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# Maryland State Council

## Knights of Columbus



### Council Growth in the Maryland Jurisdiction 2023-2024

The Maryland Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, following up a Circle of Honor – Pinnacle year in 2023-2024, is experiencing another strong year. Continuing new membership is the lifeblood of the Order. The Maryland Jurisdiction is no exception. New members this Columbian Year will be leader in subsequent Columbian years. They bring new ideas, new energy, new perspectives to our councils.

For the 2023-2024 Columbian year, we are on pace to meet or exceed the number of Star Councils that were achieved in the previous Fraternal Year (40), and Star Districts (18). The majority of our councils welcomed at least one new member, while many councils in the State achieved their membership goals for Star Council. The District Deputies in Maryland were essential in helping their councils achieve the success this year. We expect a similar, if not better, success of goals for the 2023-2024 Columbian year.

The Delta Drive format continues to be a large contributor to Membership Growth. Councils have an understanding of the Delta Drive format and tweak it to meet the needs of their Parishes. In addition, many councils adopt the Delta Drive concept for all of their programs – provide a council handout, “pulpit” speech to all attending, and thanking attendees for listening to the council’s message. The State Growth team continuously demonstrates the Delta Drive format at state gatherings for District Deputies and Grand Knights. Gatherings such as Leadership Weekend, State Fall Meeting, and State Mid-term meeting.

A huge contributor to the success of the Maryland Jurisdiction Growth Recruitment effort is the State Council Growth Team. Their assistance working with the councils, Grand Knights, District Deputies, District Wardens, brought the Jurisdiction to a higher level. The team consists of Stephen Conley, Charles Doherty, Andy Michaels, David Love, Bob Sweitzer, Dan Ward, and Tom O’Hara. Online Membership Director Bill Newbrough is also an essential member.

Also contributing to the success of the Maryland State Membership Growth was a series of Town Hall meetings with Regional Growth Director Ken Latham. These Town Hall meetings held at various locations within Maryland, provided the opportunity for representatives of Maryland Councils to directly interact with a Supreme representative, asking questions, and gaining insight. The consistent growth in the Maryland Jurisdiction better fulfills Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney’s dream of a Knights of Columbus presence in every Catholic Church.

*Jeff Koscho, Growth Director*

## **Online Membership & Growth**

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The fraternal year began with the announcement from the Supreme Council that Maryland had achieved Circle of Honor and The Pinnacle awards recognizing in part excellence in achieving and surpassing membership goals set for the jurisdiction. In 2023 – 2024, the KofC Online Join process at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) for eligible members has continued to provide councils with a powerful and effective tool for inviting and onboarding new members. As of March 20, 2024, 122 membership active councils in the Maryland jurisdiction have onboarded over 445 new online members contributing over 68% of new member growth at 654 in the MD jurisdiction. The upward trend in the use of the Online “Join” process continues as Maryland is on track to surpass last year’s highwater mark of 580 new online members in fraternal year 2022 – 2023. Online member conversions to local councils currently stand at approximately 69% - 9% higher than the Order wide average.

The fraternal year 2023 – 2024 started slow with regard to new Online membership but picked up as councils held fall membership drives in their parishes. A strong September and October were followed by a slow period from Thanksgiving through the New Year. However, January 2024 saw an increase in new membership using the Online Join process and February and March ’24 provided a surge in new membership that should remain strong as spring Delta Church Drives are held. The Knight’s information table set up at the Catholic Men’s Fellowship of MD Conference in Linthicum MD at St. Philip Neri Parish on March 9, 2024 yielded a new member.

The “BLESSEDMCGIVNEY” promo code offering free one year membership continues to be an attractive offer especially as inflation and financial hardships are common. The Online Process was promoted by the MD State Membership Team at monthly Program & Membership Zoom meetings available to members statewide and at meetings hosted by the MD State Council and MD Chapters of Grand Knights.

In addition, presentations detailing a winning strategy to leverage the maximized outreach to new members through a 365 day a year, 24 / 7 invitation was presented to Grand Knights, Deputy GKs, District Deputies and District Wardens during the June Leadership Meeting, Fall Meetings, Mid Term and Spring Meetings. The presentations were designed to clearly explain the process and terminology of the Online Join Process – especially the use of the Council Prospect Tab. Councils were strongly encouraged to make immediate outreach to new members by inviting them to fraternal events and engaging them in the council’s charitable activity. The importance of the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was stressed as the “gateway” to new membership and onboarding of new members.

The Online Join Application process has been promoted as the preferred method of joining the Order – offering new members the opportunity to join at a time and place that works for them. The Online process offers councils an efficient way to onboard members – replacing handwritten paper forms with an electronic data transfer. The Online Join process also provides 10 weeks of valuable information for the new member essentially offering a “KofC 101” course to each new Online member.

Councils saw success in the use of the streamlined Online Join process whether issuing the invitation one on one or following a Delta Church Drive. The value of the Online Join process was underscored by its successful use in fraternal year 2022 - 2023 during the reactivation of Loyola Council 15000. In 2023 – 2024, Loyola Council brought in another 26 members through the Online Application process

The MD Membership and Growth Team continues to reach out to councils and districts to provide support and promote the use of the Online Join process. We look forward to finishing strong and continuing to assist our councils in building a strong member base that will ensure their council's charitable work and fraternal success well into the future.

Vivat Jesus! Bill Newbrough – MD State Online Membership & Growth Director

## **Report of the Maryland State Council**

### **Program Director**

The annual report of the Maryland State Council Program Director is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The 2023-2024 fraternal year proved to be another very successful year in programs. Councils throughout the state “Planted the Seeds of our Faith and Fraternity and continued to Engage, Inspire and Mobilize their members, parishes and communities as they put their Faith into Action with some outstanding programs.

Activity Directors for this fraternal year included: Faith- Thom Partenope (7612 Archbishop Fulton Sheen) ; Community- Steve Law (2293 Dr. John Henry Griffin); Family- Mike Lynch (12127 Our Lady of Guadalupe); Life- Jose Rivera (2809 Prince Georges)

The Leadership Seminar was held at Washington College in Chestertown on June 23 (DD’s) and June 24 (GK’s). The State Program Director’s mother passed to her eternal reward on June 22 and he was unable to attend the Leadership Seminar. Family Activities Director Mike Lynch, always at the ready, provided the District Deputies and Grand Knights with their goals and metrics necessary to achieve Star District and Star Council. Mike Lynch discussed the need for councils to “Plant the Seeds of our Faith and Fraternity” through their Faith in Action programs. Activity Directors provided high level overviews of the programs in their respective categories. Changes to the programs and reporting processes were discussed as well.

Program and Growth Seminars were conducted over the course of five evenings throughout the state during July and August which enabled each program director to have one on one discussions regarding their key programs. The State Program Director hosted these seminars, most of which were well attended.

The Fall meeting was held on October 28, 2023 at The Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. State Program Director Tom Reumont reiterated the goals and metrics for Star District and the Activity Directors covered upcoming program options and deadlines in their respective categories. A brief question and answer period followed to address the District Deputies’ concerns.

The Mid-term meeting was held on January 6, 2024 at Columbus Gardens. A brief overview of the Supreme Council and State Council suggested programs was provided. The Program Team presented content to the Grand Knights that included planning for the back half of the year, new programs, and program updates. Grand Knights that had submitted at least one program report in every Faith in Action program category for the prior two periods, were recognized for their efforts.

The Spring meeting was held on March 16, 2024 at St. John Francis Regis in Hollywood. The very productive day mostly consisted of round table discussions in an effort to assist the future administrations, whether at the council or state level, in planning and implementing successful programs.

The State Activity Directors are responsible for judging all of the activity reports submitted by the councils. To be eligible for any of the Faith in Action awards that are presented at the Annual State

Convention, councils had to conduct an activity in each of the four programs areas during each reporting period, and then submit reports to the State Council by March 15. A Faith in Action participation plaque will be presented to each council that performed and documented their activities in the fraternal year. Note the Peter O'Sullivan did a superb job maintaining the FIA tracking form.

This year the Program team placed focus on Planting the Seeds of our Faith and Fraternity and asking councils to continue to Engage, Inspire and Mobilize their membership. Councils were encouraged to implement programs that were highly impactful and visible in an effort to fuel their council growth. The Program Team had a representative at every Chapter meeting throughout the year, whether in-person or virtually, via Zoom. The Program Team also participated in numerous District Deputy meetings to answer any program questions. Because of the cooperation and efforts of the Growth and Program Teams, many Councils and Districts have put themselves in a position to achieve the Star Award. Numerous Councils submitted for State Council Program Awards which involved the completion and submission of a council's "best of the best" program- one for each of the program categories. Many councils submitted their Council Chaplain for the State Blessed Michael McGivney award which were submitted to Our Worthy State Deputy Christopher L. Powers.

The Program Team and Growth Team co-hosted a monthly Zoom meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month. The teams alternated primary hosting duties every month, where one month the meeting began with Programs and the next month it began with Growth. The Program Team covered upcoming events and provided live demonstrations on navigating the Supreme and the State websites to find the needed information fliers and forms. Grand Knights were invited as guest speakers on a wide array of topics to provide their insight and to ensure the success of their peers. Each Zoom meeting started at 7 pm and ended around 8:30 pm.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Worthy State Deputy Christopher L. Powers for appointing me as the Maryland State Program Director. It has been a most rewarding experience to work with the Program Team, Growth Team, District Deputies and Grand Knights of the Maryland jurisdiction. Many thanks to Executive Secretary to the State Council Dale Trott PSD and Executive Secretary to the State Deputy Jack Giacalone for their assistance and guidance throughout the year. I cannot thank my lovely wife, Karen, enough for continued support and assistance with everything. Whether she is proofreading, acting as a sounding board or just being present, I could not do this without her.

I also want to thank the activities director's wives – Bobbi Partenope, Amy Lynch, Sue Law and Amancia Rivera for their support throughout this fraternal year. It takes a great deal of personal time for the directors to fulfill their duties and I appreciate each of these wives and their willingness to share that with the Knights.

Fraternally,

Tom Reumont  
Program Director

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**Steve Law, Director**

The Faith in Action Community Programs had a successful year providing support and services to our parishes and communities. The smiles of the many recipients of these programs were evident of the impact made.

**Highlights of the year were:**

**Helping Persons with Special Needs Program:** This year 52 councils participated and collected close to \$87,000 to be distributed to various non-profit organizations. Many councils have also transitioned from the old yellow vest and to new blue colored vests. Thanks to co-chairmen, John Strawbridge and John Weaver for their dedication and hard work.

**Coats for Kids Program:** The MD State Council provided just under 1000 new winter coats to those in need in coordinated events with Family Services of Baltimore, Head Start of Baltimore, Sacred Heart Elementary School, and two Chapters of Catholic Daughters. Many councils, assemblies, chapters, and other entities acting alone provided coats in their geographical areas as well. Thanks to program chairman, Rick Casazza for providing his time and expertise in leading this effort.

**State Sports Program:** As each year, the state sponsored youth soccer shootout and basketball free throw competitions. Both of which were well attended by district event winners from throughout the state. Many thanks go to program co-chairs Walt Williams and Brian Trott for their commitment and leadership in making these once again much appreciated and anticipated yearly events for the youth in our communities.

**Recognitions Program:** Again, this year the state council recognized at the annual Founders Day event the first responders, Catholic educators, healthcare providers, and citizens chosen from the many submitted by councils. Thanks to each of the councils that took the time to provide their submissions. And a special thanks to Brother Knight Mike Dunn for coordinating the recipients attendance at the recognition dinner.

**Box of Joy Program:** Led by chairman, Alex Lopez-Bueno, this program continues to grow in participation each year. This year the state reported just under 6000 boxes were provided because of Alex's leadership and promotion of the program.

**Incentive Raffle Program:** This successful program enabled the state and many councils to better meet its charitable outreach goals. The winning tickets were again selected at the Columbus Day Ball. Thanks to co-chairs Mike Little and Gary Gray for promoting and leading the program.

**Columbus Day Ball and Commemoration Activities:** The Columbus Day Ball was again an entertaining and successful evening thanks to the leadership of program chairman, Bill Van Horn, and co-chairs Mike Davenport and Paul Messina. The Columbus Day Commemorative program chaired by Santo Grasso was, as always, a well-attended event.

In closing I want to acknowledge the entire Community Activities Team. The dedication and hard work from these Brother Knights, resulted in another successful year serving our church and community, and enabled the State council to meet its program goal.

My thanks and appreciation go to the following FIA Community Program Chairmen

John Strawbridge and John Weaver: Helping Persons with Special Needs

Tom Gruel: Patriotic Activities

Wayne Davis: Wheelchair Program

Alex Lopez-Bueno: Box of Joy

Rick Casazza: Coats for Kids

Walter Leskuski: Little Sister of the Poor

Walt Williams and Brian Trott: State Sports

Mike Little and Gary Gray: Incentive Raffle

Charles Kohler: Disaster Preparedness

Bill Van Horn, Paul Messina and Mike Davenport: Columbus Day Ball

Santo Grasso: Columbus Day Commemorations

Steve Upton: Columbus Day Activities

I thank my fellow Faith in Action Team Directors, Thom Partenope, Mike Lynch, and Jose Rivera for their support and guidance throughout the year, as well as Tom Reumont, State Program Director for his leadership and mentoring. To State Deputy, Christopher Powers for providing me the opportunity to serve. And most importantly to Sue for her patience and understanding.

## **Faith Activities Report**

**Thom Partenope, OFS  
Director**

*"If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined." -Pope St. Leo the Great*

The Maryland State Council is blessed to be included in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the premier See of the Catholic Church in the United States, established as a Diocese in 1789; the Diocese of Wilmington, established in 1868 and the Archdiocese of Washington, established in 1939.

The Faith Activities team is grateful to our State Deputy, Christopher L. Powers, and his Maryland State Team for the opportunity to evangelize our Faith in Action this year.

I thank the State Liturgy Team for their unstinting devotion to commemorating our Masses and Holy Hours which allowed our K of C family to enjoy and be enriched by the Eucharistic celebrations of our Holy Catholic Faith: Fr. Donald Gryzmski, OFM Conv., State Chaplain, Deacons James Dominic, David Ludwikoski, and Stephen Roscher; cantor Steve Hubbard, musicians Mary Jo Sierco and John Hershberger along with Jeff Maynard and John Navarro.

Also thank all of our altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and all who helped during the Masses. I especially thank my bride, Bobbi, for her permission, persistence, dedication, and her insistence that I "do it right!"

The State Memorial Mass and Founder's Day Mass and reception this year were headed up by Michael Dunn, These Masses and receptions gave us an outstanding opportunity to remember the Knights and Ladies who have gone before us and recall our origins in honoring those who have used their time, talent, and faith to show a willingness to give of themselves to help others.

The Pilgrim Icon program allows us to spread devotion to St. Joseph. This is chaired by J. Michael Novak, who has been a pillar of organization and store of information for the Districts and Councils who are participating in the devotion to St. Joseph this year.

Spiritual Reflections are the means by which we join our prayers together as Fraternal brothers and families praying for each other and for those in need of our spiritual help. Richard Boehm (1959-2023) chaired this program until his untimely death in October. He will be sorely missed.

Andrew Michaels is leading the group devoted to the Usher Program in the Basilicas. This is a special group of Knights whose dedication brings a new level of awareness of our Our Faith to our Archdioceses.

The need for priests and religious is of the highest priority for our Church and our Faith. As Pope John Paul II wrote in 2004: "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as



there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist". The Vocations and Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) enables Councils to offer financial support to those studying for the priesthood or religious life. Never forget that it is not just for the seminarians. At least one of our Auxiliaries, Sheen's Colleens (07612) is sponsoring a postulant for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Vocations/RSVP Support Chairmen James Chachulski (Archdiocese of Baltimore), W. Fred Taylor (Archdiocese of Washington), and Thomas Irwin (Diocese of Wilmington) are actively working with each Diocese to be certain that there is no seminarian in need of financial aid.

The Perpetual Memorial Society has been established to offer remembrance for any and all of our loved ones and our brothers and sisters who have passed away. The Memorial Book is placed at the Altar for each of the Maryland State Council Masses during the Fraternal Year. It is a reminder to all of us to pray for those who have "gone before us" and to remember our watchword ... "Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori." I thank Dale Trott, PSD, for maintaining this important document.

Holy Hour is our opportunity to devote our time and faith in a personal and prayerful adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist. It has been estimated that only 30 percent of Catholics fully believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is our mission, through our prayers, to help others to come to know that Our Lord is always with us in the form of Bread and Wine.

Sacramental Gifts are a positive means of memorializing those special occasions when we and our families pass on our Faith through the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Confirmation.

The Rosary is our greatest weapon against the deception and wiles of Satan and should be prayed as often as possible. The Faith in Action team offered many opportunities to pray the Rosary this year. As St. Pius IX declared: "Give me an army praying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." Brothers and Sisters ... we are that army!

A Eucharistic Procession was held following our anniversary Mass commemorating the Ordination of Fr. Michael J. McGivney at the Basilica in Baltimore on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Archbishop Lori processed with an Honor Guard of the Fourth Degree and with the Maryland State Officers to show our devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist.

An Archdiocesan Blue Mass was celebrated at the St. Joseph Monastery in Baltimore honoring the Police, Fire and EMT personnel in Maryland with a dedicated portion of the Mass remembering our fallen First Responders.

The Eucharistic Revival is happening now. Pilgrims from all over the U. S. are making their way to the Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis in July 2024. Be part of this historic and prayerful event: walk, ride, fly to the Revival if you are able. Organize, arrange, participate in a local event; but especially pray, mightily, for its success.

## **Family Activities Program**

### **2023-2024 Book of Reports**

To the Maryland Family of the Knights of Columbus,

On behalf of the State Chairmen, and all of the Council Family Directors, it's my pleasure to deliver this book of reports for the Family area of our Faith in Action Program. We congratulate the Worthy State Deputy Chris Powers and Lady Annie, as well as the rest of the State Council for their leadership for these past two years. We also want to thank State Program Director Tom Reumont for his leadership.

We started out the year sharing information about the different possible Family-related programs with the Districts and Councils at the Program & Growth Seminars. We worked on giving our District Deputies and Grand Knights some ideas to fill out their planning calendars for the year, as well as raising awareness on programs some may not have seen.

One great highlight from this year is the jurisdiction's success for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, with dozens of Maryland Councils participating, and Council 11341's submissions taking home prizes in ALL FIVE age groups. Deep appreciation goes to John Vassallo who is our KCIC Poster Contest Chairman.

We've also seen an increase in our Family of the Month and Family of the Year participation here in Maryland, with our Family of the Year being named in March, and congratulations to the Danny and Gloria Hall (also co-chairman for the State Picnic) family. Thank you to Tom Chayka for chairing this program again this year.

Thanks also to Brother Dick Bissel who continues to champion the cause for the widows of Brother Knights in the state, and even talking about how Councils can recognize their widows by holding appreciation dinners and other activities to remind them they are always a part of the KofC family, even if their husbands have passed on to their Eternal Reward.

Around the state, most Councils are continuing to gather food for those who continue to experience food insecurity, and across the state, we continue to collect **tons** of food each month for the Food for Families program. Thank you to Brother Paul Mehraban as our chairman.

Families from around Maryland gathered at Seneca Creek State Park for a chilly annual picnic, held on the Saturday of Divine Mercy weekend. Food, fellowship, fun, and games were enjoyed by many, and we ended the day with the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass, offered by our Worthy State Chaplain. A tip of the cap to Brothers Craig Van and Danny Hall for chairing this annual event.

Thanks go out to our Fraternal Activities Chairmen, Thom Stevenson and Jim Rank for continuing to send cards for celebratory events and for losses to those in the State Family. Ensuring we stay in touch with the State Family continues to bond us as a community.

We are looking forward to the State Family Camping Trip coming up in Delaware in mid-May.

Whether it be Consecrating ourselves to the Holy Family, Praying together as a Family, attending Good Friday services, or in the many other ways Brother Knights continue to strengthen the bonds of families, we are truly building the Domestic Church and Crying the Gospel with Our Lives.

Thank you, to all of our Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters, for your support throughout the past two years, and we wish nothing but the best for our future Family Programs team for the next administration!

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Lynch,

Family Program Director

## **Life Activities Report 2023-2024**

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Chris Powers, the State Program Team and the Chairmen of the Life Activities for the opportunity to serve and work with you all throughout this fraternal year.

The state of the Life programs in the jurisdiction of Maryland are strong and well. As Knights we know the state of Maryland is not a life friendly place, and each year we face many anti-life legislations, such as physician assisted suicide. This legislative year, as in past years, we have been able to defeat these anti-life issues, which were important to us as Catholic's. We must continue to stand strong as Catholic gentlemen, when government tries to pass legislation that is in opposition to Catholic Doctrine.

Once again, after COVID, the Maryland March for Life was in full force and The Knights of Columbus were out en mass. The Maryland Knights participated in the March and also donated funds so that others could march for life. The presence of brother knights helped with the marshaling of those in attendance.

This is the second year of the Aide and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program and we continue to grow the program throughout the state. We have to understand there is a constant need, this is an ongoing initiative, and our council's should continue to reach out to our local centers. The centers and home don't only need money, but also supplies and manpower to keep these centers open. Councils should always remember to fill out the ASAP form so that the pregnancy centers can receive additional grants from the Supreme Council.

Once again, Maryland has met the Ultrasound challenge. This year Districts and Councils placed three new Ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers in the state of Maryland. This was a very big challenge, yet the Knights of Maryland stepped up, and met the challenge.

The Silver Rose Program, like always was a great success. Many councils participated in this 15-day journey of the Silver Rose throughout the jurisdiction of Maryland. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This program was started by the Squires nearly 50 years ago and continues today.

Brothers as Knights of Columbus we must keep ever vigilante about LIFE issues in the jurisdiction of Maryland. The constant flow of anti-life legislation coming out of Annapolis will be a continuous challenge for the Maryland Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jose Rivera  
Life Activities Director

**Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus**  
**Charity Fund, Inc.**

The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc. was incorporated July 6, 1984 and is a corporate entity in the State of Maryland. It is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. All contributions to the Fund are tax deductible.

The purpose of the Charity Fund is to provide financial assistance to individuals in temporary, urgent need in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland. The Fund is not designed to take the place of the council charity funds, but to supplement them. All donations received, except for minor administrative costs to cover postage, copying, an audit, etc., are available for distribution.

The Fund depends mainly on the donations of members and their families, councils, and districts. Donations to the Charity Fund can be made using the pre-addressed donation envelope and designated pledges through all United Way-type campaigns in Maryland and the United Way of the National Capital Area. Donations can also be made through the Combined Federal Campaign and the Maryland Charity Campaign. Total donations to date for this fraternal year are \$ 9,733.58.

From the beginning of the program in 1984 through March 31, 2024 the Fund has granted \$1,2686,470 to needy individuals in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland. This fraternal year, from July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, \$ 16,092.08 has been granted. 4 applications for assistance were received this fraternal year, and all were granted. Payments have been made in the past for mortgage and rent assistance, funeral expenses, car payments, insurance and utilities.

We wish to thank our worthy State Deputy, Christopher Powers, for appointing us as Co-Directors of the Charity Fund and for his support and guidance. Thanks to our worthy State Chaplain, Rev. Donald Grzynski for his spiritual guidance and assistance. His knowledge and experience have been a tremendous asset and blessing to the Fund's Board of Directors. Thanks to the State Officers for their enthusiastic support of the program. Thanks to our wives Mary Seidleck and Josie Boisvert for their love and understanding. Their presence and support aided us in carrying out our duties while administering the Fund and helping to make a difference in the lives of those we assisted.

In closing we ask each of you to continue to support the Charity Fund enabling it to continue to provide financial assistance to individuals in urgent need in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland.

James Seidleck  
Co-Director

Gil Boisvert  
Co-Director



# **Reports from Chapter Presidents**

**Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights  
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**Terry M. Reinhart, Chapter President**

**The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the normal meeting place of one of its 59 member Chapters, rotating geographically around the region.**

**Actions taken to increase attendance at monthly meetings:**

- 1. Held a raffle for a free Sunset Cruise during the 2023 State Convention in Annapolis**
- 2. Held a beer tasing contest at the 8/16/23 monthly meeting at Dr. John Henry Griffin Council #2293**
- 3. Sent emails on 9/5/2023 and 1/6/2024 to all Chapter Grand Knights asking them to tell us what they would like the Chapter to offer at our meetings to help them and other GKs**
- 4. Sent emails on 9/6/2023 and 1/6/2024 to all District Deputies asking their help in helping GKs understand what the Chapter can do fer them. Since they are new GKs, they may not know what it is they need and what it is that McNamara can offer to them**

**Meeting actions:**

- A) Increased per capita from 30¢ to 50¢**
- B) Invited a Grand Knight to speak about “How to attract and Retain Council /Chapter members”**
- C) Shifted the annual silent auction to coincide with the annual October crab and shrimp dinner hosted by Calvert Council #7870 in order to have more potential bidders.**
- D) Discussed attendance suggestions with Seton Chapter Larry Smith and Baltimore Chapter Buzzy Stockton**
- E) Hosted a festive Christmas themed meeting on December 20, 2023**
- F) Invited members of the Maryland Catholic Conference [MCC] to discuss important legislation being discussed in Annapolis that impact Catholics and their faith**
- G) Invited a Past Chapter President, Past Grand Knights and the State Social Media chair to address “Social Media Pitfalls and how to avoid them”**
- H) Invited a representative of Metro Maryland Habitat for Humanity to explain their good works and how the Chapter can support them and earn activity credits at the same time.**
- I) Invited the Chapter historian to discuss the life of Bishop John Michael McNamara – “Who was he and what did he do?”**

**On August 12, 2023 the Chapter provided funds and manpower to assist the Cross Catholic food packing event where 50,000 meals for those less fortunate were produced.**

**Chapter President Terry Reinhart thanks fellow officers, VP Steve Law, Secretary Anthony McGrath, Treasurer Michael Lynch, Marshal Bill Newbrough and Activities Directors, Michael Turner and Terry Waters for their support and dedication to help the Chapter achieve its goals. .**





## SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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Brute 1860 – Mount St Mary's College 1965 – St Michael's of Poplar Springs 10525  
Our Lady of the Valley 11703 – St Ignatius of Loyola 11815 – Reverend Dr. David W Shaum  
11975 – St Timothy 12255 – St Peter the Apostle 13290 – St Katherine Drexel 14011 –  
Charles Carroll 15985

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**Chaplin**  
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1771

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Jose Rector ('20-'21)  
Tom Plunkett ('19-'20)  
Mike Jacobs ('18-'19)  
Walter Leskuski ('17-'18)  
Brian E. Woerner ('16-'17)  
Dirk A. Griffin ('15-'16)  
Sean Kelly ('14-'15)  
Stephen Miller ('13-'14)  
Gregory Lattus ('12-'13)  
Dan Timmons ('11-'12)  
Dwayne Singleton ('10-'11)  
Robert Droter ('09-'10)  
David Zakrzewski ('08-'09)  
Dino Scaletti ('07-'08)  
Richard Tymoch ('06-'07)  
Joseph Berdini ('05-'06)  
William Kinsella ('04-'05)  
David Richards ('03-'04)  
Robert Jack ('02-'03)  
Al Harris ('01-'02)  
Gregory Loss ('00-'01)

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126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

I would to thank all Councils in the SEAS Chapter for their hospitality, support and cooperation throughout this past year. I would also like to congratulate them and wish them continued success on all of their programs and events.

Once again, the Seton Chapter participated in the Annual Tri Chapter Food Packing Event with Cross Catholic Outreach. The Annual Coats for Kids Drive had success reaching a milestone of over \$70,000 in donations to date. A huge "Thank You" to Mike Jacobs and his Wife Robyn for all of their efforts and time in coordinating this drive. Our continued support for the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Center in Emmitsburg. Our Councils have initiated new programs and events not only to help their Communities, but to bring more men into the Order to support of Faith. None of this would be possible without the exchange of ideas within the Councils of the SEAS Chapter.

I would like to thank my Chapter Officers for all of their support, hard work and dedication throughout this past year in making our Chapter successful. Your continued emphasis on how to assist all Grand Knights of the Chapter does not go unnoticed.

Finally, my appreciation and sincere gratitude to my wife Kimberly for all her support, patience and being my sounding board. I cannot imagine where I would be without your help.

Respectfully Yours

Larry Smith  
Chapter President



**Reports  
From  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Masters**



**Knights of Columbus**  
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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights

The Maryland District of the Fourth Degree submit for your consideration the reports that follow.

I wish thank all 24 Assemblies in the Maryland District for their cooperation, support and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to the Assemblies on their many and varied patriotic and civic programs and events during the year.

I also wish to thank the District's Exemplification Team, under the direction of Team Captain SK Edgar Haynes, PSD, FM, for their dependability and professional presentation of the Degree of Patriotism. Thank you, gentlemen, for your friendship and support.

Thank you to District Marshal Rick Przybylski, and Executive Secretary Jeff Wilk, for their dedication, assistance and advice this past year. A special thank you to their wives, Beth and Linda, for their understanding of their husbands' commitments to the order. I also wish to thank SK Steve Cohen, PSD, for serving as Chief of Staff, and to the Assistant District Marshals Marty Nau, Thom Partenope, Dave Bellistri, Mike Ragolio and Bill Copes. Thank you to District Friar Father Jason Worley for his spiritual guidance and direction.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairman, congratulations on a most successful year of meaningful programs.

To the Master of the Calvert Province, Vice Supreme Master Fritz Leach, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Fourth Degree as Master of the Maryland District. It has been a very rewarding experience, and your support and guidance has been very much appreciated.

To State Deputy, Christopher Powers, thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me and to the Fourth Degree in the State of Maryland.

Finally, thanks to my family and especially to my wife, Joan, for her understanding and patience and for being my companion to the many Provincial, State, District, and Assembly functions.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

Jim Duryee  
Master  
Maryland District



## **Report of the Master**

### **Archdiocese of Washington District Biennial 2024**

Worthy Brother Knights, as Master, I am privileged to report to you on the condition of The Archdiocese of Washington District Fourth Degree. With a tremendous amount of pride and gratitude I can assure you the District is healthy! We are financially sound, we are strong from a Program delivery prospective, and our Color Corps is the best in the order. I am very proud of the effort of all who have worked so hard to make this statement possible. I believe that it is important to note that every assembly in the AWD has submitted every required form on time. That translates to 100% of 100%, a tribute to the management efforts of our Faithful Navigators and their staffs.

We begin with the goal of focusing on three principles, Our Father, Our Faith, Our Flag in all that we do, and making ourselves, our Assemblies, and this District, better than we found them. We continue to be more than just Color Corps. We are making a difference by improving in and reaching out in our program areas of Church, Fraternity, Patriotic Support, and Patriotic Education. We have built and are continuing to refine these programs that support our defenders and veterans, educate ourselves and our communities on what it means to be a Catholic Patriot, help our own members to come together in fraternalism to strengthen the order, and assist our Bishops, Priests and Pastors, in conjunction with the Councils wherever and whenever they need help!

My sincere thanks and gratitude to the men who acted as our spiritual leaders in the District: SK Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, SK Fr. Joseph Jenkins, SK Fr. Pawal Sass, SK Fr. James Boccabella, SK Fr. Frank Donio and many others

With regards to programs, we have continued to improve on what was started by previous Masters, District Staff and Fourth Degree members, focusing on patriotic support, patriotic education, church and fraternity. I thank SKs Roger Lie, John Durbin and Jeff Koscho and all past chairmen for their leadership. Programs that span the focus areas such as Wreaths Across America, gift items to Charlotte Hall, and DC VA Medical Center, Donations to the Archdiocese of the Military Services Chaplain Scholarship Fund, Letters sent to Pastors pledging our support and encouraging all Priests to join and support the Fourth Degree, and the monthly patriotic education educational reading, Living Rosaries, Casket Watched, tours of local monuments, coat give a ways, computer donations and shoe box collections mark just a few examples of the things we have accomplished.

Programs such as these are changing the face of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to exhibit more than just Color Corps! To that end, we have seen a change in the composition of the men who are considering becoming Sir Knights. As of this date over 140 new Sir Knights have been added to our ranks. We see a good number of more youthful, active brother knights now joining because if they do not find their niche in the Color Corps, they find it in the other Patriotic Degree Programs! I would also like to specifically highlight the work done through the dedicated effort of our VAVS team of SK John Durbin, SK John Weaver, Jr., SK Peter Gabauer and IFM SK Micheal Thumm. Even though schedules have changed, Former Vice Supreme Master Thumm and Lady Patti have shown remarkable leadership skills and dedication in their contributions and commitment to Warriors to Lourdes. The Archdiocese of Washington salutes them and their many contributions to the Fourth Degree.

I am also very proud to report that along with our continued program focus, we have maintained the best Color Corps in the Order. My best estimate is that the ranks of active Color Corps has grown by 15% over the past year with many assemblies providing incentives. Through the efforts of District Marshals

SK Michael Davenport, SK Yen Le, SK James Oxford and SK Steve Coker, the superb Color Corps of the AWD continues to support as many events as possible always being aware of any local protocols that may come into play.

The AWD Color Corps continues to maintain a strong partner relationship with the Archdiocese of Washington, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, and our local Parishes, as well as the Calvert Province and Supreme Office. As requests for turnouts continue to grow, the Color Corps continues to refine and improve its skills. Under the direction of Provincial Marshal Steve Law, the AWD Honor Guard has become a frequent Fourth Degree ceremonial participant earning high praises for its presentations.

The AWD also enjoys a healthy relationship with the Maryland District. My sincere thanks to Maryland District Master SK Francis Leach, now Vice Supreme Master and Former Provincial/District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh for their assistance.

We have maintained a strong focus on operational administrative excellence. The District Administrative team has established and operates with clear processes that shows the team is making good decisions based on current and accurate data. Because of the team's hard work, dedication, and attention to detail, we continue to demonstrate to our subordinate Assemblies, and new Sir Knights that we are operating thoughtfully and professionally. At the present time, the District is managing a balance of \$3,900 which enables us to fulfill requests for special assistance as well as budgeted items.

The driving force behind this is SK Joseph Massimini, Secretary to the Master, SK Vernon Hawkins, District Comptroller, SK Robert Van Rite, Membership Chairman and SK David R. Wilson Exemplification Team Captain. As a significant contributor to our operational success, the team of Wardens SK Larry Perkins, SK Paul Javier played a major role in coordinating and organizing the logistics of meetings, all of which were virtual. Thank you to all who hold many other District staff positions, each important to the accomplishment of very important tasks and activities! I also want to thank my predecessors for their advice and guidance, IFM/FVSM SK Micheal Thumm, SK John Winfrey, SK Charles Smallwood and SK Joseph Murtha. Without their support, all that we have accomplished would be lost.

In conclusion as I close my final term and this Fraternal Year, I want to thank the many men and women who have supported the district. It is successful because of your efforts! There have been so many changes, obstacles and protocols with which to deal, it is a salute to the conviction and dedication of the Sir Knights, Ladies and families of the Archdiocese of Washington Fourth Degree that we have been able to maintain and, in many cases, surpass our program and membership goals.

As a final note I want to thank my beautiful wife of 53 years, Lynn. Her love and support have sustained me through good times and bad in yet another leadership opportunity. She has stood beside me through this entire experience. Thanks to her for her love and support.

Fraternally and Patriotically,  
SK Joseph M. Feakes  
Master Archdiocese of Washington District

*Our Father. Our Faith. Our Flag*



**Reports  
From the  
Ladies Activities Committee  
and  
Ladies Auxiliary ChairLady**

## **Ladies Activities Committee**

The purpose of the Ladies Activities Committee is to assist the First Lady in planning entertaining activities that encourage fellowship and socialization for the wives of the State Officers, District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights, State Directors, and Chairmen while their husbands are attending State meetings. This year was no exception with fun and entertaining events.

The theme for the Ladies Luncheon held on Friday, May 5 at 1 PM at the Maryland State Convention at the Crowne Plaza in Annapolis was a Teddy Bear Picnic Lunch. The Ladies were asked to bring their cherished teddy bear and also collected new teddy bears, approximately 300, that were donated to the Anne Arundel Medical Center's Pediatric Department.

Leadership was held the last weekend in June at Washington College. We started with an open forum for the DD wives and then headed to a local winery, Crow Vineyard & Winery where we had a tasting experience while overlooking the vast 365-acre farm. Returned to join our husbands for a picnic and socialization. On Saturday, we welcomed the Grand Knight wives and reviewed their role in the upcoming year. We then headed to the Chestertown Farmers & Artisans Market located near the camps. Next we headed to lunch at Deep Blue Restaurant located at the historic Kitty Knight Inn with a lovely view overlooking the Sassafras River. We gathered for the mass and Installation at the campus. Our charity collection was for Shannon Comfy Chemo Project.

The Fall meeting was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. We started the day by filling 264 Boxes of Joy which exceeded last year's total by 100 for Cross Catholic that will be sent to the poor in third world countries. We then enjoyed a living history tour of historic homes on the shrine grounds and viewed the new updated exhibit and gift shop at the Shrine. We enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Carriage House Inn. We returned for Mass and a dinner served at the Shrine.

For the State Christmas Party, the LAC created themed baskets to raffle along with a 50/50 raffle. They were very successful and will very much help offset the costs at the State Convention for the Ladies Luncheon, evening entertainment and door prizes. Our First Lady gave an origami ornament that were crafted by the Fairy Godmothers, Annie, and Mika Koscho.

Our journey continued into the New Year with the Midterm meeting held at Columbus Gardens on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We started the day with introductions and a Q&A. The 50 ladies in attendance boarded buses to McFadden Art Glass to create our own art pieces which included Christmas icicle, pendant, marbles, and some other very creative pieces. This was a unique and fun experience learning and participating in the art of glass blowing. Lunch was at the Baltimore iconic restaurant, Jerry D's. We returned to Cardinal Gibbons for Mass and light refreshments. Donations were collected for Birthright, a non-profit charitable organization that provides love and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

The Spring meeting was held in Southern Maryland on March 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John Francis Regis Parish. We opened our gathering of 33 ladies Saturday morning with a presentation

from Cecelia Cooney on Quilts of Valor. These quilts are made by ladies in Southern Maryland and then given to veterans. She received \$1,500 in donations from the men and the ladies to help with the project. Also, there was a collection of non-perishable food for the local food banks. The ladies then explored a local craft fair and shopped the Shepherd's Old Field Market. Lunch was at Brudergarten and Smashburgers. The rest of the afternoon was for shopping, resting, or playing Canasta. Joined then men at St. John's for mass and dinner.

As we are planning our last event at the 126<sup>th</sup> State Convention, the Ladies Luncheon theme is Welcome to the Holiday Inn! Come dressed in your favorite holiday attire or dressed for an evening at the Inn. The evening entertainment looks to be a fun-filled night with a Game Show Time host.

Serving on the Ladies Activities Committee has given us the opportunity to welcome and get to know ladies from all corners of the great state of Maryland dedicated to the Knights of Columbus and their beliefs. The Fairy Godmother's: Mary Burneston, Vicki Cohen, Cele Cooney, Phyllis Giacalone, and Linda Trott hope that we have provided great experiences for the ladies, and they have made great memories and friendships. We express our sincere appreciation and trust placed in us by our Worthy State Deputy, Chris Powers, and First Lady, Annie as we "Cry the Gospel with our life!"

#### The Enchanted Forest







**Reports  
From  
District Deputies  
and  
Councils**

# District 1



**Mickey Dillow**  
**District Deputy**

**George (Dan) Greenwell**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**1470, 7914, 8159, 10957, 16986**

## Maryland State Council

### District 1

District Deputy Mickey Dillow

District Warden Dan Greenwell

Council 1470 Grand Knight Steve Tomaszewski

Council 7914 Grand Knight Dorian Tavaréz

Council 8159 Grand Knight Leo Hoffman

Council 10957 Grand Knight Mark Coontz

Council 16986 Grand Knight Jim Dorsey

### **Notable Activities by Council**

#### **Council 1470:**

Council Installation of Officers was held on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> with a reception following. This council participated in the RSVP Program. The council held 2 Blood Drives. The council supports the Care-Net Pregnancy Center through donations and attendance at the annual Care-Net Banquet. The council holds an annual Priest Appreciation Dinner for their parish as well as their assigned Round Table parishes. This council sponsors a weekly Bingo which is the main source of funding for the parish school, Fr. Andrew White SJ, Care-Net Pregnancy Center, Special Olympics, to name of the organizations supported. The council also provided a set of vestments for the parish deacon. This council led the way in the district with 469 "Boxes of Joy" turned in. Jody Cacko, a music teacher at the parish school was selected winner of the Catholic Teacher of the Year award by the Md. State Council. Award was presented at the Founder's Day Awards Dinner.

#### **Council 7914**

Council Installation of Officers was held on Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the council planning meeting. This council holds an annual Baby Shower on the last Sunday to benefit the Care-Net Pregnancy Center. The council holds a reception for newly baptized Catholics on Holy Saturday following the Easter Vigil. The council donated funds to purchase a plaque which has the names of all priests who have served at the parish from the early 1800's and there is room for future additions. The council turned in 82 "Boxes of Joy". The council sponsors a parish community breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month excluding July and August as well as a Donut Social on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The council participates in the RSVP Program. A group of knights maintain the church grounds and the cemetery thus saving the parish over \$100k per year. An annual Father Daughter Dance is held yearly in February with about 300 attendees.

#### **Council 8159**

Council Installation of Officers was held on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> with a reception following in the church parish center. The council has a COR group and meets monthly. The council regularly donates to the Care-Net Pregnancy Center and other charities. The council recently sponsored

several events in order to fund the installation of a deep well in Singida, Tanzania in East Africa which is a Pallottine Mission. The Council participated in the “Box of Joy” program and turned in 36 boxes. The council holds several community breakfast events during the year as well as an annual pig roast on Super Bowl Sunday which support charities. This council also has an active ladies Auxiliary. DGK and his Wife make hundreds of rosaries for distribution each year to numerous organizations local and abroad.

### **Council 10957**

The council Installation of officers was held on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> with a reception following at a local restaurant. This council made Star Council and won numerous awards for program excellence at the 2023 Convention: 5 1<sup>st</sup> place awards, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards, as well as a 1<sup>st</sup> place award from Supreme. The council participated in the “Box of Joy” program and turned in 90 boxes. The council holds an annual golf tournament with proceeds going to charity, notably the Care-Net Pregnancy Center. The council holds numerous community breakfast and dinner events throughout the year. The council holds an annual fishing derby for the youth of the parish. Knights from the council maintain the parish grounds. The council provides food baskets for the poor in the community at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The council also supports Christmas in April by providing box lunches for workers.

### **Council 16986**

The council Installation of Officers was held on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> with a reception following in the parish hall. This council has an active Ladies Auxiliary. The council holds several donut socials following Sunday Masses during the year as well as a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. A couple of community breakfast events are also held by the council. A couple of spaghetti dinners are also hosted during the year. The council also assists with the annual Apple Festival which is a parish fundraiser. This council supports the local food pantry by holding several food collection events during the year.

### **Summary**

DD and / or DW are in attendance at every council business meeting where State Deputy’s message is delivered as well as other important council and district information. DD and DW have established a good working relationship with council leadership. 4 district meetings are held during the year following Leadership, Fall Meeting, Midterm, and Spring Meetings. 10957 will make Star Council again this year. DD attends as many important council events as possible.

### **Conclusion**

District 1 is alive and well and will continue to serve our parishes, families, and communities through our FIA programs and by “**Crying the Gospel with Our Lives**”

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mickey Dillow, District Deputy #1

## St. Mary's Council, No. 1470

Steven Tomaszewski, Grand Knight

Council 1470, chartered on April 24, 1910, meets the last Thursday of the month for our Planning meeting, the first Thursday of the month for our Council meeting. Meetings are conducted at our Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, MD., 20650 (PO Box 152). Meetings begin at 7 PM. All Council members are invited to attend both meetings. Our streams of charitable income flow from weekly BINGO games (~85 patrons/wk) at Father Andrew White School (FAWS) and our Knights Hall rental under the management of Club Inc. On Sunday, August 13, 2023, the officers and directors of St. Mary's Council 1470 were installed at St Aloysius Church following the 11 AM Holy Mass. The Worthy State Warden, District Warden and District Deputy officiated. A reception for all Council members and guests was held at the Avenmar community center immediately following the installation.

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: Christopher McDaniel, Deputy Grand Knight

FAITH ACTIVITIES: Deacon Joseph Vavrus

COMMUNITY: James Hoffman, Past Grand Knight

FAMILY and LIFE: Positions remain vacant so far this Fraternal year (Jul 23-Mar 24)

WARDEN: Remains vacant since November 2023 due to member's work schedule change

RECORDER: Remains vacant since October 2023 due to member's personal reasons

Repetitive Events: Red Cross Blood Drive every quarter (10 to date) at Knights Hall; Eucharistic guardians and Holy Mass ushers every week; Member, Board of Directors, "Christmas in April"

- **JULY:** Semiannual 1470 Financial Audit successfully conducted; District Deputy & PGK Stellway met with Fr. Kevin Hart (Sacred Heart/Holy Angels). Fr. Hart transfers KofC membership to 1470 and accepts role as Associate Chaplain; GK met with Principal Janet Szoch, FAW. "How can we help as your partner"; Worked in coordination with FAW to refurbish/replace aged gym cabinets and consolidate data wiring in gym; Exemplification of new KofC member conducted at St Aloysius
- **AUGUST:** Annual Council Family Picnic held. Over 70 attendees including Worthy State Deputy; Participated in 10<sup>th</sup> annual SMCR Solomons Island Dragon Boat Festival
- **SEPTEMBER:** Southern Maryland Roots' High School Pilgrimage to Saint Clements Island. Provided "Living Rosary" and Pilgrimage volunteers; Provided Knights Hall for Catholic Homeschooling Parents to use Wednesdays for 1.5 hours through May 2024. In coordination with local attorneys, teaching our children how the judicial system works; Annual "Ride For Vocations." Provided a hydration/energy Rest Stop at FAWS
- **OCTOBER:** Led by Council Chaplain, supported & participated in Center for Life Enrichment and Special Olympics, MD 30<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament; Purchased and presented chasubles to one of our seminarians being ordained in 2024; Attended a "White Mass" for deaf & disabled Catholics at Saint Rose of Lima church in Gaithersburg. ~ 300 attendees. The next "White Mass" will be at St Aloysius in Leonardtown in 2024; Hosted Annual Council Fall Dinner; Donated 37 supplemental paperback dictionaries for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade FAW students
- **NOVEMBER:** Participated in St. Vincent De Paul "Friends of the Poor Walk;" A Memorial Mass (1470 Necrology) conducted at St Aloysius. 134 1470 members were acknowledged and remembered; Attended 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans of Helen Veterans Day Observance program; Delta Drive for new KofC membership conducted at St. Aloysius masses November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>; Supported Sisters of Charity fundraising event to benefit Camp Maria Retreat Center; OLC

Medley's Neck "Cemetery Tour". This family friendly event let participants meet Saints and martyrs who "came to life" to reflect on the important truths of the "Last Things."

- **DECEMBER:** "Boxes of Joy" program: Coordinated participation with St. Aloysius, Mother Catherine, Our Lady's Church, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, FAW, Chesterton Academy. 469 Boxes collected; St Aloysius Nativity Scene set up & breakdown.; Council & Family Christmas parties held; "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, 413 entries from our Catholic elementary schools; provided new Chasubles for Deacon (soon to be Navy chaplain) Chris Feist; "Sensory Friendly" Mass held at St Aloysius. Served as ushers, provided Boy Scout representation; Supported the re-institution of the St Aloysius parish hall Christmas dinner; Initiated FAWS scholarship funding in honor of former educator/principal Linda Maloney; Basketball free-throw contest participant
- **JANUARY:** SK Captain Doug Burfield, USN, assumed command of NAS Patuxent River; Supported transportation for the Washington, D.C. March for Life; Participated in Project Warm at Holy Angels Parish Hall providing a variety of nutritious meals for our guests; Wake & funeral services for 1470 PGK Robert "Fuzz" Long. PGK Fuller led attending Knights in a Decade of the Rosary; RSVP program, 4 seminarians supported
- **FEBRUARY:** Annual Priest Appreciation dinner held. 9 of 13 PGKs attended. Charitable contributions to clergy, each parish DRE and Building Maintenance funds (St Aloysius, Holy Angels, Sacred Heart, Our Lady's Church at Medleys Neck); Jody Cacko, FAWS educator, selected as KofC Maryland State Council's "*Catholic Teacher of the Year*," honored at the Founder's Day Mass and Awards dinner; 1470's MD State Council "People of the Year" nominees: Kacie Fleck: Faith Formation Teacher of Year (St Aloysius), Det Michael Labanoski, Sr.: St Mary's County Police Officer of Year, Captain Frank Cone: Federal Police Officer of the Year (NAS Patuxent River); Charitable contributions presented to Hospice of St. Mary's, Camp Maria renovations, CareNet, vestments for deacons, Warrior Canine Connection, Chesterton Academy, Mother Catherine Academy; Knights Hall Renovation plans prioritized and funds identified
- **MARCH:** Southern Maryland Roots (SMR) "The Journey" High School Pilgrimage to St. Clement's Island, MD. Local parishes unable to host an event of this scale. 1470 coordinated correspondence with SMR to the Archdiocese requesting guidance and support to continue conducting the Pilgrimage. 1470 provides volunteers and the "Living Rosary" at the Pilgrimage; Served as St Aloysius "Greeters" at the "Adoration & Praise and Worship" Event; Investigating potential of supporting a "Safe Haven" drop box
- **APRIL:** attended 125th anniversary banquet of MD State Council; Exemplification conducted for a new Knight; Delta drives conducted
- **MAY:** Attended MD State KofC convention in Annapolis, MD
- **JUNE:** Council audit conducted; Installation of Council officers

**CONCLUSION:** A productive Fraternal year for our Council. This GK is grateful for the support received from his Chaplain, Trustees and nine active PGKs. I am especially blessed with our "core vanguard" of Knights who execute the majority of charitable work we endeavor to perform. "BRAVO ZULU" to all Knights, their Ladies & families who propose, organize, work, attend and coordinate our events. Without this Team effort my wife Liz and I would not have been able to navigate, evaluate and support the ever-growing list of deserving, Catholic programs and events in our parish community.

