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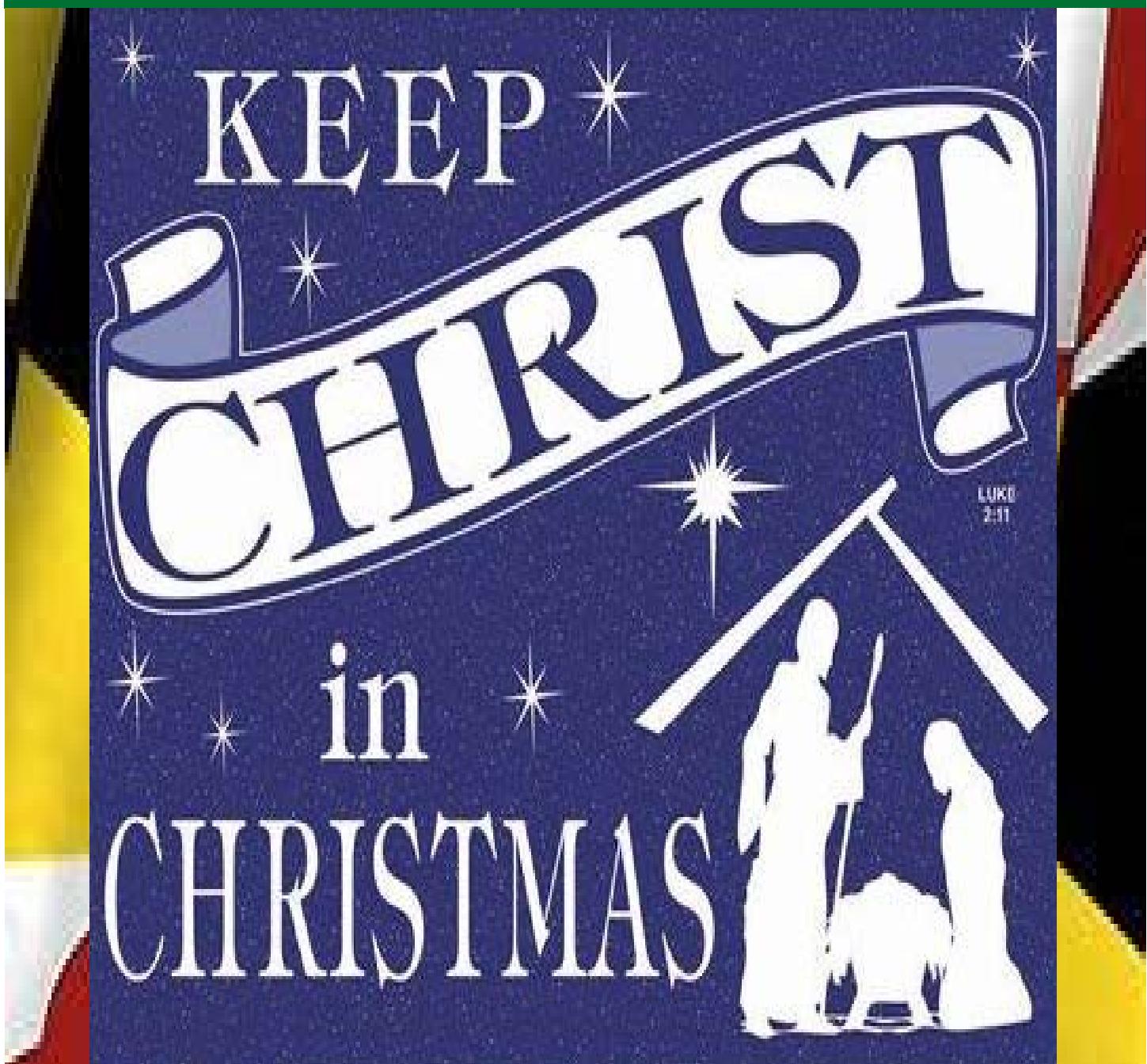
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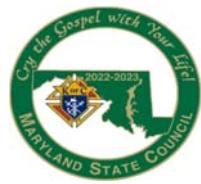
The Maryland State Council Newsletter is formatted to provide you with information and to show you what's getting done and who's doing it. Its purpose is to keep you informed as to Supreme, State and Council aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We also want everyone to know of the good things happening, and perhaps to learn something new along the way about our Church, our Order, and our Founder.

