

THE PATRIOT

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Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies;

Yes, Fall is here and the aroma of Pumpkin Spice is in the air! Hope you all had a pleasant summer and are well rested, as the 5 November Exemplification is right around the corner. I am asking everyone to reach out to that Catholic gentleman and ask him and his family to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Get them into the Order and then into the Fourth Degree. By growing the Order, we also grow the Fourth Degree. Remember that everyone is a recruiter, and we recruit all year, every year. As I have said during my remarks at the Installation of Officers I have conducted, the percentage of Sir Knights in the District in the 60 and 70 age group comprise over half of the membership. When you add the number of members of those in the 80year age group, the percentage jumps to over 61% of our membership. This is an eye opener. We must bring younger men into the Order and subsequently into the Fourth Degree.

The 5 November Exemplification will be held at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 408 Central Ave., Ridgley, MD 21660. Candidate registration starts at 0930, with the Exemplification starting at 1115. There will be an informal activity for the ladies. For further information, please see the Tri-fold that was sent to all Faithful Navigators. Get the Form 4's, along with and Assembly check to cover the costs of the candidate(s), to Executive Secretary Jeff Wilk as soon as possible. The Honoree for this exemplification is Past State Deputy and Former Master Ed Haynes.

Calvert Province participated in the Columbus Day festivities at Union Station, Washington, DC on 10 October where 56 Sir Knights from the Archdiocese of Washington, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania Central, and Virginia Districts were present to help with the wreath laying ceremonies and the Flags of America parade. It was a great day to be outside and recognize the accomplishments of the namesake of our order, the Great Navigator, Christopher Columbus. This is an annual event, so I hope many of you plan on attending next year. Since this day is a Federal Holiday, there is plenty of free

parking around Union Station, and the traffic is relatively light for DC.

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Renewal of Obligations

Remember that Renewal of Obligations are conducted during the period of January thru March. Faithful Navigators are requested to send your request to me with the date(s) requested so that they may be placed on the calendar. Remember that many Assemblies meet on the same days so you should list a couple of back-up dates. Please send your requests to myself, Executive Secretary Jeff Wilk and District Marshal Rick Przybylski. If you had scheduled your renewal with Former Master Fritz Leach, please confirm this information with me so I am sure not to miss any assembly. So far, I have Assembly 3502 on 2/6/23; Assembly 379 on 2/27/23; and Assembly 2595 on 3/23/23. All requests are first come – first served.

Correspondence and Communication

The email address of the Master is MDDistrictMaster@gmail.com. Please send any correspondence to that email. These emails are read by both the District Master and his Executive Secretary Jeff Wilk. Emails will be acknowledged as soon as possible after receipt.

Requests for Color Corps should be sent to District Marshal Rick Przybylski at rjp3579@yahoo.com and myself. Please send requests in sufficient time for planning purposes. This is not always possible in the event of a Casket Watch, but please send your request as soon as you possible. If you are looking for Flag Team participation, please include Dave Bellistri (davidbellistri@gmail.com) also.

Remember that correspondence must follow the chain of command! No member of the district should send any correspondence (with the exception of scheduled reports) directly to Supreme or to the Vice Supreme Master. All correspondence must be sent via the Maryland District Master.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the members of Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly 3162 for winning the 2021 To Be A Patriot Award. This is awarded by Supreme to the Assembly with the single best patriotic project or activity during the fraternal year. The Chaplain Capodanno Assembly conducted the project “Flags of Remembrance”



which made tribute to the Victims of the 9/11 Terrorist Attack, our Military Service Members and First Responders.

Vice Supreme Master Mike Thumm presented the assembly with the award after their Installation of Officers on 10 October 2022 at St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor in

Frederick, MD. Former Master Fritz Leach was also in attendance where he presented the Assembly with the Maryland District Assembly of the Year Award for 2021.

Sick and Deceased

Please pray for the following individuals:

Deceased

John Frank Billard, Chief Justice Taney Assembly 376
Rev. Henry Kunkle, Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378

James Roe, Fr. James Willard Lutz Assembly 2702
Vernon Weinkam Sr., Admiral Benson Assembly 381

Sick

FM Carl Roberts, Archbishop Francis P Keough Assembly 385
Edgar Herman, Christopher Columbus Assembly 2272
Mary Jane Grauso, wife of IPSD Vince Grauso
Mark Sherbert, son of PSD Dick Sherbert

Raymond Haber, Fr. Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2595
Johnnie Agueirre, Christopher Columbus Assembly 2272
Kathy Vassallo, wife of John Vassallo

Assembly Awards

Star Assembly Award

Each Assembly should strive to attain the Star Assembly Award. Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, submit their reports to the Supreme Council and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn this award. The Assembly can earn this award by completing the following:

- ✓ Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award
- ✓ Enter the “To Be A Patriot” competition
- ✓ Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- ✓ Submit the Report of Officers (Form 186) (due by 1 July)
- ✓ Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) (due by 31 January)
- ✓ Submit the Annual Assembly Audit Report (Form 1315) (due by 1 August)
- ✓ Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

The Civic Award highlights the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly’s program of activities. To qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year. The application for the Civic Award must be received by Supreme no later than 30 June.

The To Be A Patriot Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year. The assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on Form TBP-2 and send it directly to the Master by April 30. Entries are judged at the district, provincial and international levels.

