Cry the Gospel with Your Life!
The Maryland State Council Newsletter

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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

Reverend Michael Joseph McGivney statue at the train depot in Waterbury, Connecticut
State Chaplain’s Message

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Last month I shared a bit about the chaplains’ pilgrimage in early June to the Connecticut sites linked to Blessed Michael McGivney. Since then I have continued to reflect on some of the many challenges faced by Fr. McGivney. Every large immigrant group faces challenges, finding their way in a new land, taking care of their families, and for Fr. McGivney’s Irish family and neighbors, dealing with the anti-Catholicism that was so pronounced in 19th century New England. In addition to all his pastoral duties, I think of the efforts Fr. McGivney invested in his dreams for the Knights, at a time when communication and transportation were so much more challenging than we experience, and when there was resistance from various groups.

So our challenges will not be the same, but every generation of people faces challenges unique to their time and place. We can take inspiration, I believe, from Fr. McGivney, admiring his faith, his zeal, his creativity, and his true giving of self. Yes, that has a particular relevance for clergy and chaplains, but it is not only for these groups. As Knights and Ladies, may we all have a desire to grow in our own faith, to show zeal in our charity, and to have a special concern for those facing personal challenges. As we celebrate the feast of Blessed Michael on August 13th, may he inspire us, and may he intercede for us. On our local level, having been encouraged to “Cry the Gospel with Your Life,” our State Deputy builds on that with his amended theme for this fraternal year. May we indeed also “Take Christ to the World.” This is what Blessed Michael was striving to do; this is what we are invited to do as disciples of Jesus, and as Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

1 Aug Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
4 Aug Saint John Vianney, Priest
6 Aug THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8 Aug Saint Dominic, Priest
10 Aug Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
11 Aug Saint Clare, Virgin
14 Aug Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
15 Aug THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
21 Aug The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 Aug Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
28 Aug Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
29 Aug The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
As we enter the 2nd month of this new fraternal year, I invite you to take one more look back at last year. Later in this newsletter, you’ll find a 2-page summary of some of the outstanding teammates throughout Maryland that generated our statewide success – one of only 20 jurisdictions (of 75 worldwide) in the Supreme Knight’s Circle of Honor and earning the Pinnacle Award! A great year indeed. Now it’s time to look forward and build on last year’s successes. When you Take Christ to the World by Crying the Gospel with Your Life, you’ll inspire more Catholic men and their families to follow your example. They’ll become Knights of Columbus, becoming better Catholics, men, husbands, fathers, and friends, and will make a positive difference in your families, parish, and community!

This week, the Maryland Delegation is in Orlando for the Supreme Convention. The convention is a gathering of Knights and families from throughout the world. We’ll hear directly from the Supreme Knight, the Supreme Chaplain, and many more inspirational leaders throughout the week. Many portions of this faith-filled week will be available via EWTN, so please consider catching whatever events your schedule permits.

A couple of Faith-focused messages at the convention will be the criticality of our public engagement in the National Eucharistic Revival, and the Cor Initiative. Make both of these a priority for your council’s consideration. The Eucharistic Revival is in the 2nd of 3 years and focused at the parish level. How is your council actively supporting this priority in our Church? The Cor Initiative is an opportunity to add a Faith-focused option to your council’s activities. I ask you to learn more about it, and determine if your council can adopt this powerful initiative. The resources are available to launch and sustain Cor in your parish(es), including a brand new Roman Catholic men’s Bible study and brand new video series – both released as part of this week’s Supreme Convention.

Sunday, August 13th, is Blessed Michael McGivney’s Feast Day! Here are a couple of ways to celebrate the weekend. First, ask your pastor if you can share the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney with the parish. A simple example is to include the prayer and a brief explanation in the parish bulletin (better work fast on this one so you meet the Parish Secretary’s lead time for the bulletin). Even better, if Father wishes, the prayer could be offered at each Mass that weekend (order prayer cards today). A charitable action on that weekend is to join the 3 chapters who are teaming with Cross Catholic Outreach to conduct another food packing event (details in this newsletter). We’ll gather to pack 50,000 meals to “provide nutritious meals for children and families in developing countries, and show God’s love for them through your faith in action.” I encourage you to make this Feast Day special for your council and share the story of Blessed Michael McGivney with your parish!

There are extensive resources available to help you invite Catholic men to become a Knight of Columbus, and to make your councils successful. Make use of these tools, and share your feedback. Let us know how we can best help you and your members better live their Faith in the public square, and Cry the Gospel with Your Life!