## **St, John Francis Regis, SJ Council, No. 7914**

### **Grand Knight Dorian A. Tavarez**

Council 7914 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1900 at St. John Francis Regis rectory basement. On August 27, 2022, the council celebrated the installation of officers with a mass at St. John Francis Regis Church in Hollywood, Maryland. Following the installation and mass, dinner was served to approximately sixty people.

This year several of our brothers were called home to be with our Lord and Father. On November 11, 2023, the council acknowledged our fallen members with our Necrology mass.

### **Program Director – SK Michael Little**

### **Faith Activities Chairman – Angelus Tavarez**

The Council supports the parish by keeping a grounds crew, that not only maintains the church grounds, but also the cemetery, playground, and sports fields. The Parish estimates the Church avoids \$150,000 per year by our service.

At the start of each Advent season, the council erects the Parish's outdoor Christmas creche and wooden stable that displays the major figures and animals. Immediately following the outdoor creche assembly, we turn to setting up Christmas decorations in the Church. Following the decorations, the council setups for the parish Christmas party with one of our own as Saint Nicholas. Our brother knights continue to support the creation of rosaries for our first communion parishioners.

Our brother knights lead the daily morning rosary following the 7 am mass. The council has scheduled a parish family holy hour of adoration on August 17, 2023 and December 21, 2023. Finally, we have multiple Knights on the Liturgical Committee and Parish Councils, and our Council continues to dominate the list of ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and sacristan.

### **Community Activities Chairman – Tom Koviak**

The council started the year of by supporting the parish's outdoor picnic at Camp Maria Retreat Center. Beginning fall, the council served its annual "Ice Cream Social" to kick off the new school year. Our brothers served ice cream and assorted toppings to school students, teachers, and staff. The council supported the coats for kids and donated them to the Lexington Park veteran homeless center. With the help of the parish and school, our council donated 85 boxes to the Catholic Outreach Box of Joy program.

In addition, the council continued to serve its monthly community breakfast on the first Sunday of each month beginning in September throughout the remaining school year. A good

crowd attended our Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper; with over 140 pounds of link sausage and countless pancakes served. Our council hosted the district and council free throw contest. A great turnout by the districts saw 17 girls and 21 boys take part in the event.

### **Family Activities Chairman – Michael Little**

The council kicks off the year with its monthly donut social. In addition, we have family of the month throughout year. This year two of our families of the month won state recognition. We worked closely with the school and the religious education coordinator to receive the keep Christ in Christmas posters. Our annual car show was a remarkable success.

Our brothers helped with the father and daughter dance, an event where the young ladies dress up and dance with their fathers. Getting ready for our annual RCIA dinner Easter, first time since the pandemic.

### **Life Activities Chairman – Rich Schwartz**

Some of our brothers took part in the March for Life in Washington DC. In addition, the Novena for Life was prayed in January. In January, our brothers conducted daily rosary for the unborn. In February, our council hosted the CareNet Pregnancy Center Social along with the Heritage Girls. Together, we raised over \$2500 dollars in goods and cash to support the center.

### **Conclusion**

The Grand Knight thanks all the Council Officers, the Program Chairmen, brothers of the council, and our families for their terrific support. A special thanks to my wife Mariam and my sons. Angelus and Elijah for supporting with efforts. It is a true team effort to conduct some of these activities. I want to thank the District Deputy, fellow District Grand Knights and the State Officers for their guidance and support.



Immaculate Conception Council, No. 8159  
Leo H. Hoffman, II, Grand Knight

Life

12 Brother Knights served breakfast after all 3 Masses to 200+ people. Raised \$650 for During the breakfast fundraiser. Less expenses, \$415 sent to Sonogram Machine Program.

Family

An idea for the holy Catholic family in imitation of the Holy Family where Catholic parents and children come to the Church Hall and use basic woodworking tools, like handsaws, like Jesus and St. Joseph, for small projects. Also make pan bread etc. like Mother Mary, and cord Mission Rosary making. Nominated brother Knights and their families for Family of the Month program. Participated in Keeping Christ in Christmas Program with our Parish Faith Formation Classes.

Faith

Made 1,300 Immaculate Mother Mary's Chaplets of 14 Virtues. Gave away 300, 200 to Fr. Tietjen for Faith Formation. Got approval/permission from Cardinal Gregory to pray it. Made a Chaplet of Virtues CD and a YouTube prayer video "the Fellowship of Virtues" including Mary's 7 Sorrows Devotion.

10 Knights served breakfast after 3 Sunday Masses to 100 people to support Seminarian. Made and gave 1,800 Mission Rosaries to Missionaries. Made and gave 100 Rosaries in Loving Memory of Mary Ann Bean, and 100 in Loving Memory of Bobby Abell. Made and gave away 140 July 4 Rosaries at 2 Masses July 4. Made and gave away 300 St. Joseph's Chaplets at the 4 pm and 11 am Masses at Immaculate Conception Church. Made and gave 50 Rosaries in Loving Memory of Lucy Ramos. Made and gave 140 Rosaries in Loving Memory of George Hall.

Mother Mary visited me in 4 dreams beginning 10/31/2020 when she gave me a Chaplet of 14 Virtues. She visited me on 8/30/2022 giving me a Miraculous Medal Chaplet for Life which has 5 Hail Marys for each of the 5 Joyful Mysteries. My wife made 2. We prayed them for mothers & unborn babies. Made and gave away 42 Miraculous Medal Chaplets for Life to 42 pilgrims from Baltimore. Made and gave away 27 more Chaplets for Life. 5 Knights have prayed it after the Business Meeting.

Community

Basketball Free Throw Championship: Recruiting & Invitation opportunities were mentioned at the end of the event. Worked with Mother Catherine Academy staff to hold the event after a basketball practice. This helped bring out more children and parents. Council Church Drive: Handed out 200 business cards at 3 Masses and spoke from the ambo. Parish Picnic Bon Fire: 40 parishioners, 7 Knights. Ride for Vocations Rest Stop: 2 Knights organized, set up and manned. Boxes of Joy. 8 Knights packed 32 Boxes of Joy. Council Christmas Party. 8 families. Presents given to 5 children. Dave Skarwecki collected money at 3 locations to support local Missions. 11 Knights served breakfast after 3 Sunday Masses to 200 people. Dave Skarwecki collected \$430.

Pig Roast: 11 Knights and 9 volunteers made and distributed meals and raised \$4,500.

Helped coordinate, plan the Parish participation in the WARM program which ran from Dec 10-17, 2023.

Continuing the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cor Men's Group. Several Knights are in attendance at meetings.

Motto and Principle:

*Cor ad cor loquitur*, Latin: Heart speaks to heart (SK Patrick Kelly initiative)

Implies 3 conversations: God's heart speaks to our hearts, our hearts speak to one another's hearts, our hearts speak to God's heart – heart to heart with God and one another.

Vision:

1. Bring spiritual healing and hope to people across the United States of America.
2. Encourage men and fathers with lessons about Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Saints.
3. Help loved ones to return to the Catholic Church.
4. Deepen personal devotion to the Sacraments.

Mission:

Local Social Outreach.

Locally, in our community, to encounter and keep men Catholic in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, engaging the culture by living our Catholic faith, pursuing and proclaiming the Sacraments, promoting virtue, rescuing the spiritually wounded, and binding wounds; cf. 1 Peter 2:24:

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Received approval for and permission to pray and propagate 5 New Marian Chaplets.

1. *Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan from Heaven* Prayer Chaplet (prayed on a Rosary) (The Fatima Peace Chaplet)
2. The Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary Chaplet for Healing and Recovery (The Healing and Recovery Chaplet)
3. Holy Family Amoris Laetitia (*Joy of Love*) Chaplet (*Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325*) (The Joy of Love Chaplet)
4. Miraculous Medal Chaplet for Life (*5 Joyful Mysteries*) (The Chaplet for Life)
5. St. Michael the Archangel Spiritual Battle Chaplet (*5 Luminous Mysteries*) (The Spiritual Battle Chaplet) VJ

Made and gave 1,800 Rosaries to world missions via Ms. Mary Ann Lynch, a retired TWA flight attendant, who, since 1995, has sent 10,000,000 mission Rosaries around the world.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL, No. 10957**  
**GRAND KNIGHT SK MARK ALAN COONTZ JR**

Our council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. The Council General Membership meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month while the Officers' Planning meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday.

The 2023-2024 officers of St. Francis Xavier Council were installed at a special council meeting. Our Grand Knight, SK Mark Coontz, thanked the 2022-2023 officers for their efforts during the previous fraternal year which resulted in the council earning the prestigious Star Award.

**Program Director – SK Herbert W. Male**

SK Herbert W. Male in his role as Program Director for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. In addition to acting as Program Director, he also was the past Grand Knight. Herbert has done an outstanding job organizing and leading our programs and is an invaluable asset to our council.

**Faith Activities - SK Paul Roman**

SK Jim Howe organized the recitation of the Rosary at daily Mass and also leads its recitation on the first and fifth Sundays of the month. The Knights assisted with the church's upkeep to include the parish hall, rectory, church grounds, and cemetery. From August 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, the Knights recited a novena for Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. In September, the council assisted the parish CCD team by sponsoring a Living Rosary as a kickoff to the 2023-2024 academic year. At the conclusion of the Living Rosary, the Knights held an ice cream social for the students in the church hall.

**Family Activities Chairman: SK John Breck**

Again, this year, the council continued to recognize parish families through our Family of the Month program. The council also supported the Food for Families program by collecting and distributing non-perishable foods for the local food pantries. In August, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a family fishing derby and picnic at St. Clements Shore. In December, the Knights set up a Nativity Scene in the courtyard and also assisted in decorating the church for the Christmas season. Our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest was well received this year, and we presented awards to each of the first-place age-group winners. The council also held a memorial Mass and recognized all our deceased Knights and wives.

**Community Activities Chairman - James Morgan, PGK**

The council held its annual children's Easter egg hunt on March 30, 2024 at St. Francis Xavier Church. In early September, we supported the annual parish picnic by providing parking assistance, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and providing set-up and tear down activities. In October, the Knights sponsored an Oktoberfest dinner in the church hall after the Saturday, 4 PM Mass. In November, the council supported the annual Christmas Bazaar by providing parking assistance and set up and tear down activities. The council also provided gift cards to less-fortunate parishioners to purchase food for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We also collected 90 Boxes of Joy for less-fortunate children in Central and South America. In February, the council sponsored eight participants for the Knights of Columbus free throw contest crowning six council and two district champions.

### **Life Activities Chairman: SK Michael Holton, PGK, Trustee**

In September 2024, the council held our annual charity golf tournament at Breton Bay Golf Club. The proceeds were distributed to Care Net of Southern Maryland, Special Olympics and other local charities. Our council also sponsored a parish-wide novena, 9 Days for Life, from 19 to 27 January. Flyers, handouts of the daily prayers/reflections, and registration were distributed by the Knights. The novena was recited after daily Mass. Those who could not attend Mass participated remotely.

### **Membership Director - SK James Berned, Jr, PGK,**

Our council conducted two church drives during all weekend Masses on the first weekend in November and the first weekend in March. Council members provided the congregation an overview of the council's contributions at each Mass. We also participated in a benefits seminar in the fall and one this spring. The council also conducted two Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplifications last year and this year welcomed 7 Knights into our council.

### **Planned Activities**

In February and March 2024, we held a Lenten fish fry and an Easter egg hunt for the children of the parish. We are also planning to provide volunteers for the Special Olympics spring games on April 04th and supporting the local Christmas in April event in April. The council will again provide Mother's and Father's Day carnations and will host a Mother's Day breakfast. In addition, the council will participate in the Baby Bottle Blitz to raise money for Care Net, our local pregnancy center.

### **Conclusion**

Our council has had a very busy fraternal year. The support from our Knights and their families has been outstanding. We would not be able to accomplish our many programs without their support. I'd like to especially recognize the efforts of two of our members, our Warden, George A. Morgan Sr. and our Financial Secretary, SK James L. Howe Jr. Without their tireless efforts, our council would not be nearly as effective. Our District Deputy, SK Mickey Dillow, and our District Warden, SK Dan Greenwell, have also provided invaluable guidance and encouragement. Together, our council will continue to lead, serve others, be solid defenders of our faith and make a difference in our parish and community.

## **Our Lady of the Wayside Council 16986**

### **Grand Knight – James Dorsey**

Council 16986 meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Loretto Hall which is our Council home. We will be celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> year as a council on April 10, 2024. Our council celebrated the installation of Officers on August 27, 2023 following the 11:00am mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church located in Chaptico, MD. We held a light social gathering after the Installation along with their family and friends in attendance.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR- SK JAMES DORSEY**

**FAITH - JAMES SUMMERS (DEACON)**

This program has been supported well as we have had the privilege of having a Deacon as a council member. James became a Deacon on June 3, 2023 and was assigned to our parish. Deacon Jim was assigned to work with the special needs group locally in the county. A couple of members that serve as ushers and Eucharistic ministers of holy communion. There are a couple of members that attend Holy Hour each week and we have a member that takes part in the Living Rosary. Our council had the St Joseph's icon on display at our Church one week during May 2023. We had several members participate in manning a rest stop for the rides for Vocation that was held September 30, 2023. Our council held the Delta Church Drives, April 15<sup>h</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 and again October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. From the October Delta Drive, we managed to get a new member.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES-RONALD PHETTEPLACE**

During this activity, our council has performed numerous activities. There were a couple of weekends that we served coffee and donuts for our parishioners. We held 2 Krispy Kreme donut sale weekends. Our council held a pulled pork barbecue drive through May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023. This event was a great success. Our council handed out Carnations to the moms on Mothers Day May 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. We held a breakfast with Santa in December that was a very good event, and we had a great turnout. Several of our members participated in our parish Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and the parish fish fry dinner.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – ERICK HOFFMAN**

Our council and their families participated in numerous activities held at our parish, assisting with the donuts and coffee weekends along with the selling of Krispy Kreme donuts. Our members along with members of the Ladies Auxiliary support events that take place. Families also participate in events and activities that are held thru the CCD program that are held during the Holidays particularly Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## **LIFE ACTIVITIES – STEVE ESTEVEZ**

For this program, each of our families come together and support each other's families and our parish Priest. We come together to pray for families in need of prayer, for the sick and suffering and any family dealing with things that may be unexpected. Our Deacon also work with the special needs for some of these activities.

## **CONCLUSION**

I would like to thank each member and each officer for a good and productive year. We were able to get a new member in January of 2024 and are looking forward to getting a few more in the coming year. Thanks to our parish pastor, our parish families and community for supporting our council. Also, a thank you to our Ladies Auxiliary for their help and support. We are looking for another good and productive year.

**Fraternally,**  
James Dorsey  
Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

## District 2



**Matt Warehime**  
**District Deputy**

**Rob Farrell**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2577, 9302, 12254, 14455**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates  
126 Annual State Convention,  
Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 2 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The councils and their Grand Knights are:

Sacred Heart Council No. 2577  
St. Mary of the Assumption Council No. 9302  
Father Peter C. Boyle Council No. 12254  
Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Tim Fitzmaurice  
David L. Boon  
Karl Caton  
Ansu Sawi Momoh

I would like to thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to all the Councils on their many and varied programs and events during a most successful year.

I also thank Sacred Heart, Peter Boyle, Father Michael C. Kidd, and St. Mary's of the Assumption Councils which held Exemplifications of new members for bringing in new members. Thank you, gentlemen, for your friendship and support.

Thank you to District Warden Rob Farrell for his dedication, assistance and advice these past few months.

Thank you to Former District Deputy Michael Turner for his dedication, assistance and advice these past 2 years.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairman, congratulations on a most successful year of excellent programs which made my job easier.

To State Deputy, Christopher L. Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a rewarding experience. Your interactive training was fantastic and much appreciated.

Last but not least I thank my family especially my wife, Cherie, for her understanding, support and patience, and for being at my side during State, District and Council functions.

Matthew J. Warehime  
District Deputy



## **Sacred Heart Council 2577**

### **Grand Knight Tim Fitzmaurice**

Sacred Heart Council was established in 1925 and will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025. The Council supports four parishes: three in Bowie - Sacred Heart, St. Pius X, St. Edward the Confessor, and one in Crofton – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and serves two grade schools: St. Pius X and School of the Incarnation. The Council has approximately 550 members with ages from the 20s through the 90s. The Council meets at its Home Corporation, Boswell Hall, named in honor of PGK Charles Boswell who was murdered at the hall by a robber. The fraternal year started with the Installation of Officers at Sacred Heart parish with mass conducted by Chaplain Rev. Michael Russo.

#### **Faith Activities – chair GK Tim Fitzmaurice**

Monthly First Friday masses held at Sacred Heart Chapel by Council Chaplain Rev. Michael Russo. Laying of flowers and remembrance of deceased Knights of Council 2577 in historic Sacred Heart Cemetery, including first Grand Knight of the Council, All Souls Memorial mass for deceased Brother Knights, followed by reading of the necrology in which the name of every deceased brother Knight from founding of the Council in 1925 through the present is read. October month of the rosary Living Rosary, in which approximately 50 Knights and family members hold a rosary so large it has to be conducted in the Council Hall ballroom. Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Attendance at deceased Knights' wakes with recitation of the rosary.

#### **Family Activities – chair PGK Romeo Paternoster**

- Children's Halloween Party, approximately 200 children and parents/grandparents participate in this outdoor event that includes games, trunk or treat, and costume contests.
- First Friday family dinners.
- St. Patrick's Day party

#### **Community Activities – chair PGK Rob Farrell**

- Soccer Shootout conducted at St. Pius X grade school.
- Free throw Competition conducted at City of Bowie Gym
- Blood Drives held at the Council Hall
- Coats for Kids / Box of Joy
- Cross Catholic Food Packing Event – over 50,000 meals packed and prepared
- Law Enforcement / First Responders / Catholic Teachers Recognition Dinner

#### **Life – PGK Rob Van Rite**

Participation at the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. and Maryland March for Life in Annapolis. Charitable donations to Gabriel Network.

**Veterans – chair PGK Mike Mitchell**

- Christmas gift drive for military families.
- Representing the Knights of Columbus by laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Vietnam veteran, Purple Heart recipient, and U.S. Veterans Appeals Judge Jack Farley (Sacred Heart parishioner) gave a presentation on disabled veterans.

**Golf and Bowling leagues / Golf Tournament – Chair Rob Van Rite**

**Bingo – chairs Steve Dobrosielski and Joe Massimini**

- Weekly bingo at Council hall, primary source for charitable contributions.

**University of Maryland Catholic Student Center – chairs Tim Fitzmaurice / Rob Van Rite**

- Prepare dinner for over 200 Catholic Terps (twice a year)

**Charities**

- Our four parishes; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg; St. Pius X and School of the Incarnation grade schools; University of Maryland Catholic Center; Little Sisters of the Poor; Maui Disaster Relief; seminarians and religious sisters; Bowie/Crofton Senior Citizens.

I thank all Knights of Council 2577 for their sacrifice of time, energy and resources to the betterment of our local parishes, schools, and community.

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION COUNCIL, No. 9302**  
**GRAND KNIGHT DAVID L. BOON**

St. Mary of the Assumption Council No. 9302 was Instituted April 29, 1986 as the 75th Council of the Knights of Columbus in Maryland. Our council has been blessed with outstanding and devoted members, Pastor and Deacon.

St. Mary of The Assumption Council 9302 meets on the first Monday of each month. The meetings are virtual. The meetings are divided into 2 sections, Officer and Committee. The Officer's meetings are at 7:00PM and the council meetings are at 7:30PM.

**FAITH ACTIVITIES**

The council has accomplished RSVPs for the fraternal year, accomplished 2 membership drives, in attendance for several Holy Hours/Adoration and for Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary online and hosted a Living Rosary at the St. Mary's Church. Some Knights are active in the church serving as Lectors and Ushers.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

The council presented Family of the Month certificates for the fraternal year and won MD State Family of the Year 2023. Collaborated with District 2's councils 14455 and 2577 for Virtual Benefit Night, hosted Food for Families for the fraternal year, preparing breakfast for families and preparing food boxes for takeout. Also supported a fellow parishioner with transportation to local hospital and rehabilitation center.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

The council hosted Shrove Tuesday; donations were \$91.00. 2 Fish Fry; donations were \$3,834.00. St. Mary's School Open House; donations were \$91.00. Accomplished 128 Boxes of Joy; check to Cross Catholic OutReach for \$1,329.00. Supported St. Mary's Parish Picnic and hosted an Ice Cream Social on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 2 council members were in attendance at the Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day Food Packing Event. At this event, 50,130 Vita food meals was prepared and council donated \$245.00. Council sold \$1,520.00 worth of Incentive Raffle Tickets. Hosted a Salute To Veterans program with a military priest, 4th Degree Honor Guards, bugler and veteran lectures. Council members supported setting up the St. Mary church Nativity scene in front of church, and supported the District 2 Soccer Shootout for 2.5 hours. Grand Knight volunteered 5 hours at the District 2 Basketball Free Throw Competition at Bowie Gym, also volunteered 3 hours at the State Basketball Free Throw Competition at St. Vincent Pallotti High School. Council members helped neighbors raking leaves and shelving snow. Council members attended Bowie Baysox baseball game and Worthy Dale Trott restriped St. Mary's church parking lot.

## **LIFE ACTIVITES**

The council donated \$105.00 to the Gabriel Network Bottle Campaign, supported the Forestville Pregnancy with food and clothes. The council tootsie rolls program wrote a check to Special Olympics in the value of \$1,139.55. Members participated in the March for Life and Deacon Klco hosted a special adoration for those who could not attend the March for Life.

## **CONCLUSION**

Our council has had a very busy but rewarding fraternal year. The support from our Knights, their families, our Parishioners, Pastors and Deacons has been outstanding. Their support was instrumental to our ability to accomplish our many programs and activities. I'd like to especially recognize the efforts of all the Knights whose guidance, advice and willingness to continue a high level of support to the Council are key to our continued success. The council will continue with planned activities such as Fish Fry, membership drives, and Food for Families and will continue to serve others, effectively defend the faith and make a difference in our parish and community.

David L. Boon  
Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

**Peter C, Boyle Council 12254**  
**Grand Knight Karl Caton**

12254 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month,  
7:00pm at Bates Hall Ascensions Catholic Church 12700  
Lanham-Severn Rd. Bowie, MD 20715

The council was established in 1998, with nearly 100 current members. Meetings were held virtually and in person by almost 15 members and officers regularly.

Our fraternal year begun with the Installation of Officers in August 2023. The Grand Knight attended the Grand Knights Seminar and the council. We supported a youth retreat and are serving Church Breakfasts throughout the year. The council serves Church Breakfast 6 times a year on the last Sunday of the month.

Fr. Peter C. Boyle Council 12254 supports the Annual Maryland State Raffle.

Through the efforts of our officers our council support the Bowie community festival with 8 members volunteering to help. Our Council Always in support of our Pastor Farther Timothy Daniel and our family of the Month at the Church Picnic.

In remembrance of those parishioners the Knights Stand and Honor of those who have passed. The Knight serves as Usher and guards at the Sunday services, Eucharistic ministers, and as a CCD Teachers. The CCD classes and Teachers are always served at the Church Breakfast.

Our members and Officers Families would like to thank the parishioners of Ascensions for all the fun, love and blessing shared. Congratulations to Fr. Tim Daniel for his appointment to the parish and all the church organizations that help to make the congregation a family.

**PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY & EVERYONE IN THE WORLD**

## **Father Michael C Kidd Council, No. 14455**

### **Book of Reports**

**Ansu Sawi Momoh Grand Knight**

**Roy COBO Deputy Grand Knight**

**Chaplain Fr. Joseph Jenkins**

**Deacon Brian Payne (Assistant)**

The purpose of this Council is to support the universal and local Church, as well as build strong family ties and community support through our Faith in Action service programs.

Fr. Michael c Kidd Council has 85 active members and meets every first and third Monday of each Month. Our council has been meeting (virtually) via Zoom, for our office meetings and hybrid for our membership meetings which we have found very helpful for our senior members to attend meetings, who are more comfortable at home. Physical and social activities are provided for those brothers who attend in person. The council meets on the first and third Monday of each month.

This fraternal year has been very productive compared to last. We are very excited about the number of projects we were able to support. Because of the continued generosity of our perishers coupled with an enhanced fundraising initiative, our Council managed to move forward with some of our planned activities highlighted here.

The Council looks forward to a new fraternal year where they plan to exemplify the most coveted of all virtues charity. The Council plans to hold many events to support the different charitable needs of the parish and community that surrounds it.

## District 3



**Harold F. Sanders, Jr.**  
**District Deputy**

**Charles I. Briscoe**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2809, 5381, 10046, 10885, 11422, 18156**



# Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council District #3



Harold F. Sanders, Jr.  
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Worthy State Deputy, Officers, and Delegates,  
126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

District #3 Councils and their Grand Knights are as follows:

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|---|----------------------|
| • Prince Georges Council 2809               | GK Paul W. Wood      |
| • Mother Seton Council 5381                 | GK Kenneth Osuji     |
| • St Mary's of Landover Hills Council 10046 | GK Sylvester Okeleke |
| • St Hugh Council 10885                     | GK Brian T. Mangino  |
| • James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422       | GK Ashiboe B. Mensah |
| • Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council 18156      | GK Frank Boccovi     |

I wish to thank all the councils within my District for the cooperation, hospitality and support that has been shown to me and my District Warden this fraternal year. My councils have had a busy and fulfilling year participating in many of our Order's Faith in Action programs. They followed the legacy of Blessed Michael McGivney by working tirelessly to support their parishes and community. The Grand Knights, with the support of their officers, have shown outstanding leadership as they guided their councils through a successful fraternal year. The council Exemplification teams ensured the majority of their new Brothers were exemplified in person.

The councils were blessed to have the leadership and spiritual guidance of their Chaplains.

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| • Prince Georges Council 2809               | Msgr. Joaquin A Bazan          |
| • Mother Seton Council 5381                 | Rev. Avelino A Gonzalez Ferrer |
| • St Mary's of Landover Hills Council 10046 | Rev. Mario Majano              |
| • St Hugh Council 10885                     | Rev. Walter J Tappe            |
| • James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422       | Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell Jr.  |
| • Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council 18156      | Rev. Barthelemy Bazemo         |

I thank the Lady Auxiliaries for their unwavering support to their councils, their parishes and the community.

I thank my District Warden, Charles I. Briscoe, for his support, assistance, dedication and advice during this fraternal year.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on another successful year.

To State Deputy, Christopher L. Powers, thank you for your leadership, support and the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been an extremely rewarding experience.

Finally, I thank my wife Alicia for her love, understanding and support while I fulfilled my duties as District Deputy. She has been my rock these past two years.

Harold F. Sanders, Jr.

*Harold F. Sanders, Jr.*

District Deputy



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNCIL, No. 2809

## Book of Reports

Grand Knight Paul W. Wood Jr.

Prince George's Council turned 83 this year of 2024. Our council has been blessed with a large membership actively involved in Council sponsored activities from our current three supported parishes of Saint Joseph's, Holy Redeemer and Saint James. The Council House and grounds facilitate the hosting of many family and community events.

**Faith - Jose Rivera.** At the request of Father Rob Maro of Saint Joseph, the Council arranged for the hosting of the Saint Joseph's icon for the morning masses, Thursday and Friday, 2-4 January 2024. Jose Rivera procured 60 coats through Knights Online and passed them out in our supported parishes assisted by 12 program participants.

**Community - John Foley and Arnie Powell.** Our community program centered on a Redcross blood drive every two months and a food Share program held every month. The blood drive is always hosted at the Council House and is listed on the Red Cross website for appointments. Between 20-35 donors are thus received. The Food share program is a farm-to-table discounted delivery of fresh foodstuffs to the Council House. Pre-ordered, these deliveries are then made available to families on a Saturday morning of every month. The Council also hosted the Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish (STA) High School Youth Group from Derry, NH, during their mission trip to serve the hungry at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington, DC, during the week of July 10th.

**Family - Tim Kiefflein.** The Council provided a range of activities to support families and family friendly activities. The childrens' focused events this year included an Easter Egg hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Breakfast with Santa. A marriage renewal mass was also held at the Council House on February 18, 2024, with Monseigneur Bazan and an early morning family mass was held with Father Rob Maro for families in Our Lady of Mary's Grotto behind the Council House before the beginning of the Mini Swim Meet for 10 & under children. The swim meet was hosted by the Council for the PGMONT swim league on July 16th, 2023. An estimated 300 children participated.

**Seniors - Dick Bissell.** Our seniors group met periodically for lunches and other social activities. A widow's luncheon was held in April.

**Life - Frank Hunter.** Prayers were routinely held at a lawful distance from a local abortion provider. Led by Frank Hunter the group of varying volunteers prayed for the unborn and for the women and girls in need of assistance. Additionally, several Tootsie Roll fundraisers were held during the month of November at the Council's three supported parishes (Holy Redeemer, Saint Joseph, and Saint Jerome) as well as two University of Maryland home football games to raise funds for the James E. Duckworth Regional School for special needs children. The council also sponsored an annual car show and the 10th Annual POINT 1 Race to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics. Adam Adamczyk received sponsorship while participating in the annual Polar Bear Plunge to raise additional funds for the Maryland Special Olympics.

I thank all who have supported us in our Council activities.

Vivat Jesus,

Paul W. Wood Jr  
Grand Knight  
Council 2809

## **MOTHER SETON COUNCIL, No. 5381**

### **Book of Reports**

### **GRAND KNIGHT Kenneth Osuji**

Our council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Hughes Center, St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church, 9475 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland at 8:00 p.m.

Mother Seton Council celebrated its 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary on January 8, 2024. Our parish home, Saint Matthias Apostle Church celebrated the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the church on February 25, 2024.

#### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Ike Udejiofor, Deputy Grand Knight**

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – Don Aitcheson, PGK**

Mother Seton Council members serve the parish as ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, sacristan, choir members and most ministries in the church. The installation of the new officers for fraternal year took place on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Saint Matthias Church. The Mass was celebrated by our Chaplain Father Avelino Gonzalez, assisted by Deacon Alton Davis, our assistant to the Chaplain. On October 1, 2023 several members participated as ushers in the Annual Seas Services Mass at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. This is a 30+ year tradition. Led by Deacon Davis, The Council continues to host a monthly Knight's Zoom Rosary prayer meeting open to all members, parishioners and friends. This event started during the pandemic and continues to grow with strong participation of the Ladies of Charity and other parishioners.

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Sylvester Ikpi, PGK, PFN**

The Council continued its tradition of participation in the Family of the Month program. Our annual Christmas Party continues to be a holiday celebration for our families, but especially our widows.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Aneurin M'Carthy**

The efforts of the Council paid off generously with member and volunteer participation in our annual fundraising activities at FedEx Field. PGK Emmanuel Sony Ajayi chairs the council's effort as volunteers operating concessions at FedEx Field for Washington Commanders Football games and other events. This effort provides the finances for the Council Scholarship fund and gives the opportunity for Knights of the council to provide over 1000 hours of community service annually. This year the Council provided approximately \$20,000 to students attending our local parish school and area Catholic high schools. The Council also provided a donation of \$1000 to Stewards of Hope Foundation, Incorporated led by Father Canice Enyiaka our Associate Chaplain. This is a wheelchair program that supports disabled individuals in Nigeria. We were also able to make generous donations to Bishop Walsh Assembly and the Ladies of Charity to help with defraying the costs of running the parish food pantry. Special thanks also go to Bob Worthington,

PGK, PFN, FDD, Charles Briscoe DW, PGK, PFN and Don Aitcheson, PGK who are team leaders for the FedEx activities.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES – James Kalshoven, PGK**

Council members partnered with neighboring Councils to support the National Right to Life March that was held in Washington, DC and the State of Maryland March was held in Annapolis. The Council provided support for the local pregnancy center by providing baby items and products. Thanks to PGK Aneurin M'Carthy, DW Charles Briscoe for their support in this endeavor.

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Emmanuel S. Ajayi, PGK**

Membership growth was a continued priority this year and our Membership Director Emmanuel Ajayi, PGK and our Financial Secretary Don Aitcheson, PGK did an outstanding job in organizing the degree process. The Council was the proud recipient of the Star Council Award for FY 22-23 under the leadership of PGK Aneurin M'Carthy. We are poised to repeat this feat as our membership goals are well within our reach.

### **CONCLUSION**

The fraternal year was a tremendous success. Our meeting attendance numbers were up, we continue to recruit younger men to the Council with hope of maintaining our energy and vibrancy. We held a very successful, sold out 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala event on May 20, 2023. This was great opportunity to look back and thank the great men who put a lot of work into making our Council the success it is today. It is also a challenge and an inspiration to keep building that legacy.

My thanks to all the brother knights who contributed to the success of the Council. Special thanks to my wife Lady Rosemarie and all the wives who allowed us to give our time; our family members and the Saint Matthias faith family for their continued prayers and support of our mission.

Vivat Jesus  
Kenneth Osuji  
Grand Knight  
Mother Seton Council #5381

# Saint Hugh of Grenoble Council #10885

Grand Knight, Brian Mangino  
Deputy Grand Knight, David Pitts

With a dwindling and aging membership, the St. Hugh of Grenoble Knights of Columbus Council has been blessed with a steady year-over-year growth for the past two years. In fact, nearly half of its new members are under the age of 25. This growth has been recognized with a 2023 Star Council Award.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Altar Server Bowling Party** - As a way of congratulating them for their dedicated service to the parish, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a bowling party for the parish altar servers. The event was attended by three families, four parents, and ten children whose ages ranged from elementary to high school level. **During the two-hour celebration, the servers engaged in evangelization outreach by distributing arcade passes labeled "From St. Hugh Church Youth" to children in the bowling alley.**

## PARISH/CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Respect Life Activities** - The St. Hugh Council has one Knight, Jeff Grant, who is very faithful to lead a group of three or four people, nearly every month at a public sidewalk outside of an office park, that houses the late term abortion facility, doing business as 'Partners in Abortion Care.'. Prayers include Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplets and Deliverance Prayers are sometimes prayed. The indoor Stations of the Cross prayer events are attended by approximately 10-20 persons.

**First Saturday Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima** – Every first Saturday of each month, the Knights of Columbus lead faithful parishioners through Rosary prayer. The Council has been leading these Devotions for over 30 years.

**Confession, Altar Service, & Ushering** – The Knights of Columbus assist with weekend Mass celebrations by assisting the priest with managing persons coming for Confession, serving as ushers, and serving on the altar during Mass.

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner** – This final pre-COVID event drew people from as far New York City. An estimated 75-80 persons were on hand to enjoy the food and fellowship of the evening.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**OktoberFest** – Dormant during the COVID-19 pandemic, the observance, open to the parish and public, featured traditional Bavarian-style cuisine, music by Phil Ventura, and a raffle for attendees. In addition to parishioners and other Greenbelt residents, guests of the event also included Greenbelt mayor, the Honorable Emmett V. Jordan, and Prince Georges County Council Member Ingrid S. Watson.

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner** – Another event that was revived after the COVID-19 , this event was enjoyed by over fifty people who gathered together to feast on four turkeys, two hams, marshmallowed sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and bread. And, as if this weren't enough, attendants capped their meals with a slice from one of the six enormous pies present.

**Tootsie Roll Fundraiser** – St Hugh Knights of Columbus raised hundreds of dollars by distributing tootsie rolls within the Greenbelt, MD community. That money was forwarded in support of the disabled.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Council Meetings Via Zoom** - In an effort to accommodate the schedules of its members, the St Hugh Council established a Zoom account that allows Brothers to participate in meetings even though they are unable to do so in person.

## FAITH

**Financial Support for Seminarian** – Every Christmas, the St Hugh's council provides a \$500.00 gift to seminarian Josiah Rojas in support of his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

## CONCLUSION

The St. Hugh of Grenoble Knights of Columbus is honored to have been blessed as it has been. It is ONLY through Our Lord, Savior, and King that it has been able to revive traditional programs while instituting others. Grateful for and humbled by the Lord's guidance, His provision, and His intercession with God the Father, our members will continue to strive towards excellence in our service.

Vivat Jesus

Christopher Irwin

Chancellor, St. Hugh of Grenoble Knights of Columbus Council #10885

## District 4



**Richard Przybylski**  
**District Deputy**

**Michael C. Thompson**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**7025, 10881, 10966, 11214, 14612**

**Knights of Columbus  
Maryland State Council  
District #4**

*Richard Przybylski  
District Deputy #4  
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Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates 126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention Maryland State Council Annapolis, Maryland;

The Councils of District #4 submit for your consideration the following report. The Councils and their Grand Knights are:

Fr. Michael J. McGivney Council #7025  
Our Lady of the Chesapeake Council #10881  
Msgr. Raymond P. Kelly Council #10966  
St. Bernadette Council #11214  
St. Philip Neri Council #14612

GK William Penkala  
GK Joshua Frank  
GK David Gonzales  
GK Julian Christie  
GK Alvin Jordan

I wish to thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to all Councils on their many and varied programs and events during this year.

Thank you to District Warden Michael Thompson of St. Bernadette Council for all your support, assistance, dedication and inspiration these past two years. You have been a tremendous asset to the District and myself and I wish you luck and success in your upcoming term as District Deputy.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on a most successful year of meaningful programs, and thank you all for all your help during the year.

To the State Deputy, Christopher Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to again serve the Maryland State Council and my Brother Knights as one of your District Deputies. This has been a very rewarding experience. I thank you for your guidance, inspiration, and leadership throughout the past two years. It is very much appreciated.

Finally, a special thank you to my wife, Beth, for all her support and patience and for attending all the many K of C events with me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Przybylski  
District Deputy #4





# Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of the Chesapeake, 10881  
8325 Ventnor Road  
Lake Shore, Maryland 21122

Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates  
126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Council 10881 submits the following reports for your consideration.

Our council has been actively involved in various activities and events aimed at serving our community and fostering fellowship among our members.

**Baptism Sacramental Gifts:** Our Knights assist the Priest or Deacon where needed with the baptismal ceremony and present meaningful gifts to the parents of the baptized, including rosaries, rosary prayer cards, flowers, and a certificate.

**Baby Bottle Program:** Our council assisted with our parish Baby Bottle Program, raising funds to support local pregnancy resource centers.

**Axe Throwing and Pig Roast:** This event was the highlight of the year, bringing together families for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. With delicious food, exciting activities, and camaraderie around the firepit, it was a memorable gathering for our community.

**Winter Relief:** We assisted our parish in the Winter Relief efforts, aiding those experiencing homelessness and hardship during the colder months. Our knights volunteered their time where needed and served a hot meal for the guests.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt brought joy to children and families in our community. Our Knights offered the families a hot meal while families participated in the hunt for colorful treat-filled eggs.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned:

**Mother's Day Brunch:** We are organizing a special Mother's Day Brunch to honor and celebrate the mothers in our community.

**Family Movie Night:** We are organizing a Family Movie Night for families to gather and enjoy a movie together as a community.

Thank you to my Brother Knights for their work and dedication throughout this fraternal year.

Joshua Frank  
Grand Knight

St Philip Neri Council 14612  
Grand Knight Alvin L. Jordan, Jr.

Council 14612, established in 2008, meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall of Saint Philip Neri (SPN) Parish in Linthicum, Maryland. Our 2nd Wednesday meeting is the Social/Planning Meeting while the 4th Wednesday meeting is our Business Meeting. The current officers were installed on August 5, 2023, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass at SPN Church. After the ceremony, we retired to the Parish Hall for refreshments and remarks. State Advocate Ron Hassan and Lady Yolanda attended the installation ceremony.

We mourned the loss of Past GK Sir Knight Jim Juknelis on June 2, 2023, and Sir Knight Kenneth L. Hertz on August 7, 2023. Both dedicated their talent and service to Council 14612 and Assembly 2367 respectively. Sir Knight Kenneth L. Hertz served the Order for 62 years. Finally, we mourned the passing of Br. Robert Breidenbach on October 14, 2023. He served the Order faithfully for 11 years. The Knights led a Rosary at each visitation and the 4th Degree Color Corps conducted a Casket Watch. We also attended each Brothers' Funeral Mass and gave support to their families. Council 14612 earned the 2022-2023 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (114% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.

Programs Director - Christopher E. Figueroa, Deputy Grand Knight

Community Activities - Travis Bateman

Council 14612 continued our initiative Leave No Neighbor Behind program on October 2. The goal of the program was to collect much-needed items for the community. Conceptually, the council collected donated items monthly for a designated charity i.e., Homeless Outreach Ministry. We collected gloves and socks as well as 2,000lbs of non-perishable food items. The items were donated to the St. Philip Neri Outreach Ministry. Similarly, prior to the Christmas season, we collected 200+ coats from parishioners to provide warm coats for needy families. Parishioners graciously took hangers and brought back coats for distribution. Furthermore, our council was able to support the Anne Arundel County winter relief program. We supported the homeless by providing round the clock supervision to allow the homeless to take temporary shelter, clean up, eat, and sleep. Finally, coming up in April the council will collect rice for Operation Mato Grosso, a South America-based food and life skills development charity.

Faith Activities - Philip Snyder, PGK

We continued our virtual ZOOM Saturday morning Rosary. I am happy to report that this activity has continued every Saturday for the past 4 years, with most of success being attributed to Br. John

Canterna. With his leadership the group has continued each weekend with up to 50 men joining in to start their weekend off with prayer. Additionally, we led a 24-hour Veteran's Day themed Rosary prayer service IHO our nation's service members and veterans. We were able to have at least one Knight praying the rosary each hour and adore the Blessed Sacrament. Br. Canterna also organized the first ever SPN Eucharist Retreat on Nov 11th, and several Knights participated in the retreat and associated Eucharistic Procession. Similarly, in Mar 2023, a group of over 10 Knights attended the Catholic Men's Fellowship of MD Annual Men's Conference at SPN Church in Linthicum, Md. We are proud to be able to count Br. Ed Roberts, the President of the CMF and Br. Al Jordan, CMF board member, as members of our Order. The conference concluded with our Supreme Chaplain, the most reverend, Archbishop Lori celebrating the holy Mass for over 700 men from across the state of MD. Notably, in Jan 2023, our council donated \$300 a piece to two Archdiocese of Baltimore Seminarians, as part of the Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP). Both study at Mount St. Mary's University.

### Family Activities - Harley Kozushko

The council continued the Family of the Month Program. The Family of the Month program promotes strong and vibrant families. Correspondingly, Br. John Canterna launched the monthly Family Rosary Night which started in Jan 2023. SPN church plans to host a Family Rosary Night every 3rd Thursday of the Month from Jan to May. Over thirty parishioners have prayed the Rosary consistently each month. Notably, the council collected holiday meal food items in support of the Food Pantry at SPN which is a part of the Maryland Food Bank. The drive was successful in bringing in over 600 lbs of food. Separately, the Council is also taking part in advertising to promote the Family's involvement in Good Friday services. Finally, coming up in June the council will participate in the annual Eucharistic Procession through the Linthicum neighborhood for Corpus Christi.

### Life Activities - Barry Catterton, PGK

In Oct, we prayed with the 40 Days for Life international organization for an end to abortion. Daily the Grand Knight sent out the prayer intentions for the members to pray and reflect on the life issues at hand. Later, we also participated in a living rosary to end abortion in Catonsville, MD outside of a local abortion center on Oct 7. Additionally, in early Nov, the council hosted the **Silver Rose** prayer service to promote life and honor Our Lady in the SPN Church. Finally, as part of the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, we plan to donate \$500 to Women's Care Mary's Center, Inc. pregnancy center in Glen Burnie, MD to support new moms who chose life.

### Conclusion Grand Knight Alvin L. Jordan, Jr.

I would like to thank District Deputy Rick Przybylski and the other 4 Grand Knights of District 4 for a wonderful collaborative environment. I also wish to thank the Past Grand Knights for their advice and support. Thanks to the Deputy Grand Knight for his work as Program Director and helping us fulfill the Columbian Award requirements. Finally, thanks to the Nominating Committee for assembling another slate of candidates for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year.

## District 5



**Christopher McGrath**  
**District Deputy**

**Dennis C. Ford**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**1393, 3960, 5208, 7612, 9127**

## District 5

DD Christopher McGrath

DW Dennis Ford

District 5 is comprised of Westminster Council 1393 (GK Roger Cooper), St. Charles Borromeo Council 3960 (GK E Paul Jones FM), Immaculate Lady Council 5208 (GK Thomas Harwell), ABP Fulton J Sheen Council 7612 (GK Joshua Flatley) and St. Bartholomew Council 9127 (GK Henry Ruhlman). The district encompasses all of Carroll County and parts of Northwestern Baltimore County.

Council 1393 was again a leader in programs. They continued to host all of the parish pancake breakfasts and did very well raising funds during the tootsie roll and cash incentive raffle campaigns. The council lagged a little meeting their growth goal, but they did improve on the number of new knights recruited from the prior year. They donated to the ASAP program they continued to reach out to their large Hispanic community in the Church. This year they hosted the St Joseph icon for a parish wide program and also invited the confirmation class to attend a program just for them.

Council 3960 had a successful year bringing in new members and are expecting to meet their quota by the end of the year. The Council is consistent with programs in supporting both Holy Family and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. The Council supports the Coats for Kids program, ASAP, RSVP and family of the month programs. They also supported the Apostleship of the Sea by selling raffle tickets and the parish fish Frys.

Council 5208 continues to work in the community with the monthly Our Daily Bread casserole baking and providing support for their brother council 7612 at M&T Bank Stadium. GK Thomas Harwell continues as GK this year and continued the great work he started in his first year as GK when the council became a Star council. They met their membership quota this year, held 3 FBEs and also provided lots of support to the parish and community. They are well positioned to become Star Council for the second year in a row once the SP7 form is completed. They continued to be the "go to" council when the district wanted to hold an exemplification having hosted more degrees than any other council both my years as DD.

Council 7612 has a strong group of leaders working with GK Joshua Flatley, who has made it a point to try new activities this fraternal year. They have increased their recruitment of new members from the prior year and are on target to meet their membership quota. They have started holding recruitment events that focus on inviting parish families to join council members and their families for a meal and they play videos of council activities as well as having members of the council and their spouses speak about their experiences as members of the Sheen council family. The council does an amazing job in fund raising for various scholarships and programs for the Church. They participate in many youth programs like the soccer shootout and their M&T Bank concession stands and pit beef teams support Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity and multiple veterans organizations. They have popular Family programs for the Church such as Movie Night & Lenten dinners. They have an

amazing community program where they are working with an inner-city School, Mother Seton Academy to continue to support and Mentor students.

Council 9127 and GK Henry Rohlman have a strong council supporting their various programs and their Church. They have positive recognition from the community for their work in maintaining the Ellsworth Cemetery, the highway cleanup program, Coats for Kids program and their support of the ARC of Carroll County. They made it a priority to support the year of the Eucharist and held a Eucharistic procession in both in November and as part of Holy Thursday services. The council participated in many youth activities including hosting a soccer shootout. Bike rodeo and Halloween trunk or treat. The council has also been very active in pro-life activities supporting both the Westminster and Catocin Pregnancy centers.

District 5's degree team with members from all five councils has continued to support the councils in the district. I would like to thank all the Degree Team members for their dedication to make the ceremonials the successes that they have been this past fraternal year.

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Christopher Powers for having confidence and Faith in me and for giving me the opportunity to serve the State Council as District Deputy. I would also like to thank all of the State Officers for their help and mentorship this past year. They have always been very helpful and responsive to my requests. I have enjoyed working with everyone on the State team. I have had the pleasure of making many new friends this past year.

