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Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies,

First of all, congratulations to the thirteen new Sir Knights who took their degree on Saturday, 30 April, at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Highlandtown, exemplified by the Spanish Speaking Maryland Degree Team. The team was led by District Deputy and Past Faithful Navigator Williams Castillo and included one Sir Knight from the Archdiocese of Washington District. Thanks Master Feakes for loaning him to us. This was the first Spanish language Fourth Degree held in the Calvert Province, but definitely not the last. The names of the new Sir Knights are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Last week, we held the Maryland Biennial District Assembly at St Michaels Poplar Spring. We sent three names to the Vice Supreme Master as potential candidates to become the next Master of the Maryland District. They were Jim Duryee, Tommy Ebaugh, and Vince Grauso. Good luck to each of these men. We should know in July or September who the Supreme Knight has appointed. Master Leach's term will end on 31 August unless the announcement for the next Master has not been made. We also elected Mike Little, Steve Furth, and Chris McGrath to the Master's Audit Committee. There were no Resolutions submitted. All in all, it was a quick and painless meeting. The next Biennial will occur once the new Master chooses a date but will most likely be in March or April 2024. Stay tuned.

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Civic Awards

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. Master Leach has already received several. Every Assembly should be submitting applications for the Civic Award. 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.

Assembly Election of Officers

Elections for Assembly Officers should have been opened in April with Elections occurring in May. Please get your Report of Officers Chosen, Form 186, 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.

Navigators' Seminar

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 for fraternal year 2022-2023 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 \$10 charge for each member attending the seminar 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.

Sir Knight, Color Corpsman, Color Corps Commander, and Assembly of the Year Nominations

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.

Installation of Assembly Officers

Every Assembly is expected to schedule an Installation of Assembly Officers for some time in July, August, or September. There are several Assemblies which meet on the same night. Installation do NOT have to occur on your normal meeting night. Requests will be taken on a first-come basis. Send your request to Master Leach, as soon as possible, and copy District Secretary Bill Copes and District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh on your request. We will need to know the date, time, actual location, whether a Mass will be part of the event, whether ladies are invited, and whether any meal or refreshments will be part of the event. Currently the following Assemblies have scheduled Installations. Please do not request a date that is already taken or blocked. Thank you.

3 July Blocked
12 July COL Anthony Naples 3245
21 July Pangborn 387
23 July Father Michael J. McGivney 2595
28 July Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 1620
15 Aug Saint Francis Xavier 380
19 Aug Blocked
22 Aug James Cardinal Gibbons 379
27 Aug Blocked
6 Sep Blocked
23 – 24 Sep Blocked
26 Sep Pope Saint Paul VI 2367

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, as soon as possible, about any of the following degrees.

7 May 2022	Delaware	Smyrna, DE *
21 May 2022	Virginia	Richmond, VA *
4 June 2022	AWD	Washington, DC
4 June 2022	PA-East	Malvern, PA
9 June 2022	Thursday	Saskatchewan Virtual
11 June 2022	PA-Central	White Haven, PA
11 June 2022	PA-West	Erie, PA
18 June 2022	Florida	Virtual

* Master Leach Attending.

Prayers Are Needed For the Repose of the Soul of

PFN Steve Mason, Fr. Michael McGivney Assembly 2595
SK Paul R. Rhodes, Financial Secretary of Jesus, The Divine Word Council 14775
SK Skip Wenk, COL Anthony Naples Assembly 3245
Former First Lady Lisa Haynes
PGK Salvatore "Jim" Ingrassia

Healing Prayers for

Former Master Carl Roberts
SK Terry Mahoney, Fr. Michael McGivney Assembly 2595
Father Bernie Carman, St Leo the Great / Faithful Friar St Joseph Assembly 3502
Faithful Pilot Franz Martin of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 379
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
SK Mike Famiglietti, Msgr. Edward Mickle Assembly 378

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM)

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of those who have served.

Loyalty Day, **Sunday, May 1, 2022**, Loyalty Day kicks off our Nation's month-long celebration of military appreciation. It is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States, and to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom.

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), **Sunday, May 1 – Saturday, May 7, 2022**. Celebrated the first full week in May. A time set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day, **Friday, May 6th, 2022**. Traditionally set for the Friday before Mother's Day. A day to honor military spouses with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Recognizes the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe.