Vivat Jesus!

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K of C Convention on the Air

Visit kofc.org/convention for daily updates, live video of major events, and photo galleries. For a closer look at the events, follow the Order’s social media channels — including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube — and the hashtag #KnightsCon23. In addition to the livestreams shared at kofc.org/convention, broadcasts will be made available by several Catholic media outlets: EWTN, CatholicTV, Salt + Light TV, and The Catholic Channel (SiriusXM 129).

Tuesday, Aug. 1:  Pre-Convention Broadcast (EWTN) – 9 a.m. ET, Opening Mass – 9:30 a.m. ET, Opening Business Session & Annual Report of the Supreme Knight – 1 p.m. ET, States Dinner – 6:30 p.m. ET

Wednesday, Aug. 2:  Concelebrated Mass – 8:30 a.m. ET

Thursday, Aug. 3:  Concelebrated Mass – 8 a.m. ET
Welcome and Greetings from the First Lady of the Maryland State Council

Annie Powers
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Congratulations to the Star Councils and Star Districts announced in this newsletter. I look forward to celebrating with you at the Star Knight Banquet on November 18th! Throughout the summer, Chris and I, along with our fellow State Officers and wives, have the privilege of visiting councils for your annual Installation Mass and Ceremony. Thank you for your warm welcome and the opportunity to get to know you better.

I’m looking forward to the Fall Meeting and the opportunity to join with our District Deputy wives in charity. Last year, we filled over 150 Boxes of Joy. This year, our goal is 160 boxes with a hope of 175. Now is a good time to shop ‘back-to-school’ and end of summer sales to find great items to add to the boxes. Let’s all work to make this year even better by filling a record number of boxes at the Fall Meeting, and in your local councils/parishes. Imagine how many kids can have a joyous Christmas with your charitable help.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the many statewide events this year!

Annie

141st Supreme Convention
A Beer with Jesus

At the recent Baltimore Chapter meeting, Assistant to the Chaplain Deacon Helgi Nelson reminded all gathered about one unique aspect of the Knights of Columbus – talking about Jesus with a friend over a beer.

This reminds me of Matthew 18:20 – “For when two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them” (NABRE). This is true even over a beer.

It also reminds me of the Wedding at Cana (John 2: 1-10) where six stone jars were filled with water and Jesus changed to “the good wine”.

Our councils have many great programs, and Tom Reumont’s team sets up statewide programs to participate, as well as assist councils planning and executing their local events. Councils in Maryland hold a wide variety of social events – Bull roasts, Crab Dinners, Council Picnics, Sports Outings. These are great opportunities for our families to gather and let their hair down – have fun and talk with others about Jesus, the church He founded, and Blessed Fr. McGivney’s Knights of Columbus. These events are also an opportunity to invite members of the Parish Community to attend and introduce them to the Order.

Invite Catholic Gentlemen to your social events. Have a beer with them (or the good wine). Invite them into the order.

The State Growth team received a generous donation of Knights of Columbus SWAG. This includes jackets, books, neckties, license plate frames, and portfolios. As I receive monthly lists of recruiters from Supreme, I will draw a name from them to receive their choice from this stockpile. Thank you to our donor.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Koscho
Brothers and Ladies of the Maryland State Council,

Those who attended the Leadership Seminar received seed packets urging you to plant the seeds of our faith and fraternity through your programs. Some of you have already planted the seeds from the packet and are seeing the fruits of your labor. In most cases, it only takes a few days for the seeds to sprout. The same goes with your programs. Under the right conditions, the seeds of your programs will sprout in the hearts and minds of the catholic men and families of your parish. Engage, Inspire and Mobilize catholic men and their families to become involved and join us through your programs.

You may have noticed some slight changes to the 10784 Fraternal Programs Report form. The Supreme Council has updated and streamlined the form and removed any extraneous fields. Hopefully, this will make it easier to report your programs and assist with your record keeping for the yearly Fraternal Survey. After completing the 10784, remember to immediately forward the receipt copy to your DD and reports@kofc-md.org to receive credit towards your state participation award. You need 12 credits, 3 each in activity area (Faith, Family, Community and Life) to qualify for the participation award given at the state convention in May 2024. You will need 16 credits to qualify for the Supreme Council Columbian Award and to qualify for Star Council. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out to the activity directors or me via phone or email.