I would like to thank the James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #379 especially FN Franz Martin and all members of the Assembly and their willingness to help and support me as both the District Deputy and as the Faithful Comptroller.

To the Grand Knights of District 5, I thank you for your hard work and dedication. I hope you all enjoyed your leadership time and hope you continue taking an active role in your Councils as you get to enjoy the coveted designation as a PGK. Thank you all for making my job so much easier. As District Deputy I am proud of all the councils in the district.

To my predecessor, J David Love, Thank you for your guidance and leadership these past 2 years as the District Deputy and as a brother knight. I really appreciate your willingness to help with the degree team and step in anytime the district needed you. Your leadership and friendship along with the support your lovely wife Carole provided for my wife Patty, has been invaluable to me.

To my District Warden Dennis and Lady Gail thanks for always being there to support Patty and I and covering for me when necessary. I value your friendship and I could not have gotten through the past 2 years without your support. The district is fortunate to have your leadership and dedication. I am confident I will leave the district in good hands for the next 2 years. Don't hesitate to ask for my assistance whenever you need it.

## **Westminster Council 1393**

### **Roger Cooper Grand Knight**

Westminster Council #1393 meets at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the Portico at St. John Catholic Church, 43 Monroe Street, Westminster, Md. 21157. Those Knights arriving early recite the Holy Rosary at 7:00 PM. Officers and Program Chairmen meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the St. John Parish Center in the Fr. McGivney Room.

Westminster Council #1393 has served St. John Catholic Church in Westminster for 114 years, and due to a merger with Council #11631 on February 29, 2020, we have also served the St. Joseph, Taneytown, Maryland community. On Tuesday, July 23, 2022, following the 11AM Mass, the incoming officers were installed by District Deputy Chris McGrath. Sadly, this year, Westminster Council lost two brothers to their eternal reward. With over 290 council members, we are very active.

- The Council held a breakfast the First Sunday of the month and raised \$500 for multiple organizations including St. John Youth Ministry, Fr. Gerard Scholarship Fund, SVDP Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas, Carroll County Food Sunday, and Pregnancy Support Center of Westminster.
- In August, we were able once again to hold the Council's Annual Crab Feast. We raised over \$2,800 for our Charity Fund.
- The Cash Raffle in September and October was very successful even with the shortened time. Thanks to dedication of Rainer Dombrowski, we sold over 3,200 tickets.
- The Council raised \$5,700 for the Intellectual Disabilities Program by spending four weekends at various businesses, including McDonalds.
- The Socks for Souls program was held in November of 2022. With the help of parishioners and the Knights, we were able to collect 700+ pairs of socks.
- 293 students from our parish school participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program.
- We were able, once again, to hold our annual Christmas Dinner for the Head Start Program in Westminster, MD. Even though we were not able to serve it person, we prepared 6 hams and 15 pounds of chicken nuggets for over 200+ children and adults.
- Knights, along with Color Corp, were requested to help as ushers, lectors and EMC's for the All Souls Mass on November 2, 2023.

The members have been of invaluable service in helping the Council fulfill its mission. The active Past Grand Knights are always so willing to share their experiences with me have been invaluable. Also, the Worthy District Deputy, Chris McGrath, and Worthy District Warden, Dennis Ford, have assisted me in so many ways. I look forward to continuing service to the Council and the Church with the support of our Chaplain, Fr. Mark Bialek, and our council members, as we continue our mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus,

Roger Cooper, Grand Knight  
Westminster Council #1393

## **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO COUNCIL, No. 3960**

**Instituted 01/25/1955**

**Grand Knight E. Paul Jones, Sr.**

### **Community Programs: Damon Fisher**

Brother Damon is a new member who accepted the role as Community Director. The first program he chaired was Coats for Kids. He selected Liberty Elementary School #64, the elementary school he attended. The council gave out 54 coats. The remaining 30 coats were donated to Carpenter's House of Baltimore Church to help with their coat give away. Future events include our Easter Egg Hunt chaired by Mark McGregor, FS. The council took part in the Sharp Dress Man and Food Collection (partnered with BCPD) programs. Both programs were chaired by Deacon Steve Roscher. In coordination with Catholic Daughters shoe boxes were assembled and filled with toiletries and other items for Apostleship of the Sea. Raffle tickets were sold, and the proceeds used to fund Vocations Support.

### **Faith Programs: Deacon William Arther**

Deacon Bill coordinates the council's Holy Hours, Building the Domestic Church, Monthly Rosary and the RSVP Program as well as being the council treasurer. Our monthly rosary is held on the second Tuesday of each month. It is well attended by Brother Knights, widows and parish members. The council sponsored three seminarians, with one being a member of the council. The council members lead the Stations of the Cross at St Charles Borromeo.

### **Family Programs: Adewale Obanla**

The council took part in the Family of the Month program. Families were selected from Holy Family and St. Charles Borromeo churches. Council members helped Holy Family parishioners with their annual breakfast with Santa and Lenten Fish Fries, both chaired by Brother Knight Terrence Sheppard.



### **Life Programs: Michael Alegieunu**

The council collected donations for the ASAP and Baby Bottle programs and coordinated the purchase of a new ultrasound machine. All donations went to the Pregnancy Center West. Monetary donations were also made to the Special Olympics of Carroll County, MD. The council will give out carnations to mothers on Mother's Day at Holy Family and St. Charles Borromeo churches. On Father's Day the council members will hand out rosaries to the fathers of Holy Family and St. Charles Borromeo churches.

### **Conclusion:**

The success of any council can only be achieved by the dedication and commitment of the Brother Knights, and their families.

My many thanks to the Brother Knights of St. Charles Borromeo Council and their families, District Deputy Chris McGrath, his warden Dennis Ford and the Maryland State Team.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the pastors Fr. Raymond Harris, Jr. (Holy Family) and Fr. Canisius T. Tah. (St. Charles Borromeo) churches. The council is most appreciative of their support of the council and the order of the Knights of Columbus.

God Bless our Order.

*E. Paul Jones, Sr.*

Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

**Immaculate Lady Council, No. 5208**  
**Grand Knight - Thomas Harwell**

**Council Awards**

In 2022-23 our council won the Star Council award.

**Our Daily Bread Casseroles** – Chairman, PGK Dave Clement

Our Council gathers every 4th Tuesday of the month to prepare Casseroles for Our Daily Bread organization. We prepare on average about 50-60 casseroles to be donated to the local ODB shelter.

**M & T Bank Stadium Concessions Volunteering** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell

Our Council volunteers to work concessions at M&T bank stadium at home events (Raven s games, Soccer matches, College Football games.

**Paper Shredding Day** – Chairman, PGK Dave Clement

Our Council hires a local shredding service and provides volunteers to assist local residents in unloading their materials for shredding.

**Adoration Nights** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell

Our Council provided Color Corps and Ushers for Adoration Nights for the last 5 months of 2023. We also provided food and refreshments for fellowships afterwards .

**Trunk or Treat Parking and Dinner** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell

Our Council assisted Sacred Heart School in running their Trunk or Treat event by handling the parking of the vehicles. Also we handled the purchase and distribution of food that was purchased at the local Chick-Fil-A.

**Tootsie Roll Drive** – Chairman, SK Dave Coyne

Our Council members volunteered to present Tootsie Rolls to the Parish for donations toward our two charities. The donated funds were sent to the special Olympics in Carroll County and the Springfield Hospital Center.

**Honoring Veterans and Donations Collections** – Chairmen, PGK Ron Spohn and SK Brad Sharpless

Our Council members volunteered to present tokens of appreciation to the members of the Parish that are veterans to celebrate Veterans Day. Also during that period we collected donations of items to be boxed and shipped to our Armed forces stationed overseas.

**KCIC Contest** – Chairman, SK Dave Coyne

Our Council members volunteered to coordinate the KCIC contest with our parish school and regions education students. We presented awards to the top three students at each of the levels of competition.

**KOC Breakfast with Santa** – Chairman, PGK Dave Clement and Jamie Ripley

Our Council organized and provided the breakfast food and refreshments for the parishioner families and children in celebration of having breakfast with Santa Clause.

**March for Life Dinner Night** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell

Our Council volunteered to support the parish in their trip to the NMFL by preparing and serving food to the attendees after the March.

**Father/Daughter CupCake Dance** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell, PGK Dave Clement, and Paul Tomazar

Our Council organized and provided, Entertainment, photographer, dessert and refreshments for the parishioner fathers and daughters. This is an annual event for the parish that gives the fathers a chance to enjoy an evening with their daughters.

**Liturgical Lecture Nights** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell

Our Council volunteered to support the parish in their liturgical lecture by preparing and serving food to the guests and having a lecturer talk.

**Italian Dinner and Bingo Night** – Chairman, PGK Dave Clement

Our Council volunteered to support the parish in their fund raiser by preparing and serving food to the guests and also supported the bingo game afterward.

**SHS Performing Arts Night** – Chairman, Pedro Garcia

Our Council volunteered to support the parish school in their performing arts fund raiser by serving food and refreshments to the guests.

**KOC Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** – Chairman, Phil Steigler

Our Council volunteered to provide toys and Easter Eggs for parish children along with breakfast for the parishioners in celebration of Easter.

**KOC Widow Assistance Event** – Chairman, Pedro Garcia

Our Council volunteered to assist one of our council widows in yard cleanup, and landscaping along with a \$500.00 visa Gift card.

**Parish Picnic** – Chairman, GK Tom Harwell

Our Council will volunteer to support the parish community in their celebration of summer by preparing hotdogs, hamburgers and serving the food and refreshments to the parishioners.

**Parish Lenten Meal** – Chairman, PGK Dave Clement & Pedro Garcia

Our Council volunteered to support the parish community in their celebration of lent by preparing and serving the food and refreshments to the parishioners before the stations.

**MD March for Life** - Chairman - Pedro Garcia

Our Council members attended the MD March for Life event.

**KOC Trip to Baltimore Basilica** – Chairman, SK Brad Sharpless

Our Council will organize a field trip for our council to attend Mass and to tour the Baltimore Basilica.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Harwell Grand Knight

Immaculate Lady Council #5208

## **Archbishop Fulton J Sheen Council 7612**

### **Joshua A Flatley, Grand Knight**

The Archbishop Fulton J Sheen Council #7612 is scheduled to meet at 7:30pm for the monthly business meeting on the second Wednesday of every month. Those Knights arriving early for the business meetings enjoy a social hour with dinner provided and occasionally a guest speaker. The Officer's and Planning meeting is scheduled for the Monday preceding the business meeting. The Social meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. The Sheen Council has served the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church community, 915 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784, since June 24, 1980. Saint Timothy's Ordinariate Catholic Church, 7604 Mellor Ave., Sykesville, MD 21784, is our roundtable partner and corresponding parish. Several members are from Saint Timothy's Ordinariate Catholic Church, we have a thriving community of men between the two parishes.

On Sunday, August 13, 2023, following mass, the Grand Knight and the incoming council officers were installed by District 5's District Deputy Christopher McGrath. In attendance was Father John Worgul as the Council Chaplain and St Joseph's Pastor, State Warden Thomas Greul, council PGK, and District Warden Dennis Ford as well as several Knights and families. Our officers include Grand Knight Joshua A Flatley, Deputy Grand Knight Al Grasley, Chaplain Fr. John Worgul, Chancellor Richard Perron PGK, Recorder Jarvis Abellana, Treasurer David Love PGK, FDD, Advocate Thomas Partenope PGK, Warden Matthew Krok, Inside Guard Alec Kerr, Outside Guard George Snediker, Outside Guard Franz Martin FN, and Board of Trustees, PGK Eric Horne, PGK Gary Lyles, and PGK Joseph Kirschechneister. PGK Richard Perron was selected as the Council's Honoree of the Year, recognized by the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights.

We are a very active council, as of 3/7/2024, we have 270 Knights. With this large number of Knights, we are blessed to be very active in the Parish and the community. There are several events happening every month, and I could not be prouder to help serve with the Knights beside me at each of these events. Some of the notable events from this year include, but are not limited to the following:

- Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Block Party preparation, cooking and serving chicken for the parish and all the community.
- Family Movie Nights throughout the year, open to all in the Parish, with Spaghetti Dinner served and a children's movie shown and raffled off to a lucky child at the event.
- Lenten Fish Fry every Friday through Lent open to the Parish
- We served the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner free to the Parish
- American Red Cross Blood Drives hosted quarterly at the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
- Highway Clean Up events hosted by the Knights along Rt 32 north of Sykesville Freedom Fire Department to the intersection of McBeth
- Prison Ministries, providing eucharist and service to the inmates at the Central Maryland Correctional Facility

- OktoberFest celebration at the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church for the entire Parish and community.
- Celebration of Knight Thomas White's ordination as a Catholic Deacon
- Celebration of Father John Worgul's 10-year anniversary of his Catholic Ordination.
- Knights' membership drives and informational night dinners
- WSJF 92.7 FM "Knights Around the Table" radio show with Knights discussion.
- Fundraising at the M&T Bank Stadium at all home games of the Baltimore Ravens and associated events, concerts, MLS games, etc.
- Knights Raffle Sales for the State raffle
- Attend the State Columbus Day Ball in Annapolis, MD
- Knights and Saint Joseph's Memorial Mass held in November
- Knight Veterans Day Flag Pins- after Masses, hand out pins to all Veterans of the parish
- District 5 Grand Knight quarterly meetings
- Fraternal Benefits Nights – "Mother Teresa 'No Greater Love'" was shown
- Knights Council Christmas Party with an appearance of Santa (Larry Brown, PGK)
- Baby Bottle pass out and collection of donations for the Carroll County Pregnancy Center
- Saint Timothy's Ordinariate Church Gala for fundraising for the proposed new church building and catholic school, land purchases were being discussed.
- Weekly Rosary for World Peace led by PGK Peter O'Sullivan
- SJCC Vacation Bible School help, set up, assistance through the week, breakdown
- Sponsoring member of the Baltimore Appalachia Work Camp. Youth and teen programs assistance in West Virginia and Baltimore, MD.
- Lenten Missions assistance with intercession light fare
- Knights Soccer Shootout Challenge at the SJCC Block Party
- Knights Christmas Card Sales
- Sheen's Colleens Ladies Auxiliary Seniors Prom
- Sheen's Colleens Ladies Auxiliary Valentine's Day flower program.
- Supported Shephard's Staff of Carroll County
- Mother's Day Marigolds handed out to all mothers after masses on Mother's Day weekend
- Father's Day recognition gift program
- Retiree's Luncheon

There were several events that the Knights attended in their many roles throughout all of the mission councils. We had representation at every mass as Ushers and servers, eucharistic ministers and support. It has been my honor to be the Grand Knight this year and I hope that I benefited the council in ways that will keep us thriving for many decades to come. I am very appreciative of the PGKs and the officers that guided me throughout this year, and I hope that I served you and the council well.

Vivat Jesus, Joshua Flatley,  
Grand Knight 2023-2024  
Saint Joseph Pray for Us

## **ST BARTHOLOMEW COUNCIL 9127**

### **GRAND KNIGHT - HENRY RUHLMAN**

Newly elected Grand Knight Henry Ruhlman wanted to develop a stronger parish community through many of his Knights of Columbus program activities throughout the year. To do this he wanted to team up with many of the other parish groups such as the Moms' Group, Rosary Guild, Youth Group and Right to Life Committee. This hopefully would have the various activities reach out to a broader audience, increase attendance and strengthen the overall parish community spirit. The Catholic Faith should not be limited to just Sunday Mass,

GK Henry Ruhlman also wanted to grow the Order by recruiting new Knights as well as getting current members more involved in the Order. He knew that many members had only taken their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. Many members had never seen the new Exemplification that enables members to reach full Knighthood with the one ceremony. His idea was to combine his team of officers Installation with an Exemplification followed by a free crab feast for the members and their families. Six new members joined the Order that day and 3 members were welcomed to full Knighthood in the order.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

The Council held a Bike Rodeo and Ice Cream Social for the community where area youth were encouraged to ride their bikes through an obstacle course set up on the church parking lot by the Knights. Afterwards all were invited to enjoy ice cream cones and sundaes with lots of napkins.

The parish took part in the Coats for Kids campaign with the Knights setting up boxes in the back of church where the parishioners generously donated 125 coats that were taken to the Northeast Social Action Center for distribution. Some of the infant coats were delivered to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center that was grateful for the gifts to be given to the many moms who chose life.

The council also raised \$1,000 through the Tootsie Roll Program where a check was presented to the ARC of Carroll County at the council Christmas party. The Council also sponsored two sections of road under the State Highway Clean-up Program.

What would Easter be without the Easter Bunny hiding the eggs for our area youth? The council teamed up with the Parish Youth Group to hold an Easter Egg Hunt for the community. The council had purchased over 1,000 plastic eggs and stuffed them with candy, stickers and small toys and had the Youth Group help with hiding the eggs. They did such a good job that one egg was found from the previous year.

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES**

With it being the Year of the Eucharist, the council wanted to do something special throughout the year. In November the Parish held a Eucharistic Procession following the 10:00 AM Mass from the new St. Bartholomew Church to the old historic church approximately .5 miles

away. The group of over 100 people processed through the town of Manchester with Knights helping to protect the marchers from traffic. The Knights also marched holding the canopy protecting the Eucharist. The Knights noticed the canopy had seen better days and wanted something special to protect the Eucharist in the future. Two different canopies were purchased, one for processions outside the church and one that was smaller and could be used inside the church that could fit between the aisles. The new canopy was used for Holy Thursday services where the Knights helped escort the Eucharist from the tabernacle to the repository.

October is the Month of the Rosary. Each year the council invites the parish Rosary Guild to the social meeting to help make rosaries for the missions. As members and their families sit and put together the rosaries, they also say a rosary for any special intentions.

The council also held its Memorial Mass where a candle is lit for all of its deceased members and wives while the names are read. Widows are invited and asked to attend the dinner at a local restaurant following the service.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Each year the parish looks forward to the Annual Parish Picnic held at GK Henry Ruhlman's brewery. The grounds have a disc golf course, fishing pond and a large pavilion with plenty of space for additional tables and canopies. The Knights coordinated the event and handled the food while the Youth Group set up games for the kids.

The council also sponsored a Halloween Trunk or Treat where people were encouraged to decorate their cars with a prize given to the best car. Children were encouraged to dress up as a Saint with prizes given to the best costume. Some of the best costumes included St John the Baptist who dressed as a head on a silver platter on a table and St Jerome with a flame over his head. The parish Moms Group had many games to keep the children busy. The council also provided hot dogs, ice cream and of course Tootsie Rolls.

St. Patrick's Day always brings out the Council's families for the free Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. The council provides the corned beef while members volunteer to bring the potatoes and cabbage and desserts. A short presentation is given on St. Patrick and the singing of Irish tunes is usually enjoyed as the evening goes on. A charity pot of gold is always filled by the end of the night usually to ask to stop the singing.

## **LIFE ACTIVITIES**

St Bartholomew Council has supported two different Pregnancy Centers over the years, the Catocin Pregnancy Center in Thurmont and the Carroll County Pregnancy Center in Westminster. The council Christmas Party urged members to bring baby items or monetary donations for the Catocin Pregnancy Center. The council's annual Golf Tournament includes the Carroll County Pregnancy Center as one of its charities to be a beneficiary where a check for \$2,000 was presented to the center at the council Christmas party. The council also assisted the parish's Right to Life Group in selling flowers during the spring flower sale.

## District 6



**Herman Stewart, Jr.**  
**District Deputy**

**John Sniezek**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**9638, 11341, 11898, 13294**



## **District 6**

**District Deputy: Herman Stewart**  
**District Warden: John Snizek**

District 6 is an active district comprised of the following four outstanding Councils.

#9638 Father Joseph J. Comyns; Grand Knight: Michael Harrison; Total Membership: 117

#11341 Resurrection; Grand Knight: Greg Jolissaint; Total Membership: 118

#11898 St. Louis the King; Grand Knight: Frank Arlinghaus; Total Membership: 261

#13294 St. Alphonsus Rodriguez; Grand Knight: Barry Frederick; Total Membership: 86

Total membership in the district as of April 2024 stands at 582 members. Overall, the District has welcomed 14 new brothers into the Knights of Columbus this year. Transfers and deaths have reduced the total growth of the district to +6 members. All Councils continue to hold drives and actively work to seek growth.

District 6 holds monthly district meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. These monthly meetings allow the Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights of District 6 to share successes and failures with each other and promote their Council activities within the district. This monthly collaboration has led to an increase in intra-district participation in the Council activities. These monthly meetings will continue next fraternal year.

District 6 is currently engaged in a district wide project to raise \$20,000 for a new Ultrasound Machine for the Columbia Pregnancy Center. Funds are being raised through district wide fundraisers with almost \$9,000 currently raised. The goal is to reach \$20,000 by the end of the next fraternal year. This collective mission is furthering the intra-district cooperation and fraternity among the Councils.

The financial strength of each council is strong. Each council is participating in numerous effective fund-raising programs and activities enabling charitable giving to exceed \$50,000 this year.

District 6 Councils continue to hold extraordinarily strong Faith, Family, Life and Community programs and activities allowing them to Cry the Gospel every day. Supreme featured programs were very well supported with 12 Seminarians supported via the RSVP program. Through the ASAP program, over \$30,000 was donated to local Pregnancy Centers. In addition, the Councils' Food for Families programs resulted in over 30 tons of food donated to local food pantries and over \$10,000 in cash and gift cards to the Little Sisters of the Poor. In addition, Father Joseph J. Comyns Council continued a yearlong program bringing meals to homeless people in Baltimore.

Additional Faith Programs of note in the district included: St. Joseph masses and devotions, Perpetual and Living Rosaries, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours, Men's Retreats, Council Bible Studies, Men of Virtue sessions, Sacramental gifts, and serving the parishes as Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers.

Additional Community Programs of note in the district included: Coats for Kids, Boxes of Joy, Community blood drives, school supply drives, school scholarships, 10K community races, charity golf tournaments, and donations to Ukraine, Ghana, and other unstable parts of the world.

Additional Family Programs of note in the district included: Keep Christ in Christmas poster contests, Council picnics, Easter Egg hunts, Christmas family parties, Memorial Masses, and special events for the widows.

Additional Life Programs of note in the district included: March for Life bus sponsorship, MD March for Life Sponsorship, 40 Days for Life, lobbying in Annapolis against Physician Assisted Suicide, donations to Special Olympics and Camp Glow and numerous Life prayer events.

District Deputy Herman Stewart and District Warden John Sniezek have enjoyed working with the Councils of District 6 and are very grateful to all the men of the Councils and especially the Grand Knights for all the time, talent, and treasure they have expended changing the hearts and changing the lives of those in their community.

# **Father Joseph J. Comyns Council, No. 9638**

**Grand Knight Michael P. Harrison**

Our Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Ellicott City, MD and/or virtually. The meetings start at 7:30 P.M. The Officers and Programs meeting is on the first Monday at 7:00 P.M in the same venue. Our Council is blessed to have our Pastor, Fr. Mike Triplett (Chaplain), Associate Pastor Fr. Anthony Abiamiri, Deacon Mike Sindall and Deacon Roch Kallmyer as active Brother Knights. We held our Council Installation on August 20th with Deacon Mike presiding, District Deputy Herman Stewart and District Warden John Snizek were our honored guests. We are happy to report that none of our Brothers or wives passed away this Fraternal Year.

## **Program Director – Gilbert Conner, Deputy Grand Knight**

At the beginning of our fraternal year, Worthy Chaplain Father Mike chartered the Knights to continue our leadership role in finding ways to engage the parish and help the OLPH School.

## **Community – Stephen Lucas, PGK**

The Knights provide a large fraction of our Parish's SALT initiative to prepare and bring food and other needs to the homeless of Baltimore twice a week. They reach out in conversation, fellowship and prayer to the less fortunate. A brother Knight started taking prayer requests for us to add to our nightly Rosary intentions. In October, the Knights provided parking directions for the crowds and helped in setup and takedown at the OLPH School Fall Festival. We expanded our program of Boxes of Joy in November. We filled 25 boxes and received a \$25 donation. Three Knights went on a shopping spree to fill the boxes. In December and January, the Knights repaired, set up and took down the parish Creche and several Knights sang Christmas Carols at two local retirement homes. In February, the Knights expanded our "Souper Bowl" fundraiser. We sold our famous Crab Soup, added Shrimp Salad and hosted an online Superbowl Squares game. \$2400 of profits went to our charitable causes. We made Crab Soup for the parish Lenten Soup Supper and solicited donations for the District's Ultrasound initiative. In March, the Knights ran two of the fundraisers for the parish Bull Roast, raising over \$1000 for the school. We also hosted the Council Basketball Free Throw competitions. 52 of our local students participated. Eight of our students competed in the State competition with one first place finish and one third place finish. In May, the Knights will host our annual High School Essay Scholarship, awarding \$1000 to the winner.

## **Faith – Bob Mayer, PGK**

Our Council has just passed its 4-year mark of praying a Daily Scriptural Rosary on Zoom with the Men's Cornerstone group and other parishioners. We also pray the Father McGivney Prayer and multiple intentions. We have numerous Knights who are committed Adorers at weekly Eucharistic Adoration; several more that attend on an ad hoc basis. We are working on a schedule

for a block of Knights to adore together. In May, we will host our annual Patriotic Rosary over Zoom, complete with music. Our Council continues to hold a Rosary after Masses in October and May. In October we held a living rosary in the Adoration Chapel. The event was originally scheduled to be outside but was moved inside because of the weather. Our Social meeting talk series included six talks by our insurance advisor, photographers, tax preparers, and other great speakers about God's influence on their career. Our Council hosts the popular Domestic Church Kiosk in our parish. We are on our third book reload this year! In February several Knights help set up and take down the Relics of Christ display in the church. In Augusts we recognized the Feast of Fr. McGivney at each of the masses that weekend. In March we hosted the St. Joseph Icon and with the help of Father Mike, paired St Joseph icon with Our Lady of Perpetual Help icon for a special Consecration to the Holy Family after each Mass. Our Council is now the go-to for Eucharistic processions, bearing the canopy for Corpus Christi and Holy Thursday.

#### **Family – Ed Schluth – Financial Secretary**

Knights prepare food each week to help the parish ongoing SALT initiative to aid the homeless. Our Council headed up food prep for the Parish annual picnic. Over 500 parishioners were served. The Knights again hosted the annual Trunk or Treat for parish schoolchildren. Over 200 children participated. Our Council teamed with SVdP to deliver hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners to needy parishes in Baltimore. Over 100 Children participated in our Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Our Council awarded \$25 checks to each of the age group winners and recognized the runners-up at a school awards ceremony. The Knights ran the hot chocolate table for the OLPH school "Breakfast with Santa," raising nearly \$400. On Easter our Council held our annual Resurrection Easter Egg hunt. Approximately, 300 children attended.

#### **Life – Benjamin Hung**

The Council collected baby bottles after masses in October and raised 3,300 to support a local pregnancy center. Several members of our Council regularly pray Rosaries for life in front of local abortion clinics. In May our Council will continue our annual State MaryGold for 350 Moms. In January we hosted a live in-parish and Zoom Novena leading up to the January March for Life. Our Council teamed with St. Louis to get bus space for our parishioners to attend the March for Life in DC. Dozens of parishioners including 10 Knights and families attended the March. Our Knights and numerous parishioners also attended the Maryland March for Life, many through a carpool organized by the Knights. Several Knights of our Council regularly write to legislators on upcoming legislation affecting respect for life.

#### **Conclusion**

The Grand Knight thanks the many people who made this year successful and helped the Council thrive. Our Worthy Chaplain, Program Directors, Officers and Brothers contributed a great deal of time, treasure and humor to the cause. Thank you to my wife Cindi, my two sons and my granddaughter for their support and patience! And a big Thank You to DD Herman Stewart, DW John Sniezek and all of the State officers for their encouragement and fellowship. Vivat Jesus!

# **Resurrection Council, No. 11341**

**Grand Knight J. Gregory Jolissaint**  
**Deputy Grand Knight Martin Fienkeng**

Resurrection Council #11341 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in Church of the Resurrection facilities, Ellicott City, MD. For the fraternal year, our Council conducted its Membership Meetings in the parish's multipurpose tent located in the parking lot next to the Pastoral Center; an occasional meeting was conducted in the Resurrection Chapel (when it was available). These alternate facilities will continue to be used until the reopening of the renovated Church Sanctuary and Hall on May 17, 2024. On August 17, 2023, our Council celebrated the Installation of Officers in the Church of the Resurrection Chapel in Ellicott City, MD. Spouses proudly watched their Husband-Knights assume the mantle of council leadership. This year our Council lost one elderly Knight who was called home to be with our loving Father; Richard David Adams passed to his eternal reward in July 2023. All of our deceased Council's Knights were remembered during our Council Memorial Service conducted on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the Bon Secours Chapel. This Mass was celebrated by our Council Chaplain, Father Warren Tanghe.

## **Council Program Director – Martin Fienkeng, DGK**

### **Church/Faith Activities – Director Tom Shenk**

Every weekend our Council's Knights are visible during Masses, serving as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, and Livestream/Simulcasting Techs...and when there are no Altar Servers for the Mass, the Knight Sacristans fill in as Altar Servers. Knights also lead the every Monday Rosary that precedes Benediction and Adoration. Our Council's annual Memorial Mass is always linked to a Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Since our Parish became a Pastorate in 2021 (merging with St. Paul's Church in Old Ellicott City), we have conducted a Clergy Appreciation Dinner that honors the Priests and Deacons assigned to both Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul's Church. The Clergy and the Deacons' Spouses are treated to a catered meal and provided a monetary gift that demonstrates our Council's appreciation – this dinner is always a highlight for our Pastor, Msgr. John Dietzenbach, who provides comments towards the end of the evening. First Communicants received Rosary Rings, and youth Confirmants received Rosaries in felt Bags, just prior to their First Communion/Confirmation. They also receive brief words of encouragement and instruction from our Council's GK or DGK regarding praying the rosary at home with their families. Council #11341 once again supported 4 Archdiocese of Baltimore seminarians during FY24.

### **Community – Director Roy Harris**

In May 2023, our Council hosted the annual Parish Golf Tournament which raised ~\$8K for the parish and our school. The annual Tootsie Roll Campaign provided another annual opportunity for Council Members to collect donations for Champions for the Challenged and Camp Glow. >\$4000 was submitted to the State Council because of these weekend collection efforts. Our Council's Community activities also included planning and hosting a quarterly Parish Blood Drive with the American Red Cross; conducting Safe Parking Management for the crowded

# **Resurrection Council, No. 11341**

**Grand Knight J. Gregory Jolissaint**  
**Deputy Grand Knight Martin Fienkeng**

Church of the Resurrection Masses celebrated on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday; and the always well-attended Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt conducted 1 week prior to Easter Sunday. Our Council also conducted 2 military support luncheons for deploying service members at the BWI Airport USO during FY24.

## **Life – Director Ted Rieve**

During multiple 40-Days of Life Campaigns, Council Knights were seen silently protesting and praying the Rosary across from the Catonsville, MD, Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic. Our Knights also participated in the State Right to Life March in Annapolis. One week after the January National Right to Life March, our Council conducted its annual Ultrasound Collection after weekend Masses; the Resurrection Bulletin and preceding Flock Notes advertised this collection. Our Council raised ~\$4000 that will be pooled with other District 6 Council and used to purchase an Ultrasound Machine for the Columbia Pregnancy Center. During the 2023 and 2024 Mother's Day Weekend Masses, our Council's Knights honored our parish's mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who said "Yes to Life" during their lifetimes. These Moms were gifted with a beautiful carnation tagged with a Knights of Columbus-branded label and the words "Thanks for Choosing Life!" Church of the Resurrection Moms are always appreciative of both the recognition and the gift.

## **Family – Director Sydd Souza**

Just prior to Halloween Weekend, our Council hosted a Trunk-or-Treat event in the Parish Parking Lot – and our local Cub Scout Pack was part of the planning and conduct. The Pastoral Council hosted the follow-on crafts and free hot chocolate in the tent. Our Council then planned and conducted Maryland's best Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in November and December; Resurrection Saint Paul School students and parish Religious Education students both participated; awardees were recognized and rewarded during a Sunday Mass in January. Our Council's 5 winners went on to win 2 first place and 3 second place awards at the Maryland State Council judging. In April 2024, our Council hosted the annual SSSMILE Village "Evening in India" Dinner with the pastoral council's Social Justice Committee; we raised funds for the 120 previously homeless people living in the village of Kerala, India. This ministry provides solidarity and financial support, and it provides villagers an environment where their dignity and worth are affirmed.

**END NOTE:** Throughout the fraternal year, Council #11341 also donated budgeted funds to the Resurrection Knights Charities Catholic High School Scholarship Program; to the Little Sisters of the Poor; to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and to the Vision 2020 Church of the Resurrection Renovation fund.

**ST. LOUIS THE KING COUNCIL #11898**  
**GRAND KNIGHT Francis A. Arlinghaus**

Council #11898 holds meetings on the first two Mondays of each month. The first is the planning meeting held at 1900 hours on the first Monday at the St Joseph Cupertino Franciscan Friary (the Shrine of Saint Anthony) at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042. The general business meeting is held at the same location on the second Monday, and begins with Mass at 1830 usually said by our Chaplain Father Francline Javlon in the Friary Chapel, followed by dinner, with the general business meeting at 2000 hrs. In August 2023 our Installation of Officers of St. Louis the King Council #11898 was held at St. Louis the King Church followed by a reception in the parish Social Hall.

**PROGRAMS DIRECTOR – Bryan Teague, Deputy Grand Knight**

Our council benefits by partnering with our parish in many of our efforts this year under every one of our activities, and we expanded our partnership with several other councils. This year, we'll donate more than \$25,000 from our charity account, and more than \$10,000 from our council account in addition to the many hours our Knights have put into volunteering and putting their faith into action.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Francis J. Arlinghaus**

Early in our council year, our August School supplies, and coat collection provided over \$1000 in school supplies. Our efforts staffing a concession stand at the Baltimore Ravens games included 13 events and raised nearly \$20,000 for our charity fund and about \$6000 for our partner councils from Saint Agnes and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We also raised over \$10,000 for council efforts in August and October working at Mary's Land Farm. We collected for the Little Sisters of the Poor monthly, delivering 12 vehicle loads of food and more than \$6000 in cash and gift cards (including \$4000 from monthly collections at the Shrine of Saint Anthony), \$750 from the council for emergency water supply replacement and additional help during the holidays, and more than 150 pounds of frozen turkeys at Thanksgiving. We also delivered over \$4000 in gift cards and 80 boxes of chocolate from the parish Advent Giving Tree. In September, we held our annual fall race for charity and held a charity bingo event, raising over \$5000 between the events with another spring bingo event scheduled for April 26. Our charitable efforts include providing for a parish in Ghana, another in Cameroon, and an orphanage in Cameroon. Our fall blood drive raised nearly 50 pints of blood, and our March blood drive exceeded 30 pints this spring. Our July crab raffle fundraising helped us support 8 seminarians with \$500 grants each. In November our council stepped up again, raising about \$1500 for the state Coats for Kids campaign and with the parish raised money for 160 blankets for Saint Benedict's Outreach, collected 37 more, and provided an additional 50+ coats to a local Baltimore school. In addition to an October tailgate rosary, we joined our Saint Francis brothers for a fall Soccer Challenge. Our March mulch sale fundraiser provided an additional \$2000 for charitable and council efforts, and we still have our huge volunteer effort at the church's Clarksville Picnic and White Elephant sale in June. Beyond that our council has supported the community with the Adopt a Highway program.

**LIFE ACTIVITIES – John Sniezek**

Our Life activities focused on the three pillars of Prayer, Advocacy and Works. A balance of prayer, advocacy and work leads to a Life culture in the Council. Our focal Life program this year was the ASAP program. Under the ASAP program we funded five separate life affirming organizations with \$2,000 + in contributions including: The Columbia Pregnancy Center, Mary's Home, the Center for Pregnancy Concerns (Options@328), Women's Center West, and the Gabriel Network. Each organization qualified for an additional \$400 ASAP grant from Supreme. With the help of a State Council match, we also funded Mary's Center with \$500, qualifying them for a \$100 grant as well.

We also had many traditional life activities for each pillar. Examples include Prayer: We had a dedicated prayer for life at each Knights meeting and held a 365-day perpetual rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life causes. Advocacy: The Knights went to the National March for Life and contributed \$500 to help sponsor the bus from the pastorate of Saint Louis and Saint Francis. Six Knights served as Marshals at the Maryland March for Life, and the council became a silver sponsor of the March. Multiple members lobbied our legislators in Annapolis on Life Causes. We also participated in the 40 days for Life activities in the Fall and Spring. Works: The council has multiple activities supporting Camp Glow and Special Olympics, Knights from the council hosted tables at the galas for both the Columbia Pregnancy Center and Mary's Home maternity home, contributing thousands of dollars to each cause. Knights also provided manual labor at Mary's home on multiple occasions this year. The Knights also assisted the Respect Life committee at St. Louis parish with the Columbia Pregnancy Center baby bottle campaign and with honoring our mothers by funding and handing out carnations.

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – Ryan Dworski**

The Knights continue to restock our Building the Domestic Church kiosk in the church narthex. We also meet Sunday evenings via zoom for our Bible Study (finished the Book of Sirach and moved to Matthew's gospel). We also have a mass before our monthly business meetings at the Shrine of Saint Anthony, usually with our chaplain, but in August, with our pastor and a Saint Maximilian Kolbe relic on his feast day and in honor of Father McGivney. In October we helped with the pastorate Tailgate Rosary. November featured our Memorial Mass for our departed brothers (and we would lose 3 more between then and now). Support to the parish at Christmas included directing parking on Christmas Eve and providing extra ushers at Christmas masses. In February, we hosted the Saint Joseph icon at Men of Virtue and at the mass before our meeting. March also saw Knights attending a silent Ignatian retreat and attending the Men's Catholic Fellowship Conference. We also support the parish "Men of Virtue" program, modeled similarly to the COR program—in February, two younger Knights led us in the "With a Father's Heart" program focused on Saint Joseph as a model. Easter saw us help with the Holy Thursday procession and hold vigil until midnight, provide extra help with ushers, and direct parking on Easter Sunday. The council supports three hours during Eucharistic Adoration on each Sunday. This spring will see the council give religious gifts of rosaries to our RCIA confirmandi and to graduating eighth graders from the parish. The council supported 8 seminarians through the RSVP program, and provided a cash gift to Father Daniel Acquard as he began his priestly ministry.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Keith Coates**

The council's Food for Families effort complements our LSOP efforts mentioned above. Over the past year, 24 monthly collections and many special pickups have supported 8 different charities with over 30 tons of food and supplies, with most of it going to FISH, Our Lady of Victory Food Bank, Assisi Center, and My Brother's Keeper. The Christmas holiday is very active with the Council promoting the annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster program with the parish and school and selling Keep Christ in Christmas magnets. During Lent, Easter magnets were also sold. The Council does not forget the widows of deceased Brothers; the Grand Knight offers all widows a poinsettia and widows are invited to the Council's Christmas Dinner without charge. The widows are also provided free Bingo tickets for our semiannual bingo fundraisers. The council supports these efforts through a football squares program and other council efforts. We recognize at least one Knight of the Month and one Family of the Month as approved by a committee. During Lent, our council served over 400 dinners at 3 Fish Frys, providing a family atmosphere and free dinner before Stations of the Cross.

In Summary, we've had a very active and very successful year in partnership with the council, the parish, and the community only made possible through the efforts of many of our Knights



ST. ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ COUNCIL 13294  
Woodstock, MD

Grand Knight Barry A. Frederick

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St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council No. 13294 was chartered in December 2002, making this our 21<sup>st</sup> year. Since that time, we have enjoyed continuous support from our pastoral staff and parishioners. We have benefited from a steady increase in council membership over that time and have achieved Star council during many of the past fraternal years. It is to that end that we strive to continue our service of excellence.

**FAITH ACTIVITIES**

Our Faith Activities over this past fraternal year have been numerous and effective under the leadership of PGK and Faith Director, Bob McAllister. The fourth Saturday of each month he leads "Saturday Faith Sharing" and on the second Wednesday of each month our council says the rosary before each business meeting. In addition, our Grand Knight and his wife, Lori, have led both a fall and spring bible study featuring studies from Ascension Press, and each has been attended by Knights and spouses of Knights. Further, Brother McAllister has organized other Faith Activities including the council Memorial Mass last November, and the St. Joseph Icon prayer following each Mass on the weekend of 2/3 March 2024. Also, Brother Rich Baldwin organized the Consecration of the Holy Family prayer following each Mass on the weekend of 30/31 December 2023. Finally, many of our council Knights participated in the online Rosary of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our council continues to put our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the forefront of all our activities to remind brother Knights where we get our direction and spiritual fulfillment, notwithstanding the intersessions asked of Blessed Fr. Michal McGivney.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Like our Faith Activities, we have been blessed with great leadership by Community Director, Scott Ichniowski. He along with other council Knights, including Brother Rich Baldwin, PGK Luke Browning, PGK Walt Chahanovich, and Chancellor Joe Flack, have all contributed to ensuring our Community Activities were organized and run well. Those activities included our ongoing support of the Lazarus Caucus Men's Shelter in Catonsville, MD. Council Knights have participated in monthly birthday parties for the men at that shelter and participated in the annual golf tournament fundraiser in September 2023 for Lazarus Caucus. Other activities included the annual Bull and Oyster Roast in November 2023. That fundraiser surpassed our goal for raising council funds. The evening was well attended, including attendance by our Worthy District Deputy, Herman Stewart. This event was also featured in the monthly State Newsletter in December 2023. In December 2023, our council worked with Resurrection Council #11341 along with the Red Cross to set up and run a community Blood Drive at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. The event was held on 30 December 2023 and was a huge success. Over 30 pints were collected that day surpassing the goal set for the day. Finally, Brother Scott Walker organized a Christmas Caroling event at Waverly Woods Garden, in Woodstock, MD. This event was held on 18

December 2023 and featured four singers from our council. They sang an assortment of carols to over twenty senior residents. This event along with the other Community Activities continue to show how our council Knights have great care for our local community.

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Our Family Activities are led by Family Director, Rich Baldwin. He along with many other council Knights, including PFS Ed Pelsinsky and Recorder Chris Timberlake, have organized and participated in many Family Activities including handing out flowers to mothers during Mother's Day weekend each May, our annual Chuckwagon Cookout given free to parishioners, our participation in the church's annual Oktoberfest event, and our annual KofC Christmas Party given free to council Knights and their families. Like our other activities, council Knights are always at the ready to help at a moment's notice to ensure success of each event.

### LIFE ACTIVITIES

Our Life Activities are led by our current Worthy Treasurer and PFS, Chris Jermann. Brother Jermann has been a stalwart of spirit and energy towards all things "Life". He has organized all the Life Activities of our council including our bi-annual "40 Day for Life" prayer vigil outside the Hilcrest Abortion Clinic in Catonsville, MD. In addition, he organized the church March for Life events including those in 2024. Finally, PFS Ed Pelsinsky and his wife Madaline, organize the annual "40 Cans for Life" collection during Lent. During this past fraternal year, Brother Jermann also served as our Worthy Lecturer, and during many of our business meetings, he would use the occasion to talk about "Life" issues for the education of council members. Our most recent activity involved setting up a donation webpage to support the District 6 Ultrasound 18-month fundraiser. Led by our Worthy Chancellor and Webmaster, Joe Flack, we were able to create and "go live" with the capability to immediately start collecting donations to support this worthy cause. Like our other activities, our Knights have been generous with donations and involvement to make each of these Life Activities a success.

### CONCLUSION

Many thanks go out to our council Knights, the parish staff, parishioners, and our Worthy Chaplain and Sacramental Minister, Fr. Brian O'Donnell for supporting the life and spirit of this council. We continue to get the support needed to make this council a success, which allows us to continue supporting over ten various charities and scholarships. We are blessed with a very supportive and generous parish, and because of that, we can maintain a level of parish involvement that supports the joyful and spiritual fabric of our church community.

God bless our Order,

Barry A. Frederick  
Grand Knight  
St. Alphonsus Council #13294

Vivat Jesus

## District 7



**August (Buzzy) Stockman**  
**District Deputy**

**Joseph Knight**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2605, 2942, 10137**



**Knights Of Columbus**  
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The councils of District 7 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The councils and their Grand Knights are:

Bethlehem Council No. 2605	James E. DiBlasio
Dundalk Council No. 2940	John Farruggio, Jr.
Knights Of Fatima No. 10137	Paul Bankard

I thank all of the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support, and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to all the Councils on their many and varied programs and events during a most successful year.

I thank all of the Councils for their recruitment efforts in the past year. Also I thank Knights of Fatima Council for hosting the first quarterly meeting, Bethlehem Council for hosting the midterm meeting as well as a meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights meeting and Dundalk Council for hosting the third quarterly meeting as well as a meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights.

Thank you to District Warden Joseph Knight for all of his efforts this year

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations for a most successful year of meaningful programs.

To State Deputy, **Christopher L. Powers**, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a very rewarding experience. I am eternally grateful for your support and guidance during the past year.

Finally, to my wife, Kathy for patience and understanding. Also for her companionship at the many State, District, and Council functions this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
District Deputy #7  
August "Buzzy" Stockman

## District 8



**John Navarro**  
**District Deputy**

**Raymond P. Vidal**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**1365, 11703, 14011**

## **DISTRICT 8**

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY John Navarro**

District 8 is led by District Deputy John Navarro, PGK, PFN, and District Warden Raymond Vidal PGK PFN DW. The District is comprised of three councils in Fredrick and Washington counties: Pangborn Council #1365 led by GK Jason Knode; Saint Katherine Drexel Council #14011 led by GK Jonas Reibiro; Council 11703 led by GK Bill Traube.

The District Deputy kicked off the fraternal year hosting the Grand Knights and their lovely Ladies at the Main Cup cafe in Middletown. The event focused on getting to know one another and setting strategic objectives for council growth and program scheduling for the year.

Throughout the fraternal year, the Councils conducted many and varied programs and events, such as the Coats for Kids, RSVP, ASAP, and the multiple patriotic programs, as well as fish fry socials, Breakfast with Santa, Italian dinner dance, Bingo at multiple councils and St. Patrick's Day parties. The Councils support their respective parishes through fundraising and hands-on activities. I thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support, and hospitality during a most successful year.

Within the District, the Councils regularly deliver the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and have seen growth. Most of the Councils participated in the Fraternal Benefits webinars and conducted live Fraternal Benefits Events during the year.

District 8 held two District meetings at the The Main Cup Café in Middletown, MD, wives were invited, following the State Fall and Mid-term meetings. The third District meeting followed; the Spring meeting held at the Verona Pizzeria in Middletown. The District Deputy and District Warden shared the State vision and provided instruction and information to all the Grand Knights of the District.

I especially thank District Warden Ray Vidal for his friendship, dedication, assistance, and advice to me during this past fraternal year. I experienced a heart attack, and my District Warden had my back during my absence.

In conclusion, it has been a good year for District 8, becoming more effective at running meetings and planning ahead. The District looks to build on the lessons learned this fraternal year and carry on the charitable works of the Order. It has been an honor to serve as the District Deputy for the fine men of District 8.

John Navarro  
District Deputy 8

**Pangborn Council #1365**  
**Grand Knight Jason P. Knode**

Pangborn Council #1365 has strived to increase our involvement in the community and exposure to our parishes over the past year. While relying on our core group of brothers to accomplish our goals is key to our successes it should be noted we did have several new members that have expanded that core group of brothers.

Like all many we are still challenged with limited to sometimes stagnant growth, but we constantly strive to reach out and “never give up.” Serving multiple parishes has always added complexity but also provides us with a lot of opportunities. We constantly try to turn our challenges into opportunities. We try to do that by providing opportunities for families to be involved in or see our activities and to see us in a more social setting, beyond a membership drive or information session.

**Church Activities**

Our members are involved in various ministries for all of our parishes. Serving as Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA/OCIA classes, etc. If you attend a Catholic parish in Washington County chances are rather good you will see a brother from Pangborn Council involved in the Mass in some capacity. We have also expanded our involvement in other ministries for the parishes. Each of our parishes can have a different request but we try to serve them all as best as we can.

**Community Activities**

As part of our goal to re-introduce ourselves back in the Community we had or participated in several community events. Prior to the school year we held a school supply drive in conjunction with our normal Bingo. The purpose of the school supply drive is to support our local “Children in Need” organization. In late October we participated in the big social event of the year, the annual “Mummers Parade.” We entered a float and displayed various Knights of Columbus literature and, most importantly, a pro-life message. In November we held our annual “Harvest Dance.” This is an event where we invite residents and participants from several of our area organizations that serve those with physical and intellectual disabilities. We provide a light dinner and all entertainment. They just need to show up. We also held several food drives during the year benefiting different organizations.

In addition, we constantly try to support various community organizations financially as we are able.