Also, we invite Councils, Chapters, Assemblies, and Fourth Degree elements to submit highlights of their respective accomplishments to the Public Relations Director, Vernon Hawkins, Jr. (vhawkinsjr@aol.com) for posting on our social media platforms.



State Chaplain's Message

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It has been said that part of the enjoyment of travel is the preparation and anticipation. I think something similar can be said about Christmas: our preparation for it, our anticipation of it, makes Christmas Day and the Christmas Season more spiritually enriching. For some, preparations for Christmas are more of a chore, even a burden, so it may be good to pace the projects, to choose wisely how much we want to do. And then, as we write a card, may we remember that we are sharing the Good News of Jesus' birth; as we prepare a gift, know that it is in honor of the Christ Child who came as a gift to the world; as we decorate, it is because Jesus comes as the Light of the world. In other words, we can be purposeful in our preparations.

The Christmas Season is much more than a day, and while it has come to largely consume Advent, it runs well into the New Year. When I see those trees by the trash cans in the late days of December, I think "you may be missing something." In the rush to Christmas, we can miss the beauty of Advent, of slowing our preparations, and of building excitement for the feast. Tree lightings, live nativity scenes, and the like, can be great in helping individuals and families absorb the true spirit of the season. The days after Christmas are ones to savor the message of hope that Christmas brings, and to continue to share that message.

Finally, let us recall that on December 22, 1877, Blessed Michael McGivney was ordained a priest in the Baltimore Basilica, and celebrated his first solemn Mass at his home parish in Waterbury, CT on Christmas Day. On every Christmas of his remaining years Fr. McGivney must have remembered that Mass. As we gather with family and friends in our churches for Christmas Mass, let us again welcome the Lord into our lives, into our homes and families, into our councils and projects, and may we experience the Lord's peace. My prayers and wishes are for you and your loved ones to have a blessed Christmas, and peace-filled Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

- 3 Dec Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
- 7 Dec Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 8 Dec THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 12 Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 Dec Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- 14 Dec Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- 25 Dec THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)
- 26 Dec Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
- 27 Dec Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 Dec The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- 30 Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**One
Nation
Under God**



State Deputy's Message

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November was a dynamic month filled with Memorial Masses, Thanksgiving gatherings, and ending with the start of Advent. It was also a good month for growing our Order throughout the state. Many of you had successful church drives but haven't finished the process by bringing these new Catholics and their families into your council. Please make an effort to ensure timely exemplifications for these men to demonstrate that your invitation was sincere. State Ceremonial Chairman Vince Grauso, PSD, is available to help you organize an exemplification, including providing the state team if needed. So . . . Please make a new Knight for Christmas!

December is our opportunity to focus on our role as Knights in service to our King, the King of Kings. Advent is a time to slow the pace a bit and reflect on the ways that we *Cry the Gospel with our Life*. This month, I recommend taking up the challenge of St. Mother Theresa: "*Prayer in action is love & love in action is service*". Our visible service will inspire other Catholic men to become Knights. Along with this inspirational service, be sure to actually invite men to become Knights!

In October, we launched our first statewide online Rosary. Please join us on Monday, December 12th, 6:30pm, for our next statewide Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a perfect day to answer the Patroness of the Americas' call to join in the Rosary. Look for the details later in this newsletter.

Finally, look for the details on the special Mass to be celebrated on December 22nd, the anniversary of the ordination of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please join Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop Lori in this special Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I realize that it's a busy week and too great a distance for some, especially on a workday, but hope to see many of you and your families at 10:00am in the Baltimore Basilica!



In closing, Annie and I wish you and your families a blessed Advent, a merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris





*Welcome and Greetings from
the First Lady
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Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

Advent is upon us! It's time to get ready for a special birthday party. Just as we clean our homes for guests, it's time for a little spiritual housekeeping. While we're busy decorating and partying, we need to take extra time for prayer and penance. Sweep out the cobwebs and prepare your heart to be a fitting home for Jesus!

Chris & I wish you and your families a blessed Advent, a merry Christmas, and a happy new year!