The Family of the Month program is a featured program, which counts as 2 Family Program credits, and is an easy program to kick-start your year. You can choose any family in your parish that deserves to be recognized; they are not required to be Knights of Columbus members. Be sure to report your selection on form 10784 monthly by the 15th of the following month to properly receive credit for the program. Currently, only about 20 councils throughout the state participate in the program. Please consider implementing this easy and effective program today.

Many councils are busy selling the raffle tickets they received at the Leadership Seminar and are in need of more tickets, even though the prizes were reduced from last year. This demonstrates that the prize amount is irrelevant and the public recognizes our charitable works and wants to aide us in our mission. So keep selling from now until the turn-in time at the Columbus Day Ball. The raffle ticket sales fund your council operations and the state charity fund. It's a win-win program.

Brothers and ladies, Engage, Inspire and Mobilize your councils and parishes. Start planting the seeds of our faith and fraternity through your programs and continue to plant throughout the year. May God Bless you all for all you do.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas Reumont
Program Director
Maryland is in the Supreme Knight’s Circle of Honor and earned the Pinnacle Award for superior performance!

Maryland will be recognized for these accomplishments during the States Dinner on Tuesday, August 1st during the 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida. Here are some of the team members who made this happen:

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*Awards will be presented at Star Knight on November 18th*

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Note: The recruiter data is limited to information submitted at the time of the recruitment. No recruiter data was provided for 394 new Brother Knights last fraternal year.

Distribution of the new pin, combining last year’s state pin with the Circle of Honor banner below, is underway. All Grand Knights, District Deputies and District Wardens in Maryland are receiving the first distribution. State Growth and Program chairmen will receive theirs from their director. Additionally, all of the recruiters listed above will receive a pin to recognize their individual effort. Please be patient. The pins will be distributed in the coming weeks. Continue to Take Christ to the World by Crying the Gospel with Your Life and we’ll need another pin next year!

75 more Councils earned other council-level awards

C Columbian Award (Programs), F Founder’s Award (Fraternal Benefits), M McGivney Award (Growth)

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In Action

“THE LITTLE COUNCIL THAT COULD”

Everyone enjoys when the underdog prevails. Such is the case of Father Sebastien de Rose Council #13091, one of the smallest of the 146 Councils in the Maryland jurisdiction. Currently, the Council has 50 members of which there are a dozen or so members who actually perform a majority of the efforts in supporting their many annual programs.

The Council was originally established aboard the Naval Air Station Patuxent River for the active-duty military and retiree families that attended services at the St. Nicholas Chapel aboard the base. But once the number of active-duty personnel assigned to the base dropped to a low level, the Navy no longer assigned a Catholic Chaplain to the Station. Rather than dismantle the Council, it was transferred to St. Georges Parish. With the help of their Pastor Father Paul Nguyen, they continue to grow and provide support for the Parish in Valley Lee and surrounding communities.

The Pandemic period had a marked negative impact on this group’s ability to complete many of its usual tasks just as it affected most fraternal organizations. Meetings were held virtually which had a detrimental effect on their close teamwork that produced the historical record of accomplishment for which they were well known. The median age for their membership was higher than that of many Councils in Southern Maryland and was a factor in limiting the type of effort and projects they were capable of taking on during this era. A declining attendance at meetings added to the Council’s inability to achieve the same level of success it had enjoyed in the past. Additionally, they had difficulty getting volunteers to fill leadership positions within the organization severely jeopardizing their continued existence as an active Council. Thus, they were unable to fully support many of their regular charitable activities that earned them the “Star Council” honor the previous year.

As the COVID threat began to diminish, the council’s trajectory began to change for the positive under the guidance and direction of Grand Knight David Reumont and the transfer of two experienced Knights, Chuck Shilling and Steven Leman-Davis into the Council. Enthusiasm had returned. A Winter “Polar Plunge” to benefit the Special Olympics was successfully held and “Tootsie Roll” events were bringing in donations for organizations in need. Council Fish Frys and Lenten Dinners returned. Most of the kneelers in the St Georges Church were repaired or replaced and the chapel on St George’s Island was thoroughly cleaned.

Their actions of a few clearly had a true positive impact as evidenced by the many successes and the positive recognition achieved by the Council at this year’s State Convention held in May. This small group of men earned the largest number of Awards for any Council in Maryland! Their achievement included five First Place Awards for their various service program efforts in the categories of Family, Faith, Community, and Life activities. They were further honored with their presentation of the “General Excellence Award” as the top performing Council within their Division!

