take up the back. Of the 1,797 people buried inside the base cemetery, only the seven in Plot 9 are placed with their heads toward their individual tombstones, facing away from the base cemetery flag. These men were all dishonorably discharged, but because they were all in military custody, the military has the responsibility for the disposition of their remains. They deserved a decent burial, but, the disgraced seven will remain separated from their honorable counterparts for all eternity.

### **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](mailto:michael4hand@yahoo.com). for inclusion in the District Newsletter.