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Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies;

As you all may be aware, I have been selected to follow Fritz Leach as he completes his four years as Master of the Maryland District. I would like to thank Fritz for all of the work he has done for the Order and his undying love for this country. Luckily, Fritz will be remaining in the area, except when visiting his granddaughter Victoria in Hawaii. I am sure you will join me in wishing Fritz the best of luck in the future, and thanks for all he has done.

For you who don't know me, I'll give a thumbnail bio of myself. I was born in Southern California and attended Bishop Amat High School. After a very short stint in Junior College (due to the draft), I joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where I retired after 22 years of service. I came up through the enlisted ranks, attaining the rank of Senior Chief (E8) at which time I received my commission as Chief Warrant Officer, retiring as CWO3. After retirement, I worked with a small start-up company of three people, and after 20 years, retired as Director of Operations for a multi-million-dollar corporation. My wife, Joan and I have been married for over forty-five years, have had two children who have married, blessing us with four beautiful grandchildren (3 boys and 1 girl – the girl rules them all). My time in the Knights has included three terms as Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council 3413, Faithful Navigator for Pope St. Paul VI Assembly 2367, District Deputy 24, President of the Home Corporation, State Memorial and Founders Day Chairman, and District Marshal for the Maryland District.

To say that I am excited to take on this responsibility is an understatement. I feel that we have an excellent staff put together with Jeff Wilk as Executive Secretary and Rick Przybylski as District Marshal. Rick is assisted in his Marshal duties by Bill Copes, Steve Cohen, Marty Nau, Thom Partenope, and Mike Ragolio. The Flag Team Commander is Dave Bellistri who brings many years of experience to bear. Our spiritual concerns are taken care of by Fr. Jason Worley as District Friar, assisted by Deacon Dave Ludwikoski.

We are in the planning stages for an exemplification to take place on the Eastern Shore around November 5, 2022. Information will be passed as it becomes available. Please start your efforts and bring qualified Catholic men into the Order and ultimately into the Fourth Degree. Statistics show that once a member obtains the Fourth Degree, there is a 96% chance of them remaining active in the Order.

We are improving the ways of communication within the district ensuring that you have the most up to date information, as expediently as possible. Please visit the Maryland District website kmaryland4th.org and join the District Group.io.

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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

Congratulations to the newest Sir Knights in the Maryland District

Robert Germano and Stanley Godlewski attended the Virtual Ohio Exemplification on Saturday, 27 August. These two Sir Knights are now members of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly 1620 in Catonsville. Congratulations!!!

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.**

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Planned Exemplifications

5 Nov 2021, Saturday, Maryland District
Exemplification of the Fourth Degree,
St. Benedict's St. Elizabeth's,
408 Central Ave, Ridgely, MD 21660

Lay Candidates, Deacons and Seminarians	\$70.00
Priests & Members of Religious Orders	\$40.00
Additional Banquet Tickets	\$25.00
Ladies Activities	\$30.00

Each candidate will receive one free banquet ticket. No credit is allowed if the candidate does not attend the banquet. There will be an informal Ladies' activity at the Church. Refreshments will be provided. This includes a ticket to the Banquet.

Registration of Candidates	9:30 AM
Exemplification	11:15 AM
Banquet	Following Exemplification

The official dress for the Fourth Degree Exemplification is dark suit, white dress shirt, dress shoes. Members of the armed forces, police, and firefighters may wear dress uniforms. Religious may wear their clerical garb

Current 4th Degree members may also wear the current uniform or dark suit with a social baldric (under the jacket) and PG-113 lapel pin.

Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund

Supreme Knight Kelly recommitted the Fourth Degree of our Order to continue our support of the AMS Co-Sponsored program. Our goal is to work with each State Deputy, District Master, Grand Knight, and Faithful Navigator to promote this most important program. Every council, assembly and yes, ladies auxiliary, should consider making a small monthly donation, single payment donation, and to host fund raising events throughout the fraternal year.