The Council’s highly successful Tootsie Roll Drive to raise critically needed donations for “The People with Disabilities Program” collected $4265, the most of any Maryland Council. Partnering with the Weis Market in Callaway, the Council has raised more than $26,000 over the past 6 years. And again this year with the outstanding community support of the Weis Market, the Council was able to raise their record amount in just one weekend and was subsequently recognized by the Maryland State Council and chosen as the top “Life Program” within the State! Their story has been submitted to the Supreme Council for consideration and selection at the International level of competition this year!

One of the smallest councils in Maryland had a will and they found a way.
Notre Dame Council 2901 Awards Five Endowed Scholarships

Archbishop Curley High School, The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Mercy High School, Mount St. Joseph High School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School each received $50,000 endowments during recent presentations at each school.

The money came from the sale of the council’s previous building, the former St. Mary’s School on Homeland Avenue in Baltimore that the Knights had owned for more than half a century. Proceeds from the sale will also be used to support the council, now based at St. Pius X in Rodgers Forge.

“We believe in Catholic education,” said Jere Danaher, a Past Grand Knight of the council who serves as program director. “The principles of our order are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, with charity being the highest one.”

Danaher, said schools will be able to award annual scholarships from the funds. They will initially be around $2,000 but could grow as money in the endowments grows. Awards will be presented to those needing financial assistance. The Knights have also asked that candidates, if possible, be somehow related to a member of the Knights of Columbus.
One of the biggest decisions a person must make for their retirement years is how they would pay for a long-term care situation and the effects it would have on their spouse.

Here are the up-to-date costs for the state of Maryland (Long Term Care Group, Inc. 2022):

- Home health care: $224 a day = $6,720 a month ($28 per hour x 8 hrs.)
- Assisted Living facilities: $214 a day = $6,436 a month
- Nursing Home facilities: $350 a day = $10,500 a month

“Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care services and support in their remaining years.” (LongTermCare.gov)

The big question is if you are willing to “self-insure” this risk or export it to an insurance company to free up your assets and income streams. If you can comfortably afford to pay an extra $6,000 to $10,000 a month in potential long term care costs you might not need Long Term Care Insurance. If you can’t, you may want to consider having a conversation about the options that are available to mitigate or eliminate this risk.

In reality, everyone has some form of long-term care insurance already - It might be their pension, social security, family home, investments, or business assets.

The choice is simple, either self-insure the risk (by design or default) or let an insurance company take over that risk through long-term care insurance.

Talk to your council Field Agent – he’s here to help!

Vivat Jesus,
Robert S. Marlowe Jr
Maryland State Council
Communications

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Worthy Brother Knights,

To prepare you for an outstanding leadership experience, the Maryland State Council is hosting several exciting Program and Growth Seminars this summer designed to Engage, Inspire and Mobilize you and your council leaders! The purpose of these seminars is to provide you with actionable information on ways in which you can strengthen your membership efforts, in addition to learning valuable details about our many outstanding Faith in Action (FIA) programs available to councils throughout Maryland.

These seminars are open to all Brother Knights and Ladies. At the Council level, we expect all Grand Knights, Council Growth Directors, and Council Program Directors. Specific Program Directors and Chairmen are also invited. District Deputies and District Wardens are expected to attend one of the seminars. Please send alternates if you are unable to attend. Provided below is information outlining our summer seminar schedule:

Refreshments: Doors open at 6:30 with food and beverages available at no cost.
Timing: All seminars will begin promptly at 7:30pm and conclude by 9:30pm
Fun: Door prizes will be awarded during each seminar! Must be present to win!
Attire: Meeting casual (Dress slacks and council polos preferred, NO t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, flip flops)
Ladies Auxiliaries: Presidents and officers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Program Chairmen from all four FIA teams will be onsite at tables throughout the room sharing details about their programs and answering your questions. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Members from the State Growth Team, including Online Membership, will be in attendance to answer any questions you might have. The State Growth Team is available to assist your council in achieving its membership goals. Online membership continues to expand in Maryland and helps propel the needed growth of our councils. The Growth Team is here to help. Attend and have your questions answered. Let’s make this another banner year for the great state of Maryland!

This is a fantastic way for you to engage and inform your council leaders, to put your entire team in a position to experience a breakout year and have a fun time doing it!

Thank you in advance for your leadership and engagement this fraternal year! Begin by filling the rooms at these exciting and informative seminars and discover how you can make the most of this unique opportunity as you “Cry the Gospel with your Life!”

Vivat Jesus!