People, Look East

Words and Music: Eleanor Farjeon

"People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way."

Annie





Council Growth

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Remember



As I was sitting at the Maryland State Memorial Mass, following along with the Necrology, I was glad that I was part of an organization that takes the time to remember and pray for their departed members. Of the more than 300 names read at the State Memorial Mass, I was quick to notice many were in positions of leadership. Past State Deputies, Former Masters, Former District Deputies, Past Grand Knights, Past Faithful Navigators, Past Chapter Presidents as well as Catholic Gentlemen that are so critical to what we do as an order.

In addition to the State Memorial Mass, the Chapters held their Memorial Masses and our councils held theirs as well. Lots of prayers for our departed Knights and spouses. Fr. Jim Boccabella mentioned that officiating at a funeral for a Brother Knight gives him the assurance that the departed is on his way to meet our Lord.

As we end the month of the Faithful Departed, I leave you with this prayer:

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
 In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
 deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.
 The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise,
 where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,
 but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy
 Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

So what now? We need to invite Catholic Gentlemen into the order to help them become better fathers, to live a life of Faith in Action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. We need new members today to develop them to be our future leaders. The need is now. The need to support our priests, our parishes. Now, and for generations to come – time will be theirs, but we will leave our church, our parish, our Order in better stead.

As we entered Advent for our preparation to celebrate the Birth of our Lord at Christmas, continue to talk to our Parish members about the order, invite them into the order. With the eMembership initiative, they can join any time, and become a member of the Knights of Columbus instantly. Just direct them to www.kofc.org/join, or scan the QR code on this page.

UPDATE: The Golden Knight Award has evolved into the Royal Recruiter Award. Requirements for the Royal Recruiter are the same as the Golden Knight – recruit five members in a 12 month period and submit the form. It can be found at: <https://kofc-md.org/membership/>.

On behalf of the State Council Growth Team, I wish all a reflective Advent and may the spirit of Christmas always bring you and your loved ones many blessings, good tidings, and much goodwill.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Koscho
State Council Growth Chairman



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Council	District	Name
Shining Armor:		None
Silver Knight:		None
Royal Recruiter:		None

Shining Armor:	None
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Silver Knight:	None
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Royal Recruiter:	None
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Royal Recruiter

Michael Mank, PGK

Michael Mank, Financial Secretary for Bishop Sebastian Council 5058, Baltimore Maryland achieved a milestone recruiting event—100 new members recruited into the Knights of Columbus. Soon after achieving this milestone, number 101 joined the order courtesy of Brother Mank.

This achievement started in 2003 when Brother Mank was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 2452. Michael recruited three cousins into the council, and was promptly invited to become the council's Membership Director. Working with Henry Griffith, FDD, PGK, the three cousins were the first of 55 members recruited for Our Lady of Carmel.

During his time as Membership Director, he held numerous Membership weekends at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and St. Clare Parish.

Working with Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School, Brother Mank set up meetings with students at their homes and shared his experiences and why he joined the Knights of Columbus. Michael also discussed the goals of the Order. The form 100 was explained as well as the Exemplification process to join the Order. These seed sowing experiences bore some immediate fruit, while others took more time, and sponsorship from other Knights.

In 2012 Brother Michael Mank transferred to Bishop Sebastian Council 5058 and assumed the Membership Director po-

sition. As Membership Director for Brother Mank's new council, he prepared recruitment folders consisting of letters from Archbishop Lori, Cardinal Keeler, and council and Supreme literature as recruitment aids. These efforts resulted in the sponsorship of another 46 members into the order.



This brings his total to an incredible 101 men sponsored into the Knights of Columbus. From these 101 Catholic Gentlemen, they are responsible for an untold number of 2nd and 3rd order recruits.

Brother Mank credits his recruiting success simply by asking men to join the order. His pleasant attitude towards people courtesy of his upbringing has helped him communicate with potential members.

Another secret to recruiting success is Brother Michael's other council director positions. Since joining the Order in 1971, after serving our country in the US Army, he held positions as Pro-Life Director, Church Director, Council Director, and

Community Director. This wealth of experience at the council level has provided the background for his recruiting success.