It is important that our members are aware that people in military service to their country is a very special vocation. Those who serve their country in the armed forces are subject to special conditions of life which demand a suitable adapted apostolate. They are engaged in the most delicate ministry of peace and love. The co-sponsored program recognizes that this ministry requires a special calling, the military form of life demands an extraordinary

flexibility and creativity. At the same time, it offers exceptional challenges to chaplains who have personal access to thousands of young people. The potential benefits for the Church at large through priestly ministry to military personnel is enormous. Understand that we have just over 800 billets for Catholic Chaplains, yet we have around 200 on active duty, the need is there, your support is greatly needed.

Donations should be made payable to: Knights of Columbus Charities On the memo line write "Military Chaplains." Mail checks to: Knights of Columbus Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities One Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510.

Basilica Ushers Service

Knights are needed to serve at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located at 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017. Openings are available for all Sunday Masses, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), and 4:30 PM, but especially the afternoon and evening Masses and the Saturday 4:30 vigil Mass. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a large Catholic minor basilica and national shrine. The Knights of Columbus have planned a key role at this Basilica for many decades. It is just down the street from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, another wonderful place for Assemblies, Councils, Knights and their families to visit regularly. This is a great opportunity for a Knight to spend time at a great Basilica. An Assembly or Council might also consider committing to a regular Mass and split the duties with several Knights. If interested and available, call or text Andy Michaels at (240) 429-6889.

Provincial and District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh

For anyone who has not already heard, Tommy has moved!!! Tommy served as District Marshal under Former Master Tom Greul and District Master Fritz Leach. He was simultaneously the Calvert Province Marshal under Former Vice Supreme Master Wayne Freet and Vice Supreme Master Mike Thumm. Tommy is a twice Past Grand Knight of St Francis of Assisi and Past Faithful Navigator of COL Anthony Naples Assembly 3245. He regularly served at a men's shelter and at his church when they hosted homeless men and women. Tommy has always been a servant. He retired from the US Navy Seabees. He had an HVAC business for many years and regularly responded to his customers' needs at all hour of the day and night. He reached a milestone in his life and decided he would do something

for himself. So, he moved to Portugal!! WE want to thank Tommy for his many years of service to the Church and the Order. I want to personally thank Tommy for his service, expertise, and, especially his friendship over the past several years. Well Done Good and Faithful Servant! Good luck and May GOD continue to Bless you and keep you safe!

Thank you from Former Master Fritz Leach!!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the Master of the Maryland District Fourth Degree for the past four years. Not long after beginning my term, the world was hit with the COVID pandemic. Throughout the ordeal, Maryland Assemblies, Sir Knights, and their families continued to persevere. Working within the various restrictions, patriotic and civic programs continued, new members were brought into the Order and the Fourth Degree, Brother Knights and their families were looked after, and we continued to serve our Church and our Order. The Maryland District was only the second District in the Order to conduct a virtual Fourth Degree. We are the only District in Calvert Province to conduct a Fourth Degree in Spanish. I am so very proud of all that you have done in the course of the past four years. Well Done!!! Special thanks go to Father Don Grzymiski and Deacon Dave Ludwikoski for their spiritual and moral guidance and great advice. District Secretary Bill Copes for all of his efforts in the endless administrivia that goes with every degree and execution of a high-powered District. District Newsletter Editor Mike Forehand who tolerated my numerous last-minute inputs for publication of our monthly District newsletter, the Patriot. Mike always added very interesting and informative articles. PSD Ed Haynes, the Captain of the best Degree Team in the Order. Marshal Jim Duryee, Flag Team Commander of the best flag team in the Order. Marshals Marty Nau and Thom Partenope who were everywhere leading our Color Corps in so many State, District, and Church events. And District and Provincial Marshal Tommy Ebaugh who always elevated every event with his expertise and leadership. The Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Color Corps Commanders, and Sir Knights of the Maryland District for their leadership and efforts to advance the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and for their witness to our Catholic Faith and our Catholic American citizenship.

I wish Master Jim Duryee all the best in his time as Master of the Maryland District Fourth Degree. Jim is the right man for the job and I offer him and his staff whatever assistance they may need. He will lead the Maryland District to new heights.