Tom
Tom Reumont
State Council Program Director

Jeff
Jeff Koscho
State Council Growth Director

Cry the Gospel with Your Life!
The dates and locations below are merely suggestions for your districts and councils. Councils within districts may choose to attend different locations. Please attend the seminar that best suits your location and schedule.

Program and Growth Seminar Dates and Locations:

**July 20th, 2023** - Districts: 6, 7, 13, 16, 17, 19, 27, 28, 32
Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521
4301 Klosterman Ave,
Nottingham, MD

**July 26, 2023** - Districts: 2, 3, 4, 10, 22, 23, 24, 26
Sacred Heart Council No. 2577
6111 Columbian Way
Bowie, MD

**August 8, 2023** - Districts: 11, 18, 21, 30, 33
Rock Creek Council No. 2792
5417 West Cedar Lane,
Bethesda, MD

**August 17, 2023** - Districts: 1, 9, 12, 14, 15, 29,
St. Pius X Council No. 4076
3611 Stewart Rd,
Forestville, MD

**August 24, 2023** - Districts: 5, 8, 20, 25, 31
St Katherine Drexel Council No. 14011
8428 Opossumtown Pike,
Frederick, MD
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Taste of Scotland & Ireland – 11 days / 10 nights

The perfect combo
See the most-beloved attractions of two countries at a lively pace.
Feast in a medieval castle, cruise Loch Ness, take a jaunting car ride, watch sheepdogs on a farm.

(Tour conducted by C.I.E. Tours International)
June 2 – 12, 2024

Price Includes daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
Does not include air, Insurance and tips for bus driver/tour guide
Air is estimated to be $1550.00 plus taxes & fees
Travel insurance is optional, but recommended at $259 per person due at registration

- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Cliffs of Moher
- Edinburgh Castle
- Titanic Belfast
- Blarney Castle

Hotels:
- DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club
- Hyatt Centric The Liberties
- Killarney Avenue Hotel
- Bunratty Castle Hotel
- Maldron Hotel Pearse Street

Due to unforeseen circumstances, all hotels and visits are subject to changes until departure

See reverse for itinerary and separate sheet for reservation form
### Taste of Scotland & Ireland – 11 days / 10 nights
(Tour conducted by C.I.E. Tours International)
**June 2 – 12, 2024**

#### Day 1  
**Glasgow Highlights**

Your tour begins at 2:30 PM at your Glasgow hotel. Set out on a panoramic tour of central Glasgow - a city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry and international trade. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers. Visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, a splendid, Spanish Baroque-style building housing one of Europe’s finest art collections, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Titian, and Giotto. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dinner. (D)

#### Day 2  
**Loch Lomond | Loch Ness Cruise**

Travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its beauty. Drive across the Balmaha Necropolis and through Lennoxtown, admiring the wild and spectacular scenery. Continue through Fort William and on to Fort Augustus. Embark on a short cruise on Loch Ness before heading to Nairn. (B, D)

#### Day 3  
**Whisky Tasting | St Andrews**

Visit Blair Athol Distillery, founded in 1748, to discover traditional whisky production and taste a sample. Travel to St Andrews, a town rich in medieval heritage and the home of golf; take a panoramic drive and have time to explore independently. Continue on to your elegant Georgian house hotel outside Edinburgh; three centuries old, it’s set on 1,000 acres of beautiful parkland. Explore as you wish and dine independently this evening. (B)

#### Day 4  
**Edinburgh Castle | City Tour | Scottish Evening**

Explore the principal sights of central Edinburgh from the bustling Princes Street through the gracious, wide streets of the 200-year-old Georgian “New Town.” Walk a big part of the Royal Mile where compact medieval houses reach several stories tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched high above the city on volcanic rock, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is free. Experience a lively Scottish evening with dinner and traditional entertainment. The August 1st-2nd departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B, D)

#### Day 5  
**Ferry to Ireland | Belfast**

Depart Edinburgh and travel through Ayrshire and along the coast. Embark on a ferry ride to Belfast. Take a panoramic drive through Belfast, seeing the highlights of this fascinating city, where the Titanic was built in the once-bustling shipyards. Visit Titanic Belfast to explore the fascinating story of the doomed ship. Then travel to Dublin, where you will enjoy some free time for dinner on your own. (B)

#### Day 6  
**Dublin Sightseeing | Christ Church Cathedral | Canal Dinner Cruise**

Explore Dublin on a panoramic tour with a local guide, discovering its history and viewing its elegant Georgian buildings, Trinity College, the River Liffey, and more. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, the spiritual heart of the city for more than 2,000 years. This evening, dine on a former Guinness barge as you cruise the Grand Canal, listening to traditional Irish music. (B, D)