Brother Michael Mank received thirteen Golden Knight Awards, awarded by the General Agents that serve the Maryland Jurisdiction. The Golden Knight is awarded to members who recruit five or more members in a twelve-month period.

The Golden Knight has evolved into a Royal Recruiter Award and Brother Michael Mank is at the head of the line to receive one of the first Royal Recruiter recognition awards.

Extension of Free Online Membership with New Code for FY22-23

From: Patrick T. Mason, Supreme Secretary

Please note that the promo code for free online membership changed effective 1 July. The new code is **BlessedMcGivney**. The code is one continuous string and is not case sensitive. Any combination of upper-case and lower-case letters will be accepted. Please make everyone in your jurisdiction aware of the Blessed McGivney promo code and – most importantly – that free online membership has been extended into the new fraternal year.



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Brothers and Ladies of the Maryland State Council,,

The Program Team had a wonderful time at the **Fall Meeting** in Emmitsburg. It was great sharing hospitality and stories with a few of our Worthy District Deputies. I only wish we had more time to socialize with you all. Hopefully, you had a fruitful day absorbing the information provided in the numerous presentations. Worthy District Deputies remember that it's all about "Raisin Awareness."

Walt Williams and Brian Trott, State Sports Co-chairmen, did a fantastic job planning and executing the **Soccer Shootout**. The rain stopped the evening before the shootout and the field dried up nicely just in time for the children to compete with goal kicks, corner kicks and throws. The weather could not have been better for mid-November and the competitors enjoyed the beautiful day. Unfortunately, the turnout was disappointingly light for some unknown reason. Hopefully, we will have much more participation next year.

The detailed information for the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is posted on the State Website main page. Council First Place Winners need to be received by John Vassallo no later than December 17th so please send them in early. This is a great way to engage the parents and children of the parish and promote the true meaning of Christmas. It's refreshing to see the various artistic interpretations and abilities of the children of various ages. I'm sure this year's contest will prove to be full of beautiful renditions. We look forward to seeing the many entries from councils throughout the state.

Due to the Christmas Season there will not be a **Program and Growth Zoom meeting** in December. We will pick up in January on the last Wednesday at 7 pm. Please join us and share your success stories with other Grand Knights. Your valuable insight could help other councils make Star Council this year.

Our next installment of the **Statewide Rosary** will be held on Monday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. Coincidentally, that happens to be the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please mark your calendars and joins us in prayer on this special Feast day. Share this with your parishes, council members and families. Let's kick off the Christmas Season with this special prayerful event.

Lastly, keep performing the great works of faith and charity in your parishes and communities. There are many families in need and the numbers of those in need continue to grow. Enjoy your Christmas with your families and friends and reach out to those less fortunate. Do what you can to lift others up during the Christmas Season. May God Bless you all for all that you do.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Maryland State Program Team.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas Reumont



Hispanic Activities

Padre Miguel Angel Martinez, C. Ss. R.



La Guadalupana, un regalo del amor de Dios

La aparición de la Virgen María en América en los inicios de la evangelización en 1531, ha transformado la historia dejando una huella que ha permanecido intacta desde entonces: La madre que viene en auxilio de sus hijos, para guiarles al encuentro con Cristo, que es la Vida.

El manto de Guadalupe, reflejo de nuestra Señora, nos invita a una profunda reflexión de la Virgen que es muestra madre. Desde su nombre, el códice de su manto, el estudio de sus ojos, la mirada compasiva, la inclinación de su cara y cuerpo, la unión de sus manos, el listón negro sobre su vientre evidencia de su embarazo, el peinado de su cabello, todo en este hermoso manto nos acerca a la Madre que no cesa de hacer eco de las palabras que sus labios pronunciaron mas de dos milenios: "Hagan lo que El les diga" (Jn, 2,5)

La presencia mariana en la vida cristiana es un fenómeno múltiple - en las escrituras, la liturgia, la doctrina, la devoción, el arte, la espiritualidad, el testimonio personal y las tradiciones teológicas, sin mencionar las apariciones especiales y los lugares de peregrinación. En la jerga católica, este compacto, multifacético e intensa presencia personal se refiere a menudo al 'misterio' de María en la vida de la Iglesia. El misterio de María en la vida del pueblo de Dios puede ser apreciada como un 'fenómeno impregnado'. Esto impregna la conciencia cristiana como para exigir un tipo de apropiada receptividad para el don de la revelación. Hay un "exceso" de la autodonación divina que desborda y perturba las rutinas mundanas de la experiencia humana y el control racional.