Please Pray for

Deceased

SK Victorino "Victor" Malabayabas

Sick

FM Carl Roberts SK Gary Heil
SK Johnnie Aguirre SK Charlie Knott
SK Terry Maloney SK Edgar Herman
SK Dave Lotz SK Tim Andrysiak
Kimberly Stachorowski, niece of SK Michael
Stachorowski,

Remember Our Widows, Orphans, and Deceased Members

We Honor

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor U.S. Army Capt. Maria Ines Ortiz, the first Army nurse to be killed in combat since the Vietnam War.



Captain Ortiz grew up in Puerto Rico and enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1991. She later earned a degree in nursing from the University of Puerto Rico and commissioned as an officer. During her 16 years of

service, she deployed to Honduras and Korea and rose to become Chief Nurse at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Captain Ortiz volunteered to serve in Iraq, where she was killed during a mortar attack in Baghdad on July 10, 2007.

Capt. Ortiz is laid to rest in Section 60. We honor her service.

District Marshal Report

Brothers and Sir Knights,

I want to congratulate our Brother Sir Knight, Jim Duryee, on being chosen as the new Master of the 4th Degree for the Maryland District and also thank our Immediate Former Master, Fritz Leach, for all of his hard work and dedication to the Knights over the past four years. We are very lucky in Maryland to have such dedicated Knights.

As we continue to put the pandemic behind us, we are receiving more requests for Color Corps at events. I am asking all our Brother Sir Knights to please assist when you can. If you don't have the uniform, please consider purchasing. We cannot keep asking the same group of Sir Knights who regularly come out for these requests to keep doing so without the help of others along with new members. Color Corps Commanders, please conduct regular training, practice and inspections at your Assembly meetings or at other times if you can. All Sir Knights are asked to promote the 4th Degree at your Council meetings. Tell our Brother 3rd Degree Knights what we do in the 4th Degree. Share your experiences with your Brother Knights of how it feels when a family member of a deceased Brother Knight thanks you for participating in a casket watch or when a veteran thanks you for attending an event where they salute the American flag you are holding. Share with them how proud you feel to be a 4th Degree Knight and an American.

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 Rick Przybylski, rjp3579@yahoo.com, 443-506-9566. 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 Przybylski; be sure to include the date, time, address, and what is expected. Thank you.

22 Sep – Christopher Columbus 2272 Installation

23 Sep - Provincial Event, Provincial Meeting no host dinner

24 Sep - Provincial Event, Provincial Meeting, St Philip Neri Church, Linthicum

24 Sep – Gold Star Mother’s Day

24 Sep – Padre Pio Mass, Saint Leo the Great Church. Mass time 1000. Color Corps turn-out: 0915.

25 Sep – 12th 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: 1400. Color Corps turn-out: 1315.

25 Sep - Chief Justice Taney 376 Installation

26 Sep - Pope Saint Paul VI Installation

1 Oct – Seton Chapter Installation, National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD.

2 Oct – Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services, National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD. Mass Time: 1530. Color Corps turn-out: 1445.

8 Oct – Maryland State Council Columbus Day Ball, Crown Plaza Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Rd., Annapolis, MD. Color Corps turn-out: 1530.

8 Oct – Pennsylvania-East Exemplification, Harrisburg, PA

9 Oct – Mass and Wreath Laying, St Leo the Great Church. Mass time 0930. Color Corps turn-out: 0845.

9 Oct - Exemplification Practice, Columbian Center, 335 Governor Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD 21146. 1300 to 1530.

10 Oct – Provincial Event. Columbus Day Celebration, Union Square, Washington, D.C. 11:00 am. Color Corps turn-out 0845.

13 Oct – U.S. Navy’s 247th Birthday!

15 Oct – AWD Fourth Degree Exemplification, Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC.

16 Oct – Flag Team requested at American Legion Post 22, Towson, MD. Color Corps turn-out 1430.

21-23 Oct – Maryland State Council Fall Meeting, National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD.