**Family Activities**

We held our first Father’s Day breakfast in July 2023 for all our area Catholic fathers and grandfathers and their families. This was an immense success and are looking to continue this year. We successfully held our second annual (after reinstating) our Family Christmas Party. We provide

breakfast, activities, a small gift, and a visit from Santa. Of course, we will be involved in the Mother's Day celebration in May.

### **Conclusion**

As I write this, I realize that we did accomplish a lot this year and am so proud of the officers and key members of our Council that took the time and made the effort to support us in our endeavors this year. Also, to my wife Paula who has been my biggest supporter and motivator, particularly during my most challenging and overwhelming times this year, my love to you always.

I hope we all find the strength to be strong disciples and fervent Knights of Columbus. I genuinely believe we can help change the world for the better. I pray we do.

God bless us all.

Jason P. Knode  
Grand Knight Pangborn Council  
Vivat Jesus



## St. Kathrine Drexel Council, No. 14011

### Grand Knight *Jonas Rebeiro*

Council 14011 holds its Business Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at St. John's Regional Catholic School. This council also meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the different restaurants for social gatherings. Our council has had its charter since 2006. The "Installation of Officers" ceremony for the 2023-24 Fraternal year took place on July 29<sup>th</sup> followed by dinner.

#### **Church Activities**

Council 14011 members participated in helping set up tables and chairs for multiple memorial services throughout the year. In September, our council paid for & set up an annual church picnic. In October, we took part in the *Ministry Fair* in search of new members. We had our *Boxes of Joy* program end of October. We collected 164 *Boxes of Joy*. In November, we had our 'Pew the Screw' project when we fix the *kneelers* inside the church. In December, we sponsored the 'Keep the Christ in Christmas' Poster Contest for St. John's Regional Catholic School. Also in December, we handed our Parish Priest a check for \$200 as an appreciation for his support to our council. Our council hosted the Simple Meal of Soup and Bread during the Lenten Fridays. Knights prepared the soup and parishioners brought the bread to share. Numerous brothers are serving as Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.

#### **Life Program**

The first week of October we started our first round of *40 Days for Life*. We were at 170 Thomas Johnson Drive where we prayed the rosary with some of our parishioners. The second week of October we had 'Tootsie Roll Drive' and raised \$404.92 for 'people of disabilities.' Our council donated \$1,000 in December to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which assists the needy in Frederick County. In January we had our 'Baby Bottle' campaign. We just completed our second round of *40 Days for Life* in March in front of *Planned Parenthood*. I am sure we saved some of the unborn. In April, we will host the 'Parish Easter Retreat' which will be led by Sister Lynn Marie Ralph of the sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Mother's Day we will be handing out Mary Gold to the mothers of our parish. Every month, our council recognizes families with a 'Family of the Month' award and \$50 Gift Cards for their contributions to the parish. We also recognize our Brother Knights with the 'Knight of the Month' award for their special contributions to the church.

#### **Community Activities**

In July, our council hosted a SEAS Meeting for the 'Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Chapter of Grand Knights.' In August, we hosted a 'Program and Growth Seminar.' In September, we helped our Ladies Auxiliary to host an *Italian Dinner*. In October, we helped the parish with setting up for *Harvest Fest*. In December, we organized 'Breakfast with St. Nick' for the St. John's Regional Catholic School. In January, we helped the parish in setting up for 'Dinner Around World.' In February, we helped in setting up for 'Mardi Gras' and donated a *Gift Basket* to raffle out during the event. We donated to 'Little Sisters of the Poor.' This Fraternal year as always, we participated in 'Coats for Kids' by donating \$450. Our council donated \$1,500 for catholic education. Our

council raised \$1,900 for our charitable programs during Fall Bingo. In April, we will help the parish to set up *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*. Also in April, we will help in *Recycling the Scrap Metals* in conjunction with another council. In May, we will host *Pentecost Breakfast* for the parish.

### **Conclusion**

The Grand Knight would like to thank all our officers, members, and Katie's Ladies as well as our members' families for their support.

## District 9



**Thomas Tereshinski**  
**District Deputy**

**Dennis Haspert**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**7870, 11259, 14572, 14775**

## **District 9 Book of Reports**

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

Submitted for your consideration are the reports from the councils in District 9, which covers northern and central Calvert County. The councils and their Grand Knights are listed below:

Calvert Council #7870 (North Beach)

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom #11259 (Prince Frederick)

Jesus the Good Shepherd #14572 (Owings)

Jesus the Divine Word #14775 (Huntingtown)

David Gallegos

Steve Kupka

Chris Lindsey

Jeff Knight

My sincere appreciation goes out to the Grand Knights and council leadership for their hard work, dedication and hospitality shown throughout the fraternal year. I congratulate them all on a job well done. Whether running breakfasts, dinners, blood drives or 24-hour Adorations, District 9 gave it their all.

I would like to give a special thanks to my District Warden, Dennis Haspert, for his friendship and support over the past year.

Many thanks to the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen for their job in assisting our councils to run successful programs, and to the Membership Team for their tireless support especially through eMembership.

Thank you to the State Deputy, Christopher Powers, for selecting me to serve the state council of Maryland as District Deputy #9. While my career has been leading people, leading people for a volunteer organization is something completely different. This has been a rewarding opportunity that has provided many tools for me to use in the future.

Finally, thank you to my fiancé Anna Henderson, my family and friends for understanding the time commitment that it takes to be District Deputy. Their support is very invaluable.

Thomas Tereshinski  
District Deputy #9  
5558 Harford St  
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## **Calvert Council 7870**

**Grand Knight David E. Gallegos**

7870 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Padua Hall in St. Anthony's Church. St. Anthony of Padua is located in North Beach, MD and is our council home. We are nearing our 43<sup>rd</sup> year as a council.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> of 2023 we celebrated the installation of Officers following Sunday mass at St. Anthony of Padua in North Beach, MD. The installation was followed by lunch and attended by 42 members and families.

Our Worthy Financial Secretary Dave Wilson Sr. has led our bi-monthly blood drive in Padua Hall since the early 2000's and has collected just over 8000 units of blood. Our Worthy PGK Bryan Rager orchestrates a monthly breakfast on the first Sunday of the month that is enjoyed by many of the parish and community. And our Worthy Community Director Donnie Schuessler In the past 9 years, AKA "Wally's Woodchucks" have delivered 419 pickup truck loads of firewood to over 60 families in Northern Calvert County. We gathered the wood, cut it, split it, and delivered it. Even COVID didn't stop us in this mission to keep local families warm as we delivered 115 loads over the last 4 winters.

Our Worthy Chancellor Dave Loeffler has maintained constant communication with our three seminarians; James Fangmeyer and Ben Bralove who both are scheduled to get ordained this summer and our third and newest seminarian Dalton Newsome who just entered the seminary. He has also started an all-night Adoration at St. Anthony's church. We have held five all-night Adorations with much support of the parish.

I would like to thank my PGKs, Officers, and Worthy District Deputy Thomas Tereshinski for all of the guidance and support that they have provided me throughout this Fraternal Year.

## **Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council, No. 11259**

### **Grand Knight Steve Kupka**

Our Council meets at St John Vianney Church on the second Wednesday of the month. The Officer's Planning Meeting is held virtually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. The Council also leads the Rosary prior to the 5:00 Saturday Vigil Mass.

The Council serves two Parishes: St John Vianney 105 Vianney Lane Prince Frederick, MD 20678 and St Francis De Sales, 7185 Benedict Ave Benedict, MD 20612. We have approximately 121 members. Council officers were installed August 12, 2023.

**Program Director – SK John Weaver DD, PGK, PFN**

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – Ramon Veras**

Council members and their families remained active and numerous members have participated in the four Faith Formation seminars held by the Parish (Healing, Christ Life – Discovering Christ, Following Christ, Sharing Christ). They continued to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Altar Preparation, and Ushers. We lead the Rosary prior to the Saturday Vigil Mass that has been well received. We regularly attend Eucharistic Adoration during the week and from 2:00 AM – 4:00 AM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (Saturday). We sponsor one seminarian, Peter Fairchild. We participate in the Healing Ministry program as prayer partners for parishioners.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Jakenburg Almuete**

Under the direction of Larry Donnelly, FDD, PGK, our parish continued to operate our food pantry that serves 80 -150 families every Wednesday and approximately 40 – 70 families on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Our clothing shed fills yet another vital need for the less fortunate in our community and provides funds for our charitable endeavors. The family-of-the month program chooses active members of the Parish who provide a wide variety of services to the church community. Knights and their families continue to teach CCD and run the RCIA program. We also held a Keep Christ in Christmas art competition featuring our parish children's artistic interpretations of the birth of Christ. Finally, we participated in the Consecration of the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Robert Gionfreddo**

The Council provides financial support to non-profit agencies such as Project Echo, Birthright, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Religious retirement funds. We held our annual Oktoberfest and to support our local charities. We organized and supported the widow of a deceased member by replacing sandbags around her home to prevent flooding. We staff, cook and clean for Safe Nights, a winter program housing the homeless as well as cook, serve, and clean for our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast with that parish ministry. We held our annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" to support those with intellectual disabilities. We continued our Easter basket drive through giveaway complete with the Easter Bunny at St John Vianney and an Easter egg hunt at St Francis de Sales. We continue to support a scholarship for grades K through 8 for those wishing to attend Catholic schools.

## **LIFE ACTIVITIES – SK Jerome Cleveland PGK**

The Knights continued to donate towards the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound program and provide financial support to the Care Net Pregnancy Center and Birthright Pregnancy Center. We held a parish-wide Novena for Life to coincide with the National March for Life. In May on Mother's Day weekend, we distributed carnations to all mothers to thank them for choosing life.

# **Jesus the Divine Word Council, No. 14775**

## **Grand Knight - Jeff Knight**

Jesus the Divine Word Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Doran Hall of Jesus the Divine Word Church, 885 Cox Road, Huntingtown, (Calvert Co.) Maryland. The second Thursday is our monthly Council Meeting, and the fourth Thursday is our monthly Social Meeting. Our Officers' Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding our Council Meeting.

On July 29, 2023, the current officers of Council 14775 were installed after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Dakes, the council's Chaplain. A reception followed in Doran Hall and was attended by approximately 40 Knights, guests, and dignitaries, including District Deputy Thomas Tereshinski, representing the State Council, and his guest Anna Henderson.

## **Program Director - Gary Nagy, Deputy Grand Knight**

### **Faith Activities - Tom Couteau, Director**

Our council sponsored three Seminarians and presented them with checks for \$500 each. We led parishioners at all Family Rosary Programs throughout the year after each Mass on every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday of the year. We ensured our "Building the Domestic Church" kiosk remained stocked throughout the year. Many of our Knights attended monthly First Friday Adoration throughout the year, with some staying for multiple hours each time.

### **Community Activities - Kyle Pellegrino, Director**

We assisted other Knights and non-Knights by driving them to and from doctor appointments and other daily tasks, and we participated in a 5K Run & Walk to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an organization that helps those in financial distress. We cooked a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and served dinner to our parish. We sponsored our 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off, one of our more popular events, raising funds to support our charities. The council continued its sponsorship of a monthly Community Breakfast, which not only raised funds for local charities, but brought parishioners closer together with good food and good conversation. We also held our annual Yard Sale and our annual Christmas Craft Fair which brought community members to our parish and helped to raise funds for local charities.

### **Life Activities - Bill Chomicki, Director**

The council installed and maintained approximately 500 crosses in the field across from our parish for the Cemetery of the Innocents, reminding everyone of the sanctity of life. At least one Council member and his spouse attended the March for Life in Washington, DC this year.



## **Family Activities - Dennis Haspert, PGK, Director**

Our Community Breakfast each month brought many families of our parish together for a hot, fresh breakfast and fellowship before and after Mass. We sponsored our annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Three \$1,500 scholarships are available to high school students about to enter college or trade school and will be awarded in June, at a Sunday Mass. Our "Restaurant Knights" at local restaurants aim to both raise money for these scholarships and to bring families closer together by having dinner together as a family. On Easter Sunday, the council sponsored its annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

## **Conclusion**

Council 14775 continues to serve our parish and community, and has increased its charitable activities and charitable giving, and we plan to continue to do so going forward.

I would like to especially thank Fr. John Dakes for his continued support and commitment to the Knights of Columbus and, in particular, our Council. Also, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all the members that help with our many events and fundraisers. And my special thanks to the Past Grand Knights that are still very active in our Council and instrumental in making our Council successful in all of our endeavors.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Knight  
Grand Knight

## District 10



**Jimmy Williams**  
**District Deputy**

**Rick Askins**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2203, 5564, 9808, 11619, 14099**

## **District 10 Book of Reports Fraternal Year 2023-2024**

**District Deputy: Jimmy Williams, PGK, PFN**

**District Warden: Rick Askins, FDD, PGK, PFN**

For Fraternal Year 2023-2024, District 10 consists of the following five Councils:

- Patuxent Council 2203; St. Mary of the Mills, Laurel; Grand Knight Patrick Onyekweli
- St. Jerome Council 5564; St. Jerome, Hyattsville; Grand Knight Fabrice Mukoko
- Msgr. John R. Pennington Council 9808; Church of the Resurrection, Burtonsville; Grand Knight Ron Hopkins
- Deacon John Lynn Council 11619, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Grand Knight Tom Deramo
- Resurrection of Our Lord Council 14099, Resurrection of Our Lord Church; Grand Knight Mike McNally

The Councils of District 10 have been incredibly active this year in support of their parishes and communities. Following is a summary of the programs conducted by the Councils of the District in each of the four Faith in Action program areas:

### **Faith**

All Councils supply most or all of the ushers and many Eucharistic Ministers at their respective parishes. Members of Patuxent and Deacon Lynn Councils serve as ushers for multiple Masses each month at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Brother Knights from all Councils also serve as lectors, choir members, and as religious education teachers. Councils 2203, 9808, and 14099 continued their longstanding participation in the RSVP Program, supporting multiple seminarians in their formation. All Councils provide major support to their respective parishes' Christmas Bazaars. Members of St. Jerome Council again led the decoration of St. Jerome for Christmas. In February, the Council hosted a talk to promote the National Eucharistic Revival. Members of Council 11619 lead parishioners in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet weekly. Council 2203 hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lenten Men's Retreat with more than 20 participants. Councils 2203 and 9808 hosted the St. Joseph Icon Program in February. Patuxent held six Lenten Fish Fry Fridays and plans to donate the proceeds towards repairs and renovations to the St. Mary's Breen Room kitchen. Councils 5564 and 14099 also held Lenten Fish Fries this year.

### **Family**

Patuxent Council continued its Food for Families program, facilitating the collection of food from local grocery stores and delivering it to local food pantries. Annually, this equates to approximately \$75,000 of baked goods to support food pantries in the Laurel area. Pennington Council prepared food baskets for families in need at Thanksgiving, supported the Church of the Resurrection Family Festival, and continued its widow support program through which Council members take widows of Brother Knights out for a meal and check in with them regularly to see what support they may need. Deacon Lynn Council continues to host a popular monthly parish movie night, hosted a Palm Sunday Easter Egg Roll, and provided critical volunteer support to multiple family-friendly parish events throughout the fraternal year. Resurrection Council 14099 hosts a monthly ice cream social open to all parishioners and their families and also sponsors a monthly Hospitality Sunday. Several councils led their parishes in the Consecration to the Holy Family, conducted the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and hosted Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinners.

### **Community**

Patuxent Council distributed 168 coats (14 cases) in partnership with Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS) through the Coats for Kids Program and is on pace to distribute more than 50,000 pounds of food through its SHARE Program. The Council again participated in Box of Joy and continues to be a Little Sisters of the Poor regional collection site. Members of St. Jerome Council also participated in Box of Joy. Members also assisted in preparing and serving a weekly meal to UMD Catholic Terps through a program called "Feed the Turtle." Pennington hosts two Flea Markets each Fraternal Year. The Council also continues its support for the Burtonsville Athletic Association and Burtonsville Day Parade. Deacon Lynn continued its support for the Little Sisters of the Poor collections, sponsored the annual LARS Turkey Trot, and participated in the McNamara Chapter Blessed McGivney Feast Day Food Packing event. Members of Resurrection Council 14099 provide ongoing monthly support for clients of Our Daily Bread in Baltimore and residents of Sarah's House at Fort Meade.

### **Life**

Pennington Council's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner raised funds to support the ASAP Program. The Council also continued its tradition of hosting a Catholic High School group from Lansing, Michigan, prior to the National March for Life. Patuxent Council conducts a weekly Rosary for Life and a monthly "Café 4 Life" event, selling coffee and simple food items to support the Laurel Pregnancy Center through the ASAP Program. Both Pennington and Patuxent conducted Tootsie Roll Drives in support of persons with intellectual disabilities. All Councils had members engaged in the Maryland and National Marches for Life and related events, with members of Deacon Lynn Council supporting five diocesan Masses for Life at the National Basilica during the National March for Life weekend. St. Jerome Council participates in regular prayer vigils and small group evangelization events outside a nearby abortion clinic. Council 14099 continually collects funds, baby clothes, and other supplies in support of the Laurel Pregnancy Center and is a major supporter of the Teen Parenting Program at Wilde Lake High School, helping teen mothers take care of their babies while completing their schooling.

At a District level, the Councils have worked together to support the ASAP Program and provide coordinated support to the Laurel Pregnancy Center. On a prayer/spiritual level, the Councils came together to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District 10 Rosary for Life on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the day before the 2024 Maryland March for Life. Our thanks to Pennington Council for hosting this event.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of District Warden Rick Askins throughout this year. I also thank the Grand Knights and Officers of District 10 for everything they do in support of their Councils, parishes, and communities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jimmy Williams  
District Deputy No. 10

**Patuxent Council #2203**  
**Grand Knight Patrick Onyekweli**

Patuxent Council was instituted in November 1920 and is currently in our 104th year of service to the St. Mary of the Mills Parish and Laurel, MD communities. The Council meets on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month via a hybrid model of in person and virtual attendance via Zoom. In person meetings are held in the Kutzera Room of the Msgr. Keesler Parish Center in Laurel. Our Installation of Officers was held on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Brother Knights, including Council and District Officers and State Treasurer John Winfrey, along with their families, attended the 5 p.m. Mass celebrated by Pastor and Council Chaplain Fr. Larry Young. The Installation followed Mass in the Church and a post installation dinner was held in the church's Breen Room. Council Awards were presented to the following selectees: Knight of Year (named the after the late Brother Dick Stevick Award) Mike Turek, Ed Langr Award ( behind the scenes support to Council) Rick Askins.

**Program Director –Frederick “Rick” Krutz, Deputy Grand Knight**

The Council continued its fundraising activities to fund our service and fraternal programs. Our core fundraising project, working concessions at University of Maryland home football and basketball games, gave us the opportunity to earn thousands of dollars to use in support of numerous community organizations, projects, and programs. We offered our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Lenten Fish Fry Fridays, Mother's Day Brunch and Sandwiches for Seminarians. The Council continues to offer to-go options, as well as online pre ordering service. We also began a monthly “Café 4 Life” fundraiser on the last Sunday of every month. Brother Knights and family members staff these events, which have raised thousands of dollars to support our various Council Faith in Action programs.

**Community Activities – Mike Webster, PGK**

Our signature community program continues to be our participation in the SHARE Food Network, for which Patuxent Council is a monthly distribution point. Over the past year, our Council has distributed an estimated 21 tons of food worth over \$67,000 to individuals, families and local food banks. Since joining SHARE in 1996, we have distributed an estimated 445 tons of food worth an estimated \$1,191,613. We average 32 volunteers monthly, who receive and process orders in advance, pick up the food from the SHARE warehouse in Landover, transport to the Keesler Center, organize and distribute it to our clients. This work averages roughly 93 hours community service per month.

We continue our 5th Wednesday (Jan 31, May 29, July 31, Oct 30) Elizabeth House program. Participants cook/serve an evening meal and make bag lunches for those who come to dinner to take with them for the next day. We continue to serve as a monthly “regional” drop off location for donations of food and other supplies for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, DC. In November, the Council participated in the Box of Joy program, organizing efforts for our parish along with being a drop-off center for the Cross Catholic Outreach program. Our Council donated 120 Boxes of Joy and collected a total of 270 Boxes over the program period with six other councils. We participated in Coats for Kids, raising money for, purchasing, and distributing 168 winter coats through our partnership with the Laurel Police Department and Laurel Advocacy and Referral Service. Our annual Basketball Free Throw competition for youth was held for ages 9-14. Eleven Council winners won at the District level and advanced to the State competition, where one of our boys finished 1st and three 2nd place finishers in their respective age groups.

We participated in the Community Awards Program again this year, with our nominee for Health Care Provider selected as the Maryland State Council winner.

#### **Faith Activities – Chieloka Ifudu, Chancellor**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Patuxent Council hosted our Lenten Men's Retreat, this annual half day retreat is a staple feature in the Parish. All men over the age of 18 were invited to this gathering to reflect, refresh, renew and prepare for the Lenten season. 23 men attended the retreat which began with 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by continental breakfast at the Breen Room. We then moved to the Pallotti High school chapel for the first talk on quiet time by Deacon Munno, who led Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunity for Confessions by Fr. Larry and Benediction. The final talk was on how to create a quiet time by Fr. DeAscanis. The Retreat concluded with lunch in the Breen Room.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, after Benediction, we hosted the St. Joseph's Icon Prayer Service with 12 attendees. Council Chaplain Fr. Larry in his homily reminded the Knights of our role in spreading the devotions to St. Joseph. Our Council's Memorial Mass was held November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Pallotti High School Chapel where the names of deceased members of our 104 year old council were read. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper was a success, serving about 60 dinners with funds raised split between the Council's Faith programs and the Parish. We continued to participate in the RSVP program this year donating \$500 each to two seminarians to assist them with educational expenses.

#### **Family Activities – Augustine Nwabueze, PGK**

We continued our Food for Families program, collecting baked goods from local grocery stores three times per week. These donations support food pantries at Grassroots Day Resource Center, St Mary of the Mills, Elizabeth House, and Sacred Hearts Nursery. During the Fraternal Year, this program recovers approximately \$75,000 worth of goods for these organizations. In October and November, we conducted the Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition, with students from the St. Mary's CCD program and St. Mary's school submitting a total of 45 entries. We continued the Family of the Month program, recognizing 12 active parish families. We also conducted a Feast of the Holy Family weekend at all 7 parish Masses of the 30-31 Dec, 2023.

#### **Life Activities – Mike Turek**

The Council hosted a virtual/livestreamed, weekly, bilingual Rosary for life from January to October. The Council participated in the Cemetery of the Innocents Program. Volunteers crafted crosses and erected them at St. Mary's Church for two weeks. The memorial consisted of 52 red, white and blue crosses representing the states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Our Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$1344.31 to support people with intellectual disabilities, with the intent of donating the proceeds to Special Olympics. On a monthly basis, the Council hosts a "Cafe 4 Life," event, selling coffee and simple food items to benefit the Laurel Pregnancy Center through the Supreme Council's ASAP initiative. The council will make several monetary donations to pro-life causes and ministries before the end of the Fraternal Year, including the Laurel Pregnancy Center and the Maryland State Council's Ultrasound Fund.

#### **Conclusion:**

My thanks to all who have supported us in various ways, our DD, DW, FS, Program Directors, our Chaplain Fr. Larry Young. To my Dear Wife Lady Yetunde who has been with me all the way.

Vivat Jesus,  
Patrick Onyekweli, Grand Knight

# **Msgr. John R. Pennington Council, No. 9808**

**Grand Knight Ronald W. Hopkins**

Council 9808 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month with the exception of July and August when we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month only. We meet at 8:00 pm in the Amadeo Room of the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, Maryland. The Installation of Officers was held on July 15, 2023 in the Church of the Resurrection immediately following the 4:00 pm Vigil.

**Program Director- DGK Romuald Dallo**

## **Church Activities – Jean-Claude Amisial William Ratcliffe**

Several of our members serve as Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Parish Council members. The Knights help set up for the annual Winterfest, run a concession stand to raise funds for various charities throughout the year, and help dismantle the rooms at the conclusion of the festival. This is the largest fundraiser for the Church, as well as the Council. As a Council, we assist in distributing booklets purchased by the Parish Council during Christmas and New Year, help in the distribution of Palms on Palm Sunday, and any other activities as requested by the Pastor.

## **Faith Activities- Richard Ochai Reggie Stuart**

Our Council prides itself on supporting a Seminarian each year through the RSVP FIA Program and supported another seminarian for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. Participated in the Pilgrim Icon Program by having the Icon displayed during the Masses 2/9/24 through 2/11/2024, Father Barry discussing the importance of Saint Joseph during the Masses and holding a Prayer Service. The Icon was also integrated into the Adoration on 2/9/24. Members also attended a Retreat entitled Blessed, Broken and Scared presented by Brian Pusateri.

## **Family Activities- Basil Allison Roger Blanco Marion Johnson**

Council 9808 participated in the Family Fun Day Festival and provided a concession to raise funds for our various charities. We helped prepare 80 bags of food items for Families in Need and purchased Turkeys for distribution for Families in Need during Thanksgiving and

Christmas. We encouraged our youth to participate in the KCIC poster contest and distributed \$25 gift cards to our Council winners. Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards were purchased and distributed. A pancake supper with a Mardi Gras theme was held to raise funds for our various charities throughout the Fraternal Year. The primary goal was to raise funds for the ASAP Initiative.

### **Community Activities- Greg Lawrence Duncan Kuffar**

Flea Markets are held in June and September to raise funds for various charities. The surrounding community is invited to sell household goods, as well as providing document shredding services. Our annual Tootsie Roll drive was held to raise funds for two organizations serving the Persons with Special Needs in our area, We Achieve and Jubilee Association of Maryland. The Council got together to provide landscaping services to one of our widows. Each year a donation of \$350 is made to the Burtonsville Athletic Assoc. for youth activities.

### **Life Activities- Romuald Dallo Ronald Hopkins Anthony DaSilva**

The Council sponsored a group from Lansing, Michigan Catholic High School to attend the National March for Life in Washington, DC by providing dinner and bag lunches for the group of teens and their chaperones. Checks in the amount of \$693.50 each were presented to "We Achieve and Jubilee Association of Maryland." A Rosary for Life was hosted by our Council in support of the Maryland March for Life. Carnations were distributed to the Mothers and Grandmothers on Mothers Day thanking them for choosing Life.

### **Conclusion**

I want to thank all the members of Council 9808 for their support and making our Council so successful. The guidance and support of our Officers and Directors made this a very rewarding year as Grand Knight, and I look forward to the continued success of this Council.



## **Deacon John Lynn Council 11619**

### **Grand Knight Tom Deramo**

11619 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at St. Nicholas Catholic Church social hall. We are nearing our 29 years as a council.

On July 23, we celebrated the installation of officers with a reception.

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Our Knights were very active in St. Nicholas' parish. The Knights led the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary every Sunday. The Knights led the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday. Our Knights served as ushers, Eucharist ministers, cantors, lecture, choir members and more. Our Knights formed a Canopy Team for the Eucharistic procession at the conclusion of the 40 Hour Devotion and on Holy Thursday. Our Knights ushered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC monthly and for special events. Our Knights helped the St. Nicholas Social Committee with many events through the year including the church picnic and the St. Nicholas Feast Day dinner.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Lenten soup supper was served Friday evenings after Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Our Knights cooked a different homemade, hearty, nonmeat soup with sides of bread and salads each week. Light refreshments were served the first Friday of each month after the evening Mass. The fourth Saturday of each month our Knights hosted a dinner and movie night with a different homemade entree served each month. Movies are Catholic or Christian based including shows filmed at Sight and Sound Theatre. Our Knights hosted a super bowl party on super bowl Sunday featuring "tailgate food."

Our Knights hosted an Easter egg roll on Palm Sunday for the children. The youngsters were treated to candy at the end of the event. Our Knights hosted a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for the children. The winners received prizes and were forwarded to the State for competition at the next level. All of our activities are open to the parish and the community.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Our Knights collected requested items for the Little Sisters of the Poor and delivered them to the central distribution point. Our parishioners were very generous supporting this program. Our Knights volunteered at Elizabeth House, made lunches and set up for the evening dinner for the needy of the community. Our Knights participated in the Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day Food Packing event hosted by Bishop Macnamara Chapter providing over 36,000 meals for the needy in foreign countries.

## **LIFE**

Our Knights celebrated life by giving marigolds to Mothers on Mother's Day and St. Joseph, Defender of Life prayer cards to Fathers on Father's Day. We also supported the National March for Life by ushering 5 Masses at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

I wish to thank all the Officers of Deacon John Lynn Council 11619 for their outstanding support and exceptional volunteer activities. Without their intense involvement, none of the above activities would be possible.

## District 11



**Gus Gusman**  
**District Deputy**

**Franklin T. Morton, II**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2169, 5547, 15084, 16634**

**District 11**  
**Gus Gusman, District Deputy**  
**Franklin Morton, District Warden**

*Worthy State Deputy, Brothers All,*

*It is my privilege to submit the District 11 Annual Report for Fraternal Year 2023 – 2024 for your review. The Councils and Grand Knights comprising of District 11 are as follows:*

I would like to congratulate the Grand Knights, Council Officers, and Brother Knights of District 11 for a successful fraternal year, for your cooperation, hospitality, and support. The continued success of the District reflects the success of the Councils within the District. This will be demonstrated by their individual reports below. These Knights have dedicated significant personal time while performing their works of charity simultaneously sacrificing time away from their families. For that very reason, I would like to thank not only the Knights, but also the wives of the Brother Knights and their families for their dedication and support to the Order and to their men who serve it. I would also like to acknowledge the time, support, friendship, and advice given to me by District Warden, Franklin Morton.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16634**

**GK Stefan Witezak**

This small Council serves Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish and its Pastor and Chaplain Father Jerzy Frydrych. They guard Adoration, serve in the Corpus Christi procession and other key Catholic events, perform ushering duty at both the Parish and Basilica Masses. They honor Polish Constitution and US Veteran's Days. They participate in Right to Life Activities, participate in several military, veteran, and community Food Programs and winter Coat Drives. They participate in Blood Drives, Ukraine Charity, and Habitat for Humanity in Poland. They are consistent supporters of Maryland State Council Little Sisters of the Poor initiative.

**St. Michael the Archangel Council 15084**

**GK David Bludis**

This Council works closely with their Chaplain Monsignor Eddie Tolentino in their charitable outreach within the Parish and community. This includes a monthly pancake and bingo with Little Sisters of the Poor; the collection of Boxes of Joy for the Cross Catholic Outreach program; an annual picnic with Missionary Sisters of Charity celebrating St. Teresa Feast Day. They provided 48 Coats for Kids for a local charity. They collected baby clothes for the Gabriel Project Cluster and participated in the National Rally for Life activities. They spread joy of the Christmas season by singing carols with residents at Marian Assisted Living. Members usher at the parish and Basilica Sunday Masses. They hosted a St. Joseph relic prayer service open to the community. They celebrated the first anniversary devotion to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians; they staff the Right to Life Booth at the Montgomery County Fair and once a month pray the entire Rosary outside a local abortion facility.

**Holy Family Council 5547**

**GK Patrick Fitzgerald**

The Council has outstanding rapport with their Chaplain Father Brian Jordan. They supported several Faith Programs including prayer sessions for the sick, deceased, and those otherwise in need in their community. They provided manpower to remove and dispose of old parish carpeting, to include the removal and replacement of all furnishings. The new carpeting expense totaled \$24,925.00, of which the Council provided a significant contribution towards and provides

quantifiable scope of the volume of their efforts. The council collected funds to donate \$5,000.00 to the General Secretariat of the Franciscan Missions. They support the Saint Camillus Food Pantry Project which regularly provides baby diapers for families in great need of assistance. Father Larry Hayes, OFM was elected and was reassigned from the parish to the Provincial House of the Order as the Provisional Provincial for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Order. As a sign of recognition and appreciation the Council purchased and donated a gold Chalice and Paten for his use and the use of the other Friars in the Provincial House. The Council has continued to have a proud history supporting St. Camillus Parish and School, which supports 3 parishes.

#### **Father Rosensteel Council 2169**

#### **GK Mike Maddox**

The Council enjoys a close partnership with their Chaplain Father Joseph Calis. The Council holds a long-standing Friday Knight Rosary, an annual Rosary for the Unborn and the 31st Pro March Rally Kick-Off Dinner hosting Right to Life speakers. The attendees donated over \$1,000.00 for Pregnancy Center support. They also hosted a reception where a representative of a local pregnancy center came to speak and was presented with a \$700.00 donation to support the center. They hosted a Defendlife.org group during their 5-day Face the Truth Tour. Knights participated in Special Olympics Polar Plunge, collecting for the Tootsie Roll Program designed to assist people with Special Needs. The Council is a vital hub for Little Sister of the Poor monthly collections; it hosts various dinners supporting the Catholic faith; and supports 8 different Parishes and organizations with their Food Basket Program at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Council also supported Parish Picnics at two of the Churches they serve. And the Council is again on pace to surpass their membership quota for the district.

All the Councils in the District hosted many activities this fraternal year. In spite of the continued challenges resulting from the tail end of the Pandemic, the Councils successfully completed all Faith in Action activities. Lessons learned from the pandemic have led the Councils to creatively provide meaningful Faith and Community Programs to support their members and the community. I am very proud of their progress and their dedication in this endeavor. This resulted in vibrant financial and manpower support for their communities and parishes.

To State Deputy Christopher L. Powers whose motto is "Cry the Gospel with our Lives," I thank you for your confidence in me and asking me to serve as District Deputy during the 2023-2024 fraternal year. I especially wish to thank you and the State Officers for your support and guidance. I have strived to serve you and the Order well and generate enthusiasm in the Councils I serve to exemplify the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

In closing, I want to again thank my family for the love, support and understanding they have given me throughout my term as District Deputy. During my tenure with the Knights, and in my service as District Deputy, Lady Ruth and I continue to build numerous new friendships and to deepen our faith while in service to Parish and Community. Finally, I would especially like to recognize and thank my wife Ruth for her many personal sacrifices and unwavering support as I performed my duties as District Deputy this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gus Gusman  
District 11  
Maryland State Council

*"Cry the Gospel with Your Life!"*



## **Father Rosensteel Council #2169**

### **Grand Knight Michael Maddox**

Father Rosensteel Council celebrates it's 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year. We are blessed with a large and active Brotherhood, a vibrant support assembly of Maryknights and a large facility that enables us to host events like Installations, Exemplifications, Dinners and Socials. We are also blessed that our Chaplain, Father Joseph Calis, is present and participates in our meetings and functions. Brother Brian Graham is our benefits representative and the head of our membership committee as well as being a devoted member. We are active in inviting new members and their families into our Council and a great deal of time is spent planning events to keep our brothers engaged.

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – Kevin Nolan**

We celebrate our Faith as a Council every Friday evening with the Rosary. We have our annual Memorial Mass to celebrate the passing of our Brothers in the historic Church across from our Council. Our Brothers usher at our supported Parishes and we have Brothers who also usher at the Basilica whenever they are able. My favorite of our Faith Programs is the RSVP donations that we give to several Seminarians each year. I personally know all of the Seminarians that receive our good will and they are all beautiful young men who are carrying the future of our church. We also have held Delta Drives to Support our Parishes and assist the Pastors.

#### **LIFE ACTIVITIES – PGK James Mannion**

Our Life Program is the finest example of dedication to the Sanctity of Life that you will find in any Council.

In July the Council hosted a Defendlife.org group during leg 2 of their 5-day Face the Truth Tour. The council Brothers and Maryknights helped provide them with a place to gather and provided lunch as they listened to Fr. Frank Pavone talk about showing our support of life in the public square.

In October the Council again Held its Rosary for the Unborn at the Memorial for the Unborn in the Historic St Johns Cemetery next to the Replica of the Carroll Chapel across from the Council Home. Afterwards we gather to eat while listening to Pregnancy Support Centers. Thos attending donated \$700.00 for their centers.

In January we had our 31<sup>st</sup> Pro-Life Rally Kickoff Spaghetti Dinner. This event was held just before the Annual March for Life in Washington. Three Pro-Life Speakers and attendees donated over \$1000 for Pregnancy Support Centers. We provided breakfast to a College Pro-life Group from Nashville Tennessee here to attend the March.

Other Life activities included participation in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Collection from Tootsie Roll collection to Organizations that help those with Special Needs and participation in the ASAP Program (Assistance and Support after Pregnancy)

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Jason Webb**

Over the past year Council 2169 has organized and hosted 4 major family-oriented events for the Knights of Columbus and their families.

We launched into the Fall 2023 season with our annual Family Picnic. Over 50 families and guests totaling 100+ came out for our backyard picnic setup in the parking lot of KOC 2169. Families and guests enjoyed barbecue chicken, hot dogs, potato salad and sides while relaxing under tents in the warm late summer sun. We had cornhole, ladder golf and our new game room was open for all. Kids laughed and played during our water balloon fight and had their faces painted by a professional face painter

Our second annual event for families was our Halloween themed Friday night dinner. Kids were encouraged to come dressed in costume. The council provided hot dogs, fries and chicken nuggets for the kids. The decorations made the event feel extra spooky and the Halloween cheer was enjoyed by all

The third major event we hosted was our annual Dinner with Santa again paired with the Council's Friday night family dinner. It was a smashing success. Tons of members, their families and even Santa enjoyed holiday themed movies, music and cheer. It was packed in the council that night. Santa worked the room taking pictures with kids and their families. I think he even sneaked some eggnog.

The fourth annual event is a special one for me; our annual Father/Daughter Dance. Held upstairs in the Emerald ballroom, KOC 2169 hosted over 100 dads and daughters. I lost count tallying heads. It was a busy night for all who volunteered to make this event a success. I'm proud of each one of our volunteers. The girls and their fathers danced the night away. Our in-house DJ former GK Wayne Miller rocked the tunes and acted as our MC for the event. The ballroom was decked out with balloons and festive cheer.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – GK Michael Maddox**

With a community of over 800 members, we have the resources to support our own events as well as supporting outside events as well. To start the year, we have 2 events to bring the Council Brothers together. The first is our Officer Installation dinner. The second is the celebration of the Past Grand Knight. We host our annual Council picnic in the Fall to celebrate the Brothers returning after the summer break. We cook dinners for the Catholic Terps at the University of Maryland. Every Friday we have our own in-house dinner, cooked by different Brothers each week and attended by 50 to 100 people. We also bought Coats for Kids and supported the Global Wheelchair Program.

## **CONCLUSION**

I am humbled and blessed to have been a Grand Knight for this Council. The support of my Officers, the Trustees, our Chaplain, the Maryknights and our Brothers made it all possible. I can take credit for very little. I can only pray that whatever I have accomplished was done in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ and Blessed Michael McGivney.

God Bless the Knight of Columbus  
Michael Maddox  
Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus!

# **HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL, No. 5547**

## **Grand Knight Patrick J. Fitzgerald**

Holy Family Council 5547 is located at Saint Camillus Parish in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Council is 60 years old on April 20, 2024. Our parish is comprised of several ethnic cultures. We have a proud and long history of working to support the Church and the Parish School, which is now an international school serving 3 nearby parishes.

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – CHRIS LYNCH**

The Council provided two unique Faith programs this year. We organized a Rosary Prayer session to focus intercessory prayer for the sick, the deceased, those in distress and otherwise in need. The Council utilized the Living Rosary that has been a tradition within the Council and parish for those occasions where the powerful presence of a lighted Rosary can be prayed by participants each lighting one lightbulb at each Hail Mary prayer and at each Our Father pray continuously for all of the Rosary prayers. Father Larry Hayes, OFM was elected and was being reassigned from the parish to the Provincial House of the Order as the Provisional Provincial for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Order. As a sign of recognition and appreciation the Council purchased and donated a gold Chalice and Paten for his use and the use of the other Friars in the Provincial House.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – BILL GUINANE**

The Council provided two special Family programs this year. We provided volunteer support to the Parish Food Pantry ministry for the specific need of organizing the donation supplies and assisting with the distribution of the items during the regularly scheduled distribution event. The manpower provided by the Council was instrumental in accomplishing the necessary preparations for the schedule distribution activity. The Council organized a special Liturgy for the benefit of the members of the Local Union members and their families. The Celebrant and Homilist for the Mass was the Paster of Saint Camillus Parish, Father Brian Jordan, O.F.M. The Governor of Maryland, Mr. Wes Moore was invited and attended the Mass. Following the Liturgy, the Council organized a Reception and provide the refreshments with beverages and a light buffet. Approximately 200 people attended the Mass and Reception celebrated.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – BOB MONAGAN**

The Council provided two special Community activities. The teachers of the Saint Camilus Parish School known as the Saint Francis International School, are required to direct traffic and to monitor student arrivals and departures each morning and afternoon. During the cold winter months, this duty becomes a hardship for the teachers. In order to provide the necessary protection from the effects of cold weather, the Council determined that each teacher should have access to special winter outer ware for their protection. The Council donated the funds to purchase a supply of special duty winter ware for the use of the teachers and aide for use during outside duty. The Council came to the assistance of the Parish for the removal and installation of new carpeting in the worship space of the parish church. The manpower to remove and dispose of the old worn carpeting was accomplished through the efforts of Council members. The removal and replacement of all furnishings, and statuary was accomplished through the labor of Council



members. The new carpeting expense totaled \$24,925.00. By way of the several fund-raising events held by the Council in the past, the Council was able to make a donation to the Parish that would be sufficient to cover the total costs of this important and necessary upgrade and church renewal project.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES – SAMUEL AYALA**

The Council has a reputation and tradition of supporting the National Right to Life March each January on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., 2024 was no exception for this Council effort. Council members joined with members of the Order of Ancient Hibernians for a preliminary Prayer Breakfast prior to the March. Member attended a pre-March presentation by a local speaker predominant in the Pro-Life movement. Following the Prayer Breakfast, Council members participated in the Holy Mass held at the nearby Saint Patrick's Church in Washington. Following the Mass, Council member participated in the complete March for Life which started at the March Rally on the National Mall and proceeded to the steps of the Supreme Court. The Council determined the need was great in Ukraine and support was needed to protect those in harm's way. The Council determined that a most effective way to assist those in need in Ukraine was through the efforts of the Franciscan Missions working in Ukraine. The council collected funds from previous fund-raising events and donated \$5000.00 the General Secretariat of the Franciscan Missions. The Pastor of Saint Camillus Parish, Father Brian Jordan, O.F.M. was able to guarantee the funds would be directed to assist troughs who have suffered from displacement from their homes during the current conflict. A sum of \$5,000.00 was collected for this important donation for a particularly critical cause. The Saint Camillus Food Pantry Project regularly provides baby diapers for families in greatest need. The current stock of diapers had been depleted and a new source and supply was needed. The Pantry Project turned to the Knights for help. The council rose to the challenge and through the collection of funds from previous fund-raising events the Council was in a position to donate a total of \$300.00 for the purchase of a new supply of baby diapers.

### **CONCLUSION**

I want to express my most sincere thanks to all who have supported the Council in so many ways during this fraternal year and in every one of our 60 years of service. I especially thank our District Deputy Gus Gusman and our District Warden Franklin Morton for their continued help and guidance. I want to thank our Chaplain, Father Brian Jordan, O.F.M. for his very close collaboration for all of our projects. Our Council Officers have provided outstanding support in making the year productive. I give them my most grateful thanks.

God Bless our Church, our Order and the United States of America

Patrick J. Fitzgerald  
Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

## **St. Michael the Archangel Council #15084**

### **Grand Knight David Bludis**

Our Council meets on the first and second Monday of each month at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Resource Center located at 824 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The officers planning meeting on the first Monday of each month begins at 7:00 PM and the membership meeting on the second Monday of each month begins at 7:30 PM.

On Sunday, August 13, 2023, the officers of St. Michael the Archangel Council #15084 were installed at 11:00 AM following the 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by our Chaplain and Pastor, Monsignor Eddie Tolentino, at St. Michael the Archangel Church. A reception was held with the brothers and their families following the installation in the Williamsburg Room of St. Michael the Archangel Church. We were honored to host our Worthy State Advocate, Ron Hassan, and our Worthy District Deputy, Gus Gusman, for the installation and reception.

### **Program Director – Amanuel Abraha, Deputy Grand Knight**

#### **Community Activities – Michael Spraggins**

Throughout the year, the Council hosted a monthly pancake breakfast and bingo activity with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, D.C. From October 1 through November 5, the Council collected 50 Boxes of Joy with the help of the parish for the Cross Catholic Outreach program. On December 19, 2023, we spread the joy of the Christmas season singing carols with residents at Marian Assisted Living, where Brother Stephen Holowenzak resides. On January 2, 2024, the Council donated 48 Coats for Kids to the Colesville Council of Community Congregations (C-4), which is an interfaith organization supported by 20 organizations of multiple faiths that provide clothing, baby supplies, and Christmas toys to families in need throughout Montgomery County.

#### **Faith Activities –**

Throughout the year, several brothers collectively devoted several hundred hours serving as ushers at Sunday Masses at St. Michael the Archangel Church as well as the National Shrine of the Immaculate Reception in Washington, D.C. In May 2023, the Council purchased a Building the Domestic Church kiosk to provide those booklets to the parish, and we have maintained it since then. We appended some business card holders to the kiosk to include prayer cards and Council business cards to attract new members. On October 11, 2023, we participated in a Rosary Crusade with the Sodality of Mary at St. Michael the Archangel to pray the Holy Rosary with the parish to commemorate the month of the Holy Rosary. From March 8 through March 23, 2024, we hosted the St. Joseph Icon, and on March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph, we hosted a hybrid prayer service with the parish.

### **Family Activities – James Robertson**

We did not host our annual crab feast this year, but on August 6, 2023, the Council sold pints of crab soup from our crab feast caterer to the parish for \$5. The Council partnered with the Sodality of Mary at St. Michael the Archangel to sell gazpacho soup, empanada, and brownie takeout meals on September 24, 2023. We split the \$1,000 proceeds we received, and the Council donated our \$500 to the Supreme Disaster Relief Fund for the victims of the August 2023 Maui wildfire. On Monday, December 18, following an abbreviated membership meeting, we hosted a Council Christmas party with family members, and we ended up recruiting a new member from the event. On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, we hosted our Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage dinner with 50 brothers, their families, and parishioners.

### **Life Activities – Gregory McFadden**

Brothers from the Council promoted the right to life by praying all 20 decades of the Holy Rosary outside a local abortion facility every Saturday morning. On August 11-19, 2023, brothers promoted the right to life by staffing the Montgomery County Right to Life booth at the Montgomery County Fair. Knights directed the attention of attendees to life-like fetal models and free pro-life literature. In addition, they distributed pro-life themed items such as fountain pens and bracelets. On October 1, 2023, the Council celebrated the second anniversary of receiving the Icon for Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians from Past State Deputy, Dale Trott. We distributed prayer cards with a prayer to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians after all Masses. On January 19, 2024, brothers participated in the 2024 National Rally for Life where we were encouraged in our pro-life witness by inspiring speakers and a live concert. After the rally, the brothers added their voices to thousands of others with the message that all lives matter and stood up for life in the 2024 National March for Life. On March 11, 2024, Brother Greg McFadden represented the Council at the 2024 Maryland March for Life.

**SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE COUNCIL, No. 16634**  
**GRAND KNIGHT STEFAN WITCZAK**

The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Council # 16634 meets on the first Friday of each month at the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Poland, 9700 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring (Forest Glen), Maryland 20910 at 8:30 pm.

Prior to each monthly Council Business Meeting, Council members attend the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass beginning at 7:30 pm followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

The monthly Council Business Meetings convene at 8:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall of the Rectory of the Parish adjacent to the Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish Church (Old Saint John's of Forest Glen). The Council has adopted a hybrid format for these meetings. Both an in-person and an online Zoom option are available to our members.

The Council was instituted on February 5, 2017, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC.

Several Council activities continue to return to normal in this post COVID-19 Pandemic era.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Dave Birley**

**FAITH DIRECTOR – Franklin Morton**

The Council participated in several liturgical activities in support of initiatives requested by the Pastor. Additionally, the council provides considerable manpower and administrative support to the Knights of Columbus Shrine Usher Ministry at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This is a program supported directly by the Supreme Council. In April, Knights will stand guard at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday and assist with the procession during the Easter Sunday Morning Mass. In June, the Knights will have an instrumental role participating in the outdoor Corpus Christi Procession on the Parish grounds. Also, Knights participated in various events scheduled on November 11, 2023, honoring both Polish Constitution Day and the United States Veterans Day. During the month of December 2023, the Council led a procession in honor of the arrival of the Bethlehem Peace Light that arrive at the Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish. On December 31, 2023, the Council honored the Holy Family with a parish-wide recitation of the Prayer of Consecration and passed out Holy Family cards to all parishioners attending Mass. Finally, the Council provided financial support to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Council seminarian under the RSVP program.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR – Andrew Michaels**

The Council learned during the pandemic that food donations are even more important now as a record number of Maryland households struggle with food insecurities. The brothers of Council 16634 have been both assisting and providing food for families in Maryland. Each week the council continues to collect and distribute bakery products to a nearby nursing home for needy patients. The Council participated in several Winter Coat drives. Coats are essential in keeping the needy in Maryland healthy and warm. Each week the council continues to collect and distribute bakery products to a nearby nursing home for needy patients. The Council donates needed whole blood and platelets for research and treatment through the National Institute of Health in Rockville,

Maryland. On a global community scale, the Council provided financial assistance to the Habitat for Humanity Poland for years have been dealing with housing problems in Poland. The goal of this effort is to support low-income Catholics who desire better housing. The council also supported the KofC Disaster Relief Fund to ensure these Knights aiding in the relief effort have the resources necessary to serve their communities in their time of need. The council participates in collecting and distributing needed personal care items, food, water, and sanitation supplies to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, DC. These ongoing community service projects have provided significant assistance toward improving the quality of daily life for scores of needy individuals and families both locally and globally.