Assembly Newsletter

Each assembly should publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for the assembly members. If your assembly currently does this, great! I ask that you please send a copy of the newsletter/bulletin to the Master, Vice Supreme Master, and the District Newsletter Editor Mike

Forehand at michael4hand@yahoo.com. for inclusion in the District Newsletter. If your assembly does not currently publish a newsletter – start doing so! It keeps your members abreast of assembly activities and highlights the accomplishments of the assembly.

Don't be afraid to send your newsletter to the other assemblies within the district. By sharing your ideas and patriotic activities with other assemblies, it strengthens the bonds within the district and sparks ideas to help others develop patriotic programs within their communities.

Important Dates in November

- 5 November – Maryland Exemplification Ridgely, MD
- 8 November – Election Day – Get out and VOTE!
- 10 November – U.S. Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 11 November – Veterans Day – Celebrating all who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States
- 12 November – Delaware Exemplification
- 22 November – Anniversary Mass for Blessed Michael McGivney
- 25 November – Thanksgiving Day
- 27 November – First Sunday of Advent

Maryland District Awards

Each year, the Master gives out two awards to Assemblies. One to the Assembly that brings the most members into the order, and the other to the Assembly with the highest percentage of new membership. This year, a requirement for receiving either of these awards is that the Assembly must submit their reports on time. These reports are the Report of Officers Chosen, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, and the Annual Assembly Audit Report. It is not enough to concentrate just on membership, and let the other requirements fall to the wayside. Please be respectful of the time required by the Master and his staff, not to mention the VSM, tracking down missing reports or reports that were never submitted.

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 Group IO by registering for the Master's Group IO Listserv.**

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

Upcoming Exemplification

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.

District Flag Teams

As some of you may now know the Worthy Master has appointed me as District Flag Team Commander. I am so pleased to be part of a team again and I thank our Worthy Master for giving me the chance to serve. Him being my predecessor, I will do my best to be worthy of this position.

My goal for this fraternal year, is to form 3 flag teams. We receive many requests for colors to be presented and posted. Some are either the same day or at the same time. Instead of not being able to support multiple events, we will be able support them. The Worthy Master has given me a list of those who he thinks would be a good fit for these teams along with the existing team members. I have notified them of my goal, and some have responded to me. If you feel that this is something that you would be interested in and have not been notified, please email me. Once I have a complete list, training will be given to all that have replied. In the past our teams have won 3 of the 5 provincial competitions and been asked to preside at many civic events and other events within the province. The flag team is an integral part of the combined color corps, and I thank you all for considering joining.

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District Friar Message

My dear friends,

There is no greater prayer than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the prayer of the Church par excellence. The Mass is one continuous offering to God the Father through presenting the passion of His Son from the opening prayer to the concluding prayer. Almost all of the prayers are addressed exclusively to the Father. Every time the Mass is celebrated, we as a community of believers take part in this amazing drama. We actively participate in the Lord's passion rather than simply watching it.

We attend Mass for more reasons than just duty. Instead, we go to Mass as a loving gesture to the God who loved us before anybody else. Giving of our time, treasure, and talent is a conscious decision made in the knowledge that it will never be as great a sacrifice as that made by our Savior. As a result, the Mass is not for our amusement. We are participating in Jesus' sacrificial offering on the cross, which is most clearly expressed in the Eucharist, because we are reliving the Lord's passion. The purpose of the music that "accompanies our prayer of appreciation" is to improve our social participation, not to focus on ourselves instead of the sacrifice unfolding before our eyes.

God draws us into Himself through the sacrifice that is offered at every Mass through our prayer, our active participation, and—most importantly—the Sacrifice itself. Because of this, attending Mass, allowing our hearts to be opened to God, and worshipping Him in song and prayer as a response to the prayers of the Mass are the most vital things for Catholics to do.

God's peace to you all!!!



District Marshal Report

Brother Sir Knights,

Fall is here and so is the cooler weather which is my favorite. On October 8th, the State Council celebrated Columbus Day with our annual Ball. We had a nice

turnout of Color Corps for a gauntlet and presenting of the Colors. On October 10th, Columbus Day was celebrated in DC at Union Station. This event was a Provincial event and was attended by a large group of Color Corps but there have been many more in attendance at past events. I want to thank all those who have been coming out to attend these and other events. If you have not been to a Color Corps event in some time, please consider coming out and joining us.

We will be conducting an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on November 5th and will need Color Corps assistance. Please consider coming out to assist.

Master Jim Duryee and Flag Team Commander Dave Bellistri are trying to recruit for flag teams for our District. If you have interest in being on one of our flag teams, please email Dave at davidbellistri@gmail.com.

Emails with Color Corps events are being sent out to the Navigators and Color Corps Commanders. If you are not receiving this information, please email me at rjp3579@yahoo.com. We want to make sure all Color Corps are receiving this information in a timely manner.

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.

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, 1400 hours, Our Lady of Grace Church, 15663 Norbeck Blvd. Silver Spring, Md 20906. 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.

7 Dec - Pearl Harbor Day

16 Dec - Boston Tea Party – 1773

17 Dec – Wreaths Across America Day

20 Dec - U.S. Space Force Birthday

25 Dec - Christmas Day

Thank you and Vivat Jesus,

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Maryland District Assemblies in Action

**Annual Sea Services Pilgrimage and Mass
The National Shrine of Dt Elizabeth Ann Seton
2 October 2022**





**Columbus Day Ball
8 October 2022**



**National Columbus Day Ceremony
Washington DC
10 October 2022**

