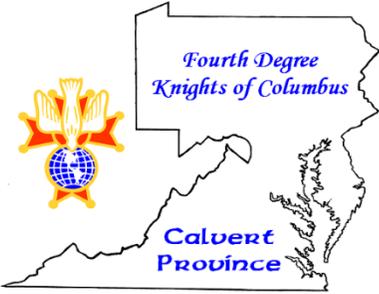


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Calvert Province Patriot



Working for Membership, New Assemblies, Patriotic Programs, and Color Corps

Welcome to the Inaugural Issue of the Calvert Province Patriot Newsletter. I am excited to start this forum where I can provide news and information to all members of the Calvert Province. I do not have a catchy phrase or slogan, but I do have a clear mission: To leave Calvert province better than I found it on September 1, 2019, when I leave this assignment. In order to do this, we have our work cut out for us! We need to conduct really great Patriotic programs. These programs show our love for our country as members of the Fourth/Patriotic Degree. Perhaps they educate our children on the flag and other patriotic subjects. Perhaps they help our veterans, active duty, discharged, or retired. Or perhaps the program is in some other related area! As my wife, Lady Patti likes to say, "It's all good!" Related directly to our performance of patriotic programs is bringing in new members. How can we do these programs without manpower? We cannot! So, all Faithful Navigators are recruiters. All Faithful Admirals are recruiters. And also, every single Sir Knight is a recruiter. I need each Sir Knight to get busy and personally be proactive in his counsel to invite and convince all Third Degree members to join us! Especially young Third-Degree members, so that as Sir Knights like myself

continue to age, the younger members will be there to carry the torch and continue with our mission! Related to new membership is the development of new assemblies within the Fourth/Patriotic Degree. So you will see efforts along those lines, and some of you may be assisting within your Fourth Degree Districts. I also want to invite all who are interested, to join the Color Corps. I know that many have decided not to participate in the Color Corps due to the New Official Fourth Degree Uniform and the way that it was instituted. But I'm here to tell you that the decision on the uniform has been made, and we are moving forward. We did not take the pledges that we have as Knights of Columbus and Sir Knights or agree to obey the Laws and Rules of the Order and the Fourth Degree because of what we would wear. And that should not stop any of you from joining our Color Corps! With the price coming down, and other exciting initiatives in the uniform area that I will discuss later in this newsletter, I hope that you will be encouraged to consider joining or returning to the Color Corps with me. Patriotic Programs, Membership, New Assembly Development – there is a lot for us to do. Please join me as we move forward in the Calvert Province!

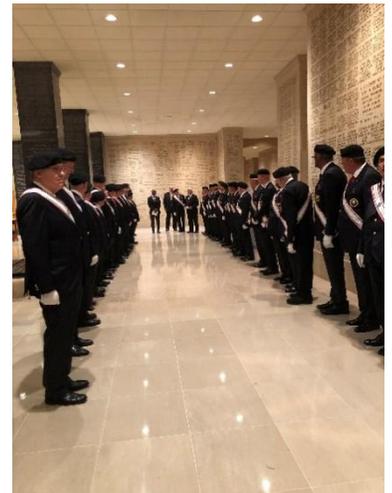
What's going on in Calvert Province?

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Father Vincent R. Capodanno

Memorial Mass, September 4, 2019

This annual Mass is celebrated for the repose of Father Capodanno, a Catholic Military Chaplain and U.S. Navy Lieutenant who was killed in Vietnam on September 4, 1967, as he rushed to the aid of wounded and dying U.S. Marines in battle with the North Vietnamese. Father Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006 the Catholic Church recognized him as a Servant of God, thus authorizing the official beginning of his Cause for Canonization. An outstanding Color Corps turnout from throughout

Calvert Province supported this Mass.