## **LIFE DIRECTOR - Tom Kolodziej**

Knights participated in the Right to Life Masses at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC during the annual Right to Life March Weekend. Members will participate in the Maryland March for Life march to the Maryland State Capitol in Annapolis, Maryland on March 11, 2024. Council members continue to participate in various Pro-Life events throughout the fraternal year. Furthermore, members participated in the letter-writing campaign to companies that support abortion.

## **FAMILY DIRECTOR – Franklin Morton**

To help end hunger within the DMV area, St. Maximilian Kolbe purchased prepackaged groceries to distribute to local civilian and military food banks. The council also participated by collecting and donating over 1,950 pounds of fresh bread and bakery goods for distribution to local food pantries and soup kitchens for the disadvantaged. The Council assisted in packaging 4,000 mac-n-cheese meals and donated them to local pantries in Maryland to feed local undernourished children. Lastly, the Council participated in the Cross Catholic Outreach food packaging event aimed at providing nourishment for children in dire need in developing countries. St. Maximilian Kolbe's goal is to aid not only local families but also global families facing food insecurities.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND DEGREES – Janusz Bilinski**

The Council continues to try to strengthen the Council by forging new paths to encourage new members to join the Council. In preparation of this initiative, the Council was prepared to conduct four Admission Degrees during the fraternal year in support of the districts' "one degree per month" schedule. Council members were available to escort new members to the new streamlined Admissions Degree process. The Council was prepared to hold an Admission Degree each first Friday of the month at 7:30 pm.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Grand Knight thanks the Deputy Grand Knight, the Council Officers, the Program Director, the Membership Director, all Committee Directors, and every brother of the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Council for their outstanding dedication and support this year. Our Council has had a successful year as its seventh full year since its institution on February 5, 2017. It has been a pleasure serving the Council as the fifth elected Grand Knight and to be the fourth Grand Knight to serve a full term. Finally, I extend and special thank you to our District Deputy Gus Gusman, District Warden Franklin Morton, and all the Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council Officers. It has been a joy to serve with each of you!

## District 12



**Larry Perkins**  
**District Deputy**

**Anthony McGrath**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2279, 2293, 5482, 11484, 12128**

# District No. 12

*Larry A. Perkins, District Deputy*  
*Anthony McGrath, District Warden*

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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 12 Submit for your Consideration the reports that follow. The Councils and their grand Knights are:

Archbishop Neale Council #2279  
Dr. John Henry Griffin Council # 2293  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy Council #5482  
Holy Ghost Council #11484  
Maurice McDonough Council #12128

GK. Justin J. Meeder  
GK. Michael R. Gonzales  
GK. Daniel Coughlon  
GK. Frank Wathen  
GK. John Mitchell

I thank all the Councils in the district for their Cooperation, support, and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to all the council on their many and varied programs and events during a most successful year.

Thank you to District Warden Anthony McGrath for his dedication, assistance and advice this past year.

To the State Chaplin, State Officers, Directors, and Chairman, Congratulations on a most successful year of meaningful programs, and thanks for your help in making my job easier.

To State Deputy, Christopher L. Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a rewarding experience. Your support and knowledgeable guidance throughout the year were very much appreciated.

Finally, to all my Fellow District Deputies, Thanks you for all you do for the State Council.

Larry Perkins  
District Deputy

**Archbishop Neale Council, No. 2279**  
**La Plata, MD, est. 1921**  
**Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder**

**Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director – Michael Mickey**

Archbishop Neale Council #2279 has shone brightly this year. This year's team earned Star Council, began and completed fundraising for a \$32,000 Mindray 4-D Ultrasound Machine for the Catherine Foundation in Waldorf, MD, restarted the Family of the Month Program, nominated the state selection for EMT of the Year, sponsored 5 RSVP Seminararians, and completed over 200 individual programs. These activities served to advance the goals of the Order and to glorify God. Below are some examples of our Faith in Action for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year.

**Chancellor & Membership Director – John Lee**

The Council continued to grow its membership during the 2023-2024 Columbian Year. The Council accepted 11 new knights to meet its membership quota, in addition to several transfer requests. The Council extended welcome by conducting Church Drives, greeting our parishioners at various events, and through personal invitations to join the Order; with the drive to continue to serve the Church, Families, Pro-Life efforts, and the Community.

This year, the Council instituted a New Member Mentoring Program, where every new member was paired with a current member. This created a more personal point of contact for direct engagement and encouragement to participate in council activities. Through this and other efforts toward member engagement, the Council has increased new member participation and increased the rate of elevation to the Fourth Degree.

**Faith Program Director –**

Our Council began the year by hosting the seminararians from the Archdiocese of Washington at our July 24<sup>th</sup> Seminararian Picnic. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Council sponsored and organized the Ride for Vocations. Additionally, we supported 5 seminararians through the RSVP program with Christmas cards, prayers, encouraging words, and \$500 each.

Our Council has prayed many rosaries over the year, praying before each officer and council meeting, as well as on the First Sunday of each month with the Ladies of Sodality. We also started a Spiritual Gifts program to welcome new Catholics who joined the Church during the Easter Season. A new Eucharistic Canopy frame was built, and we held two Eucharistic Processions, one on Holy Thursday and one on Corpus Christi.

**Family Program Director – Lawrence Miller**

Archbishop Neale Council restarted the Family of the Month program in the 2023-2024 Columbian Year to recognize families in the parishes served. The Council continued its long-standing tradition of sponsoring the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The contest entries were



primarily from Archbishop Neale School, however this year we opened the contest to Faith Formation programs which allowed home-school and public-school children to participate. We were pleased to have such creative entries submitted in all five grade groups with awards of \$25 being given to each winner.

The Council also sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas Breakfast with Santa. The Council coordinated Santa's arrival and cooked a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage for all attendees.

### **Community Program Director – George Liebal, Jr.**

The Council provided recurring monthly assistance with the Mary's Food Pantry distribution every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The Council also provided many community meal opportunities: a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Lenten Fish Fries, Community Breakfasts, and a Graduation Breakfast for the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders of Archbishop Neale School in May.

This year, the Council selection for EMT of the Year, Chief Benjamin Bates, was selected as the Maryland State Council EMT of the Year.

### **Life Program Director – Victor Kline**

The Council, with parishioners from Sacred Heart La Plata, took part in the Rosary for Life for the Unborn and hosted the Silver Rose Prayer Service at Sacred Heart. The Council also partnered with Charles County Right to Life to pray the rosary near Planned Parenthood, Waldorf, MD. In addition, the Council funded a bus to transport pro-life advocates to Annapolis for the Maryland March for Life.

The largest life event this year was a fundraiser to purchase a Mindray 4-D Ultrasound Machine for the Catherine Foundation in Waldorf. A spaghetti dinner was held on Saturday, January 20, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, in the Sacred Heart Friendship Room. Between the dinner and Grand Knight, Justin Meeder's other fundraising efforts, over \$60,000 was raised in total.

### **Grand Knight – Justin Meeder**

In many ways, this was a special year for Archbishop Neale Council #2279. It was my privilege to serve with the men of this Council. I pray that this Council may continue to serve in a way that shines a torch on our faith for many years to come. Thank you to all my Brother Knights and their families, for your faith and persistent good works. Thank you to my wife, Lauren, and to my children, Abigail, Noelle, and Olivia for your support. My time as Grand Knight, and all of you who helped to make the accomplishments of this year possible, will always occupy a special place in my heart. Know that you remain in my prayers.

# **DR. JOHN HENRY GRIFFIN COUNCIL, No. 2293**

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### **Grand Knight Michael R. Gonzales**

The Dt. John Henry Griffin Council #2293 will be celebrating its 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in August of 2024. The Council supports three parishes in Southern Maryland: St. Mary's in Bryantown, and St. Peter's and Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC), in Waldorf, Maryland. Our Council has been very active executing a variety of diverse programs and in meeting the needs of our parishes and in demonstrating the commitment of the Knights of Columbus to our Church, our communities, and the Nation.

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES – ALEX LIPINSKI**

During this past year, the Council has provided financial support, in the amount of \$500.00, each, to sponsor two different seminarians within the Archdiocese of Washington. We have responded to the requests of our pastors in coordinating, facilitating, and assisting in conducting parish events, like the 40-Hour Adoration, the Crowning of Mary, Corpus Christi Procession and Parish Anniversary Celebration, at OLHC and the Holy Spirit Pentecost Celebration, at St Mary's. We also hosted other Faith Activities to include the Silver Rose Ceremony, provided guards for the viewing of the relics of Saint Padre Pio, supported the Father Marten Memorial Mass, provided dinner and escort support for several priests during the Lenten Penitential Service, will host the Saint Joseph's Icon and will assist in the National Eucharistic Revival Tour in May - June 2024.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – STEVE LAW**

The Council has also been active in Community Activities. We assisted OLHC in supporting an Ordination Reception for a new Priest, assisted in setting up and cooking for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and assisted the Catholic Daughters in preparing for their Annual Banquet. The Council also provided cooking support for St. Peter's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Breakfast and building and facilitating a live Nativity Scene at St. Mary's, for the Advent Season. The Council also provided Christmas Donations to the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home and presented Teacher of the Year Awards to Teacher's in our local Catholic Schools. We participated in the Campaign for Helping People with Disabilities, raised money for Coats for Kids and had strong participation in the Maryland State Council Food Packing Event. We donated money to support victims of the fires in Maui and the Little Sister's of the Poor. We will be assisting in a clean-up, at the Carmelite Monastery in La Plata, Maryland.

### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – ADAM LeNORE**

During the year, the Council conducted a number of internal Council activities, as well. We hosted the State Deputy and other dignitaries at a Council Dinner after the Installation of our Officers in August 2023. We also hosted a meeting of the McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights at St. Mary's Bryantown. We

conducted Delta Recruiting Drives in each of our parishes and two Fraternal Benefits Nights, where we invited not only Council members, but members of the parishes, at large, who are not yet Knights. We hosted a Christmas Party for Council members and their families and invited others from the parish to attend, as well. We also had an Active Knight of the Month Award Program.

### **CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES – SID MARCUS**

The Council has been extremely active in the Right to Life Campaign. The Council hosted a Silver Rose Ceremony at OLHC in October 2023. Council members regularly participate in prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood, and other abortion clinics, across Southern Maryland. The Council donated \$500.00 to support the acquisition of a new Ultra-Sound Machine for the Catherine Foundation. Council members participated in the Maryland National March for Life and contacted their elected representatives to articulate our opposition to abortion and assisted suicide legislation.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – ANTHONY McGRATH**

The Council assisted in the conduct of an Easter Egg Hunt for, for families at St. Mary's Bryantown and will continue our annual tradition of handing out Marigolds to Mothers, on Mother's Day at all three of parishes. The Council sponsored a booth at the Southern Maryland Fall Family Festival, as a fundraiser, over three separate weekends, that included support from both Council members and their spouses. We supported St. Peter's School in their Annual Trunk or Treat Celebration and participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Campaign. We also had an Active Family of the Month Awards Program.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES – DEACON BILL SCOTT**

Our Assistant Chaplain, Deacon Bill Scott assists in coordinating the Youth Group at OLHC of Christians and the Council provided donations to the Group and regularly teams with them on multiple parish activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Dr. John Henry Griffin Council, and its Knights, remain committed to supporting our priests, our parishes, our local communities and the Nation. We will continue to stay engaged in our recruiting efforts and we will continue to work diligently to live, in all that we do, the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, each and every day. We would like to express our appreciation to the State Deputy, the State Council and our District Deputy for your leadership and support throughout the year and look forward to serving the Order in the year ahead.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**SK Michael R. Gonzales (Colonel, USA, Ret), PFN**

**Grand Knight**

**Dr. John Henry Griffin Council #2293**

# **HOLY GHOST COUNCIL #11484**

## **Grand Knight Francis P. Wathen**

Our council meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the parish hall of Holy Ghost Church, at 15848 Rock Point Road, Newburg, Maryland, 20664. Meetings start at 6:30pm. The first meeting of the month is a business meeting. The second meeting of the month is oriented toward program planning and socializing.

On Saturday September 30, 2023 the officers of Holy Ghost Council were installed after the 5:00pm Mass at Holy Ghost Church in Issue, Maryland. The council is made of 75 members from two parishes: Holy Ghost Church, Issue, and St. Mary Church, Newport. Sadly, one member passed this fraternal year: Dave A. (Tony) Hayden.

Our Chaplain is Fr. William Wadsworth, the Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish. Fr. Matthew Fish, Pastor of St. Mary Church, is also a supporter of the Council.

Some of the activities of the Council for this fraternal year were as follows:

### **FAITH:**

We provided Arimethean support at Holy Ghost Church, being blessed to be able to support the parish and family members during funeral services of parishioners. We provided usher support to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Council continued our tradition of providing \$500 each in financial support for two Seminarians. We also supported a refreshment stop at St. Mary Church on the bicycle Ride for Vocations held in Sep 2023. Religious-themed Christmas card/ornament/puzzle sales were held again this year at our two parishes, providing parishioners with an opportunity to focus on Jesus' birth during the season. In December once again the Knights decorated the exterior of St. Mary Church with a nativity scene. Council members maintain the lawn and cemetery on a weekly basis at St. Mary Church. Our various fundraisers allowed us to donate to both parishes throughout the fraternal year in support of the mission of the Church, to include their CCD programs. A donation was made to a Diocese in Papua New Guinea for the formation of seminarians, evangelization, and the education of children. A program we are about to begin is the "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary", where members will lead congregations in praying the Rosary at our two parishes at all Masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. This will happen on three Sundays in 2024.

### **FAMILY:**

This year we again provided manpower and organizing skills in support of the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Mary Church, Newport. Several Brothers manned the kitchen and cooked and prepared items along with other parish volunteers who decorated the hall and manned the doors. The dinner was attended by about 135 people. Holy Ghost Council continued our support to the Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot at Holy Ghost Church. For the past several years we have supported a child in South America through "Unbound". Along with \$432 in annual financial support we are able to exchange messages with the child. The council provided financial support to the CCD programs at Holy Ghost and

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### **Grand Knight Francis P. Wathen**

St. Mary Churches, and to Special Olympics. Lastly, a Memorial Mass was held in November for 39 deceased brothers and their families. The Council once again supported Samaritan's Purse' "Operation Christmas Child" to aid in the preparation of gift boxes.

#### **COMMUNITY:**

Our most successful fundraising events involves local food establishments selling their products (pizzas, BBQ, donuts) from their mobile kitchens in the parking lot of Holy Ghost Church. The event began when covid restrictions were in place and continue to be successful even after covid restrictions have been lifted. The rural community enjoys the opportunity to buy a variety of meals/items they might not normally have convenient access to, and it promotes community togetherness. Brothers assist patrons ordering from their cars in a no-contact environment, if desired. We participated in the Intellectually Disadvantaged program with a \$1000 donation to Spring Dell Center in Charles County. We provided donations to the Safe Nights program, to the Wayside Food Bank, to Health Partners, to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, to Rebuilding in Charles County (formerly Christmas in April), to the Catherine Foundation, and the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, to Safe Nights, and to Special Olympics. Members again supported the successful St. Patrick's Day event at St. Mary's where close to \$1000 was raised for the parish. We also supported a 350<sup>th</sup> parish anniversary breakfast at St. Mary Church. The annual Taste of Italy Dinner, held at St. Mary Parish in July 2023, included singing by Fr. David Beaubien. Council members also provide man-hours in support of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church. The Council hosted "Lunch with Santa" events at both parishes in Dec 2023.

#### **LIFE:**

We will soon again participate in the Marigold Program on Mother's Day in 2024, advocating for and increasing the awareness of the importance of mothers and their choice for and support of life. The Council continued its financial support to the Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Care Center (\$365), in support of their sonogram and educational programs for expectant mothers and fathers, as well as contributing \$500 to the sonogram drive held by another of our District 12 councils. Holy Ghost Council once again supported the Pro-Life program through the installation of a Cemetery of the Innocents at Holy Ghost Church (Oct 2023) and at St. Mary Church (2024). Also, we delivered and retrieved our crosses and sign for use at Holy Family Church in Mitchellville, MD, and we continued our record of providing annual financial support to MD Right to Life.

## **MAURICE J. McDONOUGH COUNCIL, No. 12128**

### **GRAND KNIGHT JOHN T. MITCHELL**

Our council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 4590 St. Joseph Way, Pomfret, MD 20675. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. The 4th Degree also meets at St. Joseph's on the first Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m.

### **PROGRAMS DIRECTOR – SK John Mitchell, Grand Knight**

#### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

On the fifth Sunday during this past fraternal year (April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024), our council led the rosary before all three Masses. There were 3-4 Knights per Mass. Many parishioners thanked us. Parish breakfasts were held four times a year after the 9:00 Mass. These are always well attended by the parishioners. We put on a Fish Fry in March for the parishioners. Approximately 12 Knights planned, shopped, cooked, served and cleaned up the supper. A good time was had by all. We provided food for two Designer Bag Bingos held at St. Joseph's. These bingos were well attended. On Mother's Day, we hand out flowers for the mothers to take home and plant.

#### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

In July, we held an Installation of Officers. We recite the rosary at all regular monthly meetings. We also sponsor the Angie Houtz Scholarship. Angie was a victim at the Pentagon on 9/11. Each year we award \$1,000 to a deserving high school senior. We donated gift cards for the St. Joseph's office staff at Christmas. We have also helped cut the grass on the church grounds.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

We helped a family in need. It was a single mother with four small children who needed assistance to get back on her feet. She had been put out on the street by her husband without any clothes or money. This mother now has a job and a place to live with her children.

We helped a blind lady with her yard work on more than one occasion. We trimmed shrubs, fixed the lawnmower, and removed trees and shrubs. She was very appreciative. She is on a fixed income.

We visited different homebound people and also did minor repairs around the house for them.

In December, we worked at Cheltenham Veterans' Cemetery placing wreaths on gravesites for fallen soldiers. Knights returned in January to remove the wreaths.

During the weekends in December, the Knights delivered Christmas toys, clothes and gifts to the residents of Angel's Watch Women's Shelter in Hughesville, MD. These gifts were donated by the parishioners at St. Joseph's Church.

We donated money to help purchase an ultra-sound machine to be used at the Catherine Foundation in Waldorf, MD.

We provided a bugler to play TAPS from our church bell tower for Taps Across America on Memorial Day and placed wreaths on the military gravesites.

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Our council had a membership drive one weekend in January. After each Mass, one of our Knights made a presentation from the pulpit to encourage interested men to join our council. Approximately 8 Knights were available after all the Masses to answer questions. Several men sought information and spoke with the Knights.

### **CONCLUSION**

As Grand Knight, I would like to thank all the Knights of our Council for an excellent fraternal year. We started a new practice of saying the rosary before our meetings. Also, when we ask for petitions at the end of the meeting, we pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary right then for those intentions.

## District 13



**Calvin Anthony**  
**District Deputy**

**Robert (Chris) Daigle, Sr.**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**370, 2521, 6021, 13859**





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District Deputy: SK Calvin W. Anthony

District Warden: SK Christopher Daigle, Sr.

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The Councils of District 3 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The Councils and their Grand Knights listed in numeric order are:

Council # 370 - St. Patrick Council - Paul Brennan, GK

Council # 2521 - Cardinal Gibbons Council - David Price, GK

Council # 6021 - Fr. Burggraff Council - John Mulcahy, GK

Council # 13859 - Pope John Paul The Great - Joe Mizell, GK

Each of the Councils in District 13 conducted various activities under the Faith In Action Program during each reporting period. Between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, they submitted 126 FIA Reports.

Several in-person Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity were conducted in the district this year. To date the district has obtained 60 % of their membership quota with several remaining in the prospect tab and several Delta Church drives planned for mid-April.

Council 13859 has earned the Star Council for 3 years in a row. Council 6021 is working on earning Star Council for the 11th year in a row. If Council 370's Delta Church drive picks up just two new members they will have met their quota.

During this Fraternal Year each of the Councils in the district have supported Seminararians with a contribution of \$500.00 to each seminarian through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Some of the activities during the year were: Monthly "Free" breakfast, Monthly donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor as well as community food pantries. Participation in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, the Soccer Challenge and the Free Throw Challenge. Participated in the Pilgrim Icon and Silver Rose programs and the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Volunteering at First Fruits Farm picking and sorting vegetables to be delivered to Food Pantries and Food Banks in the region as well as volunteering at several soup kitchens. Collected and delivered items to the Women's Care Center in Overlea.

At the March for Life event in October parishioners along with members from several Councils joined Cr. Gibbons Council 2521 for Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church while praying the Rosary and singing hymns. Due to the weather conditions the march was limited to around the Church.

Thanks to the financial support from Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly # 385 and donations from several parishioners from St. Joseph and Fr. Burggraff Council 6021, 194 wreaths were purchased from Wreaths Across America and placed at all the gravesites at St. Joseph's Church.

Some of the additional activities by the Councils not mentioned above are:

**Faith Activities** - Vocations Awareness Mass, Reciting the Rosary before each weeks meeting, Marion Hour Prayer service at St. Ursula's Church, Members from Cr. Gibbons Council 2521 and Fr. Burggraff Council 6021 are participating in COR programs, Sponsorship of bus to March for Life in D.C. by Cr. Gibbons Council 2521 and Fr. Burggraff Council 6021. Also participated in the March for Life in Annapolis. Fr. Burggraff Council hosted the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon.

**Family Activities** - Family of the Month program, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, Build the Domestic Church Kiosk, Sacramental Gifts. Pope John Paul the Great Council 13859 held a Socks for Souls drive as well as Treated the parishes Alter Servers to a Night Out at the Iron Birds Ballgame.

**Life Activities** - Baby Bottle Campaign for Pregnancy Center support, Ultrasound program, Raised donations for the Special Olympics of Maryland's Polar Bear Plunge, Volunteered at several SOMD events during the year, Tootsie Roll Camhosted paign, Novena for Life and Christian Refugee Relief.

**Community** - One of the Helping Hands events was the monthly State collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor, Tootsie Roll Campaign, Coats for Kids program, Soccer Challenge, Basketball Free Throw contest. Volunteered at various Soup Kitchens. Held a Flea Market. Weekly Fish Fry during Lent. Incentive Raffle. Breakfast with Santa and the Box of Joy program. Parish Cleanup.

Some of the means the Councils used to raise monies for their Charities' were by holding dances, Lenten Fish Fry, Family night out at a restaurant, Corn Hole Tournament, Crab Feast and Bingo.

### **Conclusion**

I would like to "THANK" the Grand Knights, Officers and Council members who worked to achieve a successful year. Your support, cooperation, and hospitality given to District Warden Christopher Daigle, Sr. and myself throughout the past Fraternal year helped make our responsibilities much easier to fulfill.

I would like to "THANK" District Warden Christopher Daigle, Sr. for his support, guidance and helping hand whenever needed. His wisdom and guidance are greatly appreciated.

To my wife Ann, I cannot "THANK YOU" enough for your loving support allowing me the time to perform my duties as District Deputy. Your participation in the District and State events has been greatly appreciated.

To State Deputy Christopher L. Powers "Thank You" to you and all the State officers for your support and guidance this past Fraternal year.

Least but not last, I wish to extend a "THANK YOU" to all the Priest and Chaplains who have supported us this past year and provided us with inspirational guidance.

Vivat Jesus!

Calvin Anthony

D. D. - District 13

# **St. Patrick Council, No. 370**

## **Book of Reports**

**Grand Knight:** Paul W. Brennan, Jr.

St. Patrick Council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at their Council Home located at 8335 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, Maryland. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

An Officers' meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the same location, and begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Program Director:** Gregory Lynch, PFN, PCP, PGK, DD

**Faith Director:** Paul W. Brennan, Jr., GK

During the Fraternal Year, the Grand Knight of St. Patrick's Council has continued to meet with the Pastor of St. Clare to offer the Council's services and to request approval for Council initiated activities. A member of our Council engages members, family members, and friends on a daily basis by sending out a short prayer for spiritual reflection. Council members and family members participated in praying the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Patrick Council provided financial support to a seminarian.

**Family Director:** William Mehle, PGK

Our Council provided assistance to a family who was displaced due to a house fire. We donated more than 800 lbs of food to the St. Clare food pantry. A Christmas party was held for families and friends with food, gifts, face painting, crafts, and Santa Claus.

**Community Director:** Joseph Scelsi, Chancellor

During the Fraternal Year the St. Patrick's Council purchased and sought donations which provided 81 coats to a local shelter. The Council participated in the Box of Joy program and provided 25 boxes. The Council delivered twin sheet sets, bath towels and washcloths, twin blankets, and bars of soap (valued at \$2500) to the family shelter (Eastern Regional Community Center). We baked, assembled, and delivered cookie trays to local fire stations, police stations, and our Parish rectory. The Shelter contacted the Council to request flip flops for residents to use in the showers. We delivered over 300 pairs of flip flops, as well as additional bath towels and wash cloths. A long-time supporter of our Council suffered the loss of her father, who had no insurance. The Council donated \$200 toward funeral expenses. We also provided the use of our Hall at no cost, and prepared and served food at the gathering following the funeral.

**Life Director: Gregory Lynch, PFN, PCP, PGK, DD**

During the Fraternal Year, the St. Patrick's Council members and St. Clare families conducted a baby bottle drive to support a local Pregnancy Center. The \$1,394 donated was very much appreciated by the pregnancy center. The St. Patrick's Council scheduled and conducted the Novena for Life for 9 days in the month of January with members, family, and friends through our council's website. We came together to support the message that life is precious and should be protected. The Women's Care Center in Overlea requested onesies, diapers, and other baby items since their supplies had become low. We delivered almost 100 onesies, 8 large boxes of diapers, formula, infant outfits, etc.

**Conclusion:**

St. Patrick's Council continues to perform acts of charity, despite its small size. Several new members have been recruited, and our recruitment efforts will continue. Thank you to all members for their service to the Knights of Columbus.

**Cardinal Gibbons Council, No. 2521**  
**Book of Reports 2023 – 2024**  
**Grand Knight - David R Price**

Our council meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our business meetings start at 7:30 PM.

We held our Council Installation of Officers on Saturday July 8, 2023, at 12 pm. The installations were conducted by District Deputy Calvin Anthony and assisted by his Warden Robert Daigle Sr.

Program Director- Tim Burdyck

**Faith / Life**

Marion Hour Prayer Service - Our council hosted a Marion Hour Prayer Service at St. Ursula Church. Mass that was celebrated by Fr. Jason Worley. Deacon Mike Baxter led a prayer service that was followed by Eucharistic adoration. We had 51 participants from the community and 3 of the surrounding councils.

RSVP - Cardinal Gibbons continues the history of supporting the Archdiocese Seminarians. This year through the generosity of our members and their families and friends, we were able to support five seminarians.

Eucharistic Procession - Along with several other councils we gathered and celebrated Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church. Following Mass, we processed around the church praying the Rosary, and praying for the sanctity of life.

March for Life - Our council sponsored and funded a bus trip to the National DC March for Life.

**Family**

Council Memorial Mass - We held our council Memorial Mass honoring our brothers that passed away during the prior year. At the Mass, we honored the memory of those brother Knights.

Box of Joy - Our council participated in the Cross Catholic Outreach, "Box of Joy" program. We also served as a regional drop off point. Our members and families traveled to Bowie Maryland to participate in the Cross Catholic Food Packing event.

Keep Christ in Christmas - Our council partnered with Fr. Leo Abendschoen council #11615 to sponsor the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We received and judged over 300 posters.

**Community**

Soccer/Basketball Shoot-out - We held the shootouts for the children at Villa Maria School, a member of the Catholic Charities of Baltimore. Villa Maria School provides educational and clinical services for children with significant emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges.

Dances and Bull Roast - This year we were able to hold our Christmas dance and Bull Roast. These events were well attended and enjoyed by all that participated. Our 100th Anniversary week included

more than a Ball, it was a week of celebrating history, honoring our Past Grand Knights, and preparing for our future!

Golf Tournament - New this year, our outing had our council members involved in a fun-filled fellowship to kick off our planning for our council's 100th Anniversary celebration.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Every month, we are a drop-off point for the collection of food and monetary donations for the surrounding councils. We then deliver these donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor facility in Catonsville.

I have been honored to serve as the Grand Knight of the Cardinal Gibbons Council # 2521. I thank all the many members and their families that helped me throughout the year.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Father Burggraff Council, No. 6021

4110 1/2 Pine Hill Road  
Perry Hall, MD 2123

### **“Book of Reports” by John J Mulcahy, Grand Knight**

Father Burggraff Council #6021 meets each Thursday at our Council Home, in-person, beginning at 7:00pm with reciting Rosary before the start of the meetings. Monthly Membership meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The Officers Planning meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. The first Thursday of the month is a social event with food and families. Our Fraternal Year officially began in July, 2023 with our Installation of Officers. We enjoyed fellowship immediately following in the parish center with family and friends. We are honored to say that we are on track to receive Star Council for the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row. I sadly report that since March 1, 2023, five of our members were called home to the Lord.

### **Faith Activities** – Co-Chaired by Paul Drinks and William P Lane

We are currently engaged in a COR program at St Joseph Fullerton, incorporating several other men's faith groups. The program runs once a month and is co-directed by Fr. Jesse Bolger. Two other faith programs are headed by Brother Knights of our council. The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon was hosted by our council for a well-attended service. The 2024 Catholic Men's Conference was attended by over 20 of our council members. **RSVP** - We contacted Mary Beck in the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Vocations office to identify seminarians to sponsor. A check for \$500 was sent the Jeromy Belk, an active seminarian. **Rosary** – During the pandemic the council started each meeting by reciting the rosary even though many of those meetings were virtual. An average of 30 men participates in the rosary each week.

### **Family Activities** – Co-Chaired by Vince Di Paola and Hunter Hellman

St. Vincent de Paul collects casseroles on first Friday of month for Beans and Bread in Baltimore. Casseroles collected by parishioners for delivery by our council average 40 casseroles each month.

**First Fruits Farm** –On two occasions during the growing season members of our council, along with spouses, and members of St Joseph's youth groups picked various crops which were then delivered to local food pantries, food banks, and other organizations supporting those in the community in need.

**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** - Coordinated w/ church school for 800+ students to participate. The 3 winning posters were made into 4'X6' banners and were displayed in church quad during Christmas season. Our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in one of the divisions took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State competition.

**Members of #6021** joined others in serving 200+ Thanksgiving dinners to active service personnel unable to join their families, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

### **Community Activities** – Co-Chaired by Don Smith and William Lane

**Helping Hands** - Collected much needed donations each month for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Approximately 250 to 300 lbs. of food and personal supplies are collected and delivered each month, in addition to numerous gift cards for additional food. Proceeds from the annual Incentive raffle were distributed @ \$300 each to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital; Women's Care Center; Autism Speaks;

Alzheimer's Support; and Center for Pregnancy Concerns. Our Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign benefited the Maryland School for The Blind. A check for \$7604.00+/- was delivered supporting those with intellectual disabilities. Coats for Kids - Procured 74 new boys and girls children's winter coats. Donated coats to needy children w/in parish school, family's council members knew in need, and St. Vincent De Paul Society. Donated coats to Assisi House of St. Patrick's in Baltimore support inner city youth. Soccer Challenge - 170+ participants - Coordinated through the St. Joseph Athletic Association. Was largest participation in recent years. Coordinated on same day as team photos; brought max participation. Basketball Free Throw - participants met at St Josephs for a competition with final rounds required. Honoring Veterans @ St. Joseph Cemetery - We honored veterans at St. Joseph Cemetery by placing flag at their gravesite on Independence and Veterans Day. Attended mass and blessed flags prior to ceremony. Additionally, under the Wreaths Across America program, 200+ wreaths were placed utilizing a color guard of Boy and Girl Scouts, family members and many of our brother knights. Proceeds from our spaghetti dinner (\$1900) were contributed to St. Josephs for their Capitol Campaign Funds from our dinner bingo were donated to the Maui disaster relief fund (\$3,000) Three Scouts, working on their Eagle projects were provided support in the amount of \$300 each to aid in their projects. Volunteers from #6021 worked in the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, organizing donations and helping on the sales floor.

### **Life Activities** - Co-Chaired by Mark Hicks and Glen Sauer

Our council participated in and financially supported both the National March for Life in DC, and the local Maryland March for Life to Annapolis MD. Pregnancy Center Support - Our on-line and envelop donations are on track to exceed \$8500.00. Donations will go to CPC to support their growing needs. Participation in the ASAP program has yielded two rebates of \$100.00 for CPC, and Women's Care Center. The Silver Rose was hosted by our council at St Joseph Fullerton. The beautiful service was well attended and was led by Fr. Jesse Boulger. Brother Knights and spouses participate in the Defend Life monthly mail out campaign, preparing literature for distribution. Members of #6021 supported both the Center for Pregnancy Concerns and the Women's Care Center by sponsoring entire tables at Galas held by each organization.

**Conclusion** - Thanks to the great support by our Church Pastor and Council Chaplin, Fr. Jesse Bolger, along with all the members of the Fr. Burggraff Council 6021, all of whom have helped make this another successful year. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the help and guiding support of our District Deputy Calvin Anthony, and District Warden Christopher Daigle Sr.

**Vivat Jesus!**



## **Pope John Paul the Great Council, No. 13859**

### **Grand Knight Joe M. Mizell**

Council 13859 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, located at 10003 Bird River Road, Middle River, MD 21220. We have been a council since 2005.

On August 6th, 2023, we celebrated the installation of officers with a mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Middle River, Maryland, our council parish. The mass was followed by lunch and was attended by 30 members and friends.

**Program Director - Gary Thurman, DGK**

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES - LENNY BAYER**

Council 13859 is a single parish council for Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church (OLQP). However, this year we have begun conducting events, in conjunction with Council 370, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church (OLMC), since they were an unrepresented parish. Our members serve as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and more at both parishes. At OLQP, members are the primary ushers at all masses and serve as a group, in KofC apparel, to promote the council. Members also serve in every fundraiser conducted by the parish. Members are responsible for all building maintenance and groundskeeping at OLQP. Additionally, at OLQP, Council 13859 maintains a Building the Domestic Church literature kiosk and Sacramental Gifts program for baptism parents, married couples and RCIA confirmands. Council 13859 supported two seminarians with financial and moral support during this fraternal year. In June, our council will host the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon and have planned two special masses surrounding the icon. Finally, council 13859 is planning a spiritual retreat to the Seton Shrine in June.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - SK JOE MIZELL, GK**

Since inception, council 13859 has conducted a monthly Bingo to bring people from the community into the church. Many attendees have become parishioners and new council members as a result. Council 13859 also held a Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny for the youth of the community. These are in addition to our monthly 'free' breakfast we provide for our community, to assist those in need and as a 'thank you' to the parishioners for their support to the council and parish. In December, council 13859 held a second Breakfast with Santa, specifically for needy families, where we provided 44 coats for kids. In order to get the youth in our parish & community more active in the church, council 13859 participated in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and the Soccer Challenge. This was the second year for these events. They not only brought youth into the church, but also promoted the works of the council to the surrounding community. Finally, council 13859 conducted our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Lenten Fish Fry's, which we put on every Friday during Lent. This is a parish and community favorite!

## **LIFE ACTIVITIES - JOHN LOMBARDI, IG**

Council 13859 conducted several fundraisers for life during the previous year to include a Baby Bottle campaign to raise money for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns (CPC), drives to raise money for the Ukraine Relief Fund, and a drive to raise money for a local food bank in our community.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES - STEVEN RYAN, IG**

Council 13859 continued our Knight of the Month program this year. To help get the whole family more involved in the church, council 13859 participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. One of our winners went on to also win at the State council level. We also began hosting a family prayer/movie night. During this evening, we conduct a prayer service and then watch a family movie on a large screen in the parish pavilion. The kids has shown great interest in the event! Finally, council 13859 held a Family Turkey Bingo designed for children to enjoy. It was held on the Friday before Thanksgiving and, in lieu of cash like our regular bingos, the winners received gift cards for turkeys for Thanksgiving. It was a huge success and is now an annual event.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Grand Knight would like to thank all of the officers, members and parishioners for all of your help and support this year. A special thanks to Father Patrick, Father Gene & Monsignor Bob for their continued support of our council programs and for their spiritual guidance. For over 18 years, council 13859 has been doing a fantastic job in the community and with the Knights of Maryland. May we continue the great work started by our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

## District 14



**Armando Fernandez**  
**District Deputy**

**(Vacant)**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**16611, 17192, 17545, 18170**

## District No. 14

### Book of Reports

Armando E. Fernandez, District Deputy-14

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers & Delegates

126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

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Annapolis Maryland 2024

District 14 is comprised by San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore (16611), San Oscar Arnulfo Romero (17192), San Bernardino de Siena (17545), and San Jose Custodio de Columbia (18170)

On August 21, 2023 San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore installed Grand Worthy Knight Jose Ramirez and council officers at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

On July 29, 2023 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero installed Worthy Grand Knight Eduardo Chicas and council officers at St. Mark the Evangelist Church

On August 27, 2023 San Bernardino de Siena installed Worthy Grand Knight Moises Fuentes and council officers at San Bernardine of Siena Church

On July 30, 2023 San Jose Custodio de Columbia installed Worthy Grand Knight Jhon Jairo and council officers at St. John the Evangelist Church

I want to thank all the councils of District 14 for their hospitality, cooperation, support and their vote of confidence throughout the fraternal year. Congratulations to all the councils on their many programs and events during the past year.

All the Grand Knights, Council Officers and council members that attended their monthly business meetings were shared with the State Deputy message(s) notified of State Council events and functions.

Worthy State Deputy, Brother Christopher Powers. Thank you for thinking about me and for the opportunity to serve the Maryland State council and my Spanish

speaking Brothers as one of your District deputies on your team, it has been a pleasure and a great learning experience, thank you for inspiration, guidance and leadership. It is very much appreciated.

Finally, I will like give special thanks to my Wife Juana Fernandez and my kids for all the support giving and all the patience with me throughout the year and my wife attending all the many K of C events with me

Respectfully Submitted,

Armando E. Fernandez DD-14

## **SAN JOSE CUSTODIO de COLUMBIA COUNCIL, No. 18170**

### **Grand Knight Jhon J. Neira**

On March 19, 2023, with the generous support and passionate interest of our former District Director Williams Castillo and supported with our State Advocate Ron Hassan and with the authorization from State Deputy Chris Powers, 21 men presented themselves to receive the Honor of being the founders of the San Jose Custodio Council of Columbia MD. Now our Council has 28 members, those 7 new Knights of Columbus along with the founders have been demonstrated hard work, devoted members and serving in the Parish on a different ministry and or Prayers Groups.

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Knights of Columbus have been active in our church during the whole year. Members had been serving as Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hispanic Committee members have been supporting the Pastor and the administration of the Interfaith Center where we congregated. During Easter 2023 & 2024 we have been taking control of the parking lot, activity that eliminated the traffic and the dangerous possible accidents inside the parking lot. The Silver Rose service was presented to our community in November 2023 with a calculated concurrence of 200 people, Council members were active participants and with the presence of Color Corps that night was special for our parish. In January our Council hosted the St. Joseph Icon in a very emotional and spiritual service with approximate concurrence of 180 people. During the whole week we were praying the Novena for Life.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; PLANT TREES.**

In the end of summer, we were planting trees in our community center, 10 Knights of Columbus were helping the rest of the servers in this activity. In Autumm members were participating with the State of Maryland Supreme in the Family Festival in Baltimore, we were helping with the parking, cooking food, and helping with the recruitment group.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES: ELIZABETH'S HOUSE**

Every month our Council works with the community to distribute casseroles collected and then deliver that food to the poor people that requested assistance at the Elizabeth's House in Laurel. Along with the Green Team in our parish we were helping during the presentation of the movie "The Letter" and organizing activities to teach the community about Climatic change and the necessity of conserving mother nature.

## **LIFE ACTIVITIES**

San Jose Custodio Council united with our brothers of Columbia Council (American Council), we were working in activities that were planning to obtain funds for the Pregnancy Center in Columbia, we distributed baby bottles and collecting money and the Tootsie Rolls program for the Special Olympics of Howard County.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

Starting in December 2023, our Council initiate the activities to obtain fund to help the San Jose Parish in Colombia South America reconstruction, for this project we were selling Hispanic food during February, now we are selling Raffle tickets, and we are planning to sale food again in May. The way that our Council recruitment gave us a new valuable helper and we will put all our efforts to increasing the Knights of Columbus San Jose Custodio during May and June.

## **CONCLUSION**

In our hearts there are only feelings of gratitude for our current District Director Worthy Armando Fernandez and for all members of the Maryland State Council and one special greeting for the Fraternity and assistance of our current Maryland State Deputy Mr. Chris Powers all of them help us to pass this year and teaching how we can do better for our Council. Many thanks to our Chaplain father Hilario and the deacons Jose and Orlando. I don't think I have enough words to express all my gratitude to all members of our council, they demonstrated sacrifice, loyalty, and successful efforts during this year to consolidate SAN JOSE CUSTODIO DE COLUMBIA COUNCIL.

We will always continue to strengthen our Fraternity and follow the goals of our Founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

God Bless our Order.

Jhon j. Neira

Grand Knight

**VIVAT JESUS**

## District 15



**Michael E. Maxey**  
**District Deputy**

**Robert J. Butto**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**4076, 5317, 11171, 11511, 16499**





## Maryland State Council Book of Reports



Worthy State Deputy, Officer & Delegates  
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Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates, and Brother Knights:

The councils of District 15 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The councils and their Grand Knights are:

- St. Pius X, Council No. 4076 - Robert White
- St. Columille, Council No. 5317- George Hendrix
- St. John the Evangelist Council No. 11171 – John (Andy) Harris
- Most Holy Rosary, Council No. 11511 – Jean Cherry
- St. John Fisher, Council No. 16499 – Shawn Williams

I would like to thank all the Councils within Maryland District No. 15 for their continuous cooperation, support, and hospitality throughout the year. I congratulate all the District Councils on their completion of a very successful year of planning and executing various and impactful programs and events throughout the Columbian year. As a District, Councils were able to continue their Faith In-Action Programs, conduct the Installation of Officers Ceremonies, hold exemplification degrees, and hold in-person business and planning meetings.

I give much appreciation and thanks to District Warden Robert J. Butto for all his unyielding support, advice, and encouragement. I also give my sincere thanks to his wife, Lady Patricia, for her understanding of his obligation of time and talent needed in support of the Knights of Columbus council in our district.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen, I give my sincere congratulations on a job well done and a successful year of delivering impactful and charitable faith-based programs throughout the state of Maryland. In addition, I thank you for all the guidance and support given to me throughout the year.

To State Deputy, Christopher L. Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. Your faith and trust in my abilities has allowed me to have a very rewarding experience. Your leadership, guidance and support has been stellar, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity.

Finally, I give my heartfelt thanks to my family and especially to my wife, Lady Sharon, for her understanding, support, and companionship as I dedicated numerous hours at Council, District and State events while performing my duties as a Maryland State Council District Deputy.

SK Michael E. Maxey, District Deputy 15

## **St. Columcille Council, No. 5317**

### **Grand Knight George Hendrix**

**The Saint Columcille Council 5317**, 7800 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Parish School (Hybrid). The Council also conducts a Planning Meeting to review, refine, and coordinate schedules and plans of upcoming activities and programs, at 7:30 PM during the 4th Monday of the month.

On Saturday, August 19, 2023, Saint Columcille Council officers were installed following a Mass, at the Saint Columba Church, presided over by the Chaplain, Reverend Gary Villanueva. A reception at Mama Stella's restaurant in Clinton, Maryland followed the installation.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Rutherford I. Taylor, Jr. (DGK, FDD, PGK).** During the year, the appointed program chairpersons or activity chairpersons collaborated with the GK and chairpersons to ensure the planned events and programs were well coordinated and successful.

**FAITH ACTIVITIES - Roland Escalante, Jr.** Recognizing our commitment to nourishing our faith through service, the Council supported our parish (Saint Columba). During the Masses, council members take part as sacristans, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion and ushers. Our deacon, Robert Villanueva, associate chaplain serves as a backup whenever the chaplain and Pastor is unavailable. The Council is committed to supporting our Seminarian, Chukwuma (Chuck) Odigwe, under the Refund Support Vocations (RSVP) initiative. Prior to monthly Business Meetings, members gathered to pray the Rosary. Council members instruct at the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Parish School of Religion (PSR). Five members serve as catechists and instructors. Council members have Parish leadership roles with the Parish Council, the Pastor's Finance Council, and the Liturgical Ministries. Two members of the Council serve as Youth Group leaders. To continue our Council's commitment to faith through service, we recognize the need to recruit new members. In November, we promoted devotion to Saint Joseph by sponsoring the Icon of St. Joseph which was prominently displayed during Masses. Our pastor-chaplain, Father., Gary Villanueva, led the prayer services. And we are most proud of leading the quarterly Holy Hour for the Parish. It features an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, communal Rosary, and Adoration.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Gregory Mathis.** Active involvement in our parish and surrounding community is a key goal of the St. Columcille Council. To that end, the council conducted outreach and community activities. During the past year, members supported the St. Columba Church "Green Team" (Knights, wives, school parents and students) by refurbishing and making safe the school's playground (elimination of poison plants and hazards) and by sprucing up the Parish campus with litter removal along public streets, the removal of four (4) dead trees, and trimming of shrubs. With an expansion of scope, the council responded to the urgent school request funding \$26, 000 dollars to refurbish doors in the Fr Dewan Hall to meet fire standards and harden them to protect against intruders. The council led the parish weekly and holiday food collection programs (includes Archdiocese Lenten Collection), which collected over two-

thousand pounds of food for local pantries. From July 2023- March '24. Beginning in September, we again co-sponsored the monthly Coffee-Donut Sunday, after a two-year hiatus.-During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we solicited donations and dispersed about \$2000 dollars in gift cards for food purchases to families in need of assistance. The Council purchased twelve winter coats and (via our local Sisters/Nuns) distributed them to children in need within the community. On Saturday December 2, 2023, Brother Knights prepared meals for parents and children attending the annual "Breakfast with Santa" event sponsored by the Parish school. In December 2023 and again post-Easter 2024, the Council delivered three (3) cars worth of requested food, drinks, and other items to Little Sisters of the Poor, Washington DC group (a high priority program for the Maryland State Council). On Tuesday, February 13, 2023, members of the Council and other volunteers led by the lead short-order cook, PGK Robert Butto, prepared and served the Shrove Tuesday Pancake meal for students and teachers with other volunteers including Lady Patricia Butto. In March, the Council sponsored and district Basketball Free-Throw contest for children (in-Parish and others), for the first time since the Pandemic.

**LIFE ACTIVITIES - Ryan Casey (PGK).** Supporting respect for life activities our Council... Attending the March for Life in Washington, DC in January 2023 was a highlight and a terrific way for us to show support. Family members and friends joined PGK Ryan Casey and S/K Craig Maresch. In August 2023, the Council donated \$200 dollars to the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Between mid-December, the council planned and implemented a successful "Baby Bottle" campaign to support the Aid to Pregnant Women after Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. Our Grand Knights and the Lady's Sodality at the Parish have worked together for two years on the Baby Bottle Campaign! The fundraiser exceeded expectations with \$2910 dollars in donations. During the September-October period our Council raised \$675 dollars for the intellectually challenged via the "Tootsie Roll" campaign.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Michael E. Maxey District Deputy #15, (DD, PFN, PGK).** Recognizing the need to be a family friendly organization, the council participated in family focused events. These events encouraged family involvement, closeness, fellowship, and fraternity. We started the year unified with spouses joining officers and invited guests for the installation and dinner social. Brother Knights organized a "2022 Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster competition, for the Parochial School and PSR. Members of the council participated as judges for children enrolled in both schools. Prizes were awarded to six winners. Council members, their wives and children participated in the sale of the "Maryland State" cash raffle tickets. Finally, the council administered the Knight of the Month and "Family of the Month Family of the Year" programs and provided a nomination to the Supreme.