#### Day 7  
**Farmhouse Tea with Sheepdog Demonstration | Blarney Castle | Killarney**

Travel through the countryside to a traditional farm, where you’ll see live sheep and homemade scones and watch sheepdogs display their skills at herding sheep. Head to Blarney Castle and climb the winding stairs to kiss its famous stone, or enjoy the gardens. Move on to the lively lakeside town of Killarney, where you’ll have dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 8  
**Journey Car Ride | Ring of Kerry | Skellig Experience**

Step back in time as a journey car drives you past Ross Castle on Lough Leane. Head to the scenic Gap of Dunloe to visit Moriarty’s, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Embark on the Ring of Kerry drive – a winding route with breathtaking sights of mountains and coastal views. Cross the bridge to Valentia Island to visit the Skellig Experience, which explains the life of early Christian hermits on Skellig Michael, a rocky offshore island featured in the film “Star Wars VII.” Enjoy a casual lunch before a pause at Kilmacgubran’s Panoramic Mountain Views. Return to Killarney where the evening is free. (B, L)

#### Day 9  
**Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet**

Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry on your way to visit the Cliffs of Moher. Take in the spectacular views from these awesome cliffs, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic. Head on to Bunratty, where you have a little time to relax in your hotel or have a drink in the famed Darty Nelly’s Pub nearby. Your dinner will be a medieval-style feast in a castle, complete with serenading lords and ladies. (B, D)

#### Day 10  
**Galway | Clonmacnoise | Dublin**

Head to lively Galway for a walking tour around the city center with a local guide. Drive to Dublin, stopping to visit the picturesque monastic ruins of Clonmacnoise, founded in 544 AD by Saint Ciaran. Your evening is free to explore Dublin’s restaurants and pubs. (B)

#### Day 11  
**Tour Ends in Dublin**

Your tour ends after breakfast today. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner >
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Reservation Form
Taste of Scotland & Ireland
11 days / 10 nights, June 2 – 12, 2024

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Maryland State Council
Columbus Day Ball

Saturday, October 7, 2023
6-11pm Crowne Plaza
173 Jennifer Rd, Annapolis

For room reservations
Call 410-266-3131
Mention K of C to be included
in the reserved block of rooms

Drinks, Dinner & Dancing

Check-in and cash bar open at 6 pm,
Cocktails 6-7 pm, Dinner at 7 pm,
followed by Dancing

Men - Black Tie or Business Suit
Ladies - Formal or Cocktail Attire

Cost is $75 per person

Make checks payable to MD State Council

Deadline for reservations is 9/12/23

Reservation Form required

Seating is limited Reserve your seats or tables ASAP, Seating 10 per table
Contact Bill Van Horn: email - bvh312@gmail.com or 301-461-3660
Maryland State Council
Columbus Day Ball

Mail completed form with check (payable to MD State Council) for all attendees to:
Bill Van Horn, 11000 Coastal Highway #908,
Ocean City, MD 21842.
NO “walk-ins”.
*Confirmation to be emailed to contact person only. No paper tickets issued.

Saturday, October 7, 2023
6-11pm
Crowne Plaza
173 Jennifer Rd, Annapolis

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Cocktail hour from 6-7pm
Dinner at 7pm followed by Dancing

Men - Black Tie or Business Suit
Ladies - Formal or Cocktail Attire

Cost: $75 per person (check only)

Type or print clearly. Note Meal Choice 1 or 2. Submit one form per table (10 persons per table).

Meal 1 - Double entree: Salmon Beurre Blanc and Baked Chicken with Lemon Basil Sauce
2 - Vegetarian: Herb Roasted Portobello and Eggplant Napoleon with Balsamic Glaze

Includes: Appetizer (Cheese, Fruit Kabobs, Swedish and BBQ Meatballs), Garden Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Fresh Green Beans, Warm Rolls and Butter, Smith Island Cake (Vanilla with Chocolate Icing), Water, Iced Tea and Coffee

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Columbus Day Ball October 7, 2023
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October 21, 2023, 6-10 p.m.

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races & casino open at 6pm

VIP whiskey tasting 6-7pm

buffet dinner & knights of columbus honors 8pm

live & silent auction during the evening

casino closes at 10pm

black & white evening
## 2023-2024 State Planning Calendar

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