Wreaths Across America 2019

December 14, 2019

Many in the Province participated in Wreaths Across America Day at various National Cemeteries. Patti and I, Master Fritz Leach and Eleanor, and Master Joe Feakes were at Arlington National Cemetery. Patti and I placed Wreaths on family graves (she has a lot of family there!), and a few others. Fritz and Eleanor also placed wreaths on family graves and others, and Joe helped placing wreaths on veterans' graves. Also, I heard from Master Lou Anderson in Delaware District. For the second consecutive year the Father Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly No. 2413, Georgetown, DE provided support to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE for Wreaths Across American by purchasing wreaths and providing sir knights to lay the wreaths and assist with parking at the site. Secondly, the assembly assisted with the erection, manning and breakdown of the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall, which was on display to the public on the Lewes-Cape May Ferry grounds in Lewes, DE. The Fr. Capodanno Assembly is led by Faithful Navigator Joseph Wilkins and consists of 217 members.



Mike places wreath at Vet's grave



Wreaths covering the graves!



The Leach Family places a wreath at Eleanor's father's grave

Archdiocese of Washington District – St. John Neumann Assembly #1763

Annual Patriotic Breakfast

Each year on or around Veterans' Day, St. John Neumann Assembly #1763 holds their Patriotic Breakfast to honor those who have served. Local leaders take part in honoring them for their service. A good time is had by all with laudatory comments, food, and reflection.



Grand Knight Bill Sapero leads the event. Midshipmen and other servicemembers enjoyed. Ah, the feast!

Mass Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 8, 2019, St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg, Maryland held a mass, procession and celebration to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Color Corps was asked to participate as we had done in previous years. Color Corps participants were District Master Joe Feakes, Marshall Tom Firestone, Faithful Navigator Gary Guy, Former Master Joe Murtha, Vice Commanders Tony Durso and Steve Rhodes, and Sir Knight Gerry Benedict. Bishop Dorsonville was the primary celebrant along with Monsignor Panke, Father William Wadsworth and Deacon Carlos Caraballo. The procession before mass began with the Color Corps followed by a large picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This was followed by a Mariachi band and a procession of many members of the parish including families and children. Each carried roses that were placed before Our Lady.

A girl from the parish played the role of Our Lady and a boy played the role of Juan Diego. They reenacted the story of Our Lady appearing to Juan Diego and Juan Diego then approached Bishop Dorsonville and presented the roses to him. Juan Diego showed his tilma which contained the image of Our Lady. During the mass there was a very enthusiastic and moving dance performance. After mass there was a large procession that concluded at a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Afterwards, the Spanish community at St. John Neumann hosted a large gathering that included a meal.



Color Corps



Bishop Dorsonville



Juan Diego showing Tilma



Dancers

Delaware District – Operation Freedom Drop

Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly No. 3038; Smyrna, DE organized and executed Operation Freedom Drop, which took place at the Smyrna Municipal Park on October 19, 2019 from noon until 5:00 pm to provide an outing for veterans and families including food, music, games, and the raffling of an automobile, an Armed Services Afghan, and a 50/50. CMJ Motors donated an auto for the raffle and the ladies of St. Polycarp Church and the local council and assembly knitted the Afghan. In order to obtain raffle tickets, a participant was required to bring items for veterans from four categories listed on a flyer. Personal items received totaled 5,638; monetary donations totaled \$2,000; and \$500 was received for the purchase of gift cards. Personal items were shipped to troops of all branches overseas by the "Stockings for Soldiers Group" using the \$2,000 to pay for shipping expenses. The \$500 in gift cards were presented to the Chief, Voluntary Services, Wilmington VA Medical Center. The assembly has 106 sir knights and is led by Faith Navigator Pablo Resto. Past State Deputy John Brenner, Former Master Thomas Boscher, Grand Knight Thomas O'Drain and a host of sir knights, brother knights and wives assisted in making the event a huge success.



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Operation Freedom Drop

Benefitting Our Heroes



WIN A CAR!

Come Out for a Day of Family Fun!

Join CMJ Motors and the Knights of Columbus in efforts to support our Heroes by dropping a bag of goods. These items satisfy the basic needs of our Heroes, giving them the comfort and dignity that so many of us take for granted.