**The Fraternal Year 2023- 2024 was a tremendous success.** Grand Knight George Hendrix is appreciative of the efforts put forth by the Council members, who worked to make this a successful year. Thanks are extended to the program directors, program chairs, officers, event chairs and brothers of this Council for their outstanding support. Throughout this past year, we had a wonderful time meeting and getting to know the other Knights in Maryland. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with the District Deputy, Michael Maxey, and the other State Officers who helped sustain Maryland as one of the premier State Councils in the country.

## **St. JOHN the EVANGELIST (SJE) COUNCIL, No. 11171**

### **GRAND KNIGHT JOHN ANDY HARRIS**

Our council meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month at the Church Hall, 8908 Old Branch Road, Clinton, Maryland. Meetings start at 7:30pm. An Officers and Programs meeting is held the third Tuesday of each month at the Church Hall, beginning at 7:30pm.

On Saturday, July 15, 2023, the officers of St. John the Evangelist Council were installed after the 5pm mass celebrated by Fr. Daniel Leary and Fr. Koi at St. John the Evangelist Parish. A reception was attended by 18 knights and family and guest and held at Mama Stella's Restaurant in Clinton, Maryland. Our council did not have anyone promoted to Glory from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES** – Deputy Grand Knight, SK Ernesto (Ernie) Santos-DeJesus

The parish had a St. Joseph Vigil and the council members led and supported the procession around the church and the GK led the sorrowful mystery of the rosary. Members from the council supported the SJE food pantry. The council supported the parish Hoodies program for children. The council provided labor picking up clothing and delivering clothing to registered children. SJE has a Thanksgiving and Christmas basket program that the council members provided labor hours. The council hosted a meager meal of soup, salad, bread, and coffee and water for over 100 parishioners after the 6:30pm Stations of the Cross.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – Past Grand Knight, Lecturer, SK Christopher Page

The parish had a St. Joseph mass and food distribution to support the local community. The council hosted a Spaghetti Sunday Luncheon in the Fall in October after the 11.30am Sunday mass. The council hosted a Pre-Lenten Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 5pm to 7pm on 13 February. The knights provided pancakes, sausage, bread, and water in February before Lent. The parish sponsored this dinner and the council accepted freewill donations to help support future council charity events. The council will continue to host a Spaghetti Sunday Luncheon in the Spring in April. One of the Grand Knight's original faith programs from his first fraternal year continues to be hosted by the council as an outside rosary in front of the Division 5 Police Station in Clinton, Maryland in April and the other councils in District 15 are invited. The council hosted an Altar Server appreciation spaghetti luncheon in July 2023. The council will provide flowers for Mother's Day at SJE, and the Roundtable at St. Andrews Chapel located on JB Andrews. SJE pastor Fr. Daniel Leary continued the plans in July 2023 to send 50 parishioners with children and adult sponsors to the World Youth Week in Lisbon, Portugal. The Pope attended this event. The estimated cost was \$3500 per person. The knights donated over \$1399 to support this very important vocation event for future priest.

### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES** – Warden, SK Charlie King

The Grand Knight continues to support the Knight of the Month to recognize the many knights that go out of their way to volunteer without being requested on a monthly, weekly, and daily basis. It continues to be easy to recognize knights for the Shining Armor Award since the council

has recruited 1 new member and another prospect that will join very soon. The council has one knight almost ready for the Gold Knight Award.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES** – Family Director, Knight Christopher Correa

The Grand Knight continues the Family of the Month program to provide recognition to the Catholic families that put their Catholic Faith into action by volunteering for many hours to the parish and roundtable on a monthly, weekly, and a daily basis. The Grand Knight is Crying the Gospel with His Life and Taking Christ to the World and considers this program to be a catalyst to a successful parish and chapel.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** – Past Grand Knight, Advocate, Membership Director, SK Jeff Koscho

We have a new Family Director that is ready to start working with our families and especially their children. The council will be hosting the Soccer Competition Shootout this coming fiscal year. The council continued the Keep Christ in Christmas poster program and had over 120 students from SJE. The past three years at least one student from SJE placed at State level and one placed at Supreme in prior fraternal year competition. The Catholic Bee was very fun for over 70 students and teachers and knights in March.

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** – Past Grand Knight, Advocate, Membership Director, SK Jeff Koscho

The council's membership quota was 5 new members for the fraternal year. The Delta Membership Drive in September and March provided 4 to 6 prospects and recruited 1 new member and has 1 prospect that will join very soon during the March membership drive to date. The Grand Knight achieved by God's grace Star council for his first two fraternal year with 400% and 200% respectfully of his goal.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Grand Knight continues to encourage everyone to speak to someone daily and asked them to join the council. The Grand Knight always tells the council "A team does not win with great players; they win because they work together as one!" The Grand Knight thanks the past Grand Knights, Program Director, Membership Director, Officers, Committee Directors, Event Chairmen, and brothers of the council for their outstanding support this past year. A special thank you to my wife Vilma and her understanding and support this past year. Throughout this past year, I had a wonderful time meeting and getting to know the many knights in Maryland. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with District Deputy Michael Maxey and the State Officers to help sustain Maryland as one of the premier State Councils in the country. The Grand Knight is looking forward to next year!

## **Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Council No. 11511**

**Grand Knight Jean Chery**

**Book of Reports, 4/01/2023 – 3/31/2024**

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Most Holy Rosary Council holds its Business Meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m., on the second Monday of each month with a second Officers' Planning meeting on the fourth Monday of the month. The Council's normal meeting place is in the Church Hall located next to the Historical Church located in Upper Marlboro, MD at the intersection of Route 301 and Rosaryville Road. Since the COVID-19 Pandemic and space limitations at the Church Hall, our meetings have been held virtually via Zoom.

An Installation of Officers ceremony took place at Most Holy Rosary, St. Joseph Center, in Upper Marlboro, MD on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 12:15 p.m.

**Programs Director, PGK David Desmarais**

**Life Director, (Vacant)**

During the First Quarter of the reporting period, Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus prepared and issued specially wrapped Hersey Cookies and Cream Candy Bars with the phrase, "Thank You for Choosing Life," along with the Knights of Columbus Emblem on Mother's Day. In addition, the Council has faithfully supported the Forestville Pregnancy Center (FPC), located in Forestville, MD. During the Second Quarter of the year, the Council donated \$200 to assist the center with their financial needs such as ultra-sound equipment maintenance. During the Third Quarter, the Council donated \$200 to the Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic Services (P.E.T.S.), located in Upper Marlboro, MD. P.E.T.S. help and support young and old individuals with challenging physical disabilities with their therapeutic services.

**Family Director, PGK & Recorder Ernest Washington**

During the First Quarter, the Council donated \$250 to the Blessed Michael McGivney food packing event. During the Second Quarter of the year, the Council coordinated and assisted the Parish in planning and hosting its Annual Parish Community Day Picnic. The Knights provided food management, set-up, games, and clean-up support. Also, during the Second Quarter, Brother Lewis Smith coordinated the Parish's Veterans' Recognition Masses in support of Veterans' Day November 5, 2023. Small U.S. Flags were handed out to each Veteran or Veteran family member attending weekend Masses prior to Veterans' Day. Over 80 Veterans were recognized during the presentation. During the Third Quarter, Most Holy Rosary Council provided St. Valentine's Day treats to every woman, man, and child who attended Masses during the weekend prior to St. Valentine's Day.

**Community Chair, PGK and Treasurer Ronald Nosalik**

During the First Quarter, Members of Council hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the Parish children. On Easter Sunday. The Knights placed over 500 plastic Easter Eggs in the rear of Most Holy Rosary St. Joseph Center. Directly after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, one of the Brother Knights donned

the Peter Cotton Tail costume and directed the young children to his Easter Egg Patch. Parents and children lined up to get pictures with Peter Cotton Tail. All who attended the event had fun and really enjoyed the event. During the Second Quarter, The Knights hosted a monthly Flea Market Sale in the Church Hall. A Flea Market Committee was formed consisting of Brothers Dave Desmarais, Ernest Washington, Ed Donovan, Lewis Smith, and Ronald Nosalik. Lady Linda Nosalik, the wife of Brother Ronald Nosalik, participated and assisted the Knights with each Flea Market. The Flea Market averaged monthly profits of \$600.00. The proceeds from the sales help the Council fund its various charities. During the Third Quarter, the Council made donations in support of our selected Seminarian, Sean Neville. We have consistently donated \$500.00 stipends to Sean over the past three years. Also, the Knights donated \$300.00 to the Parish in support of its Food Bank Program and other Parish Charities.

### **Faith Chair, PGK, PFN, FDD, and Financial Secretary Lewis Smith**

During the First Quarter, Most Holy Rosary Council donated \$500 to the Parish in support of purchasing a new Monstrance. The existing Monstrance was aged and in need of replacement. Also, during the First Quarter, Our Worthy Chaplain, Brother and Pastor, Fr. Salinas needed assistance from the Knights during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. He requested the assistance of the Knights in the areas of supporting the Station of the Cross Masses, handing out and delivering Palms, lighting the Vigil Mass Fire, and issuing Candles to Parishioners. Usher support was provided by Brothers Ernest Washington, Ronald Nosalik, Brian Colabucci, and Lewis Smith for the entire first, second, and third quarters of the Columbian Year. During the Second Quarter, Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Council coordinated with Father Salinas, our Pastor, and Council Chaplain, in hosting and conducting a monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary Prayer Service. The first Thursday of each month is now dedicated to the Parish's Monthly Adoration and Rosary Prayer Service. The Knights lead the prayer of the Holy Rosary during the service. During the Third Quarter, Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus developed a strategy to get Parishioners more involved with Parish prayers by inviting volunteers to come and pray a decade of the Holy Rosary during our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary. The strategy was a success. We now have Parishioners routinely volunteering in assisting the Knights with the Holy Rosary prayer.

### **Conclusion**

Grand Knight, Jean Chery, thanks the Council Members for their generous support, ideas, and leadership in developing and executing the activities and spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have made this a successful Columbian Year for Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus, Council No. 11511. In addition, GK Chery is extremely grateful to the District Deputy (15) Michael Maxey and District Warden Robert Butto for their advice, support, prayers, and attendance at our council meetings. He also thanks his patient wife, Michelle Hawkins, for all her support. He thanks the State Officers for their efforts in providing him with the tools, training, and direction to help make the year a success.

## District 16



**Brian K. Ulmen**  
**District Deputy**

**John Marley**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2002, 2427, 4714, 6188, 9729**





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 16**



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Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates  
126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 16 submit for your consideration the reports that follow from :

Havre de Grace Council 2002	GK Steve Elburn
Bishop Becker Council 2427	GK Kevin O'Donnell
Bel Air Council 4714	GK Stephen Michael
Corpus Christie Council 6188	GK Thomas O'Hara
St Ignatius Council 9729	GK Robert Rinaca

I thank these Councils for their strong commitment to our Order and their respective parish communities where they have a daily positive impact. The Catholic fellowship exhibited by these GK's, and their officers is inspiring, and the cross-Council collaboration and contributions are exemplary.

To State Deputy, Christopher Powers, thank you for this opportunity to serve the State Council, and select Councils of Harford and Cecil Counties, as your District Deputy. It truly is a one-of-a-kind experience.

And to my family who have had to experience less of Dad some nights, but always understanding that we are doing something outward facing for the betterment of Christ's people, thank you so very much for your support.

*Brian Ulmen*

BRIAN K. ULMEN  
DISTRICT DEPUTY 16

## **Havre de Grace Council, No. 2002**

### **Grand Knight Steve Elburn**

#### **Annual Book of Reports**

The Havre de Grace Council #2002 of Maryland meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St Joan of Arc Church, 222 S. Law St, Aberdeen, MD 21001. Meetings start at 7pm. Our Council celebrated it's 100-year anniversary in 2019 and is 1 of 5 councils in the KofC Maryland District 16 located in Harford and Cecil counties. Council #2002 includes members from 3 parishes: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish (which includes churches in Perryville, Rising Sun, and Port Deposit in Cecil County), St Patrick Church (Havre de Grace), and St Joan of Arc (Aberdeen). The Harford County parishes are in the Baltimore Diocese and the Cecil County parish is in the Wilmington Diocese.

#### **Program Director – Paul Hinton, Deputy Grand Knight**

#### **Faith Activities Director - Edwin Ramos-Echandi**

Council #2002 supports the Sunday morning Mass celebration at the Perry Point (PP) Veteran Administration (VA) Chapel in Perryville, MD. The support includes escorting veterans to Mass, participating in the Mass with readings and music and administering the Eucharist to veterans at their bedside who cannot attend Mass. Council #2002 volunteers at the PPVA Chapel are required to complete VA volunteer training, background checks, fingerprinting, vaccinations and certification. Council #2002 supports four Seminarians with cash donations to use at their discretion for their daily, personal expenses, so they can focus on their religious studies. The seminarians are chosen from both Diocese that the Council #2002 parishes are comprised of (Wilmington and Baltimore); 2 Seminarians from each. Council #2002 assisted St Joan of Arc Church during a visit by Archbishop Lori on 10 Mar 2024 by serving as parking assistants, greeters, and ushers.

#### **Community Activities Director – Joshua Landers**

Council #2002 conducts numerous Food for Family donation drives throughout the year, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. The council assists the food banks with food pickup and delivery. Coats for Kids is a program that Council #2002 has participated annually for many years. Six cases of coats are purchased and distributed to the children at 3 different schools in the Harford and Cecil county areas. Council #2002 purchases wreathes at Christmas time and flags at Memorial Day for placing on graves at the local Mount Erin Cemetery in Havre de Grace, MD. This event is coordinated with the local American Legion Joseph L. Davis Post 47. Council officers and members participate in the ceremonies that precede the placing of flag and wreaths on/at the cemetery headstones. Council #2002 sponsors a portion of roadway in Harford county for the Adopt-a-Hwy trash pickup program. This trash pick-up community-related event is conducted twice each year.

### **Family Activities Director – Edmund Nawrocki**

Council #2002 conducted Fish Frys as a fellowship event as well as a fundraiser during Fridays in Lent. Members from Council #2002 built a fence at the home of a deceased council member's widow in order to provide a safe environment for her children and dogs. These events offer an opportunity to meet new families as Knights outreach, socialize, and recruit new members. Council #2002 provides support to parishes for other dinner events, to include: Saint Patrick Day Irish Night dinner, parish and parish school fund raising meals, parish picnics, Seder Meal, and Advent Breakfast. Council #2002 sponsors a Keep Christ in Christmas poster drawing contest for 3 age categories, open to all parish children and parish school children. Cash prizes are awarded to the winner of each age category. Council #2002 conducts an annual Mother's Day Marigold flower handout at all masses at all 3 parishes.

### **Life Activities Director – Dr. Anthony Vitelli**

Council #2002 participates in the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge to raise funds for the MD State Special Olympics at Sandy Point State Park, MD. Members from this council teamed up with members from Annapolis Council #1384 to form "Knights of the Sea" plunge team and raised \$1901 for Marylanders with special needs. Council #2002 participates in the Alzheimer's Walk at Ripken Stadium. Council #2002 conducts annual Tootsie Roll fund raising drives in order to pass out Tootsie Rolls and ask for donations specifically to support those with special needs. Two local agencies that receive these donations are: The Arc of Northern Chesapeake Region (Aberdeen), and Chesapeake Care, Inc (Northeast, MD).

### **Conclusion.**

The GK of Council #2002 is extremely proud of the volunteerism that the council members have provided, especially for the 2 simultaneous Fish Fry events for 6 Fridays during the Lenten season. I thank my family for their support and patience as I serve as GK. I thank the District Deputy, Brian Ulmen, for his leadership and his wife, Heather, for promoting family involvement at District events.

God Bless our Order

Steve Elburn  
Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

**BISHOP BECKER COUNCIL, No. 2427**  
**ELKTON, MD**

Worthy Officers, and Brother Knights,

I thank our District Deputy, Brian Ulmen, our District Warden, John Marley, and our officers of Bishop Becker Council, for their support and hard work during our events and activities.

Our council has had a number of Faith In Action activities so far this year. Here is a summary of our accomplishments:

**Fatih:** Beginning in August, our council has attended monthly first Friday Mass, as a group, and following Mass, we provided the parish with an opportunity to participate in the Sacred Heart Devotion. We provided the prayer booklets and the cooperation of our Priests, to lead us in prayer.

Our council identified a need for someone to watch over the sacred host, in order for our parish to have an evening of adoration. We began in February and will continue indefinitely to provide two brothers to stand watch each Friday evening. Without our help, this evening of Adoration would not have been possible.

**Family:** We awarded our Family of the Year in December with a beautiful plaque. We worked with the local Catholic School, to have students participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster campaign.

**Community:** Our council provided Coats for Kids, which were distributed by our Parish Outreach.

**Life:** Our council has provided financial support to our local Pregnancy Center, as well as providing labor and materials to build storage shelving.

I thank our officers and brothers for their dedication and work to help us make significant contributions to our parish, and our community, I also thank the many wives who have helped and supported our efforts.

Vivat Jesus,

Kevin O'Donnell  
Grand Knight #2427

## CORPUS CHRISTI COUNCIL 6188

Grand Knight Tom O'Hara

Council 6188 is approaching 55 years as a council. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. All meetings are held at Prince of Peace church hall. We also hold social meetings every 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

In November of 2023 we held our memorial service to remember those worthy brothers who are now with our Heavenly Father.

**Program Director – John Dittus, DGK**

### **Church Activities**

6188 is comprised of 4 parishes in Harford and Baltimore counties, Prince of Peace Edgewood, Holy Spirit Joppa, APG Chapel and St. Stephens Bradshaw. Our members serve as Corporators, Parish Council members, Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic ministers, Facilities Manager and occasionally altar servers. 2 major fundraisers were held, and profits were shared with the parish. Members also volunteer for the monthly church bingo.

### **Faith Programs**

Faith Programs for the past year included RSVP, Stations of the Cross, Facility maintenance, quarterly rosaries and presenting Sacramental gifts to First Communicants.

### **Family Programs**

Family Programs included collecting more than \$6,000 in food donations for the Harford County Sharing Table; a very successful breakfast with St. Nick, a K of C night at an Ironbirds game, and Family of the month.

### **Community Programs**

Community Programs included Coats for Kids, Flag Day, Lenten Fish Frys, quarterly Senior Luncheons, Helping Hands in conjunction with the Sharing Table and Pit Beef sales.

### **Life Programs**

The council supports Choose Hope of Harford County through the ASAP & Ultrasound programs. In addition, we also held a Baby Bottle Boomerang program at 2 parishes.

### **Conclusion**

While we are not a large council, we continue to be very active in our member parishes and the community. We are also on target to achieve STAR Council for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.

The Grand Knight would like to thank all of the officers, members, wives, Worthy DD Brian Ulmen, Worthy DW John Marley and the State Council for their help and support this year. A special thanks to my wife Kathi for her support and patience as well as chairing our Breakfast with

St. Nick event that was a huge success. Residential construction continues to occur in our parishes, and we look forward to continued growth in the near future.

## District 17



**John Journell**  
**District Deputy**

**T. Gregory Crist**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**1960, 4449, 5466, 10648, 13069, 16104**

## **District 17**

Worthy State Deputy, Officers, & Delegates  
2024 Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 17 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The Councils and their Grand Knights are:

Patapsco Council No. 1960  
St. Agnes No. 4449  
Woodlawn No. 5466  
St. Benedict No. 10648  
Our Lady of the Angels No. 13069  
Our Lady of Victory No. 16104

Mike Duffy  
David Reed  
Edward Randel  
Edgar Hurtado  
John Lorenz  
Steve Byron

I thank all of the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support, and hospitality throughout a personally trying year in balancing both military and Knights of Columbus commitments. Congratulations to all of the Councils on their many and varied programs and events.

Thank you to District Warden Greg Crist for his invaluable assistance and dedication in assisting with District duties. As a Former District Deputy himself, he has been a mentor and trusted advisor, and I can't thank him enough for the support he has provided.

To the State Chaplain, Assistant to the Chaplain, State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen, congratulations on a most successful year, and a most successful term of office for each of them. Their jobs are demanding, and they have all met the challenges head-on and leave their offices better than when they came in.

To the State Deputy, Chris Powers, I especially thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. And a thank you also goes out to Lady Annie who has unwaveringly supported our Worthy State Deputy in all of his offices in the Maryland State Council. That support is so critical, and the Maryland Knights of Columbus are so much better off for her support.

And a special thank you goes out to my wife, Diane, for her patience and understanding during this Columbian Year. And I express my utmost thanks to her for being my supportive companion to the many State, District, and Council functions.

John Journell  
District Deputy, Dist. 17



## **SAINT AGNES COUNCIL, No. 4449**

### **GRAND KNIGHT David M. Reed**

Our council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at Stafford Hall, 2021 Frederick Road, Catonsville, Maryland. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. An Officers and Programs meeting is held the fourth Monday of each month, also at Stafford Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, August 7, 2023, the officers of Saint Agnes Council were installed beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Stafford Hall. Following the installation, a light meal was served.

#### **PROGRAMS DIRECTOR – Roger Andreas, Deputy Grand Knight**

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – Christopher Wills**

The St. Agnes Knights of Columbus accomplished the following faith activities: For 2023-2024, our council supported seminarians through our funding the RSVP program. St. Agnes council also continued support of our university students through the FOCUS program. Brothers are actively supporting our parishes by performing duties as ushers, extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist, lectors, parking shepherds, videographers to livestream mass, ACTS leaders, and choir and music members. We conducted rosaries during holy hours, prayed novenas for Blessed Father McGivney, and brothers also attended a spiritual retreat at the Jesuit house in southern Maryland. We watch and discuss the Into the Breach series during monthly meetings. We cooked pancakes at St. Paul for Shrove Tuesday and participated in St. Agnes Soup and Stations this Lent. Brothers are active as adult leaders of the Life Teen ministry programs. We also led a forty-hour devotion to kick-off the year of the Eucharistic Revival.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Christopher Rotunda**

The St. Agnes Knights of Columbus accomplished the following community activities: For 2023-2024, our council collected school supplies, coats, blankets, and socks for local families in need. We organized and participated in a spring and fall clean-up at St. Paul parish. Several members participated in Rebuilding Howard County this year to provide free home repairs to those families that lack financial resources. We donated \$3900 to the St. Peter's Adult Learning Center from our Tootsie Roll drive. We sponsored the UMBC campus ministry so students can maintain their Catholic faith while at school. We collected food for our local food pantries. Our council honored the police, fire, teacher, nurse, and volunteers of the year at our annual awards banquet. We again participated in Adopt-A-Highway, our 16<sup>th</sup> year. We cooked several times at My Brothers Keeper, a Catholic charity organization in southwest Baltimore serving low- and no-income residents.

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Matthew Graeber**

The St. Agnes Knights of Columbus accomplished the following activities: For 2023-2024, every month in which there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the council honors an outstanding Catholic family. We present a plaque at Mass to the family and honor them with a formal breakfast. This year, we

honored two families: the Wysocki family at St. Paul and the Scott family at St. Agnes. We hosted a family movie afternoon where we screened The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and followed with a trivia game, covering the Christian themes of the movie. The council hosted a family-friendly Halloween party in October and a children's event in late May.

### LIFE ACTIVITIES – Joseph Hayden

The St. Ages Knights of Columbus accomplished the following activities: For 2023-2024, our council participated in 40 Days for Life in Catonsville for several prayer sessions during the spring and fall campaigns at the Hillcrest Abortion Facility. We hosted the Face the Truth tour luncheon at Stafford Hall as well as the annual picnic in July. In May, many knights walked with the Blessed Sacrament during the Eucharistic Procession from St. Agnes church to the Hillcrest Abortion Facility and back. We attended the Maryland Right to Life fund-raiser in November and listened to upcoming prolife legislative plans. Donations were made to Maryland Right to Life, the Columbia Pregnancy Center, and, as part of the ASAP program, to Mary's Home of Maryland and Women's Center West. Several knights also installed a large, permanent Gabriel Network pregnancy help sign with lighting at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City.

### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – David Reed

In October, we conducted our annual Oktoberfest with plenty of games, music and great German food and drink. In November, we held our annual memorial mass for our departed brothers, celebrated by our Chaplain, Fr. Isaac Makovo. In December, we held our annual Christmas party with 90 brother knights, their families, and guests. The highlight was a visit by Santa who distributed gifts to the children. In March, we again held our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Christopher Rotunda

We have conducted two Delta church drives this year and plan to participate in a church fair this Fall. Recruitment has been slow so far this year, and we continue to recruit actively.

### CONCLUSION

The Grand Knight thanks the Program Director, Membership Director, Officers, Committee Directors, Event Chairmen, and brothers of this council for their outstanding support this past year. A special thank you to my wife Chris for her understanding. Throughout this past year, I have grown in my faith with my fellow brother knights. I have been enriched with the spirit of their generosity and their commitment to the Orders' principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I have also appreciated the opportunity to work with District Deputy John Journell and District Warden Gregory Crist as well as the various State Officers.

## District 18



**Michael Watson**  
**District Deputy**

**Thomas M. Wong**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2797, 5567, 9774, 13008**



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 18



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Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates  
126th Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 18 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The Councils and their Grand Knights of District 18 are:

Rock Creek Council No. 2797	Alex Lieb
St. Joseph Manyanet Council No. 5567	Stephen York
Mater Dei Council No. 9774	Matthew Hoyle
Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council No. 13008	William Bolin

I would like to thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support and commitment throughout the past two years as the District made many important strides over the last year. This has been a very successful year for all the Councils with their many Faith in Action events, successful membership drives and overall Council spirit. Last year three of the District Councils (#2797, #9774 and #13008) made Star Council for their membership growth, FIA programs and fraternal benefit events. All Councils are on track to achieve this award again this year! I was honored to represent the State and the District as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Orlando.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on a very successful year of growth and leadership opportunities to make our District successful.

To State Deputy, Chris Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a wonderful experience to work with you to make the Knights of Maryland all that we can be. Your counsel and support has been most appreciated.

Finally, thanks to my family and especially to my wife, Karen, for her patience and understanding in supporting me at the many State, District and Council events over the past year.

Michael Watson, District Deputy

# **ROCK CREEK COUNCIL, No. 2797**

## **Grand Knight Alex Christian Lieb**

### **Church Activities**

The Council includes the church in activities like our Monthly Food Drive during Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes which usually yields approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 worth of non perishable food items and sanitary products and diapers.

We also hold a dinner for the parish priests at the Council where they can get together and discuss what's going on at their parishes.

### **Community/Family Activities**

These are our most important activities as our Council is very community driven. For the past 4 years, we have been holding food drives at our local Giant Food Stores, even before I was the Grand Knight. As a volunteer for United Soldiers and Sailors of America, I had always volunteered for them outside of the Knights. It dawned on me that helping veterans applies to all of the 4 pillars – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Once I started holding them as part of the Council activities, we probably raised anywhere from \$36,000 plus in a year by holding one food drive a month. Recently, in 2023, we decided to up our game and now hold two food drives once a month, on the same day, at the same time. This has turned out to be very successful. At our last two food drives, we collected over \$16,000 in non-perishable food items, diapers and sanitary items for United Soldiers and Sailors of America AND The Children's Inn at NIH. These events are scheduled in advance, and we are on their calendars up until July. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the drives will support USASOA and Nourishing Bethesda.

The Council also holds music events, about twice a month, where a portion of the proceeds go to the Councils charity fund.

There are also bigger events that benefit chosen non-profit organizations. We had a band play for an event that supported Sports Plus that is an award winning 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides instructional swim, fitness, and social programs to children, teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. For that function, approximately \$2,700 was raised that included a silent auction and a sponsor.

There are two more similar events happening on April 26<sup>th</sup> (charity TBD) and September 20<sup>th</sup> (for Nourishing Bethesda)

There was a .1K Iron Knight Challenge race (obviously funny as it's .1K) which raised money for The Children's Inn. Amount raised for that program was approximately \$3,200.

Currently, we have a Cereal Drive that is being run by our Financial Secretary. A good return to date and running up until March 29<sup>th</sup>.

On 3/22, we held our last Fish Fry of the month which was a huge success. Started at 5pm and ran out of food about 8:30. A great team was able to make this happen. This is very family friendly and a fun time for the kids.

Two crab feasts a year are also a big hit for families and another fun time for the families of the council.

## **Council**

For council activities, we have our two meetings each month with the rosary being said before the Business meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. At these meetings, we choose local organization to donate to like: Salute Military Gold, Wounded Paw Project, Rainbow Shelter, Brain Wellness Fund, Catholic Charities, Rockville Women's Center, Beyond Your Doors, Special Olympics of Maryland, Platoon 22, Arch Bishop Carroll Ministry, A Wider Circle, Shepherd Foundation, Catholic Students of Univ of Maryland, and Sgt Joe Dempsey (a young active duty service member in the Marines, stricken with cancer).

Every 4 months, we hold an exemplification for new members and the next one is on March 26th.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Memorial Mass for those members who passed on in 2023.

In conclusion, there is always something good happening at Rock Creek Council 2797 as we help our community partners consistently every month.

Sincerely,

Alex Lieb  
Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

## **St. Joseph Manyanet Council, No. 5567**

### **Grand Knight Stephen A. York**

The St. Joseph Manyanet Council 5567 represents the parishes of St. Catherine Laboure, located in Wheaton Maryland, and Shrine Of St. Jude, located in Rockville Maryland. We will celebrate our 60th year of operation this year, 2024. It has been an honor to work with the fine Knights of this Council.

#### **FAITH PROGRAMS -Director Frank Carroll**

In both churches, our Council members have been actively involved as ushers, lectures, and Eucharistic Ministers. We support the parishes as catechists and RCIA leaders. In October, the council provided parishioner attendance count at all masses at St. Catherine Laboure per pastor request. Memorial Mass in November

Funeral Support for members who passed away during the year (Phillip King, Bill Trimble). We hosted the Arm Of St. Jude Icon, brought to us by Fr. Carlos Martins and the Silver Rose. Finally, on Monday March 18, Council 5567 held a "Soup for the Soul" simple dinner in support of the Lenten Penance Service held at St. Catherine Laboure Parish. The council members provided a variety of 8 different soups, bread, and drinks available as parishioners left the penance service. A new brother Knight was welcomed into the Council as a result of the evening! The Council continues to utilize the Knights Rosary program before every meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS      Director Bill Newbrough**

Our very successful Box Of Joy program, run by our Trustee, Alex Lopez Bueno, Maryland State Council Box Of Joy Program Chairman, finished in first place in the State of Maryland with 885 Boxes collected. In October, we hosted a Soccer Shootout, at St. Jude, with 22 athletes in attendance and 6 Brother Knights assisting. We provide weekly volunteer support for St. Stephen's Food Pantry at Shrine of St. Jude Parish. On February 18, Council 5567 hosted its Annual Basketball Free Throw competition held at the Shrine of St. Jude with 8 athletes participating and 6 Brother Knights in attendance. Throughout the year, council members provided support to transport a full van load of food items, personal care items, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and water to the Jeanne Jugan House for the Little Sisters of the Poor on Harewood Rd. in Washington, DC.

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS-Director Mike Holder**

In July, the Council organized a Baseball Trip to the Orioles Game in Camden Yards. Transportation, tickets, sandwiches, and sodas were provided to the 45 Knights in attendance. Ten Brother Knights assisted in shopping and providing 35 turkeys and all the fixings for needy families at the parishes of Shrine of St Jude and St. Catherine Laboure. On December 16, the council held its Annual Council Ham Giveaway, 10 Brother Knights assisted in shopping and delivering 35 hams, and all the fixings, to needy families at the parishes of St Jude and St. Catherine Laboure.

## **LIFE PROGRAM- Director Gavin Periera**

In late October and early November, the council held its Tootsie Roll Collection for those with Intellectual Disabilities, benefiting the InterPlay Orchestra and Special Olympics. Support for the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County. Support for HCEF (Christians in the Holy Land), and estimated 1000 dollars. We had five brother knights participate as Ushers during the March for Life Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate conception led by Danilo Orino (Chief Usher).

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

Christmas Tree Sale

Council Christmas Party

Support for the Drama Club at St. Jude's Regional School

Delta Membership drive at both parishes

Raffle Ticket sales after Masses at both Parishes

Participation in Food packing event for Cross Catholic Outreach.

## **CONCLUSION**

My thanks to the Ladies of our Council, our greatest supporters. Many thanks to the Pastors and Parish Secretaries of both parishes for their continual support. Without their guidance and assistance, none of this would be possible. Gratitude goes to our District Deputy, Michael Watson, our State Deputy, Chris Powers, and all the support staff in the chain of command in the Knights Of Columbus. It has been an honor to work with the fine Knights of this Council. May this 60th year of Council 5567 Brotherhood and 125th year of the Maryland State Council bring a renewed sense of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.



## **Mater Dei Council, No. 9774**

### **GRAND KNIGHT, MATTHEW HOYLE**

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday at the St. Raphael Church Parish Library, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, Maryland. Our Council (social) meeting is on the 2nd Thursday of each month, and our Officer Planning meeting is on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The efforts of our Council across Faith, Community, Family, and Life activities amounted to more than 4,700 program service hours and over \$22,000 in charitable disbursements.

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES**

Our council Faith activities help nourish and sustain our members, their families, and our parish communities. Every October and May, Knights lead the Rosary prayer prior to the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In line with our order's unwavering devotion to Mary, we also purchase rosaries as gifts for the candidates for confirmation. Our council is a long-time participant of the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). We are pleased to sponsor two seminarians and support their formation through financial assistance, prayers, and fellowship. Our council continued its support for seminarians through the 2023 Ride for Seminarians, held on September 30. A group from our Council took up the challenge and adventure of biking through Southern Maryland. Our council continued to provide administration and leadership for the Men's fellowship program hosted at St. Raphael's. With weekly attendance ranging from 60 to 80 men (approximately 60% of the attendees are members of Mater Dei Council), this spiritual reflection program is a pivotal way in which we help our brother knights grow in faith, friendship, and connections across our community.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Our Council's numerous community activities provide meaningful opportunities for members to help others and make a difference in young people's lives. Our Council leads the annual delivery of Thanksgiving food to St. Martin's Church in Washington D.C. We engaged with our youth through the annual Free Throw Contest and Soccer Shootout. Our marquee community event is the annual charity Garage to Attic sale (GAS) held in June. Last year, the tireless efforts of 80+ volunteers enabled us to collect over \$18,000 in donations and sales proceeds. Plans are underway for GAS 2024, which will be held on Saturday, June 22. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Joe Beattie, our Council continued with its second year participating in the Box of Joy program, in collaboration with Cross Catholic Outreach. Joe organized Box of Joy packaging during Coffee and Donuts. Our council donated approximately 200 boxes and over \$3,000 in gifts for children and donations to Cross Catholic Outreach.

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Our council hosts and/or leads numerous activities to enrich our families and parish life. In September, our council cooked BBQ for several hundred parishioners at the annual St. Raphael Picnic. Led by the ever-capable Don Titzman, numerous brother knights cooked up rounds of juicy chicken, burgers, and dogs. Our ability to support the parish as a reliable partner for this annual event is much appreciated by St. Raphael. In December, our council once again manned the kitchen to serve up pancakes and sausage for hundreds of families and eager children for the annual Breakfast with Santa event. We also conducted the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and

hosted our annual Christmas and charity awards dinner, which featured a special performance of professional carolers who enhanced the festive mood of the evening. We presented over \$17,000 in gift awards to numerous local organizations. Inspired and led by Antonio Dubravcic PGK, our council hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual St. Joseph family and parish-wide St. Raphael celebration in March to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph. With the beautiful St. Joseph icon on display, we commemorated St. Joseph with prayer, food, drinks, music and, of course, fellowship with our families. We handed out awards after dinner to the winners of this year's Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Our Council also administers and organizes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Coffee and Donuts for St. Raphael's Church.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES**

Our council and members focus on care of the human person from conception until nature death. Member Brendan Combs once again organized the annual Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (aka the "Tootsie Roll Drive). The Council raised approximately \$3,000 through this initiative. Our Council works closely with the Pro-Life committee at St. Raphael Church. We participated in the annual March for Life, in Washington D.C, the Maryland March for Life in March, and prayer vigils near establishments fostering the destruction of human life. This past Fall our Council committed to pray for an hour in the "public square" every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in support of life and against abortion. We assemble along the sidewalk of Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda, a main thorough fare connecting Rockville with Bethesda. Our Council gives aid to multiple life organizations such as the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Rockville Women's Center. We also support Gabriel Network through direct assistance in the form of financial aid and manpower for home improvements and repairs.

Under the leadership of Brother Peter Illig, our Council developed a free 2-hour educational program on how to engage, communicate and interact with an older person aging in place at home. This program is designed to provide family members with practical knowledge to engage, interact and motivate a person, and includes the topics of communication, person-centered care, dementia, behaviors, trauma, self-care and more.

We are actively planning a return of our beloved support of the local chapter of the Montgomery County Special Olympics through hosting a spring picnic in June.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the third consecutive year, the Council met its membership quota, submitted all required forms and reports, and conducted the requisite number of Fraternal Benefits Nights. Thus, the Council is once again poised to earn the prestigious Columbian Award, Founder Award and Star Council Award.

# **Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council, No. 13008**

## **Book of Reports**

Grand Knight: William J. Bolin

Our council is based at St. Andrew Apostle Church in Silver Spring, MD. We have had a very active fraternal year. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.

**Community Programs:** Marvin Schuttloffel, PGK: This year we held our annual Soccer Shootout. Our Free Throw contest was the best attended ever, and had 17 girls participate. Two of the participants won at the state competition. Our Adopt A Road program, led by Chris Farrell, conducts a clean up 6 times per year. Our Health Chairman, Wilfrid Amisial, PGK, organized a Suicide Awareness Presentation conducted by a police officer in the parish. We donated \$2800 to the Red Wiggler Farm from the proceeds of our Tootsie Roll Drive.

**Faith Programs:** Rolando DeAlvarez, PGK: Our council continued a Holy Hour every month. We maintained our kiosk in the church with Knights' publications. We have expanded our support to 4 seminarians in the RSVP program, including one member of our council and a seminarian at the Mustard Seed in Jamaica. We set up the adoration room for Holy Thursday.

**Family Programs:** Uche Uzokwe: We have chosen a Family of the Month for each month. Our monthly Parish Breakfast gives families the chance to get together after Mass. The proceeds help fund our support of Parish Education, including \$5000 given in grants to children at St. Andrew Apostle School and \$500 to the Faith Formation Program. We had a Christmas Potluck Dinner and will have a Spaghetti Dinner in June.

**Life Activities:** Jaime Narbon: Our council continues to support couples who have had miscarriages, including providing caskets for the unborn child. We have donated \$750 to two pregnancy centers, and Knights have attended their events. We provide financial support for the Gabriel Cluster, and several Knights help with crib assembly for new mothers.

Our Lecturer's Program is led by PGK Pedro Matias. We have had an event almost every month. Our speakers include the organizer of the Camino of Maryland, a council member who presented on the St. John Paul II Shrine, and a parish couple who lead evangelization work abroad. We typically invite parishioners as well as council members.

In conclusion, the Grand Knight would like to thank all the officers, program directors, our District Deputy, Michael Watson, our pastor, Father Jack Kennealy, and all the Knights and families for their contributions to our council's success.

## District 19



**Gregory Lynch**  
**District Deputy**

**Gregory Leftwich**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2901, 4011, 14102, 16304**

## **District 19**

### **Book of Reports**

Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates  
126th Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights ,

The councils of District 19 submit your consideration the reports that follow. The councils and their Grand Knights are.

<b>Notre Dame Council No. 2901</b>	<b>Tom Welzant</b>
<b>Father O'Neill Council No. 4011</b>	<b>Jack Blinke</b>
<b>Saints Philip and James No.14102</b>	<b>Mike Pollard</b>
<b>Saint Clement 1 16304</b>	<b>Nehemias Romero</b>

I thank all the councils in the district for their cooperation, support and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to all the councils on their many and varied programs and events during a successful year.

I also want to thank those councils who conducted degrees of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Thank you to my District Warden Greg Leftwich for his dedication, assistance, and help this past year.

To the State Chaplin, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, Congratulations on a most successful year in meaningful programs which helped us "Cry the Gospel with Our Lives ". And thank you for making my job easier.

To State Deputy CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as, one of the Droids you were looking for, District Deputy. It has been a very rewarding experience. Your support and guidance throughout the year was very appreciated.

Gregory Lynch

District Deputy

**Father O'Neill Council, No. 4011**  
**BOOK OF REPORTS FOR 2023-2024**  
**John Meredith Grand Knight**

The Fr. O'Neill Council #4011 was established in Lutherville, Maryland, on May 5, 1955, and currently has 237 members. The Council serves 5 Parishes in the Towson, Timonium and Cockeysville areas of northern Baltimore County:

The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Towson, Christ the King Church in Towson

The Church of the Nativity in Timonium, St. Joseph's Parish in Cockeysville, and

The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley.

The Fr. O'Neill Council Hall was built in 1975. This building serves as a meeting place for the Council Members and as a venue for Council Fund raisers. The hall is rented about 8 times per month to Community and Family groups for events such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, memorial services, and Dance Classes. The annual Christmas party is held in the Hall every December and checks are given out to many Charities. Here are some of the Council Activities:

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES**

1. The Council participates in the RSVP program by supporting 3 Seminarians:

Connor Guidera, Robert Bart and Alex Kulik at a level of \$650 each.

2. Monthly Rosary. Our Council Business Meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month. At 7:30 PM, before the meeting, we have a group Rosary. About 10-15 Brother Knights participate each month.

3. Holy Hour. Brother Knights regularly attend Holy Hours at the Adoration Chapel at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Towson MD. We fill 2 timeslots per week: Sunday Midnight - 1:00AM and Wednesday 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. About 15 brothers alternate according to a schedule maintained by our Faith Director.

4. Men's Group. At least 20 Brother Knights led and participated in the That Man Is You Men's Group on Saturday mornings at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. This Program addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

5. Spiritual Reflection. Msgr. James Farmer, a former Associate pastor and pastor at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, spoke to about 15 brother Knights and their families at the Council Hall during a Social meeting. The topic was "Lenten Reflections".

6. On May 8, 2024, the Council will have a Priest Appreciation Steak Dinner. 15 Priests from our sponsored Parishes will be invited along with brothers, families, and friends.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES**

1. ASAP, Pregnancy Center Support. On, December 13, 2023, Our Council donated \$2000 to the Pregnancy Center North in Towson, MD. In July, 2023 our Council donated \$1000 to the Center for Pregnancy Concerns in Baltimore, MD and in Dec 2023, we donated another \$1000 to CPC.

2. March for Life. On Jan 17, 2024, approx. 5 Brother Knights and their families participated in the National March for Life in Washington, DC. They also helped with the Life Fest at the DC Armory. On March 11, 2024, 10 Brother Knights and their families participated in the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis

3. On Feb. 25, The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus sent an urgent appeal for Knights to contact their elected Representatives in Annapolis asking them to oppose the Physician

Assisted Suicide Bill. As a result, the bill did not make it out of Committee and is gone for another year.

4. Pregnancy Center Banquets. In Sept. and Oct of 2023, about 10 Knights and Their Families attended the Pregnancy Center North Gala and the Center for Pregnancy Concerns Banquet. Over \$60,000 was raised at these events.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1. Bicycle program .During the past year, we collected 50 Bikes from various sources, including the Police Dept. and the Bicycle Connection Store. The Bikes were repaired. On 12/05/23, 32 bikes were donated to North East Housing Initiative and 3 bikes were given to St Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Aberdeen.

2. St Nicholas Festival. On Dec. 9, 2023, The St Nicholas Festival was held at the Immaculate Conception School in Towson, MD. One Knight dressed as St. Nicholas.

Three other knights helped to take pictures of the children and their families. The photos were immediately given free of charge to the families. Also, about 15 Knights cooked and served breakfast to about 200 parishioners.

3. Jessica Meredith Jacobsen Memorial 5K Race. This Race, now in its 16th year, honors Jessica Meredith Jacobsen, who died in 2007 due to domestic violence. Many

members of the Council promote and organize the Race. Over 500 Runners and walkers participated, and, with the help of several generous sponsors, over \$40,000 was raised for charity.

4. Family Picnic at Immaculate Conception Church. On 9/8 /2023, Immaculate Conception Church celebrated its 125th anniversary by having a special Mass followed by a

Cookout/Picnic on the Parish grounds. Brother knights and their families supplied the grills, bought the meat and rolls, and cooked and served the food to over 500 parishioners.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

1. Winter Wednesdays. These were programs for children and their caregivers held in the Council Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Winter months. They featured mornings of education, play, and fellowship. Each session featured engaging activities including art, music, science, and crafts for the entire family.

2. Together in Holiness Series. This year-round marriage enrichment series of small groups of spouses helps them to grow together in holiness and to form their children in the Catholic Church. It is co-sponsored by the Council and Immaculate Conception Parish. A group of 5 couples has met 4 times, and 20 other couples will start soon.

3. Three Council Bowling Nights. During the past year, over 20 Brother Knights and their families met 3 times at the Stoneleigh Lanes in Towson from 7-9 PM. This Business is owned by a brother Knight. In addition to the Knights, at least 7 Wives, children, and Grandchildren participated, as well as potential new Knights.

4. Food for Families. At our Christmas party on 12-13-23, Our Council donated: \$1000 to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches, \$1000 to the United Churches Assistance Network, and \$2000 to The Franciscan Center.

5. Fall Family Fun Day. 10/29/2023. This event was specifically targeted toward families with children of all ages. There was Trunk-or-Treating for the kids, who were encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Saint. There were also games, food, football on TV, and fun for the entire family!

**SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES COUNCIL, No. 14102**  
**GRAND KNIGHT MICHAEL J. POLLARD**

Our council meets on the first and third Thursday at Saints Philip & James Church (SSPJ) at 2801 N. Charles Street in Baltimore, MD 21218. Meetings start at 7:00pm. Our council also includes Saint Thomas Aquinas (STA) parish in Hampden which includes some of our most active members. On Thursday, August 17, 2023, the officers of SSPJ Council were installed before our membership meeting by our Chaplain Fr. Ambrose Arralde.

Unfortunately, our council lost one member this year, Johns Hopkins graduate student Trevor Schwehr who passed on July 10, 2023.

**PROGRAMS DIRECTOR – Michael Pollard, Grand Knight**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Nicholas P. Adams**

The Panera Bread Delivery is one of our great traditions year-round, where council member pick up unused bread from the Panera on York Road in Baltimore and bring it back to serve in the SSPJ community pantry. There was a welcome back BBQ for Johns Hopkins students on 9/3/2023, in which participation is an annual tradition for our council.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Daniel K. Schlattman**

Knight Ronald E. Meyers was instrumental in raising money for the Franciscan Center in Baltimore through the Thanksgiving Turkey fundraiser and the Christmas Giving Tree Fundraiser. Of course, liability insurance was secured with the help of Treasurer Dan Schlattman and Youth Protection training was completed which enabled us to be in compliance for these activities.

**FAITH ACTIVITIES – Ronald E. Meyers**

Episodes of “The Chosen,” a depiction of the life of Jesus, were screened on the third Thursday of each month and all members of the parish were welcomed to attend. It has proven to be very popular with members of the council and non-Knight parishioners alike. The SSPJ Knights longstanding tradition of leading the rosary before 10:30 mass every Sunday was continued by Faith Director Ronald E. Meyers, and Grand Knight Michael Pollard. Finally, a memorial mass was held on 11/16/2023 to honor the Council members we lost in the last several years.

**LIFE ACTIVITIES – John Simms**

Another tradition was continued at SSPJ this year with the baby bottle program year-round – donations are collected for pro-life in baby bottles at the back of the church. This program was led by Knight John White and our Pastor Fr. Michael Weibley who is heavily involved in Project Rachel Baltimore.

**CONCLUSION**

I would like to give special thanks to DD Greg Lynch for guiding us through the council year. It was an honor to serve as Grand Knight at SSPJ #14102 for the 2023-24 council year.



## District 20



**Frank B. Bishop, Jr.**  
**District Deputy**

**Larry Smith**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**586, 1442, 1771**



# Maryland State Council District 20



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The Councils of District 20 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The councils and their Grand Knights are:

Cumberland Council 586  
Frostburg Council 1442  
Oakland Council 1771

Louis Linder  
Danny Scott  
Dan Clark

I thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support and hospitality throughout the year. Congratulations to all the Councils on their many and varied programs and events during a successful year.

Thank you to District Warden Larry Smith for his dedication, assistance and advice this past year.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on a most successful year of meaningful programs and thanks for your help in making my job easier.

To State Deputy, Christopher Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a privilege to serve as well as a rewarding experience. Your support and guidance throughout the year were very much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to my wife, Annette, for her understanding, patience and support, and for being at my side and having my back during all of our State, District and Council functions.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Bishop, Jr.  
District Deputy

## **Cumberland Council # 586**

### **Grand Knight – Louis J. Lindner**

Our Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at Cumberland 586 Inc. 66 North Mechanic St. Cumberland, MD. Meetings start at 7:30 pm.