Las diversas auto-donaciones de Cristo contienen una dimensión particular. Él da su madre a la Iglesia, representado por el Discípulo Amado al pie de la cruz (Jn 19:26-27). Por el momento, observamos simplemente que el fenómeno de María en la vida de la Iglesia está impregnada con la singularidad del acontecimiento Jesucristo que ella representa. En ese horizonte de gracia, María no es un ídolo o una proyección mitológica de sensibilidades religiosas. Ella aparece, más bien, como un ícono de la 'representación' del enfoque cristocéntrico de la existencia cristiana. Su presencia es retro- iluminada, por así decirlo, por la "Luz de Luz", para usar la frase del Credo de Nicea. Su singular lugar en el evento del Dios del amor que se dona afecta a la fe en la percepción de la verdad que es revelada, de la identidad que confiere, de la comunidad que forma, y de la praxis de la renovación del mundo que inspira.

Cuando la comunidad cristiana contempla el fenómeno mariano en todas sus dimensiones, la fe no se desvía del reino de la luz inaccesible (1 Tim 6:16). Tampoco se aparta de la luz que brilla en el rostro de Cristo (2 Cor 4:6). Más bien, la figura de María se dirige hacia la fuente de la luz misma. Ella representa la intencionalidad de la fe en su receptividad del acontecimiento-Jesucristo. En las palabras del saludo de Isabel: "Dichosa tú, que has creído que se cumpliría las palabras del Señor" (Lc 1, 45). María se ha rendido al incalculable significado de lo que se ha revelado, y cedió a su despliegue en el tiempo. En su maternal receptividad a la auto-participación de Dios en el mundo, 'María conservaba todas estas palabras y las meditaba en su corazón' (Lc 2, 19). Ella encarna el corazón de la fe que se rinde a Dios, para quien "nada es imposible" (Lc 1, 37).

Para María, el misterio no sólo está en su mente y en su corazón; sino también en la plenitud o totalidad de su ser. Ella está atrapada en exceso de lo que está teniendo lugar en el seno del propio evento, y participando de su despliegue en la historia. En la fe dada al fenómeno impregnado de Cristo, ella encuentra "en Cristo" su singularidad. Ella pre-figura lo transformativamente nuevo: "si alguno está en Cristo, es una creatura nueva: lo antiguo ha pasado; todo se ha convertido en nuevo" (2 Cor 5:17). La Virgen Madre de Jesús, como Madre de la Iglesia, ya poseída por el Espíritu Santo, ella pertenece íntimamente a esta "nueva creación". Aunque, lo que seremos todavía no se ha revelado (1 Jn 3, 2), la transformación de todos está anticipada en María.

Como Madre de Cristo, da testimonio del incalculable renacimiento de todos en el Espíritu. Ella representa en su persona que este mundo cambiante no es un evento de tiempo-condicionado a un hecho consumado, sino un drama permanente para la libertad humana. En este sentido, ella representa la aventura de la vocación cristiana, en el sentido más profundo de la palabra, ad venturum, literalmente, "hacia el que vendrá". Ella se mantiene en el punto donde la existencia humana se ha abierto a un

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Hispanic Activities

Padre Miguel Angel Martinez, C. Ss. R.



La Guadalupana, un regalo del amor de Dios

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futuro imaginable del Dios "Todo en Todos" (1 Cor 15, 28). Ella se mantiene, por lo tanto, en el evento de la auto-revelación de Dios como su sierva y testigo. En esta medida, el acontecimiento del Dios que pone su morada en la historia humana muestra su irreductible carácter original en la Virgen Madre. Proclama la gracia que ha recibido, el testimonio del Dios que dispersa a los soberbios de corazón y derriba a los poderosos de sus tronos y exalta a los humildes, a los hambrientos los ha llenando con cosas buenas (cf. Lc 1, 48-53).