23 Oct – Blue & Red Mass – St Joseph Monastery Parish. TBD

30 Oct - Exemplification Practice, Columbian Center, 335 Governor Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD 21146. 1300 to 1530.

5 Nov – Maryland District Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Ridgley, MD.

10 Nov – U.S. Marine Corps 246th Birthday!

13 Nov – Maryland State Council Memorial Mass, Our Lady of Grace Church, Silver Spring, MD. AWD event.

22 Nov - Anniversary Mass for Blessed Michael McGivney, Baltimore Basilica, 409 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD. Color Corps turn-out 1730.

Vivat Jesus,

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“Pattillo Pull”

On September 14, 2022, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration squadron flew a unique formation over Arlington National Cemetery to honor the burial of twin brothers Lt. Gen. Charles “Buck” and Maj. Gen. Cuthbert “Bill” Pattillo and their wives. Typically, one F-16 pulls out of the six-aircraft pattern to create the missing-man formation, but in this flyover, two pulled out to honor the two former Thunderbird pilots. “We don’t have a name for it,” said Capt. Kaity Toner, a fellow Thunderbird pilot. “We just call it the ‘Pattillo Pull.’”



The Thunderbirds were honoring their own with the formation, since both Pattillo brothers helped found the Air Force's first demonstration team, the Sky Blazers, and the subsequent Thunderbirds. The two F-16s that pulled out of the formation were on the left and right wing, both of which positions the Pattillo twins flew.

In a first for Arlington National Cemetery, four people were buried simultaneously, as Bobby Francis Brown Pattillo, Charles Pattillo's wife, and Joyce Matthews, Cuthbert Pattillo's wife, were buried with their husbands. "Bobby passed away two years ago," explained Scott Pattillo, Charles's son and a retired Air Force pilot.

The twins had long military careers. In 1942, both dropped out of high school at age 18 to join the Army Air Forces during World War II, and both flew P-51 Mustangs for the Eighth Air Force, protecting bombers over Europe. "They grew up in east Atlanta, dirt poor," said Scott Pattillo. From England, they would write their friends about how astonished they were about the food the military provided them. Scott recalled them writing, "My gosh, we get meat and eggs every day," adding, "They never had that growing up."

After the war, the twins remained in the military but transferred to the Air Force after its creation in 1947. When jets replaced propeller aircraft, both brothers worked to develop new aerial tactics in Europe, often flying low, or "buzzing," the airfield at the end of their missions. After a while, the buzzing became expected. According to Scott, they began putting on low acrobatic flying demonstrations: "That morphed into what became the Sky Blazers." The Air Force, impressed with their talented fliers, eventually created its own demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, which the twins joined. Both later commanded fighter wings during the Vietnam War.

After the flyover the three-rifle volley and the folding of the flag over four sets of urns, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown presented two American flags to different members of the Pattillo families. When the ceremony ended, both Brown and Air Force Chaplain (Colonel) William Spencer shook hands and spoke with family members sitting in the front row of the service. "As the senior Air Force chaplain," Col. Spencer later explained, "I wanted to offer condolences to the family."

Both Pattillo brothers wanted to be buried side-by-side at ANC. Their families made sure that this happened, waiting until their wives passed away to bury them all together. "The Pattillo twins served their military career side-by-side, and even when they retired, they were neighbors for the longest time," explained Scott. "So now to spend eternity together at Arlington, side-by-side, with the rest of their families—it's just so special to all of us."

The legacy of the Pattillo twins lives on today in Charles Pattillo's granddaughter, Air Force Capt. Meghan Pattillo, who grew up listening to her grandfather's and great-uncle's stories about their flying exploits. "That's what I wanted to do since I was six years old, and they did nothing but support me and push that dream," she said. "And now I fly the F-16."

Capt. Pattillo thought the Thunderbirds' "Pattillo Pull" appropriate for the occasion. "Watching [the planes] just fly off into the distance together was perfect because that's just the way they were," she explained. "You can't separate them."

Maryland District Web Site And Yahoo Group

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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.