### **Program Director – John Hershberger**

#### **Church Activities – Bill Blake**

One of the main and oldest activities that our council continues is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary where we lead Parishioners and other Knight in reciting the rosary before the 11am Mass in any month that has 5 Sundays. We also have many Knights who are Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers to the Sick and Homebound, Sacristans, Ushers, Choir Members and even Organist. For the past two years we have supplied and served a Parish Lenten meal before Stations of the Cross on one First Friday. We have nearly completed the Into the Breach Series, where we meet on the second Tuesday of the month to watch two episodes followed by a question and discussion session. We are now holding a gathering of Knights and Parishioners to pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the intention of the defeat of the proposed Amendment to the Maryland Constitution that guarantees the right to abortion. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM in a public place and will continue until the vote in November. In addition, we have partnered with Oakland Council 1771 to hold a Living Rosary in front of St. Patrick's Church and will also be joining in a Living Rosary at Bishop Walsh School next month. We will also be purchasing and handing out 750 Marigolds to mothers on Mother's Day at all of the Parish Churches.

#### **Community Activities = Aaron Clark**

Several activities that we participated in this year have a long-standing tradition at Council 586 including Ringing the Bell for the local Salvation Army. We have also made a monetary donation to the Union Rescue Mission, a soup kitchen and shelter in our area. We sponsored several Knights and Ladies Aux. member at the Annual Hooley Plunge, which is a fundraiser for the Developmentally Disabled. Also our Council has "Adopted a Highway" and have a clean up drive twice a year to keep this section of road safe and clean. We also participated in the Coats for Kids program and delivered coats to three area schools. Last but certainly not least is our monetary support for St Anthony's Place, a food bank at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish.

#### **Council Activities – Richard Bianconne**

Council 586 has a constant flurry of activities at our Council Home and outside venues. Each week we have members and guests for the Men's Setback League and Mixed Setback League. On a monthly basis, we have team Trivia that is open to the public. Nearly every month we

have either a Spaghetti Dinner or a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast to raise money for our charitable giving. The highlight of our yearly activities is our Corn and Wiener Roast during the month of August, also open to the public. These activities allow us to support The First Way Pregnancy Center with monetary and material donations, especially the replacement of their Ultrasound Machine. Chancellor Bianconne is also very involved with the Maryland Right to Life Committee and acts as a liaison between the Committee and our Council.

## **Conclusion**

As Grand Knight I am very proud of all of the hard work and activities that our Council is involved in. I am constantly thanking all of our members for all that they do. There is hardly a day that goes by that we are not involved in some service or activity. I am sure that there is something that I have missed, but I would like at this time to thank our District Deputy- Frank Bishop and District Warden Larry Smith for their guidance and patience in helping me through this first year in office. And finally, a Big Thank You to our Ladies Auxiliary and my wife Linda without whom we could not accomplish half of the things that we have done.

**OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 1771**  
**Grand Knight Daniel L Clark**

Oakland Council #1771 has been very active over the past year and has been working very hard in support of our parish Priest and members. We are please to have achieved more new members this year than in previous years.

**Church Activities:**

Our Council Members have been actively supporting the Parish as Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Brother Knights have helped with the maintenance and several projects around the Church and Parish Hall including the purchase of a new refrigerator in the Parish Kitchen. Are members of the Pastoral Council and several other Parish Councils.

**Community Activities:**

Brother Knights have continued to support the local Food Connect with the organizing and distribution of food to the needy. Actively participate and help with the Community Supper. A new program developed this past year is the formation of the Saint Joseph's Craftsmen where Brother Knights get together and do small jobs for other Brother Knights and members of the Parish.

**Family Activities:**

Organized and helped put together Family Social events including a Donut Social after Mass, leading of the Holy Rosary prior to Masses and assisted in other Parish Social Events. Along with these events, our Council is proud to sponsor and help with Youth Activities including Keep Christ in Christmas, Annual Easter Egg Hunt and other Youth Related Activities. The Council has always made sure that it meets all criteria for Youth Protection provided by our Supreme Council.

**Council Activities:**

Our Council has several activities to help with all related programs including our Booth at the Annual Garrett County Fair and Shrimp & Bull Roast. These allow the Council to raise funds to donate throughout the year. The highlight of this past year was the Councils participation in the SEAS Chapter Installation at the St Peters Lake Center and reception following.

**Conclusion:**

I would like to thank all that have supported our Council this past year. Our DD and DW for your constant help and guidance. To the Council Officers, thank you for your hard work and continued support of me as Grand Knight, the members of Council #1771 and the St Peters Parish. To all members of Council 1771, Thank You for willingness to help and all your efforts over the year. It does not go unnoticed. To my Wife Ginger, your constant support and understanding has helped me achieve all that has been done. Thank you for always being there! May we all strive to achieve what has been set forth by our Founder Fr McGivney. God Bless our Order! Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted  
Daniel L Clark  
Grand Knight

## District 21



**Gary E. Guy**  
**District Deputy**

**Donald Kinler**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**6901, 11024, 11105, 12127, 14297**

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

## DISTRICT 21

Gary Guy  
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Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates 126th Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 21 have separately submitted their reports for your consideration. The Councils and their Grand Knights (in alphabetical order) are:

- **St. Paul Council #11105** *George Hassan*
- **Our Lady of Fatima Council #6901**  
*Thomas McCartin*
- **Fr. Horace B. McKenna, SJ Council**  
**#11024** *Frank Uyakonwu*
- **St. Rose of Lima Council #14297**  
*Michael Williams*
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12127** *Michael York*

I thank all the Councils in the District for your cooperation, support, hospitality, programs, and events during a most successful year. Thanks also to the District's Exemplification Teams for your dependability, friendship, and support.

Thank you to District Warden Don Kinler for your dedication, assistance, and advice. To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on a most successful year of meaningful programs, and thanks for your help in making my job easier.

To State Deputy, Chris Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a very rewarding experience. Your support and guidance throughout the year are very much appreciated.

Gary E. Guy  
District 21 District Deputy

## **Our Lady of Fatima Council, No. 6901**

### **Grand Knight Thomas McCartin**

Council 6901 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month with officers and interested Knights meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to discuss projects, plans, and business. Our meeting time is 7:30 rosary and 8:00 for the general meeting. We cover St Mary's Church in Barnesville (Rev Kevin O'Reilly, Chaplain and Pastor), Our Lady of the Presentation in Poolesville (Rev Justin Huber, Pastor and Associate Chaplain), Our Lady of the Visitation (Rev Greg Shaffer, Pastor and Associate Chaplain) and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Rev, Fr. Rijo Cheerakathil, Vicar)

### **Program Director – Tim Flynn Deputy Grand Knight**

It has been a good year with a large influx of new members. We hope to see more good results as there are major projects ahead through the Columbian year.

### **Church Activities –**



We remembered Gregory Jordan at our annual Memorial Mass. Greg was both a fireman and a policeman during his career.

Lenten Dinners were held on Fridays in an effort to bring people and families to the Church for a cheap meal and then encourage them to go to Stations of the Cross.

Knights decorated St Mary's for Christmas and Knights at Our Lady of the Visitation had a night selling Christmas trees as part of the parish fundraiser.

The Council teamed with the Ladies Sodality to put on a display of posters on miraculous appearances of Our Lady created by St Carlo Acutis.

### **Council Activities –**

Our Super Bowl Sub sale was led by PGK David Bivans and there was a great turnout of Knights and family to make the subs. The council parked cars and tried to keep order at St Mary's Annual Chicken Dinner. A lot of the Brother Knights of the Council from St Mary's provide manpower in a number of positions, but this is our way of coming together as a Council and have time together and help the council as well.

### **Community –**

The annual St Patrick's Day Irish Party was celebrated and included Irish Dancers, Irish food, and an Irish band. We estimate 150 people attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time and people were still complimenting us weeks later.

The Council also had a booth at Poolesville Day to meet with neighbors and raise awareness of our activities and sell raffle tickets.



### **Family –**

The council has a program to deliver food baskets on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We also had a Night Out with the Knights where the local families were invited to a local restaurant to meet with Knights and wives and family members and have a nice social evening.

### **Youth –**

The first event of the Columbian Year was the Vacation Bible School. The wife of PGK John Phipps, Terri, took over from Brenda Murtha. Almost all the attendees were grade 2 and below with older kids drafted to assist the teachers.

One of the biggest fun events was the Special Olympics Halloween Party. We had a good turnout of Olympians and guests including family members that helped make it a great event.

Another big event was the 3X3 Basketball Tournament which was held in Poolesville.

### **Pro Life –**

PGK James Abernethy leads up the program to provide meals for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Centers Parent Classes. There are a series of classes for new to be parents held on a Wednesday. Brother Knights have been providing meals for the classes.

## **FR. HORACE B. McKenna S.J. COUNCIL, No. 11024**

**2023/24 Fraternal Year**

**GRAND KNIGHT - Frank Uyakonwu**

Council meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at Mother Seton Parish Centre, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd, Germantown, Maryland.

- First Thursday – Officers meeting Starts at 7.00 pm, Rosary at 7.30 pm, and Business Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Second Thursday – Exemplification – 7.00 pm with a reception at the Parish centre.
- Third Thursday - Socials hold at Mother Seton Parish Centre, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### **Events for the 2023 - 2024 Fraternal Year**

#### **July: Fraternal Year Begins.**

The new fraternal year kicked off with a lot of activities and positive news. The Council received the **Star Council Award for the 2022 -2023 Fraternal year.**

#### **Formal Installation of Officers:**

- Installation of new officers took place on Saturday August 19, at 10:30 a.m. after the Morning Mass. It was celebrated by Council Chaplain Fr. Lee Fangmeyer with members, their Families, invited guests, State officers and a Color Corps in attendance. An “African Safari” themed reception with food, drinks and music followed at the Parish Centre.

#### **August:**

- **Ultrasound Machine for Shady Grove Hospital:** Donated the sum of \$7,000 as our contribution. The Council also sponsored a table for 10 people at the Annual Benefit Dinner and fundraiser on August 10, 2023.
- **Bingo For Seminarian Scholarships**
- The Council organised a Bingo Night on August 4, 2023, to raise funds to award Scholarships to Seminararians. Raised about \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars), enough to award Scholarships to 6 Seminararians.

#### **September:**

- We held our annual German Dinner on Thursday, September 29th. We had over 30 brothers and their families in attendance.

#### **OCTOBER:**

- We held our Delta Church Drive after all the weekend Masses on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, with coffee and donuts served.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- **Seminarian BBQ** at the Seminary at Mt. Saint Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD was held on Sunday, November 12. We disbursed Scholarships to 6 seminararians. In attendance was the Rector and over 100 men.

- **Thanksgiving dinner/social** was held on Thursday, November 30, 2023, in the Parish Centre. Potluck for all side dishes. We had 52 people present. Quilt of Valor was also presented to a military veteran.

## DECEMBER

- **Blood Drive:** A blood drive coordinated by INOVA was held on Sunday, December 10, from 8:00am – 12:30 pm, with 22 units of blood collected.
- **Exemplification:** Held Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm. Admitted two new members.
- **Breakfast With Santa:** We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> edition on Saturday December 16th. We served pancakes and sausages to over 120 parishioners and their families. Raised \$340 from donations for the (LPI) at Roberto Clemente middle school.

## JANUARY

- The National March for Life was held on Friday, January 19, 2024.

## FEBRUARY

- **Delta Church Drive:** The Spring drive held on February 3-4. This was followed up with the Exemplification of two new Knights on Thursday, February 8.
- **Ladies Appreciation** Dinner was on Saturday February 17th at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant. We had 25 brothers and their wives present. It was a great night to celebrate the women who support our council.

## MARCH

- **March For Life:** The Maryland March for Life was held on Monday, March 11. Transportation was coordinated for maximum attendance.
- **Soups And Stations:** The Council coordinated the reception for Soups and Stations on Friday, March 15.
- **St. Joseph's Table:** Our 4th annual St. Joseph's Table was held on March 17, with a reception Lunch after the Sunday 12:30pm Mass. Thanks to the generosity of our parish and council, we were able to fill the pantries at Germantown Help food bank and donate \$1,609 in cash and gift cards.

## APRIL

- **Spring Seminarians BBQ:** Will hold at Mt. Saint Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD on Sunday, April 21. Report time will be 1:00pm. **We plan to award Scholarships to 4-6 Seminarians.**

## MAY

- We will hold our annual **Baby Bottle Drive** and **Mother's Day celebration** after masses in May. The funds raised will go towards the ASAP program at Shady Grove Pregnancy centre.

## JUNE

- We will hold our **Annual Luau-Luau** event on a Saturday TBD. We will have a pig roast and invite our parish as well as other councils and their parishes. It will be a great way to end the fraternal year.

## CONCLUSION

- The Grand Knight thanks the Program Director, Membership Director, Officers, Committee Directors, Event Chairmen, and brothers of our council for their outstanding support this past year.

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Council, No. 12127**

### **Grand Knight Michael York**

Our council meets the first and third Thursday of each month at St. John Neumann Parish, 9000 Warfield Road Gaithersburg MD. The council Officer and Programs meeting is held the first Monday of the month. All meetings start at 8 p.m. The council Columbian year started with our Installation service & dinner August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Monsignor Panke, our Chaplain, presented during the regular 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass the origin of the Knights of Columbus and its mission to Parish with the message that men need to support the greater good and the Knights as an organization was unique to facilitate good works. It was a wonderful statement of the partnership between our Parish and the council works. Presiding over the Installation was our District Deputy Gary Guy and District Warden Donald Kinler.

### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Luis Gorres Deputy Grand Knight**

**Faith: Chairperson: Michael Gladu      Co-Chairman: Dan Cipra**

We hosted the Holy Church Icon prayer service, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration and Mass, and two social presentations on the Shroud of Turin which had a record turnout within the District and Our Lady of Guadalupe Imagery discussion by Former Master Joseph Murtha. Our upcoming event will be the St. Joseph Icon in May.

**Community: Chairman: Terry Waters      Co-Chairman: Michael Donnellan**

The KofC St. Patrick's Day Dinner sponsored by the Council is an annual event that included Meecee FDD Terry Waters and D.J. Michael Davenport. There was trival games and a special interview by Knight Rabil and our Parish Priest Father Sweeney (Irish born) that really galvanized the love our Priests. There where 120 attendees who ate Corned Beef and Cabbage, danced and enjoyed the evening.

This year the Knights and Parish Council provided monthly monetary Food Pantry support averaging \$300 a month as well as participating in monthly food bank distribution center pickups bringing over 6,000 pounds of food to the Parish Pantry operations. Many of the Knights support their operations monthly to sort and distribute food.

Each year our Council working with Cross Catholic Charities distribute and collect over 200 Boxes of Joy. FDD Terry Waters helped get them into the hands of Central American children who are less fortunate as well has supporting KofC Food Packing events.

The Council's first annual Charity Bingo event was held at Mother of God Community facilities to support the Food Pantry and Seminarians. There were 60 participants and was well received.

Every year, the Council sponsors a Chili Cook-off and this year there were 21 entries. DD Gary Guy and DW Donald Kilner were the judges. There were over 80 guests who ate their fill.

We conducted multiple weekend tootsie roll drives for the intellectually disabled raising \$1800 for the Montgomery County Special Olympics Committee.

**Council Communications: Chairman: Nicholas Hiles    Co-Chairman: Allan Rabil**

OLOG Council has really turned the corner embracing the digital age. The use of Uknigh managed by our Communications Director Nicholas Hiles was just the start of our efforts at the beginning of the Columbian year. With ideas by our Worthy Chancellor Jerry Kelly and SK Allan Rabil, our liaison with the Parish Office, we made better use of signage, digital media slideshows and expanded our use of Square services for credit card purchases adding QR codes and URL access to purchase tickets after hours. Warden Jim Wasel who supports the Parish at large with audio visual expertise really helped the Council get Parish visibility and presentation support for the social programs throughout the year.

**Family: Chairman: Stephen Rhodes**

Breakfast with St. Nick was held in December feeding 75 hungry guests. Complete with a delicious pancake breakfast for all, numerous toys and stuffed animals for the kids, and of course, a highly entertaining visit from St. Nick himself (Advocate PGK Michael Sharp). Monsignor Panke gave the knights a big thumbs up as almost every child left with a prize. Prizes were in a large part the efforts of the Rhodes family.

We conducted a pumpkin carving party at the Parish Fall Festival with over 80 pumpkins provided to youth. Many whom have never got a pumpkin or carved one.

**Culture of Life: Chairman: Shaun Allen**

Our Council has partnered with Shady Grove Pregnancy Center annually to include the co-sponsored effort to obtain a new Sonogram Machine last year. This year was no different as we represented a large percentage of attendees at their fundraising Gala in October. The Life Director Shaun Allen and his wife spearheaded 40 Days for Life events at the Parish and sponsored by the Knights included monthly youth group vigils outside of the local abortion clinics. In particular there was a large turnout for the March 16<sup>th</sup> Youth Day of Prayer. Director of Life Shaun Allen provide services as our Council Lecturer with inspirational talks on sin, purgatory and faith-filled living.

I would be a remiss to not set aside special recognition for our Deputy Grand Knight Luis Gorres and his family who help plan and execute many of our events with new ideas and hard work. He will lead our Council well. As the current Grand Knight is extremely grateful for the support of the Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, DD Gary Guy, DW Donald Kilner, numerous members of State, and the remarkable Knights of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12127. It is an honor to lead men so committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. York  
Grand Knight



**Knights of Columbus**  
**St. Rose of Lima Council, No. 14297**  
*Empowering Catholic Men to Put our Faith into Action*

**Report of Activities for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year**

*Grand Knight Mike Williams*

*Deputy Grand Knight & Programs Director Paul Mehraban*

Council #14297 meets at 8:00pm on the first and second Wednesday of each month for hybrid virtual & in-person meetings in the Duggan Room of our St. Rose of Lima Parish, located at 11701 Clopper Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878. We have semiannual strategic reflection and planning meetings, as well. We are Catholic men in fraternity, intentionally committed to growing our faith, putting it into action, & empowering other men & our families to do the same.

**FAITH:** The Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight are grateful for the service of SK Tom Kubarych, PGK, who diligently served as Trustee and Faith Programs Team Lead this year. Our Council continued our intentional commitment to growing our faith by hosting 2 monthly study groups: Bishop Robert Barron's reflections on the Sacraments in the fall, and the Order's Into the Breach: Mission of the Family series in the spring. In the past few years, we have refocused our attention on ways to effectively unite our diverse parish by leaning on the proven genius of Catholic tradition and the liturgical year. We leaned into the Christmas season by donating chocolate gold coins handed out to kids by volunteers dressed as the Magi after the Epiphany mass. We financially supported our Archdiocese of Washington seminarian, Deacon Joseph Heisey, and we look forward to attending his ordination this June. The Council hosted a St. Joseph Icon Prayer Service over Father's Day weekend that was popular with the parish and are planning to do so again this June when the icon returns to District 21. We'll round out our FY23-24 Faith Programs by continuing our tradition of gifting finger rosaries to the 2024 St. Rose Confirmation class.

**COMMUNITY:** The GK appreciates the service of brother Knight Justin Sorra in leading the planning & execution of our Community Programs this year, especially the monthly food drives benefiting 2 local pantries, plus the Little Sisters of the Poor residence in DC. In summer 2023, Knights repainted the handicapped-accessible parking spaces around the parish campus. The Council was also instrumental in executing Fiesta, our parish fall festival with a 50-year heritage. Knights were responsible for activities on the grounds, procuring & managing rented equipment for all of the parish's activities, and executing setup & teardown. At our Council's table along "Ministries Row," we hosted a 50-50 Raffle Benefiting the parish.

**FAMILY:** Continuing the theme of supporting post-pandemic reinvigoration of parish life under DGK Paul's leadership, we co-sponsored the celebrations for the Feast of our patroness, St. Rose of Lima, including reestablishing the St. Rose Petition Well tradition. We have become staples at our parish's unique Hallowtide family celebration (All Hallows Eve, All Saints, & All Souls), this

year by dressing up as St. Joseph and handing out prayer cards & candy to kids after mass with other costumes volunteers. We bid goodbye to feasting before Lent by hosting a Mardi Gras dinner of pancakes and sausages for about 100 parishioners of all ages, which also helped us raise funds to support Dcn. Heisey and Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Many thanks are owed to PGKs Stan Fisher and Ty Larson for their expertise and efforts for that event. Finally, we supported the parish's Good Friday Family Stations of the Cross by handing out tokens reflective of each Station to the children.

**LIFE:** The GK & DGK are grateful for the service in support of life in all of its valuable stages of Brother Rene Sorra, PGK, who diligently served as Life Programs Team Lead this year. The Council twice supplied dinners for the new parents in the Parenting class at Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, contributing to the comprehensive effort of our District 21 Brothers at Council #6901. As mentioned above, we also supported Shady Grove Pregnancy Center by raising funds at our Mardi Gras dinner to fund a \$260 donation that was generously matched with a \$250 donation from the State Council, and soon will be supplemented by an additional \$100 from Supreme. Our parish is fortunate to be hosting a home on our campus for 3 parishioners with developmental disabilities. This year, we leveraged our monthly Food Drives by donating a portion of the contributions directly to the residents and their caretakers, and Knights families volunteered to cook and deliver enough food for 2 meals for all of the residents and their caretakers each month. We also supported the funeral reception for one of the residents who went to his eternal reward this fall.

**FRATERNAL/SOCIAL:** Chancellor & Membership Director Christian Bordak-Roseman answered the call to lead our Growth and Fraternal endeavors this year, most notably with the commencement of our monthly "Fraternal Cor" social nights in February, which we look forward to sustaining into the future. Council fraternal activities kicked off in the first quarter as we celebrated the Feast of Blessed Michael McGivney with an Officers Installation social. Brother Stan Fisher hosted the second quarter social, a potluck at his farm. We are looking forward to a Council hike around local Clopper Lake followed by brunch in the coming month.

**CONCLUSION:** The Grand Knight thanks the Program Director, Officers, Program Team Leads, Event Leads, and all Brothers of our Council for their outstanding efforts this past year. The Knights are known as a force for Good at St. Rose, both by our Pastor and fellow clergy, by our parish staff, and by an ever-growing number of our fellow parishioners, and we will continue to seek opportunities to draw them into the Trinity's Love by *Empowering Catholic Men to Put their Faith into Action*.

## District 22



**Joseph Gangi**  
**District Deputy**

**Howard H. Pusey**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**3489, 9053, 11616**





Knights of Columbus  
Ocean City Council #9053  
9901 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Ocean City Council # 9053 holds its general Council meetings beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842, with the Officers holding their business meetings at 5:30 p.m. just prior to Council meeting. Council #9053 holds its social meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from September to March that have a varied agenda with topics of interests such as Community Suppers, Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits and Community Awards.

Council #9053 began its fiscal year 2023-2024 at the July 2023 meeting; however, the physical Installation of Officers occurred on 17 August in Columbus Hall at 9:00 a.m. followed by a breakfast. District Deputy SK Joseph Gangi installed the Officers, listed below, and these officers will serve until July 2024.

POSITION	NAME
CHAPLAIN	SK Lance Martin
GRAND KNIGHT	SK James Matthews
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	SK John Sharkey
CHANCELLOR	SK Charles Lutz, Jr.
WARDEN	SK Edward Mardaga
RECORDER	SK Robert Pellenbarg
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	SK Dale Shepard
TREASURER	SK Thomas Foglesong

POSITION	NAME
LECTURER	K David Dancer
ADVOCATE	SK Thomas Irwin
INSIDE GUARD	SK Richard Thomas
OUTSIDE GUARD	SK Richard Fox
TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	SK Thomas Herwig
TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	SK Charles O'Brien
TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	SK Bruce Coons

### **COUNCIL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS PERGOLA**

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT STEVE MASTBROOK**

Council #9053 held/supported its usual Faith activities, e.g., 'Spiritual Reflection-Retreats', Memorial Mass, Weekly Rosary, RSVP, Support to our local Catholic Churches, Blessed Michael McGivney Masses and prayer hour, Building the Domestic Church-Kiosk, weekly Gospel discussions and Support to the Apostleship of the Sea of the USA. Council #9053 collaborated with St. Luke's Religious Education Department and held our second Living Rosary relating each Luminous Mystery to a Saint. Council #9053 members who are Eucharistic Ministers took Communion weekly to seniors living at Brandywine Senior Facility. These visits helped the residents both mentally and spiritually.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS HERWIG**

Council #9053 had a VERY active Community Program year, e.g., 'Eat-in' or 'Pick up' Seafood Nights, Lenten Fish Fry, Silver Bar Raffle, Coats for Kids, People with Intellectual Disabilities Campaign, Breakfast to support the Tunnel to Towers, Events for Veterans and various Charities, Blood Drives, Community Suppers, Soccer and Basketball Challenges, Helping Hand Program, Leave No Brother Behind, Community Recognition Awards, Easter Egg Hunt for the Community Children, and a Cornhole Challenge-Luncheon with neighboring Councils.

As part of the Council #9053's Community Helping Hand Program Activities/Efforts, we visited homebound brothers, provided rides to and from stores and medical facilities, as well as, sent greeting cards to the assisted-living facility residents and held weekly bingo for them.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: KNIGHT KEVIN HUGHES**

Council #9053 knew first-hand of the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health (GCMWH) need for operating funds, so we held 'Bingo for Babies' and donated to GCMWH the profits of \$4,446. Council #9053 submitted an *Aid and Support After Pregnancy* Form to Supreme for an additional \$400 more to GCMWH. This year's physical support for Life, coordinated by Brother Kevin Hughes with Fr. Solomon (Holy Savior), was a Mass celebrated at Holy Savior Church. Brother Tom Foglesong emailed daily on-line links to the Novena for Life attended virtually by many. Holy Savior's Pastor wanted to create an environment free of stigma and preached about disabilities at all of his Masses one weekend in support of our *People with 'Special Needs'*, more applicable, *Mass for People with Disabilities*, Program. Council #9053 designed, printed and distributed prayers cards featuring St. Giles, patron saint of the handicapped/disabled, for reading aloud at all Masses. Locally, Council #9053 supported the 'Quality of Life' through donations to Believe in Tomorrow, Worcester G.O.L.D., Maryland Special Olympics, the Cricket Center, the Joseph House, Village of Hope and Worcester Meals on Wheels helping families with comfort, security and the ability to celebrate life's joys.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SK JOHN SHARKEY**

Brothers Ron Briggs, Chris Ciletti, Neil Foote, Ken Lamont, Joe Lazzari, Eddie Mardaga, David Melocik, John Sharkey, Jim Stone, Richard Thomas, Joe Zanetti and Auxiliary Ladies Jackie Denhardt and Kathy Foote collected over \$4,950 in cash and gift cards and 211 boxes (in monetary terms about \$10,550) of food and donated it to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Diakonia and The Joseph House. Several Brothers worked as servers and caseworkers at the SVdP Pantry. Council #9053 received 193 '*Keep Christ in Christmas*' posters that Brothers John Gangi, Lou Guido, Tom Herwig, John Sharkey and Tom Pergola, and their wives/significant others judged based on: expression of the theme, artistic quality, accurate spelling and completeness of the posters. Council #9053 coordinated this year's *Consecration to the Holy Family* with St. Luke's, St. Mary's Star of the Sea-Holy Savior and St. John Neumann Churches leading the parishioners in reciting the Prayer for the Consecration to the Holy Family at all Masses celebrated on 6-7 January 2024.

## District 23



**Dr. Frank Attard**  
**District Deputy**

**Nathaniel Tablante**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**7559, 11618, 12180, 12524**

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### **District Deputy 23**

**District Deputy: Dr. Frank Attard; Columbia Council 7559**

**District Warden: Dr. Nathaniel Tablante; Columbia Council 7559**

District 23 consists of four councils:

- Columbia Council 7559, Grand Knight Dr. Boniface Nwugwo
- St. John Neumann Council 11618, Grand Knight Paul Peyla
- Fr. Bernard Harding Council 12180, Grand Knight Scott MacIntire
- St. Francis of Assisi Council 12524, Grand Knight Anthony “Tony” Gigioli

Each council holds a monthly Membership Meeting/social Meeting, an Officer’s Planning meeting and actively participates in the Faith in Action program activities. Due to the ongoing, though waning, COVID-19 threat, and to accommodate the largest number of Brothers, most of the meetings were held as hybrid in-person/virtual meetings. Three of the councils in District 23 reinstated meals at the Business Meetings, a welcome sign of both fraternity and unity.

#### **District Accomplishments**

- Installation of Officers was completed in a timely manner for all four councils, all were conducted in-person.
- As of this writing, three of the four councils of District 23 have exceeded 100% of target membership quotas, a phenomenal achievement for our District 23 and one that makes this DD proud beyond measure.
- All councils are supporting vocations and participating in the RSVP Program,
- Several in-person Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity were conducted in District 23 this year. By the close of the Columbian Year, each council has held, or will have held, at least one Exemplification. Each of the councils has well-rehearsed, active Exemplification teams.
- The district meetings were held via Zoom to achieve optimal attendance. Summaries of the meetings were submitted to the State Deputy by the District Warden.
- Each council conducted Tootsie Roll Drives this year, although one council (St. Francis of Assisi) elected to hold its drive in very early Spring due to many obligations during the October timeframe. Tootsie Rolls were picked up from Patapsco Council in September and were distributed to each council.
- Councils are sharing information about their special events/programs with other councils in the district.
- St. John Neumann Council participated in the Basketball Free Throw Challenge in March 2024. The winners of the council Challenge participated in the State Basketball Free Throw Challenge conducted in March 2024 next, as they were the sole participants in District 23. They became the de facto District winners and went on to the State competition where there were three winners/runners-up.
- Multiple Delta Drives and a few old-fashioned membership drives were held throughout the District, including at least one or two per Council.
- All four (4) councils participated in the order-wide Fraternal Benefits Seminar throughout the Columbian year.

- All four councils are actively participating in the **required** Faith in Action activity programs.
- By convention time, all four councils of the district are expected to be fully SAFE compliant, Reminder notices are sent whenever a member's status changes to "pending."

### **Status**

By Convention time, all four District 23 councils are believed to be, or will be, up to date on completing the required reports and forms.

- Quarterly Faith in Action activity reports
- Council semi-audit reports for the July-December and January-June time periods (Form 1295)
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)
- Report for Officers Chosen for the Term (Form 185)
- Program Personnel Report (Form 365)
- Columbia Award (Form SP-7)
- The council reviews were completed in a timely manner. Thus far, the Councils have all abided by the requirements, by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Order.

### **Progress**

Membership growth in 2023-2024 has been nothing short of stellar this Columbian year. All four councils of District 23 are membership active, and three of the four councils have met, or exceeded 100% of the membership quota. Columbia Council has had a very successful year on several fronts. First, the Columbia Council 7559 continues to work closely with its recent Ladies Auxillary and, secondly, it continues to collaborate closely with the new Hispanic Council, San Jose Custodio de Columbia, No. 18170, which started as new Hispanic Roundtable of the Columbia Council and then promptly split off into a brand-new Council in 2023, celebrating its first year anniversary recently with the entire Maryland State Council leadership. The two Councils in Columbia, MD are continuing to hold several cross-cultural events to benefit all of the members of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, English-speaking and Spanish-speaking alike, demonstrating the very best of fraternity and unity.

### **Conclusion**

As District Deputy, I would like to thank each of the Grand Knights, council leadership and members in District 23 for their support, implementation of many outstanding Faith in Action Programs, and overall leadership. Their actions are truly emblematic of our core principles of charity, unity and fraternity. I give much thanks to our District Warden, Dr. Nathaniel Tablenate for his support and assistance. I am also extremely grateful to our State Deputy, Christopher L Powers, for having confidence in me and appointing me as District Deputy. Finally, I would like to thank each of the State Officers for providing me with the tools, training, and guidance to make this year a success!

**Columbia Council, No. 7559**  
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**Grand Knight Boniface Nwugwo**

Columbia Council 7559 is located at the St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center located at 10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, Maryland 21044. Our Council has continued to work closely with the clergy to support the St. John the Evangelist parish community. The Council's regular business meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month starting at 6:30 pm at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center with social dinner and the official meeting starting at 7:00 PM. To prepare for the business meetings, officers meet on the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm for a social dinner with the actual Officers' meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Our social meetings, which are open to friends and family members, and the parish community at large, is held on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. The Columbia Council 7559 Installation of Officers was held on Saturday July 15, 2023, at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center during a Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Gerry Bowen, the Council's Chaplain. The installation was followed by a reception at one of the rooms at the Interfaith Center. The installation ceremony was attended by approximately 30 brother knights and their family members.

During this period, three of our brothers *John Scarlis*, *John Leonnig*, and *John Lyons* passed away. May their souls continue to rest in the Lord, Amen.

**PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: Tim Lynch, PGK, FDD**

The Program Director works with our dedicated brothers who serve as Activity Directors to accomplish these programs.

**FAITH ACTIVITIES:** Brother Stan Godlewski

On November 9, 2023, Columbia Council 7559 combined its Silver Rose Icon program with St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church's Hispanic council, the San Jose Custodio Council # 18170. This was a bilingual service that included Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by refreshments. We hosted the Pilgrim Icon on January 16 and 21. The Icon was introduced to the parish on the 1/16/24 and again at the noon Mass on Sunday, 1/21/24. Prayer cards were distributed at each presentation. The Icon was displayed for the entire week. The event was attended by about 210 people. The council Memorial Mass was combined with the parish All Souls Day Mass. Eight council members attended and the names of 65 deceased members were read during the Mass. The council hosted a social gathering after Mass attended by about 35 people. We also provided moral and financial support to missionaries and seminarians by giving financial support to two visiting deacons from Africa and sponsoring of Novices with \$500 via the RSVP Program. We also assisted with decorating the Church (Wilde Lake Interfaith Center) for Christmas on Christmas Eve and went on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John Paul II.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Brother Harry Lis

The annual Tootsie Roll drive, held during November 2023, raised \$1,183 to support our community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Columbia council donated 24 coats costing \$500 to Bryant Woods Elementary School in Columbia, MD. The coats were purchased from the council's charity fund and delivered in two batches over a one-month period

by the Community chairman. They were received by the school secretary and vice principal. Columbia Council 7559 coordinated its Annual Parish Alternative Giving at Christmas and collected donations to support the work of Challenging Heights, Ghana; JA Clermont Foundation, Haiti; Immigration Outreach Service Center, Baltimore; Los Olivos CIS, El Salvador; and Tanzanian Children's Project (TCP), Tanzania. Ten council members volunteered for 50 hours raising \$13,210. Council 7559 also hosted its Parish Meet Santa Claus event for Parish children and adults. 120 children and adults met Santa.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES:** Brother Michael

Council 7559 hosted its Annual Christmas Celebration. The 3-hour long celebration was held at the council's parish. Attendees, 44 in all, included members, spouses, widows and friends. Fr. Ambrose blessed the food. There was a gift exchange, Irish coffee, a gift card raffle, and a Champagne toast by our G.K. Widows were not charged, others paid \$25. On April 6, 2024, we hosted our Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration attended by about 165 people. Many Knights volunteered at the event. We raised \$6853 in support of the TCP netting the TCP \$6316, and \$537 for Columbia Council's charity fund. On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the Council hosted its annual parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper which was attended by about 130 people including 10-12 Knights. Our council continues to support the work of the TCP. Our council coordinated a Family Charity Bingo that raised \$3,690 to benefit the TCP.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES:** Pat Murphy

Columbia Council 7559 hosts an annual Culture of Life activity. The kick-off is often with the coordination of a Baby Bottle donation drive that raises money to support the services and programs offered by the Columbia Pregnancy Center. The Baby Bottle distribution has been scheduled for April 26 & 27, 2024 and the collection of the bottles on May 11 & 12, 2024. In a recent drive, over 600 baby bottles were distributed to both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking congregations of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Columbia, and we collected over \$9500 in donations. Several brothers also attended the Columbia Pregnancy Center's annual Gala fundraiser. Our council conducts rosary sessions held after the M/Tu/W/F parish Noon Masses with Adoration that occurs on Thursday after the Noon Mass.

### **CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, the Grand Knight (GK) wishes to thank our parish Pastor, Rev. Fr. Gerry Bowen, who is also the Council Chaplain. The GK extends his gratitude to the Associate Pastors, Rev. Fr. Ambrose Onwuegbuchulem, and Rev. Fr. Padre Hilario Avendaño. The GK is especially grateful to the Officers, Program Director and Chairs, and my brother Knights of Columbia Council 7559 for their tireless dedication and unwavering support to the Columbia Council. A special thanks goes to the Ladies of Mary Auxiliary and the Religious Education ministry, who have supported TCP and our council many times. I also appreciate all the parish staff and parishioners of St. John the Evangelist parish community for their continued support of our many programs. I have learned a lot in these past three quarters that I have served as Grand Knight. Working with all of the officers has helped me overcome some of the challenges and anxieties I had when I accepted the role. Thank you all, and I look forward to many more interesting programs to help us continue to build the Domestic Church and help those who are most in need in our community.

## **St. John Neumann Council, No. 11618**

**Grand Knight – Paul Peyla**

Our council was founded in 1995 and serves the Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine (CCASTA). Council meetings are held from 7:30-8:30 pm every first Thursday of the month. Officers' Planning / Social meetings are held every third Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm. Our installation of council officers was conducted at St. Augustine School in Elkridge, MD on Thursday, July 20, 2023. Following the induction ceremony, dinner was served at the school Hall. We currently have 158 members. In CY2023, we logged 1988 volunteer hours and donated \$31,472 to various worthy causes. Below are some of the major completed/planned activities for FY23-24.

### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR - JD Parsons, Deputy Grand Knight**

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – Thomas Devlin**

- We planned and sponsored our inaugural men's retreat for parishioners and Brother Knights in MD District 23 on 11/18/23. Father John Serio, SDB, led the retreat "Responding to the Call." 25 men participated, with 2 prospects recruited and \$500 in donations collected.
- Our creche was destroyed in a storm on 12/23/23. We raised funds for new statues and designed and built a new stable. The creche was displayed at St. Augustine Church from 12/9/23 – 1/13/24.
- We held our annual Delta Church Membership Drive on September 23-24, 2023. We met our goal of 9 new members on November 2nd. Our Spring church drive will be held on April 20-21, 2024. We conducted four public Exemplification ceremonies at St. Augustine Church – on August 3, September 7, September 28, and November 2 – during which we welcomed 10 new candidates.
- We held our first two Lenten Fish Fries on February 23 and March 8, 2024, serving more than 200 dinners on each occasion, with one more dinner scheduled for March 22.
- Our council hosted the Icon of St. Joseph on January 26, 2024, at St. Augustine Church. We hosted a Holy Rosary and Mass for our parish led by our Worthy Chaplain and Pastor, Fr. Dale Picarella.
- Additional Faith Programs: Reception for outgoing parish deacon, Monthly Donut Sunday; Youth faith formation support (monthly); Christmas Eve parking (12/24/23); Easter parking (3/31/24).

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Howard Johnson**

- Six Knights designed and built a wheelchair boardwalk for the disabled granddaughter of a parishioner on 6/3/23. The family was extremely grateful for this "Godsend."
- We collected \$3958.62 and provided 184 new coats for kids (and some adults) at Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, St. Augustine School, and Ducketts Run Elementary School.
- We conducted a successful Tootsie Roll Campaign from September 2 through October 28. Nine brothers covered 50 volunteer hours, and we recruited 1 new member. Donations of \$1316.14 were evenly distributed among Camp Glow, Arc of Howard County, and Linwood Center.



- We conducted 4 successful Red Cross Blood Drives at St. Augustine and Ascension Churches. We collected 18 pints on 1/6/24, 28 pints on 11/4/23, 26 pints on 8/5/23, and 31 pints on 4/15/23.
- Additional Community Programs: Food collection for St. Martin's Home (11/18/23); Flag retirement (11/10/23); Veteran's Day Luncheon (11/11/23); Angels on the Run 5k marshalling (11/11/23); pop-up pantry (4/1); Monthly casserole collection for Our Daily Bread (2024), Income Tax Seminar for parishioners/Knights (1/18).

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Thomas Floersch**

- We promoted a family night at Camden Yards on 6/27/23 to watch the Orioles-Reds game. We contributed \$10 toward every ticket. 32 people attended, despite a lengthy rain delay.
- Several council members drove the wife of a hospitalized council member (triple bypass) to/from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore every day for one week.
- We hosted a Christmas party on 12/9 for 80 Knights/family members. We prepared food, caroled, read the Christmas narrative, and played family games. Worthy Chaplain/Pastor and DD attended.
- Our council received "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters from 125 St. Augustine School students. We selected finalists for each category. Our grades 6-8 winner won the MD State competition.
- Additional Family Programs: Family Bowling Night (2/15/22); Social meetings at local brewery and DGK's home; Free Throw championship (March 2024); Purchased/delivered Christmas gifts to local needy family; Promoted "The Chosen" movie nights at a local theater with parishioners and council families; Supported the parish bull roast; Council cornhole tournament planned for 4/19/24.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES – John Skrynecki**

- We held our second annual Advanced Healthcare Directive Seminar on 9/26/23. This end-of-life care and planning mini-workshop presented end-of-life planning from a Catholic perspective.
- We held a Baby Bottle Campaign for Columbia Pregnancy Center and Women's Center West, raising \$5277 (including \$800 from the Supreme ASAP program) for the two pregnancy centers.
- On 10/14/23, several members of our Council attended a pro-life mass and participated in a eucharistic procession to/from the Hillcrest abortion clinic.
- Supporting the CCASTA Embrace Grace program, our council served refreshments at baby showers on 5/13/23, 2/10/24, and 6/1/24 (planned), and prepared and served dinner for the mothers and their guests at the "Princess for a Day" celebration on 7/22/23.
- Additional Life Programs: 2024 National March for Life (1/19/24) and MD State March for Life (3/11/24); prayed Rosary for Life prior to council meetings.

**CONCLUSION:** It has been a privilege to serve as Grand Knight of a faithful, dedicated, and hardworking group of Catholic men. As I wind down my two-year term as Grand Knight, I would like to thank my brother knights for their help and support. Vivat Jesus!

## **Father Bernard Harding Council, No. 12180**

### **Grand Knight, Scott MacIntyre**

The Council meets at the St. Lawrence Martyr Church Hall, located at 7850 Parkside Blvd, Hanover MD, 7:30 on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

On Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council officers were installed. The installation followed a Mass celebrated by our Chaplain. District Deputy Frank Attard presided over the installation.

**Program Director: Milt McKenna**, Past Grand Knight

### **Faith Activities**

As Knights, families, and friends, we have been praying the Rosary every day. We currently pray 542 Rosaries per month (6,504/year) for the following intentions: The Intentions of the Holy Father, Persecuted Christians everywhere, Vocations, The Unborn, Our priests and chaplains, Our troops, especially those in harm's way, Our brother Knights, especially those sick and deceased, Our fellow parishioners, especially those sick and deceased, World Peace, The special intentions of all those who pray the Rosary, Individual special intentions and The physical and spiritual health of our world. On January 25<sup>th</sup> members of the Fr. Harding Council hosted a prayer service at St. Lawrence Martyr Church honoring St. Joseph. Several members of the Council participated as readers etc. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 a Mass was offered for deceased Knights. Widows and family members were invited to attend.

### **Community Activities**

The Father Bernard Harding Knights of Columbus Council #12180, in order to encourage attendance at the Parish Friday Lenten services, (Stations of the Cross), prepare and serve crab cakes, steamed shrimp, pizza, salad, and beverages before and after Stations during Lent. During our participation in the September 11<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Peace, our Council was honored to have the opportunity to have members of the Keogh Council present the "Living Rosary". We always invite local Police, firefighters and other emergency responders to attend. Council 12180 supported St. Lawrence Donut Sunday 7 times this past year.

### **Life Activities**

Knights from Fr. Harding council attend both the National and the Maryland March for Life events. Knights and parishioners gather at our Historic Church the last Thursday of each month to say a prayer and recite a Rosary for the Unborn.

### **Family Activities**

Approximately 145 family members (53 children) from the St. Lawrence community came on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 to have breakfast and meet with Santa. A council member played the role of Santa. Several of the council members' children assisted Santa and took pictures of the children. All of the children receive coloring books, crayons and candy canes. Local firefighters attended with their emergency vehicles and transported Santa to the Breakfast. When children are Baptized in St. Lawrence, the Council has a Knight in attendance who, at the conclusion of

the Baptism, presents a Rosary and Certificate to the parents and offers some brief comments about the importance of Mary and the Rosary in our lives. On Mothers' Day in May we host a Mothers' Day Brunch for the community – moms & grandmoms eat FREE – we also have a “momlet” station as an additional benefit.

### **Conclusion**

The Catholic men of Father Harding Council are living their faith and conducting the good work of the order. We continue our efforts to attract more like-minded men. Next year's planning of activities has already commenced. As Grand Knight, I sincerely offer my thanks to the Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and brothers of this council who make a difference in our local and faith communities.

## **St. Francis of Assisi Council, No. 12524**

### **Grand Knight Anthony P. Gigioli**

St. Francis of Assisi Council will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 24 May 2024. We are blessed to have a core group of Knights who are ready, willing and able to chip in and make each program successful.

### **Faith Activities – Robert Burnett**

As we have done for years, the Council will present each First Communicant and each Confirmandi with a Rosary in April and May respectively. Once again, this year, the Council hosted the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon in the month of January. In October, the Pastorate (St. Francis of Assisi and St. Louis the King parishes combined) conducted a Rosary Tailgate where a Living Rosary recitation was combined with a Tailgate type social event. The Council (#12524) and St. Louis' Council provided parking direction and safety assurance in addition to participating in the Living Rosary. The Council Knights stood guard over the Blessed Sacrament following the Holy Thursday Mass until Midnight. Several groups of two Knights engaged in a 15-minute rotation on either side of the tabernacle in the Parish's Chapel. At Midnight the Blessed Sacrament was secured in the Pastor's Office.

### **Family Activities – Ricardo Hernandez**

The Council provided Food and Drink for the St. Francis of Assisi Fall Festival, held every year on or about the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. This event encourages all the families of the Parish to come out on a beautiful October afternoon with basketball, bean bag toss, arts and crafts stations and other family friendly Activities. Each May the Council produces a Baccalaureate Mass Booklet in which the year's graduates of High School or College are encouraged to submit a Photo and a short Biography outlining their accomplishments and plans for the future, which are compiled into a glossy booklet as a remembrance of the Mass and their graduation. The Council schedules the Mass with the Parish and provides a Cake and Punch reception after the Mass for the entire Parish.

### **Community Activities – Tony Gigioli**

The Council has adopted a Mile of roadway in Fulton, Maryland. Once a quarter, the Knights will clean up any trash or debris along the highway. At the Pastor's request, the Knights clean up the flat roof of the Parish center building. Leaves and other debris are gathered up and removed. In conjunction with the Parish's Fall Festival, the Council conducts the Soccer Challenge. This year the Grand Knights from St. Louis' Council joined with our Council to assist. More than 25 youth participants took part in the activity, which works quite well with the other games that are provided for the children of the Parish at the Festival. The Council plans and executes a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper for the Parish on the evening of the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This is an annual event and is well received by the Parishioners.

## **Life Activities – Charlie Pulay**

Twice a year the Council runs a Baby Bottle Donation Campaign for the benefit of the Columbia Pregnancy Center. The first Campaign netted \$672 for the Pregnancy Center and a second Campaign is planned for this Spring. The Life Program Director Attended the Columbia Pregnancy Center's Annual Gala Dinner, and another donation to the center was made at that time. Several Knights of the Council attended either the National March for Life in Washington DC, or the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis, Maryland.

## **Conclusion**

We hope that the Church Drive to be held April 20 & 21, 2024 yields some new young members, as the Council is aging and needs new blood and enthusiasm. Many Thanks to the core members of the Council who have stepped up to the plate time and again to keep the council viable.

Vivat Jesus,  
Anthony P. Gigioli  
Grand Knight

## District 24



**Jeffrey C. Maynard**  
**District Deputy**

**Kevin Burgess**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**1384, 3413, 5263, 8251, 11552, 17990**

## **DISTRICT 24**

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY JEFFREY C. MAYNARD**

District 24 is led by District Deputy Jeffrey Maynard, PGK PFN, and District Warden Kevin Burgess PGK. The District is comprised of six councils in southern Anne Arundel County: Annapolis council #1384 (Star Council 2022-2023), GK John Paraschak; Holy Trinity council #3413, GK Shane McCarthy; Archbishop Francis P. Keough council #5263, GK Jacob Bleess; South County council #8251, GK Frank Kline; St Andrews by the Bay council #11552, GK Christian Dietz followed by GK Joe Walker; and William E. Baldwin, Sr. council #17990 (Star Council 2022-2023), GK Pat Brady. District 24 is proud to have achieved Star District for Fraternal Year 2022-2023.

The District Deputy kicked off the fraternal year hosting the Grand Knights and their lovely Ladies at the Columbian Center in Severna Park. The event focused on getting to know one another and setting strategic objectives for council growth and program scheduling for the year.