Drawing Rules:

- Each bag must contain 3 items or more from each blue box
- OR
- Monetary donations or gift cards of \$25 or more

This will get you an arm's length of tickets to enter the drawing!
SEE BACK FOR ITEMS

Date: Saturday, October 19th, 2019

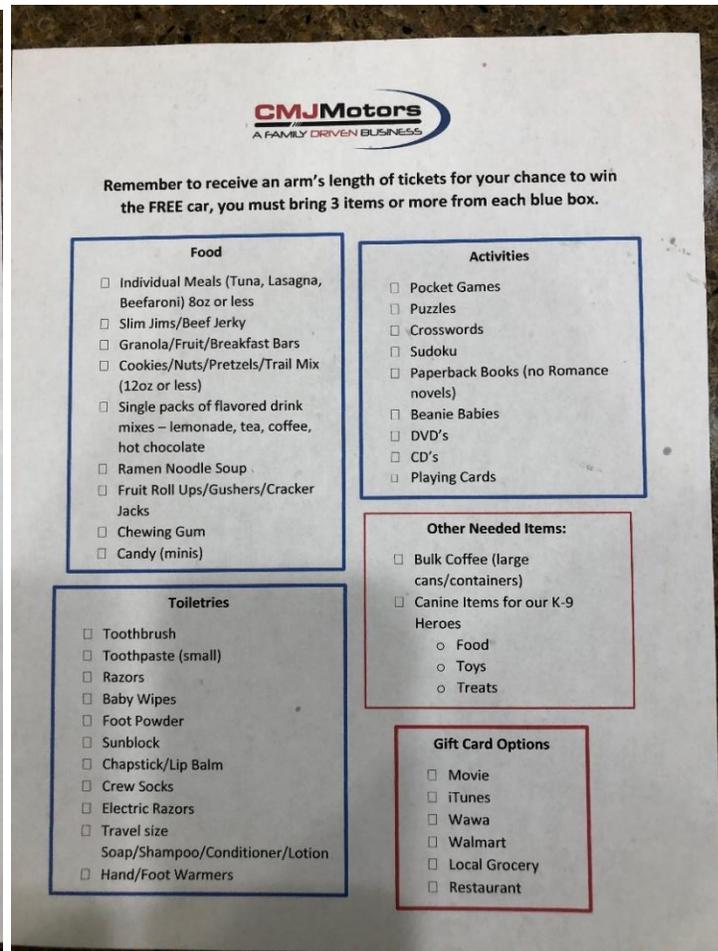
Time: Noon to 4:30 pm – Raffle for Car @ 5pm

Place: Smyrna Municipal Park – 365 N. Main Street, Smyrna DE 19977

Our Operation Freedom Drop Day will be packed with fun filled activities and games for children, a live DJ, 50/50 raffle, food, and more!

All Veterans eat for FREE with proper identification.

Follow CMJ Motors on Facebook for the Car Reveal!



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Remember to receive an arm's length of tickets for your chance to win the FREE car, you must bring 3 items or more from each blue box.

Food

- Individual Meals (Tuna, Lasagna, Beefaroni) 8oz or less
- Slim Jims/Beef Jerky
- Granola/Fruit/Breakfast Bars
- Cookies/Nuts/Pretzels/Trail Mix (12oz or less)
- Single packs of flavored drink mixes – lemonade, tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Ramen Noodle Soup
- Fruit Roll Ups/Gushers/Cracker Jacks
- Chewing Gum
- Candy (minis)

Activities

- Pocket Games
- Puzzles
- Crosswords
- Sudoku
- Paperback Books (no Romance novels)
- Beanie Babies
- DVD's
- CD's
- Playing Cards

Other Needed Items:

- Bulk Coffee (large cans/containers)
- Canine Items for our K-9 Heroes
 - Food
 - Toys
 - Treats

Gift Card Options

- Movie
- iTunes
- Wawa
- Walmart
- Local Grocery
- Restaurant

Toiletries

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (small)
- Razors
- Baby Wipes
- Foot Powder
- Sunblock
- Chapstick/Lip Balm
- Crew Socks
- Electric Razors
- Travel size Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner/Lotion
- Hand/Foot Warmers

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Received The Star Assembly Award

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly No. 150; Newark, DE has been awarded the Star Assembly Plaque for 2018-2019 for achievements in Civic Activities, Patriotic Programs and Membership Growth. The assembly has 212 sir knights and is led by Faithful Navigator Michael Handlin, who is serving for a fourth consecutive year. The assembly has also received the Civic Award for the fourth year in a row.