Ella es el "modelo" de gracia y esperanza. Ella pertenece a la "celebración de aspectos importantes de nuestro común patrimonio cristiano", como el "modelo de obediencia fiel", la expresión de la "respuesta" a la gracia divina con la intención de unir a todos en el "cuerpo de Cristo". Como tal, ella es "la figura de la Iglesia" con una abierta "receptividad" al Espíritu -punto de 'convergencia' en el culto de "una vasta comunidad de amor y de oración". Si Cristo es el "sí" a todas las promesas de Dios y el Amén a todas nuestras oraciones (2 Cor 1:18-20), María aparece en el resplandor de la afirmación divina de nuestra humanidad, así como su "fiat", "hágase en mí según tu palabra" (Lc 1, 38), es la radical aprobación del Amén de la rendición humana a los caminos de Dios. Que la Guadalupana nos siga acompañando en la construcción de nuestra vida Cristiana.

Vivat Jesus,

Padre Miguel Angel Martinez, C.Ss.R



Padre Rigoberto (centro) custodia la Rosa de Plata junto a los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo 17192 San Oscar Romero de Hyattsville.



Las Damas Auxiliadoras de la Virgen Reina de La Paz de Hyattsville custodian la Rosa de Plata en honor a nuestra madre la Virg de Guadalupe.



Caballeros de la Mesa Redonda hispana de la Parroquia San Juan Evangelista de Columbia después del Servicio De la Rosa de Plata en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe.



El equipo de Grado del Distrito 14 escolta a los nuevos miembros que tomaron los votos como Caballeros de Colón para el Consejo 16611 San Juan Neumann de Baltimore. Brandon Quevedo (izq); Cesar Rojas (cent) y Nivardo Martínez (der).



General Agent's Message



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“The Greatest Gift”

We all know that the Greatest Gift was given to humanity on Christmas Day. I can tell you from experience that life insurance is high on the list as well. A properly structured life insurance program ensures your family can stay in their home, children can go to college and your widow, the only person you were ever able to choose in your whole life, will be able to continue her existing standard of living. There are ways to structure beneficiaries for the benefit of grandchildren as well. Imagine the ability to transcend generations!

When my mother passed, she had an IRA annuity that my sister and I were the beneficiaries of. Under the old tax laws, I was able to continue the required minimum distributions based on my own age. Every year, I get a check from my mom and every year I thank her.

They say that a person’s final death is when their name is spoken for the last time. Leaving a legacy will certainly ensure that you will be remembered fondly by those you loved the most. So, this Christmas, when you’re gathered with your family, perhaps think about life insurance a little differently than a final expense payment. I’m sure your agent would be happy to visit with you to help you leave your own legacy and perhaps receive a “thank you” after your gone.

Fraternally,





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2023

State Convention News



Final preparations are underway for registration to the 2023 MD State Convention! The link for online convention registration will be on the MD State Council Web Site and please remember, convention registration opens JANUARY 9, 2023. While registration is open to everyone, Grand Knights and Delegates are strongly encouraged to register NO LATER than January 22, 2023.

Our Youth Program returns this year! Muffy Cullum, our new 2023 Youth Program Chairman has been working hard to put together entertainment and delicious menus for our youth! This year's theme is "Carnival at the Crowne Plaza" that will include (4) sessions of fun activities for kids 4 -14! Registration for the Youth Program will be available when you register for the convention. For more information about the program, please visit <https://kofc-md.org/md-state-convention-2023> or email convention@kofc-md.org.

2023 Hospitality at the Crowne Plaza will be different. While "Hospitality Rooms" will not be available at the Crowne Plaza, we have been working hard to "re-envision" hospitality in our new venue. We have been actively working with the Crowne Plaza, the District Deputies, and councils to continue the tradition of promoting fun and comrade through "Hospitality". For more information, please contact your District Deputy or email convention@kofc-md.org

Please visit the 2023 KofC MD State Convention FAQs page on the MD State Web Site (<https://kofc-md.org/md-state-convention-2023/>) for current Convention information and downloadable forms such as the Convention Schedule, the May 4 Annapolis Sunset Cruise, Program Book Ad information and more! If you don't see it what you are looking for, please email [convention@kofc-md.org!](mailto:convention@kofc-md.org)