Armed Forces Day, **Saturday, May 21, 2022**. Celebrated the third Saturday in May every year. A single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. This day honors everyone serving in the U.S. Military branches; Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force. There is also Armed Forces Week which typically leads up to Armed Forces Day, although it is not an official observance, many activities are planned nonetheless during the week.

Memorial Day, **Monday, May 30, 2022**. A Federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May. A remembrance of our veterans. Commemorates the men and women who died while in military service. All Americans are encouraged to pause, wherever they are, at 3:00 pm local time for a minute of silence.

May is also Month of the Military Caregiver Honors more than five million caregivers in the U.S. and pays tribute to the people who care for more than two million veterans.

Children of Fallen Patriots Day, **Friday, May 13, 2022**. Honors and raises awareness of the sacrifices and struggles the children of fall patriots must endure in the wake of their parent's death.

History of NMAM

NMAM started as a simple idea; to gather America around its military family to honor, remember, recognize and appreciate those who have served and those now

serving and to know the history behind it all. May was chosen because it already has many individual days set aside to recognize the U.S. military's achievements.

In 1999, the late Senator John McCain introduced formal legislation to designate the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month. Both the Senate and House of Representatives adopted resolutions calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. Service Members during NMAM. These resolutions also urge the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe NMAM.

Because most holidays commemorating historical military events have become little more than three-day weekends lacking focus on their original purpose, this month is to remind Americans of the sacrifices and the history we have been privileged to participate in since the nation's birth. During the month of May, the military is encouraged to support local engagements designed to draw public attention and illustrate public support and appreciation and thanks to the military family.

Ways to Support our Military and Veterans

1. Display the American Flag at your home or business
2. Show your support on social media with #MilitaryAppreciationMonth
3. Share, like, comment, post and re-post on social media to put a spotlight on NMAM events and observances
4. Send a care package to a soldier
5. Encourage elected officials at all levels to recognize our military and veterans
6. See someone in uniform or know a veteran? Thank them for their service or surprise them with a coffee, dessert or drink if they are in line with you
7. Teachers and students can honor or recognize the designated days in their (online) classrooms
8. Businesses can honor and recognize the month through their websites, social media, and newsletters
9. Donate to a veteran or military charity
10. Reach out to a veteran or military family in need
11. Hire a Veteran

Plenty of opportunities for patriotic activities and events.

Remember Our Widows, Orphans, and Deceased Members

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Faithful Friar's Message

"Victory in Europe," or V-E Day, was May 8, 1945, bringing World War II to an end in Europe after almost six years of fighting. 77 years later we are seeing the tragic war in Ukraine, and the sobering words that this could lead to World War III. The human cost and immense destruction that can result from the behavior of an individual are hard to imagine, though this has happened time and again in history. At the same time, how impressive the response of so many individuals, from protecting family and homeland, to supporting refugees and victims. The responses of our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and Poland are inspiring, as is

the generosity of our K of C Family here in the United States, and in other countries as well.

(You can learn more of this at www.kofc.org.)

Another form of support we can offer is prayers for peace, and for an end to this unjust war. During this month of May let us invoke Mary, who we honor as both Queen of the Knights and Queen of Peace. May Mary's protection be there for her suffering children, and may her example of humility change the hearts of those who are promoting this war. At the end of May, as we celebrate Memorial Day, we will be involved in efforts to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy. May the day come when more men and women do not have to make that sacrifice, a day when peace, harmony and good will prevail.

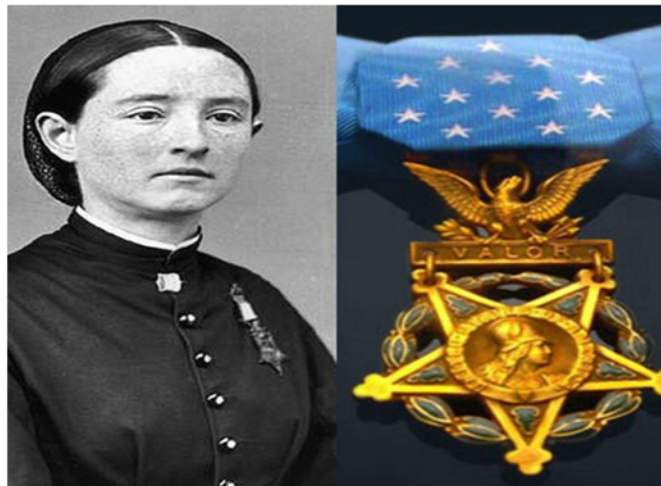
Vivat Jesus!