Maryland District – Sir Knight selected as the 2019 Knights of Columbus VAVS Male Volunteer of the Year!

Congratulations to Sir Knight W. Wayne Davis, Jr., a life member of St. Francis Xavier Assembly #380 in Maryland District, was nominated by the Volunteer Services Chief, Perry Hall VA Medical Center, endorsed by Master, Maryland District, and forwarded to Supreme as the Calvert Province nominee for the 2019 VAVS Male Volunteer of the Year. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and the Board of Directors selected Wayne as the Knights of Columbus 2019 VAVS Male Volunteer of the Year! His nomination package has now been forwarded to the National Advisory Committee (NAC) of Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) and we wish Wayne good luck as he competes for their 2019 Male Volunteer of the Year Award!

Pennsylvania West District – Regional Membership Planning Session

Pennsylvania West District Membership Chairman Jim Maochi conducted a Patriotic Degree Regional Membership Planning Session on November 9th, in Carnegie, PA (near Pittsburgh). This followed four Regional Membership Seminars that had been conducted in various locations throughout the District in 2016 and 2017, and four Membership Webinars that had been conducted in 2018 and 2019. The goal of the latest session was to advance membership and drive support for the Fourth Degree in the District.

The planned discussion topics of this Membership Planning Session included ideas and suggestions for more Patriotic Service Programs in our Assemblies, and feedback on current best practices for Membership and Service Programs in our Assemblies.

The recruitment plan by Archbishop Gannon Assembly in preparation for the recent Exemplification in Erie was reviewed. The plan resulted in 49 new Sir Knights.

The Assembly worked to schedule Knighthood Degree in advance of the Exemplification. Then, they obtained the Knighthood Degree class rosters and made personal contact with all potential candidates. They formed three recruiting teams to visit all twenty-two councils within the Greater Erie Chapter. They used the

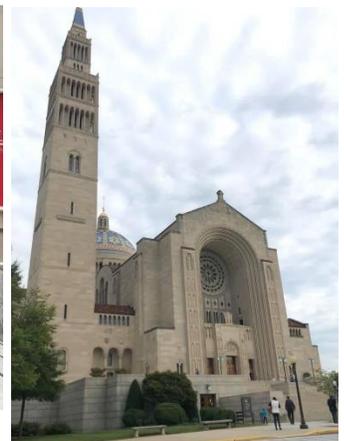
District Deputies on the teams to coordinate the council visits. They made sure their recruiters were knowledgeable about the various Fourth Degree programs at the assembly level and at Supreme. They held an informational night to get to know the candidates and their ladies in a social setting. They had conducted a picnic in past years.

Examples of Assembly programs that were discussed:

- Flag Day ceremony & September 11th ceremony
- Recycling the stars from US flags that are designated for disposal
- Escorting veterans to the hospital
- Monthly ceremonies at Cemetery of the Alleghenies for those veterans without family
- Marching in Parades as Color Corps
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies
- WWII Veterans Pilgrimage to Washington, DC
- Dinners honoring WWII and Korean War Veterans

Virginia District – Richmond Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Richmond Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with a side trip to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.



Religious Freedom Day, Fredericksburg, Virginia

On Sunday, January 12, 2020, Rappahannock Assembly #1613 of Virginia District hosted a parade and ceremony in Fredericksburg, Virginia commemorating the 243rd anniversary of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. The statute, drafted by Thomas Jefferson in 1777 in Fredericksburg, was later used as a model by President James Madison in drafting the Bill of Rights. It represents a document that had a unique impact on our Nation that continues to this day. This event acknowledges the belief that everyone has the right to practice his or her chosen faith, a right second only to the right to life itself. The parade, about one mile in length, departed from the Fredericksburg train station at 1:30 PM and proceeded through downtown to the Religious Freedom Monument located on Washington Avenue where the ceremony was held. Highlight of the ceremony was the keynote address delivered by Rev. Don Rooney, Pastor, Saint Bernadette Catholic Church, Springfield, VA., followed by the laying of a wreath at the monument. Following the ceremony, a reception for the Knights of Columbus and invited guests was held at the University of Mary Washington's St. John Bosco Center. The Vice Supreme Master, Calvert Province, and the Master, Maryland District were honored to join the Master, Virginia District and his Sir Knights, families, and other state dignitaries for this outstanding event!