Vivat Jesus,

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Maryland Knights In Action



Silver Rose



Soccer Shootout





Maryland Knights In Action



State Memorial Mass



Coats for Kids



Little Sisters of the Poor



Patriotic Rosary





Knights of Columbus

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October, 2022

TO: District Deputies and Grand Knights

RE: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Conducting the "**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**" is a fun and easy way to get young people in your council and community involved in their faith. After you have chosen a council chairman, you should order your poster contest kit from the Supreme Council. The easiest method is for you or your Financial Secretary to sign into Officers Online, click on Faith in Action supplies, then Family, then Keep Christ in Christmas. There you can order the Kit (recommended) or Individual forms. (Forms 5022, 5023, 5025, and 5028 dated 5/18). All are available NOW.

After receiving your kit, contact Catholic schools and CCD programs in your community to publicize your contest. Follow the guidance in your kit and select the winning posters for subsequent submission to me for judging at the State level. My address is: 6004 Parker Drive, Deale, MD 20751. Only Council FIRST place posters in each division should be submitted for the State judging and they must be received by me no later than December 17, 2022.

Winning posters at the State level will be announced at the State Mid-Term Meeting on January 7, 2023. The following awards will be presented in each division: First Place winners will receive \$100.00; Second Place winners will receive \$50.00; and Third Place winners will receive \$25.00. First Place winners will also be given recognition by the Maryland State Council at the Mid-Term Meeting, State Newsletter and State Web Page. First Place posters will also be forwarded to the Supreme Council for consideration at the International level.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Vassallo Jr."

John T. Vassallo, Jr.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chairman

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
Presented by the
Maryland State Council of the
Knights of Columbus.**

**Monday, December 12, 2022,
at 6:30 P.M. on the Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has been ongoing since the 16th century.

The story of a humble Aztec Catholic who obeys the wish of Our Lady and presents her miraculous image to the faithful of North America and the world has become the symbol of strength and obedience to God.

The image of Our Lady as a native princess, bowed in prayer to God, has been declared as Patroness of all the Americas by Pope Pius XII.

Let us join together on December 12th and pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe who hears our sorrow and remedies our sufferings.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us.



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88331570425?pwd=SE9uSFFnNjZ4a1hteldiOXorMWhwZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 3157 0425

Passcode: 678138



Celebrate the Anniversary of the Ordination of Blessed Michael McGivney

December 22, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. with
Mass and Eucharistic Procession

The Baltimore Basilica
409 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201



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the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus.





2022-2023

State Calendar



UPDATED 12/1/22

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
DEC 2022	12/12/2022	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE STATEWIDE ROSARY	ONLINE	THOM PARTENOPE
	12/17/2022	STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY & STAR KNIGHT	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JACK GIACALONE
	12/22/2022	MASS - ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED MICHAEL McGIVNEY ORDINATION	BALTIMORE BASILICA	THOM PARTENOPE
JAN 2023	1/7/2023	MIDTERM MEETING	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JACK GIACALONE
FEB 2023	2/18/2023	ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	SACRED HEART COUNCIL, BOWIE	JOE MASSIMINI
	2/22/2023	ASH WEDNESDAY		
MAR 2023	3/4/2023	MARYLAND DISTRICT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	ST PETER THE APOSTLE LIBERTYTOWN	JEFF WILK
	3/18/2023	STATE SPRING MEETING 3/17-18	ELKS LODGE EASTON	JACK GIACALONE
	3/25/2023	CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND, ANNUAL CONFERENCE	ST LOUIS PARISH, CLARKSVILLE	TOM PARTENOPE
	3/26/2023	STATE FOUNDER'S DAY MASS	TBD	
APR 2023	4/2/2023	PALM SUNDAY		
	4/9/2023	EASTER		
	4/15/2023	STATE FAMILY PICNIC & MASS	CENTENNIAL PARK, PAVILION H, ELLICOTT CITY	MIKE LYNCH
MAY 2023	5/5/2023	STATE CONVENTION 5/5-7	CROWN PLAZA, ANNAPOLIS	CURT PHILLIPS