SK Fr Donald Grzymski, OFM Conv.

Little Known History

Dr. Mary Walker The only female Medal of Honor recipient

Out of the 3,511 Medal of Honor recipients, only one was a woman -- just one -- and her medal was actually rescinded just before she died.



Walker was born in Oswego, New York, to abolitionist parents who encouraged her to pursue an education. She really embraced that idea and in 1855 graduated as a medical doctor from Syracuse Medical College.

Walker went into private practice for a few years, but then the Civil War broke out in 1861. She wanted to join the Army as a surgeon but wasn't allowed because she was a woman. Because of her credentials, she didn't want to be a nurse, either, so she chose to volunteer for the Union Army.

Walker worked for free at the temporary hospital set up at the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C. She also organized the Women's Relief Organization to help the families of the wounded who came to visit them at local hospitals.

In 1862, Walker moved on to Virginia, this time treating the wounded at field hospitals throughout the state. In 1863, her medical credentials were finally accepted, so she moved to Tennessee, where she was appointed as a War Department surgeon. Her position was paid, and it was the equivalent of a lieutenant or captain.

Walker was captured in April 1864 by the South and held as a prisoner of war for about four months. She and other Union doctors were eventually exchanged in a prisoner-of-war swap for Confederate medical officers. According to the National Library of Medicine, sources say Walker had been captured intentionally so she could spy for the North, but there is little evidence to support that claim.

Not long after being released by the Confederates, Walker returned to her craft as an assigned medical director at a hospital for women prisoners in Kentucky.

Aside from her wartime efforts, Walker was also an outspoken advocate for women's rights. As the war raged on, feminists also struggled to further their cause, which included being able to wear clothing that enabled better mobility. Walker chose to wear what was known as the "Bloomer costume" as a modified uniform all throughout the war. It was a dress-and-trouser combination that had gone out of favor long before the war began, but she didn't care -- she wore it anyway.

In November 1865, having left government service for good, Walker was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Andrew Johnson, even though she was a civilian who had never been a commissioned officer in military service. That civilian status is why Walker's medal was rescinded in 1917, two years before she died - along with 910 others. Walker refused to return the medal, though, and continued to wear it until she died two years later. Sixty years after that, in 1977, President Carter restored the honor in her name, thanks to efforts made by her family.

District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

I also want to congratulate the Spanish-speaking degree team and the candidates for a job well done! If I am not mistaken, the Maryland District Fourth Degree dates back to 1904. That is to say, that in the 118 years of Maryland Fourth Degree Sir Knights, there had never been an in-person exemplification for our Spanish-speaking Brother Knights. So, let's keep the momentum going forward. Let's get our new team to expand and get them practiced and confident and then we can offer Spanish-speaking Exemplifications to the entire Province! Thank you to all who participated for all your efforts.

Don't forget that the Navigator's seminar has always been a training session for Color Corps Commanders and Color Corpsmen in general. The Master has said repeatedly that the seminar is pretty much a requirement for incoming Navigators, but it is surely a benefit for the new Captains as well. Occasionally we have a new Faithful Navigator who for one reason or another has to step down before his term is up. The normal progression would then be for the Faithful Captain to step up into the Navigator's role. If the Captain has had the seminar training ahead of time, think how much smoother that transition could be for him. Just sayin'.

I want to remind all of the Color Corpsmen that the Vice Supreme Master's memorandum on the wearing of the PG-113 lapel pin specifies that the location of the pin is to be "in the buttonhole on the wearer's left lapel". Most guys stop reading the memorandum there, but the rest of the description says that it should also be centered left-to-right on the lapel. So, the height reference is the buttonhole, but it needs to center left-to-right, and in many cases will be at the height of the buttonhole, but outside the buttonhole sideways to be centered. I probably just confused you all more than you already were, but we will get it straight one of these days.