VA District Color Corps, FM,
State Deputy, & Assoc. State Chaplain



Color Guard



VSM, DMs, FM, & Color Guard



Parade Formation



Wreath Laying



Religious Liberty Monument

Uniform News

Domestic Supplier

Here are a few items of news relative to the Domestic Supplier of the Official Uniform.

On December 1st full operational mode started with the new domestic supplier. They have just received 9,000 uniforms from the warehouse and they are validating the size of each item to be sure the member receives exactly what he ordered in U.S. sizes. They will offer a few extras at no additional cost as well. I believe we will have a great working relationship with TSR and all will be pleased with the service.

Here is a short list of things the new domestic supplier is working on and information on what's coming up: First and foremost, they are utilizing all the talents and experience they have within their organization to create the most comfortable and best fitting garments possible. They are adding a concealed stretch waistband in the pants to add comfort and a little forgiveness if you add an inch (It appears that this will be added once current inventory is exhausted...). They are creating a website with an embedded video demonstrating how and where to measure to help fit you properly. They are going to offer a layaway program to ease the financial burden to those who need it. They think this will make a difference. When I spoke to the company, they told me that the lay away can be for as long as needed, depending on the financial need. They are going to offer a black oxford, made with a high gloss, top grain cowhide, lined on the inside with a soft leather and leather sole. This shoe sells for well in excess of \$120.00, however, they will offer it for far less. They don't have the final cost just yet, however, it will be very attractive. They are going to offer a 100% wrinkle free white shirt. This will be a shirt you can take out of the dryer and wear. It will be moisture wicking and quick drying. They will also have exact sleeves, if you need a 32" sleeve you will not have to settle for a 33". They are quickly developing an overcoat made from a luxurious flannel, with zip out liner. This coat will be water repellent and mid-thigh length. This coat will be attractively priced and an excellent value. The new domestic supplier is working hard to offer excellent quality, good fitting and comfortable garments, first class service and striving to be a true partner! Spread the word!

Star Assembly Requirements

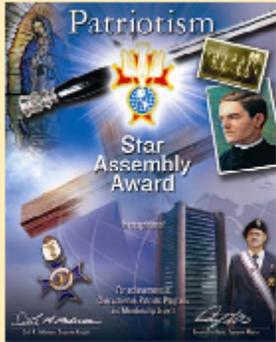
The checklist below shows all the requirements for Star Assembly. District Masters in the province have this checklist and can provide it for use. All Assemblies should have a goal of being Star Assembly!



STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD CHECKLIST

Assembly Name: _____ Number: _____

- Report of Officers**
Form #186 (due July 1)
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**
Form 1728 (due January 31)
- Annual Assembly Audit Report**
Form 1315 (due June 30)
- Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award**
Form 2321 (due June 30)



Our four varied Patriotic Programs			
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Enter the "To Be A Patriot" Competition
Form TBP-2 (due April 30)

Our Best Patriotic Program	

Meet the Assembly New Member Goal of 7%. Our Quota: _____

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Gains:												
Losses:												

Publish Monthly Newsletter or Bulletin for Assembly Members



Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, report to the Supreme Council office and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award.

Training – The Biennial Meeting

The Biennial meetings are held in even years in March or April in each Fourth Degree District. The requirements and the Order of Business of the Biennial Meeting are defined in the *Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree*. During March or April in even numbered years, the Master calls for a formal meeting of the District Assembly. This is known as the "District Assembly Meeting." The meeting is called to: select three names to be recommended for the position of Master for the term beginning September 1; elect the Master's Audit Committee; and pass resolutions for the good of the Fourth Degree.

Before the meeting, the Master issues notice of the meeting to the Supreme Master, Supreme Secretary, Vice Supreme Master, and Faithful Navigators. Assemblies may prepare resolutions for presentation at the District Assembly Meeting to be passed by the membership in advance of the District Assembly Meeting. Copies are to be forwarded to each assembly in the district for their review and concurrence with copies to the Master and chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

While the meeting is open to all Fourth Degree Members in good standing, only certain Sir Knights have Voice and Vote Privileges. Each assembly is represented at the District Assembly by the Faithful Navigator and delegates, the number of which is determined by the size of the assembly. Alternates should be elected for each delegate. Credentials must be forwarded to the Master, Credentials Chairman, and Secretary immediately after the election.

The expenses of the delegates and alternates, if incurred, are the responsibility of the Assembly. The expense is to be reported as a separate line item on the annual audit form.

As mentioned earlier, the number of delegates is based upon the size of the assembly. They must be elected at the February meeting of the assembly in even numbered years.

Membership	Delegates	Alternates
30-49	0	1
50-149	1	2
150-249	2	3
250-349	3	4
350-449	4	5
450-549	5	6
550-649	6	7

(one alternate is elected for the Faithful Navigator)

Prior to the District Assembly Meeting, the Master will appoint a credentials committee and a resolutions committee composed of the Faithful Navigators.

Calvert Province New Assembly Goals

District	New Assembly Location	Established Y/N
Archdiocese of Washington		
Delaware		
Maryland		
Pennsylvania Central		
Pennsylvania East		
Pennsylvania West		Working
Virginia		Working
Totals	Goal: 7	YDT: 0

Provincial Membership Goals

District	Membership Goal	YTD New Members
Archdiocese of Washington	199 (163) 18%	36
Delaware	77 (76) 1%	1*
Maryland	219 (133) 39%	86
Pennsylvania Central	258 (226) 12%	32
Pennsylvania East	442 (294) 33%	148
Pennsylvania West	333 (243) 27%	90
Virginia	450 (345) 23%	105
Totals	1.977 (1,479) 25.19%	498

* Delaware has 49 new Sir Knights not yet added by Supreme, putting them at 64% of goal, Province at 27.67%

High Performing Assemblies This Year – 50% and Up in Membership

Maryland: #3769 (Annapolis) 400%; #2378 (Hydes) 127%; #2702 (Chestertown) 100%; #2595 (Poplar Springs) 75%; #387 (Hagerstown) 66%; #385 (Parkville) 57%

Pennsylvania Central: #942 (Williamsport) 100%; #3755 (Pittston) 66%; #927 (Honesdale) 55%; #2068 (Wellsboro) 50%

Pennsylvania East: #3274 (Paoli) 72%; #3628 (Upper Darby) 66%; #3046 (Stowe) 58%; #915 (Lancaster) 55%; #930 (Reading) 55%; #934 (Bridgeport) 55%; #920 (York & Vic) 53%; #3787 (Philadelphia) 50%

Pennsylvania West: #943 (Erie) 208%; #935 (Newcastle) 166%; #2756 (Punxsutawney) 133% #963 (Warren) 120%; #983 (Girard) 83%; #960 (Sharon) 75%;

Virginia: #1678 (Manassas) 95%; #2331 (Springfield) 75%; #3174 (Prince William County) 50%

Reports

This is a table of reports, their due dates, and whether or not they are completed

Form	Due Date	Completed
Monthly Newsletter (Star Assembly Requirement)	Monthly	Ongoing
Form #1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	Ongoing
Form #TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award	May 1 st to MFD	Upcoming
Form #990 Tax Report EZ – Due date depends on year end	May 15 – Nov 15	Yes
Form #2321 Civic Award	June 30	
Form #186 Report of Officers Chosen	July 1	Yes (for most!)
Form #1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	Yes (for most!)

Upcoming Calvert Province Exemplifications

Here is a list of the upcoming Exemplifications in Calvert Province for this Fraternal Year

March 14, 2020	Ocean City, MD
April 18, 2020	Laurel, MD
April 18, 2020	Virginia Beach, VA
May 9, 2020	Coatesville, PA
May 30, 2020	White Haven, PA
June 7, 2020	Cranberry Twp., PA

Never forget those who have gone before us!



Wreaths Across America Day is December 19, 2020!