One other memorandum the VSM had put out is regarding the participation of Sir Knights and Council members who want to stand casket watches for their close friends on their passing. I do not have a problem with that concept, except, the memorandum says that "if there are four or more Sir Knights IN UNIFORM at the viewing or casket watch, then they alone will perform the duties of the Honor Guard pertaining to the casket watch. Guys, this is and always has been the responsibility of the Color Corps in uniform! This is nothing new. We permitted the participation of others not in uniform when the new

Regalia was the only uniform and men who had been Color Corps previously were having issues over the new regalia and chose not to buy the uniform and participate. That was their choice. When I put out a call-out, I typically send it to all Navigators and Color Corps Commanders at all assemblies. Many regular Color Corpsmen come from far and wide to support the efforts of the local assembly never knowing who may or may not turn out. So yeah, the guys who DID buy the uniform and turn out to repeatedly help other assemblies in a time of need, will have precedence over those who want to stand for a one-time event. It only makes sense. I admire your dedication and desire to honor your “friend”, but every Brother or Sir Knight is someone’s friend. Bottom line is, I can promise you that “The Supply House” has a uniform in your size if you want to join us. We will welcome all the help we can get. Standing guard at a casket is the most honorable thing we do as Sir Knights, bar none! There are many financial assistance programs available to help with the expense of the uniform. So, check your “pride” at the door, say a prayer about it, and join us in the Color Corps, Please.

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

7 May 2022 – Exemplification – Delaware District – Smyrna, DE

7 May 2022 - St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 9190 Church St., Libertytown, Md. 21762. Mass for Vocations celebrated by our own Archbishop Lori, 5:00pm Mass time, Color Corps turn-out at 4:15pm. Please reach out to Marshal Marty Nau: writenau@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

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 - 100th anniversary of St. Rita Catholic Church, 3 Dunmanway Way, Dundalk, Md. 21222.

Mass time: 10:00am. Color Corps turn-out: 9:15am. Please bring your plain black face mask in case it is required that day. Please reply to: Color Corps Commander Jim Bocklage at jmbock1225@gmail.com, or (c) 443-615-3424.

22 May 2022 – Provincial Event – 28th 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

**Father Michael J McGivney Assembly 2595
Maryland District Biennial Meeting
23 April 2022**

On 23 April, Father Michael J McGivney Assembly hosted the Maryland District Biennial meeting at St Michael’s, Poplar Springs.



Exemplification of the Fourth Degree 30 April 2022

On Saturday, April 30th, the Maryland District exemplified 13 new Sir Knights at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Highlandtown. The exemplification was conducted by the Spanish Speaking Maryland Degree Team. Congratulations to the following Sir Knights:

Sir Knight	Assembly
Jose Guerra	379
Jorge Medrano	379
Gabriel Vargas-Rodriguez	379
Jose Abregu	3769
Victor Hugo Alberto	3769
Santos Carranza-Guevara	3769
Carlos Contreras-Castillo	3769
Fr. Alipio Flores-Nina	3769
Jorge Goicochea	3769
Edwin Hernandez	3769
Fernando Lopez	3769
Paul Martinez-Reyes	3769
Juan Serrano	3769

Who introduced "Quonset Huts" in the US?!

In 1941, the US Navy needed a versatile, multi-use building that was easy to ship and could be assembled without any special skills or tools.

Quonset huts filled the needs perfectly. A Quonset hut also known as Arch Buildings due to its shape was a prefabricated metal structure made of corrugated steel that had a semicircular cross-section. This involved self-supporting lengths of steel, usually connected in a semi-circular shape. These buildings provided advantages no other pre-engineered building could provide, low cost and was a high-security structures.

The huts got their name from the location of the first manufacturing facility, Quonset Point at the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center in Davisville, Rhode Island.



The design was based on the Nissen hut introduced by the British during the First World War. During WWII, many of the Quonset huts were built and utilized in combat zones by the US military.

During WWII, roughly 150,000 to 170,000 huts were produced. Apart from semi-permanent housing, Quonset huts were used as a military camp, office, store room, health center etc.



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.