Throughout the fraternal year, the Councils conducted many and varied programs and events, such as the Coats for Kids, RSVP, ASAP, and the People with Special Needs programs, as well as crab socials, Breakfast with Santa, and St. Patrick's Day parties. The Councils support their respective parishes through fundraising and hands-on activities. I thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation, support, and hospitality during a most successful year.

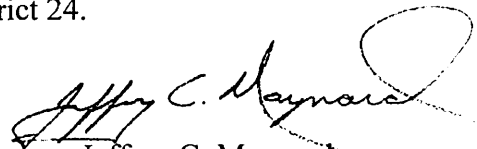
Within the District, the Councils regularly deliver the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and have seen significant growth. Most of the Councils participated in the Fraternal Benefits webinars and conducted live Fraternal Benefits Events during the year.

The District hosted the St. Joseph icon in November and December and held a district-level Soccer Challenge in conjunction with Annapolis and St Andrew by the Bay Councils in October. In March, the District held a district level free throw competition at Annapolis Council.

District 24 held District meetings at the Columbian Center in Severna Park following each of the State Fall, Mid-term, and Spring meetings. The District Deputy shared the State vision and provided instruction and information to all the Grand Knights of the District.

I especially thank District Warden Kevin Burgess for his friendship, dedication, assistance, and advice to me during this past fraternal year.

In conclusion, it has been a good year for District 24. Several Councils in the District are on track to obtain Star Council for Fraternal Year 2023-2024. The District looks to build on the lessons learned this fraternal year and carry on the charitable works of the Order. It has been an honor to serve as the District Deputy for the fine men of District 24.

  
Jeffrey C. Maynard  
District Deputy 24

# **Holy Trinity Council 3413**

**Grand Knight – SK Shane McCarthy**

Holy Trinity Council 3413 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 8 pm. The meeting begins unofficially with food and drink at 7 pm and the meeting is called to order at 8pm. Other periodic Council meetings include an Officer's meeting on the Monday preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7 pm; meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trinity Council Holding Company on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm; and a social meeting for the Council on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. All the meetings are held at the Columbian Center at 335 Governor Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD 21146, which is our Council home. Holy Trinity Council is primarily associated with St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, in Severna Park, with some members from other parishes.

Officers were installed by the District Deputy on July 23, 2023 at the Council home. After the installation, a reception was held for family members and guests.

**Programs** - Director - SK Larry Brundin, FS

**Faith** – Greg Janney – in November, Council members assisted with the Maryland Catholic Women's Conference, which was held at St. John the Evangelist church.

On December 3, the Council hosted the St. Joseph icon and conducted a prayer service.

In March, several Council Members participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference.

We dedicated one social meeting to assemble rosary packets with Divine Mercy Pamphlets to distribute after mass on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Every Sunday during the month of May, members of the Council and their families gather in the Columbian Center Grotto to say the rosary to honor our Blessed Mother Mary.

During this fraternal year, the Council supported five (5) Seminarians in the RSVP program.

Several Council members regularly participate in the That Man Is You (TMIY) men's prayer meetings and during the summer brother AJ Monaco organized and filled the summer break with six KofC "Into the Breach" sessions. The attendance was good and well received.

**Family** – Nick Sapiano – We held a social every month to invite in spouses and family members for a meal and fraternization.

In June, we recognized the Student of the Year at St John the Evangelist School.

On the second Sunday of every month, Council picks up and delivers coffee and donuts for members of the parish community at St. John the Evangelist. On designated weekends, Council members promote fellowship and provide literature supporting various Council and order activities. Families and students meet and socialize. This also provides an opportunity for the Council to meet and recruit new members and promote activities of the Order.



We support Council family members with a scholarship fund set up with the Anne Arundel Community College.

On December 18, the Council hosted a Christmas Party for all Council families to bring in the Christmas Holiday Season. The Council held a potluck Christmas party and cookie exchange for members, spouses, and children. Following dinner, members sang Christmas carols, did Christmas puzzles, and shared many varieties of Christmas cookies.

**Community** – Ted Dietz – In August, we held our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Car Show at the Columbian Center, which was very successful with great attendance.

Every Tuesday evening we hold BINGO from 7-9 for the community and provide food and fellowship. Funds raised support our charity efforts and support maintenance of the Columbian Center for our continuing meetings.

In September, we provided cooks and other laborers for a “Manly Burger Night” at St. John the Evangelist Church. We also used this opportunity to encourage membership in the Knights of Columbus.

We donated money to support the KofC Coats for Kids program and the Global Wheelchair Mission.

We hosted two gatherings of the Anne Arundel County Republican committee to allow community members to meet the candidates and ask question.

**Life** – Stu McGeady – In January, we funded the bus for the Parish group to attend the March for Life in DC, which bus was unfortunately canceled due to weather. Instead, several members prayed the rosary for the unborn.

Members, families, and friends participated in 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Annapolis.

In March, Council members participated in State March for Life in Annapolis.

Throughout the year, the Council provides financial and volunteer assistance to crisis pregnancy clinics; Mary's Center in Glen Burnie and Birthright in Annapolis, and sponsors and maintains a Culture of Life Exchange page on Facebook. Information and articles of relevance or general interest are posted for comment and sharing.

**Summary** We are grateful for the charity and fraternity of our brothers in the Council who participate in all manner of parish and community activities from music, lector and usher ministries to participation on the St. John the Evangelist School board, That Man is You, and St Vincent DePaul ministry. We are grateful to our loving and supportive spouses and family members to support us in the time and treasure we contribute to the Knights and our Catholic community. We are especially thankful to Almighty God for watching over us and guiding us through this fraternal year.

## **Archbishop Francis P. Keough Council, No. 5263**

### **Grand Knight Jacob Bleess**

Archbishop Francis P Keough Council #S263 offers men an opportunity to conduct great works by focusing on our core principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We strive to be leaders in our families, social and faith communities and find ways to put our Faith into Action. Archbishop Keough Council conducts service activities in Odenton, MD and its surrounding communities: Severn, Millersville, Gambrills, Crofton and Fort Meade. Knights meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm at our Hall at 1381 Becknel Ave. in Odenton, MD. Our business meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday and our social meeting is on the 4th Wednesday beginning at 8:00pm. Our program calendar is publicly shared through [keough5263@gmail.com](mailto:keough5263@gmail.com) and we have an email group through yahoo groups called Keough Council 5263.

Keough Council is locally known for its annual charity drives: Wheels Night (previously Casino Night) and St Patrick's Dinner Dance which have both been held for over 20 years. In District 24, a poker night is a well-known favorite and is attended quarterly at Becknel Hall. We also host and participate in statewide programs. The Living Rosary program, featuring a 120-foot rosary, travels throughout Maryland providing prayer and reflection for all ages in an interactive way. The Christmas for the Forgotten program, which currently supports Spring Grove hospital center in Baltimore, MD and previously the Rosewood nursing home, gives hope, kindness and gifts to those persons who have no family or have been abandoned by what was their family. Both of these historical programs are run by Worthy Honorary Life Member Joe Pfeiffer and have surpassed their 54th year!

**Programs Director - Shawn Allen, Deputy Grand Knight**

**Faith Activities - John McConnville**

Programs which strengthen our faith and support vocations are at the core of Keough's programs. The Living Rosary program just finished its 50th year and is on a constant move around Maryland between parishes, schools and Catholic organizations. Brother Joe Pfeiffer is a charter member of Keough Council and the October 23rd rosary exemplifies the longstanding good works that members of the Knights of Columbus do and how many lives this program has positively impacted over 54 years. Four seminarians were sponsored this year receiving \$500 each through the RSVP program.

**Community Activities - John McConnville**

We have many programs designed to help those disadvantaged in our communities. Our County provides a rotating homeless shelter program in the winter coordinated through our local parishes

of St Joseph and Our lady of the Fields churches. Christmas for the Forgotten, in its 54 th year, collected over \$14,000 in gifts of toiletries, clothing, personal items and monies for Spring Grove Hospital Center. Our annual Wheels Night fundraiser, led by Worthy Advocate Les Hiett, collected over \$500 for our charities. On March 10th Keough put on a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for St Joseph's Odenton's 100th Anniversary.

### **Family Activities - Derek Simard**

Family values are concentric to our order and Keough makes sure we provide opportunities for our members to strengthen family bonds within our own homes and within our council. Keough's Memorial Mass was celebrated at our Council hall. Our brothers from across District 24 as well as spouses and friends gather for our quarterly poker night. Keough knights have also participated in multiple youth related programs where the teens participate in prayer, have dinner together and learn about service organizations in small groups.

### **Life Activities - Kevin Bailey**

Some of the most important works we do are services for Life, Civility and Humanity. Members attended the March for Life in both Washington DC and Annapolis, MD. Our Intellectual Disabilities Program and the Tootsie Roll campaign collected over \$1000 for Bello Machre, Arc of the Chesapeake, Providence Center. On November 8th Keough hosted the Silver Rose on it's annual pilgrimage.

### **Conclusion**

Archbishop Keough Council always makes the seemingly impossible happen smoothly and frequently above expectations. Throughout this fraternal year, Keough knights have been exemplary in putting their Faith into Action by creating new programs and continuing great programs that provide hope, kindness and a positive difference. The Grand Knight thanks his Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and brothers of this council for their exceptional support this past year

## SOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL, No. 8251 GRAND KNIGHT, FRANK KLEIN

South County Council #8251 serves Holy Family Catholic Church in Davidsonville, MD, and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in West River, MD. We are a faith-based council embracing the lessons of the Order. We strive to serve our Pastors, our community, and the Order. We are a parish-based Council, conducting a Membership Meeting on the second Thursday of the month at Holy Family, an Executive Meeting on the second Monday of the month, and social meetings seven times a year. I thank the officers and Council Members who are responsible for the Council's great work.

### Program Director – David Mutschler, PGK, Deputy Grand Knight

#### Faith Director - Peter Stengel

South County Council continues to support Archdiocese of Baltimore seminarians. This year we sponsored Mr. Jhonny Escobar (St. Mary's Seminary), Mr. Ryan Gerbes (Mount Saint Mary's Seminary), Mr. Shiadrik Mokum (Mount Saint Mary's Seminary), Mr. Nicholas Hays (St John Paul II Seminary) and Mr Pascal Atunzu (St Mary's Seminary). We were able to provide small gifts to all of the parishes' first communicants this year. The Council conducts a Rosary open to all in the parishes. We also conducted "Into the Breach" presentations and discussions, a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, and partnered with the Parish Men's Ministry in a *Cor* – structured discussion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*. For Divine Mercy Sunday, our Council planned and conducted a Eucharistic Holy Hour in coordination with our Worthy Chaplain and Holy Family Pastor Father Mike Jendrek.

### Family Director – Kevin Burgess, DW, PGK

South County Council contributes to and provides logistic service for multi-parish food pantry serving South Anne Arundel County. Additionally, the Council recognizes a family of the month at each membership meeting. This year's honorees:

Apr – Chuck & Sally Miller  
May – John & Cyndi Zajic  
Jun – Charlie & Bina Fink  
Jul – Eddy & Carolyn Boarman  
Aug – Deacon Doug & Jean Lovejoy  
Sep – Ben & Hannah Branson

Oct – Dave & Edie Springer  
Nov – Stephen & Barbara Harmel  
Dec – Paul & Mary Dallavalle  
Jan – Peter & Karen Stengel  
Feb – Lance & Dawn Larson  
Mar – Leo & Juliet Laughlin

The Council conducted "Breakfast with Santa", Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and Lenten Soup Supper events for Parish & community families. Council Knights organized and conducted family games and contests as part of parish picnic and ministry fair events. Knights also organized the parish "Consecration to the Holy Family" at Holy Family Parish in Davidsonville.

### Community Director - Anthony De Laurentis

As per the tradition of the Council, we held another successful Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie-Roll) for Anne Arundel County Central Special School in Edgewater, MD. Over the past 41 years, the Council has raised nearly \$207,000.00 in funds for the school. Council conducted a "Call for Coats" drive in Fall 2023, collecting & donating 109 coats to local charities. The Council participated in the nationwide Wreaths Across America campaign at Annapolis National Cemetery. In addition to the funds raised, members participated in the laying and removing of wreaths at a local cemetery. Our Council participated in the August 2023 Blessed Michael McGivney Food Packing Event for those in need locally and internationally and continued to raise funds for the Order's Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Our Council played an integral role in the parish "Winter Relief" program, which provided homeless individuals with food and overnight shelter. South County Council raised funds for charitable activities by working refreshment stands at the Maryland Renaissance Festival.

### Life Director - Tom Weigand, GK

The Council conducted a Novena for Life with nine days of prayer, concluding with a Rosary dedicated to the unborn. We sent participants to a local Walk/Run for Life in 2023 and the National and State Marches for Life in 2024. Our annual Baby Bottle Drive benefiting the Gabriel Network in Crofton, Maryland, successfully raised \$3000 as part of the Order's continuing "Aid & Support After Pregnancy" effort. The Gabriel Network supports new mothers through a helpline; church-based teams to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support; support with housing, wipes, diapers, etc.; and three "maternity" homes. Council Knights once again performed pro-life education events for parish youth faith formation classes consisting of mock Maryland General Assembly debates of proposed legislation affecting the dignity of life. We also conducted a blood drive, with over 25 pints donated.

### Conclusion

The Catholic men of South County Council live their faith and conduct the good work of the Order. Our continued efforts to attract more like-minded men produce slow but sure growth. Next year's planning of activities has already commenced. I sincerely offer my thanks to the Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and brothers of this Council who make a difference in our community.

## District 25



**Thomas W. Plunkett**  
**District Deputy**

**John Szarnicki**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**1622, 1860, 11975, 12255**

## **Knights of Columbus St. John's Council, No. 1622**

Council 1622 meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Sister Margaret Bauer Evangelization Center adjacent to St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church in downtown Frederick, MD. We enjoy getting together for food and fraternity with summer BBQs, an annual Christmas party in December and our Lenten Fish Fry from February through April. These events are well attended by our Knights and their Lovely Ladies.

We celebrated our installation of officers on July 30, 2023 after Sunday Mass and were blessed to have in attendance our Worthy District Deputy, Tom Plunkett, a member of Council 1622. We welcome some new council officers including Bill Cutchin as Treasurer, taking over for long-time Treasurer Maurice Wong, Pierre Yaméogo as Advocate for Brett Hunt, and 3-year trustee Joe Rigutto for 1-year trustee PGK Jim Sier.

### **Program Director Peter Shuck**

### **Community Director Bob Willson**

Council 1622 continues to build community with a number of notable activities. Br Tom Rogers ran our donut social through most of 2023 and passed off the reigns to Br Woody Johnston who continued this monthly activity, bringing together 100+ parishioners to enjoy some sweet conversation after the first Sunday Masses each month during the school year. Br Brian Duncan continues to lead the Frederick SHARE food CoOp, a program the Knights have been involved in since 1996. Each month before the sun rises on the third Saturday, Knights and local volunteers gather to repackage bulk food stuffs into individual portions at near 50% off retail prices. Br Rick Casazza led the second annual "For the Kids Campaign", to support Coats for Kids in Frederick County and the State Food Packing Event which serves kids and families in Guatemala. Br John Fischer and Br Woody Johnston are out front of the Sister Margaret Bauer center every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday collecting food and donations for the Little Sister's of the Poor (LSOP). Council 1622 is the Frederick hub for LSOP collections, John then delivers the collection to the LSOP house in Baltimore.

### **Family Director Dave Satterfield**

Br Bill Cutchin ran the Keep Christ in Christmas event again this year with his lovely wife, and we are proud to award a scholarship each spring to a student of Catholic education in Frederick County who embodies the Principles of the Knights of Columbus. Br. Dave Satterfield coordinates the annual Joint Memorial Mass with the Catholic Daughters at which we celebrate the lives of those Brothers and Sisters that have gone before us from St. John's Council #1622, Bishop McNamara Assembly #384, the Court of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and their spouses. This is an especially important event for our council each year as we gather to remember our brothers and sisters with a memorial service and reception.

### **Faith Director Bob Krajewski**

The council helped as ushers for the parish's first Our Lady of the Pillar celebration and again at the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at which we enjoyed the mariachi band, traditional dancing, and some homemade tamales and corn horchata. We continued to support, now in its second year, the Men's Formation Feast. Br Maurice Wong and Br Bob Krajewski continue to cook up great food for these meetings that brings men from St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph on Carrolton Manor and other local parishes together to grow in faith. The draw of Food, Formation, and Fellowship,

with speakers from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and Catholic University, packs the room with attendance nearing triple digits. A first this past year, Br. Bob Krajewski helped organize a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina for the parish. A group of Knights, their Ladies, and parishioners 35 strong, along with Fr. Matt DeFusco as spiritual advisor, took part in this trip. Bob is getting set up to do more of these trips in the future.

#### **Life Director Bob Boehman & Bobby McQuin**

Council 1622 continued its support of life activities this year in prayer, activism, and financial support. In partnership with the Frederick County Right to Life and the Parish's Respect Life Ministry, the council helped fill the bus to the National and State Life Marches in DC and Annapolis respectively. The council also had many members regularly attend prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood in Frederick during both the fall and spring 40 Days for Life. Two of our large annual fund raisers are also in support of Life. The annual Tootsie Roll event had us outside church a few weekends as well as about town, collecting donations and spreading the pro-life message outside our local Lowes hardware store. This was a great partnership, and we look forward to being there again next year. These efforts netted enough to donate over \$1000 each to both L'Arche Frederick and The Arc of Frederick County. The annual Baby Bottle Campaign was also successful this year, allowing a donation of over \$5,000 to Carenet, a Frederick pro-life pregnancy center. After serving for 13 years, Br Bob Boehman passed the torch to Br Bobby McQuin, who took over as the Council's Life Director this spring. Br Bob Boehman also served as the Frederick County Right to Life President, helped re-institute the Parish's Respect Life Ministry, and has been an active Pro-Life Warrior throughout. We look forward to continuing our support for the most vulnerable under Br Bobby's leadership.

#### **Other Activities:**

St. John the Evangelist Church is a beautiful and historic place to pray and grow in faith, with a wonderful active community. St. John's Council maintains much of the parish grounds, helps with renovation and facility maintenance projects, and decorates for special seasons. This is the second year in which we've run a parish wide spring raffle to support the upkeep of our historic church, last year funds raised went to the beautiful new stained-glass windows in the church, this year funds are going to maintaining and renovating the old rectory and the Sister Margaret Bauer Evangelization Center. The council Knights and Ladies further build community through our Family/Community focused Lenten Fish Fry and by hosting seasonal dinners and special events.

#### **Conclusion:**

Council 1622 leads through action, completing multiple faith in action activities every month. Rarely a week goes by without St. John's Knights performing a service for our parish or our community. We are supported by a wonderful Parish Staff and draw our inspiration and guidance from our Pastor Fr. John Williamson and our Associate Pastors Fr. Javier Fuentes and Fr. Matt DeFusco who both challenge us and support us. We pray for our seminarians and proudly supported through RSVP Michael Moore, Steven Kirby, Joseph Van Tu Nguyen, and Ryan Gerbes, who are in training to be our next generation of spiritual leaders.

Thank you to the many Past Grand Knights who have mentored me, and to every officer and program lead who has stepped up to help build a strong culture of charity within our council. The quality and breadth of our programs is what speaks to men of action and draws them to become Knights.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Rick Babbitt, Grand Knight**



## District 26



**Larry Houck**  
**District Deputy**

**Craig Clagett & Bernard Liswell**  
**District Wardens**

**Councils**  
**2274, 7941, 11248, 12054, 14189**

## District #26

### Book of Reports

District Deputy: Larry Houck #7941; July 2021 to present  
District Warden: Craig Clagett #12054; July 2021 to present.  
District Warden: Bernie Liswell #12054; July 2022 to present.

### Review of the Councils of District #26

**#2274 Regina Coeli:** New leadership, with GK Max Cerna taking charge with new life into associations with St Peter and Paul school: St Peter and Paul's Activity Center is their meeting home. This council is a Star Council candidate, 102 years old+, has younger members taking leadership roles, and the meetings are swift and "to the point" Good and New future coming!!!! Always great programs!!!

**#7941 Father McManus:** The leadership is working with the priest of St. Christopher's, better Membership recruitment, younger members are taking charge, the priest has helped with member recruitment expectations, Christmas basket drive is superior, great Fish Frys in March, the Grand Knight has embraced training with the understanding of the Knights of Columbus, this council is great with all of them working together!!! Star Council Candidate.

**#11248 Father Bradford:** This council is moving to Galena Maryland, will a "new Spanish mix English speaking Council. 5 new members coming, stay tuned. Slow but coming around with a core of 20 good members. The direction is the Brothers.

**#12054 Joan of Arc:** Change in leadership has hurt this council, not as committed to administration which is necessary. The Parish Priest is committed to the Knights, do great programs all year, but membership is down, not a commitment to being the Star Council it has been the last four years. A very **superior** Coat Drive at Christmas and once a month "Super Sunday Breakfast" Retention committee is great, communications with a great newsletter, working on a Web Site. New Leadership and a commitment to past excellence needed!!!

**#14189 John Jakab Raskob:** The "bullying" leadership has caused this Council to drift. No relationship with the priest. The leadership must be changed with new leadership in an election; half the council is unwilling to attend meetings or do programs. One new member this year did not commit to Delta Drives. Working within the council to change the leadership for next Fraternal year.

### Summation:

It was a privilege to serve my Brother Knights in District #26 (Upper Eastern Shore) from July 2021 to this point, with my term of office ending June 30, 2024. I will maintain contact with the new District Deputy after my term ends. I thank my DWs Craig and Bernie for their help and guidance. The future of this District depends on the new leadership of the 5 Grand Knight in

2024-25 and from the younger members, also, with the Hispanic members, 4 of the 5 Councils are in the right direction. One council needs to "right the ship" with new leadership this next election.

This is my final year as a District Deputy. Just last year, District #26 made the Star District, and we had great leadership. The new leadership needs refining and I am sure Craig Clagett and Bernie Liswell will be up to the task.

Vivat Jesus

Submitted by:  
Larry Houck #26  
District Deputy

## District 27



**Greg Ward**  
**District Deputy**

**Robert McConnell**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**8736, 9815, 10100, 11372**

## **Mason-Dixon Council, No. 10100**

Our council meets at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Parish Hall at St. Mary, Pylesville, 1021 St. Mary's Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. The Officers and Directors meeting is held on the first week of the month, with the Membership meeting held on the second Monday and social meetings on the fourth Monday. The fraternal year began with the installation of Officers on July 8, 2023 at 5:15 pm in the church with reception in the parish hall. Attending was the Council Chaplain, Associate Chaplain, State Deputy, District Deputy, District Warden, and all officers to be installed.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – David Racine, Deputy Grand Knight

**FAITH DIRECTOR** – Lee Surkin

As indicated last year, our Faith Activities once again formed the cornerstone of our council. No activity was omitted, and our Technology Director livestreamed the events; consequently, all council members as well as parishioners were able to view and/or participate. Our Rosary Program was very active this year. A Living Rosary was held on September 23, 2023, in honor of our late Pastor and Council Chaplain, Father Henry Kunkle. On October 9 the Mason-Dixon Council assisted St Mark's church in Fallston, MD with conducting living rosary. This decreased the number of participants as well as assisted social distancing requirements.

*Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration* continues into its sixth year beginning on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. This Holy Hour begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. *First Friday Eucharistic Adoration* started beginning on Friday, September 1, 2024. This Holy Hour begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. This adoration starts off with a speaker given witnesses to faith in the Eucharist followed by Eucharistic adoration, self-reflection, and confession. This Adoration is live stream and posted to the Parish and Council web site. Another Living Rosary was held November 11, 2023, at 5:15 PM in honor of all Veterans past and present, 2020 after Mass to honor Mary, Queen of the Knights. Pandemic requirements were followed again. A Living Rosary dedicated to St. Joseph was held on January 23, 2024, in the Parish Hall. This event was live streamed. Council members presented the *Centurion's Way of the Cross* on Friday, February 16, and March 15, 2024. This marks the seventh year the Knights have presented the Stations of the Cross, and the council and the entire parish looks forward to this yearly activity, now live streamed. Relics of the Passion – Mason-Dixon Council sponsored a Lenten experience called, "Call from the Crucified Heart – Relics of the Passion." The event was held in St Mary's Church with over 240 people in attendance. The program was a 90-minute meditational experience supported with Eucharistic Exposition, music and prayer, culminating in relic veneration.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES** – Mike Dodson

The Council assisted other community Parish Activities such as providing lunch on the final day of VBS. Assisted with serving hotdogs and drinks at our annual Trunk-n-Treat on November 28, 2023. The Family of the Month program continued again this year but was more difficult to handle because of pandemic restrictions. Presentations at Mass were live streamed. A Memorial Mass for deceased council members and Belles (Ladies Auxiliary) took place on November 9, 2023. Keep Christ in Christmas was successful although entries were limited this year.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – Daniel Culver

This category of activities has recovered from all COVID-19 restrictions; consequently, all popular events have been reinstated. Roadside Cleanup continues. Approximately 12 – 15 Knights helping at each clean up. Annual Country Classic Car Show – our 6<sup>th</sup> annual car show was held on August 5<sup>th</sup> with over 40 entrants. This is one of key fundraisers and way to advertise the things our councils do or the community. Jarrettsville Sunflower Festival – The weekend of 7-8 October our council was invited to provide a food concession for the weekend to help draw people and raise money for the needy in the local area. Being part of the interdenominational Ministerium in Northern Harford County and southern York County PA, the council gladly accepted. All proceeds were donated back to the festival organizers to assist in local assistance program for needy families. Holocaust Talk – On October 15 2023, the Mason Dixon Council hosted A Second-Generation Holocaust Survivor speaker from the Baltimore Jewish Council, who will share her personal story. As the number of Holocaust survivors continues to dwindle, events such as this one become more imperative to attend than ever. Learning from the experiences of Holocaust survivors, educating oneself on the issues and impacts of antisemitism, as well as listening all contribute to ensuring that the phrase "Never Again" remains true. Live Streaming – Our Technology Director stepped up and is live streaming the weekly 10AM Sunday Mass, Special Masses, special Parish events, and Council activities such as the Living Rosary and Stations of the Cross, the Holocaust Talk and the Relics of the Passion. Community Publicity Program – With a new editor and staff, the council newsletter took on a new look and focus so that not only the membership but interested parishioners could be informed as well. Also, our Chancellor has been sending in the newsletter to the local paper, and selected items are printed for the entire community to read about what our council is doing. It is a fantastic membership opportunity.

## **LIFE ACTIVITIES** – Venis Knight

The Knights participated with our parish Right to Life ministry in collected donations for the Choose Hope Women's Center of Harford County

## **CONCLUSION** – Venis P Knight, Grand Knight

I am honored to have served as the Grand Knight of the Mason-Dixon Council #10100 in District #27 for my first fraternal year. Working with the faith-filled, dedicated, hard-working, and creative council officers and members has been especially rewarding during this year. We are especially indebted to the strong support, guidance, and encouragement of our Worthy District Deputy Greg Ward. He has been a valuable resource and provided helpful suggestions for keeping the membership dynamic going. My fellow Grand Knights in District #27 have also been a major source of support, idea development, and fellowship during the past two years. We have worked together for the betterment of the district and the improvement of our councils' programs and activities. Also, thank you to Past Grand Knight and former District Warded Robert McConnell for his on-the-job-training, advice, encouragement, and unfailing mentorship. Finally, our Mason-Dixon Knights' effectiveness can be measured by the myriad ministries they head, committees they chair; their helping hands not only reach out regularly to our Pastor and Deacons, but to the entire St. Mary's Parish and our greater community. They live the motto: *Where there is a need, there is a Knight.*

## District 28



**Benjamin A. Romero**  
**District Deputy**

**(Vacant)**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**4606, 11615, 14535, 15768**

## Our Lady of Lourdes Council, No. 4606

### Grand Knight Robert Gutridge Jr.

Our council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Our Columbian board meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All meetings are held at the council home.

#### FAITH

We sponsored a seminarian by contributing \$500.00 through the RSVP fund. We worked the Octoberfest for the community parish. We participate in donut and coffee events quarterly for all three parishes.

#### FAMILY

We collected and donated 20 baskets for Thanksgiving for families in the community. We sponsored a Childrens Breakfast for the Holiday with a local Ravens Roast. We donated the use of the hall and the kitchen to the Cub scouts to hold their Gold and Blue ceremony and to bake cookies for parishioners who are unable to get out or bake for themselves.

#### COMMUNITY

Several of our members worked the Locust Point Festival running wheels and activities. We worked Our Lady of Good Council Church Community Festival and gave out mugs with our KofC emblem on them. On March 30<sup>th</sup> we held a community appreciation night that was attended by 150+ people for the community. We collected donations for the Alex Wroblewski scholarship fund. We also gave appreciation certificates to The Belles of Good Council and Locust Point Civic Ass. For excellent community service.

#### CONCLUSION

Our council has worked hard over the past year to increase our membership, to train new members and officers in the proper way to execute their positions. We help many other events to raise funds for charity and repairs for our council home. I would like to that the State officers for there service over the past year.



**St. Vincent Pallotti Council, No. 14535**  
**Grand Knight: Frank T. Corazza**  
**Book of Reports**

Our Council Officers meet on the first Thursday of each month and our general membership meets on the third Thursday at Saint Leo the Great Church, 227 South Exeter Street, Little Italy, Baltimore, Maryland. We start at 6:30 P.M. with a light dinner, followed by our formal meeting.

**FAITH**

Our council has twelve members who are regular members of Saint Leo's Ushers Ministry and others who serve from time to time. They volunteer their time for the weekend and other masses at the church. And two of our Council members are members of the Adult Servers Ministry at Saint Leo Church who serve as needed at weekend masses and at funerals. We have 4 members that serve at the altar as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. The pastor at Saint Leo's, Father Bernard Carman, is our Council Chaplain. He and Deacon, Doug Kendzierski, Associate Chaplain, log in many volunteer hours in their positions. Our members decorate the church for Christmas and Easter and carry the Corpus Christi statue in the Parish Good Friday Outside Way of the Cross Procession. Our Council Fourth Degree Color Corps Knights participate in this procession and many Special Events at the Church.

We have a deceased member's benefit fund named after a fallen Council brother called the Ronald Koebel Memorial Fund. When a council brother passes on, we give the surviving spouse or next of kin a one-time benefit payment of \$500.00 which can be used for funeral expenses or however they choose. In this report year one such payment was made totaling \$500.00. Our Council also supported three Seminarians with monetary stipends of \$500 each to help these men as they make their journey to the priesthood. Our council members and their families volunteer more than 2,700 hours helping at various church celebrations and fundraisers. Our Council gives a rosary and certificate, indicating that it is a gift from the Knights of Columbus to all children and adults who are baptized at Saint Leo's Church. We also present gifts to those who make their First Reconciliation, their First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Saint Leo's Church. A successful Carry Out seafood dinner fundraiser on Fridays during Lent allowed us to donate \$1,700.00 to Saint Leo's to be used for church maintenance. We have started a program to provide 'Sweet Treats' monthly to the School Sisters of Notre Dame who 'In-Care' at the Stella Maris Facility. We host and celebrate the Feast of Saint Pio da Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) annually with a Mass and offer a complimentary Brunch to all who attended this event and use the gathering as a Knights of Columbus recruitment opportunity.

**FAMILY**

Our Council hosts a Sunday Family Mass at Saint Leo Church four times a year (specifically, every month with 5 Sundays) at which we display our Council Banner and sit together as a group with our families. After the Mass, the entire congregation is invited to a continental breakfast in the Church Hall. We reward our Youth Altar Servers, with financial gifts at Christmas in recognition of their dedicated service.

## **COMMUNITY**

Our Council donated \$3,000.00 to the K of C for the Coats for Kids project and we made a donation to the Little Italy Lodge Foundation Scholarship Program of \$1,500.

In addition to our donation of \$1,110.00 to purchase Christmas Wreaths as part of the National Wreaths Across America Program, members of our council also volunteered their time to place the wreaths on graves at a local Veteran's Cemetery and then at a later date to remove the wreaths. We donated \$500.00 each to Baltimore's Helping Up Mission and to Our Daily Bread (a total of \$1,000.00) for those organizations to feed the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## **LIFE**

Members of our council volunteered at a Food Packing Event sponsored by Maryland Chapters of Grand Knights in coordination with the Cross Catholic Outreach Organization. At this event more than 50,000 meals were packaged and sent to feed the needy in impoverished countries in the Americas, and a small percentage of those meals was distributed to food pantries in Maryland.

## **OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

We conducted two major fundraisers - an Italian Style Bull & Oyster Roast and a Saint Patrick's Day Irish Raffle and Dinner. Both events were successful, each attended by more than 200 people, allowing us to raise funds to further our charitable activities and to spread awareness of the work of our Saint Vincent Pallotti Council #14535 of the Knights of Columbus.

We continue to be very aggressive in our recruitment efforts and feel that we have made the Knights a recognized presence in our parish and in our community. For this reporting year we recruited and held Exemplification Ceremonies for 6 new members to the Knights of Columbus. We are optimistic that the recognition that we continue to receive for the good work that we are doing will translate into increased membership. Our Council completed the year with 87 members.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Grand Knight of the Saint Vincent Pallotti Council wants to thank Supreme, our State Officers, our Program Directors, our Events and Reports Committees and all our Members who made this a very successful year for our council.

# **BALTIMORE BASILICA COUNCIL, NO. 15768**

## **BOOK OF REPORTS**

BASILICA COUNCIL MEETS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT BASILICA AT APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 23 MEMBERS AND HAVE RECRUITED 1 NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR

### **FAITH**

THROUGH A GENEROUS DONATION FROM A MEMBER, WE WERE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE 200 COPIES OF BISHOP BARRON'S BOOK, 'THIS IS MY BODY' TO 200 MEMBERS OF THE PARISH IN SUPPORT OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.

### **COMMUNITY**

A BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN WAS HELD TO SUPPORT OPTIONS A PREGNANCY CENTER IN DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE. THROUGH THE ASAP GRANT AND DONATIONS, WE DONATED 2900 DOLLARS TO THE CENTER. THIS PROGRAM WAS AGAIN HELD IN 2024, AND PRELIMINARILY EXPECT TO DONATE NEARLY 3000 DOLLARS

A SOCK DRIVE WAS HELD TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS. PARISHIONERS DONATED CASH OR SOCKS AND OVER 600 PAIR WERE GIVEN TO SOURCE OF ALL HOPE MISSION OR THE SISTERS OF THE POOR JESUS CHRIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

AT CHRISTMAS, A BLANKET DRIVE WAS HELD AND OVER 500 BLANKETS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE HOMELESS USING THE SOURCE OF ALL HOPE AND SISTERS OF THE POOR.

TO SUPPORT THE PARISH, WE HELD A MEET AND GREET AFTER THE 10:45 MASS WHERE COFFEE AND SWEETS WERE OFFERED TO PARISHIONERS AS THEY LEFT MASS. THIS WAS DONE EACH MONTH DURING SPRING AND SUMMER.

OUR MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE IN THE PARISH AND CAN BE FOUND AS LECTORS, ALTAR SERVERS, DOCENTS AND USHERS. MANY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PERPETUAL ADORATION AT THE BASILICA

## District 29



**William A. Waldron**  
**District Deputy**

**Richard G. Anderson**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2065, 3849, 9258, 9968, 13091**

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Maryland State Council**  
**District 29**

William "Wally" Waldron PGK, PFN - District Deputy  
Richard Anderson PGK - District Warden

Worthy State Deputy and Officer of the Maryland State Council & Delegates;

For the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Council Convention, the Councils of District 29 submit the reports that follow. The councils and their Grand Knights are:

St. Michael Council 2065, Ridge, MD	Richard Muir
Holy Face Council 3489, Great Mills, MD	Chris McGraw
Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 9258, Solomon's, MD	Pete McDivitt
Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 9968, Lexington Park, MD	Craig Davie
Father Sebastien d Rose Council 13091, Valley Lee, MD	Dave Reumont

I would like to thank all the councils in district 29 for their cooperation, support and hospitality throughout the year. Your hard work and dedication enabled a smooth-running year for us all. Congratulations go out to all the councils on their numerous and varied programs and events during a very successful year. I am also appreciative of the combined events the councils worked on jointly this past year.

Thank you to District Warden Richard Anderson for his dedication, assistance and advice this past year. A special thank you to Denise Anderson for her understanding of Rich's commitment to the order, especially as adjustments were made to his work/life balance in accepting a new position at work.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on a most successful year of meaningful programs and putting up my demands for attention, which truly helped in making my job so much easier.

To the State Deputy, Christopher L Powers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. It has been a very rewarding experience. Your support and guidance throughout the year were very much appreciated.

Finally, thanks to my family and especially my wife, Donna, for her understanding and patience and for being my companion through it all.

Vivat Jesus  
William Waldron  
District Deputy 29  
*William Waldron*

## **Holy Face Council, No. 3849**

### **Grand Knight Christopher McGraw**

Holy Face Council 3849 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. The officers and directors meet on the first Tuesday for a planning meeting. The regular membership meeting is held on the third Tuesday. We have focused on drawing members into more active service in the council with meeting attendance up 15 percent and participation in council events up as much as 25 percent.

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES: Bernie Kneeland**

Accomplishments: 12xHoly Hours; 12xNovenas; St Mary's Youth Memorial (SMYM) Mass of Remembrance and All Soul's Vigil; 2xLiving Rosary; Knights fill roles of Pastor, deacon, lectors, choir members, sacristans, and ushers in the Holy Face parish.

We continue our support to seminarians through letters of encouragement and donations of \$1,000. Holy Hour participation continues with the Council's leadership and support. Communal prayers of intention are offered. During the time for reflection Knights pray the Rosary, read the Bible, go to Confession, and offer themselves to the service of Christ.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: William Campbell**

Accomplishments: Southern Maryland Spring Festival Food Booth; LFS Patriot's Day 5k; Coats for Kids car washes and coat donations where again we increased the number of cases bought and distributed; SMYM maintenance; Veteran's Day flag placement; Catholic School Citizenship Essay; Catholic School Teacher appreciation banner for Catholic School's Week along with donation of \$1,000 to Little Flower School. Knights played critical roles in the extremely successful Southern Maryland Spring Festival held at the St Mary's County Fairgrounds. PGK Beckman chaired and directed the event attended by over 8,900 people. County residents enjoyed food, crafts, entertainment, carnival and car show as well as weekend Mass held on site. Knights ran the food and slushies booths contributing all the net earnings of \$9,200 to the church; 8% of the total net proceeds. They also did the heavy lifting for set up/clean up, Moving yard sale items from the church to the fairgrounds and staffing many of the activities with over 512 hours of donated labor. We also delivered meals to the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department on First Responders Day and were thanked with post on their web page.

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Pat Hunt**

Accomplishments: Food for Families (\$1,500 to St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry) and received grant from Supreme that also went to SVPD; Wrapping Arms 'Round Many (WARM Program) food and supervision for the homeless at Camp Maria during harsh winter weather; Parish cemetery lawn work and maintenance; Oktoberfest and St Patrick's Day Dinners; decorating the church for holidays; Advent Festival booth; Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest; church spring deep clean. The Advent Festival committee, chaired by one of our Community Director, created a village of booths in the Church/Little Flower School gym designed to flow participants to each of 10 different booths and several large pavilions decorated by the Knights, parish groups and vendors. Admission was donating one canned food item to the local food pantry. The festival drew

hundreds of families and members of the community. People were truly pleased to be out and about. Our booth "O Holy Knight" served free, hot chocolate and Tootsie Rolls which was a real success as was distributing Christmas coloring books and crayons to all the children who attended. We also sold religious themed Christmas cards. The Knights supported our booth but also the parish council booth, cookie decorating pavilion. The event was also used to showcase all the entries to the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest.

### **LIFE ACTIVITIES: Ed Szymkowiak**

Accomplishments: Continued our support to Care Net Pregnancy Center under the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program and awarded a Supreme grant. Our Diaper and Pull-up Drive led to 1,200 in donated items valued at \$500. We also held: CareNet Pregnancy Center car wash; Tootsie Roll Campaign; Life Chain; Cemetery of the Innocents with Maryland Right to Life. The biggest effort in our Life Program, the Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign is specifically conducted to help the Maryland Special Olympics chapter in St. Mary's County and the ARC of Southern Maryland. Council members helped at the Special Olympics Spring Games to be held at Ryken High School both in 2023 and 2024. This year we worked to increase our collaboration with Special Olympics and beside our site at a local shopping plaza, we sponsored a booth at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Festival at the St Mary's County Fairgrounds. We were joined by athletes, coaches and family members who helped Brothers distribute Tootsie Rolls and collect donation for Special Olympics. Countless people came up to us during our Tootsie Roll Campaign and thanked us for collecting donations for such worthy causes. The Knight who puts in the most effort each year is recognized with our custom made "Tootsie Trophy." Our Council's name and contribution is listed in the ARC's annual report <https://arcsomd.org/about-us/annual-report/> providing recognition to our efforts. We are also listed in the Oyster Festival pamphlet and website and as Sponsors of the Spring Games.

### **CONCLUSION:**

It has been a busy and tremendously rewarding year for Council 3849. We adapted to the changing world and never stopped working for those we serve. Even in the midst of difficulty, our Brothers came together and led by example to fulfill our commitment to our programs of Faith, Community, Family and Life. Vivat Jesus!



## **Our Lady Star of the Sea Council, No. 9258**

### **2023-2024 Grand Knights Report**

Our Council meets on the first, third and final Tuesday of every month at Our Lady Star of the Sea church in Solomons, MD. Monthly council meetings are the first Tuesday, council social meeting is the third Tuesday, and our officers' meeting is the final Tuesday in the Chesapeake Room below our historic (old) church.

On Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, our Installation of Council Officers was held in the historic church following the 11am Mass, led by Council Chaplain Reverend Father Robert Kilner. Immediately following the installation, a reception was held in the Chesapeake Room – a good time had by all. The following officers of Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 9258 were installed by the worthy District Deputy, William Waldron: Grand Knight Pete McDevitt, Deputy Grand Knight Shane Gahagan, Chancellor Joe Suarez-Murias, Financial Secretary Jim Huse, Recorder Dave Sydnor, Treasurer Michael Jaffee, Advocate Mike Kelly, Warden Jason Lusby, Inside Guard Karl Szlendak, Outside Guard Ford Cox, One Year Trustee Vince Maldonado, Two Year Trustee Joe Hamilton, and Three Year Trustee Terry Singer.

Below are some of the more noteworthy events held in fraternal year 2023-24:

- In June of 2023 OLSS Knights assisted the Care Net organization with their “Baby Bottle Blitz” fund raiser. Knights traveled to many churches in the area picking up their collected Baby Bottles and donations and carried these to a central collection location.
- Our DGK and Recorder attended a state seminar in Forestville, MD in August.
- Our council assisted with the set-up, execution and cleanup of the OLSS parish picnic in September.
- Between August and October, the Knights of OLSS supported the State Raffle Ticket Sales effort. Total revenue for this effort was approximately \$2600.
- In September, our GK and DGK conducted the first of a recurring schedule of meetings with OLSS pastor, Fr. Robert Kilner. We discussed topics such as KoC membership drives and council participation in parish activities. Henceforth, the GK and/or DGK will attend the monreport Parish Council meeting to provide a report to on KoC council activities and discuss topics of mutual interest.
- Four of our officers and their wives attended the Columbus Day Ball at the Crowne Plaza in October.
- On two dates in October and November, council members conducted a tootsie roll/fundraiser drive outside Giant and Ace Hardware stores in Lusby, MD. Between the two dates, the council collected over \$600 to be distributed to organizations that assist people with special needs.



- Also, in October and November, a group of our wives collected donations for the Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy program. In November, the council with the assistance from our ladies boxed up 54 boxes of donations, which our GK dropped off at the St. Michael's location.
- In late October, early November the Knights from OLSS assisted the Parish with their Parish Photo Drive to support the Parish Directory. Knights assisted with setting up the spaces for the photo shoots.
- During the months of September thru December, Knights from OLSS assisted Father Robert Kilner with demolition and restoration efforts in our parish historic Church. Our efforts assisted readying the historic church for Christmas Masses.
- In early December as Advent began, we assembled our full size creche on the lawn in front of our historic church, compete with nativity scene figures and lights for nighttime display. This creche hosted a live nativity scene during the Solomons Christmas Walk.
- In December, our council welcomed two new members in an Exemplification ceremony conducted in the OLSS Chesapeake Room.
- On January 7<sup>th</sup>, our council started off the new year with a Seminarian Breakfast for our parish and guests that our knights cooked and served in the Providence Room of our parish. \$500 of collected donations were sent to our sponsored Seminarian, and the RSVP form was submitted.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup>, our council started the 2024 Lenten Season with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Knights cooked and served pancakes for the Parish.
- On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Knights of our council held our first "Drive Thru" Lenten Fish Fry.serving over 120 meals and raising approximately \$800 for our council's charitable works.
- On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, our council held our second Lenten Fish Fry. This event raised an additional \$900 to support our council's charitable works.
- On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Knights from OLSS assisted Father Robert Kilner with the Easter Vigil Mass by tending a fire to Support Lighting of the Easter Candles and the procession into the Church for Holy Mass
- Knights of OLSS will again be supporting the "Christmas in April" charitable event this year.
- Knights of OLSS will be assisting the OLSS Fr. Alexander Gala Committee with setup and teardown of the 2024 Gala venue.
- Planned for Mother's Day, our council will provide Flowers to Mothers at all masses and conduct a "Mother's Day Breakfast."

It has been an honor to be the Grand Knight of OLSS Council 9258 this past year. Special thanks to all brothers, wives, and friends who contributed to what has been a very successful year. We've had good member participation in events and some successful fund-raising events, whose efforts have ensured our successful year.

Vivat Jesus

Pete McDevitt, GK

Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 9258

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary Council, No. 9968**

### **Grand Knight Craig E. Davie**

Council 9968 meets on the first Wednesday of the month in one of the classrooms and on the second Wednesday in the Parish Hall of the church at 6:00 PM in Lexington Park. We are in our 35<sup>th</sup> year as a council.

Our council celebrated the installation of officers after the 4:00 PM Mass on July 15, 2023, in the church. After the installation, there was a small reception of friends and family with a meal in the Parish Hall.

#### **Program Director – SK Peter J. Worrell, DGK**

#### **FAITH – SK Raymond Dion**

Our Financial Secretary, SK Jeffery Harmon, kept our Building the Domestic Church Kiosk well stocked to the delight of several parishioners. BK Peter Ricket led brother Knights and parishioners in our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary prior to the 8:30 AM Mass on July 30<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, December 31<sup>st</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our council sponsored two seminarians this year, Aiden Peruses and Gregory Lawrence. Several members of the council correspond with these young men providing them encouragement as they discern their vocation. In April, our council hosted the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon for a week and coordinated a special prayer service in honor of St. Joseph.

#### **FAMILY – SK Scott A. Mewhinney**

Our council selected a Family of the Month for every month of the fraternal year and presented the family an award. During the month of November, SK Peter Worrell and SK Craig Davie spoke to the Childrens Faith Formation (CFF) students about the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Many students entered and the posters were of such high quality it was difficult to select a winner. Poster judging was performed at the Deck the Halls Party on December 2, 2023. A winner in each age group was selected and they were awarded in front of family and friends at the end of a CFF class in the Parish Hall. Our council partnered with Fr. Sebastian de Rose Council 13091 conducting a Food drive at the NAS Patuxent River, MD Commissary on July 29, 2023, November 4, 2023, and May 11, 2024. The donations were split evenly between four local food pantries that support the community with each pantry receiving an average of 810 pounds of non-perishable food per food drive. Our council supported the first annual parish Turkey Trott, known as the Gobble Gallop, on Thanksgiving with all proceeds benefitting our St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry.

## **COMMUNITY – SK Anthony F. Spadarella**

Our council hosted a Pancake Breakfast in the months of September, October, and December, along with a dinner in November. All proceeds benefitted Christmas in April, which supports housing repairs for low income and handicapped residents within St. Mary's County. Anthony Spadarella and brother Knights also volunteered time and talent on April 27<sup>th</sup> to assist in housing repairs sponsored by Christmas in April. Our March Burrito Breakfast proceeds were sent to Saint Mary's County Right to Life. Our council hosted a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in February, a spaghetti dinner in April, along with a Pancake Breakfast in May with proceeds supporting updates to the church marquee. Every third Saturday of the month, our council supports either the Adopt-A-Highway project or a parish cleanup day. We performed the roadside clean-up three times this year with each event gathering five to thirteen bags of trash. For our parish clean-up projects, our council trimmed trees, cleaned up debris from the large lawns and grove around the pond, and cleaned both the parish and Knight's sheds.

## **LIFE – Mark O. Baysinger**

Our council erected the Cemetery of the Innocents to raise awareness of abortion. 6 Knights braved the wind and rain on Saturday September 30, to install crosses, flags, and a sign. On the following Sunday, members and parishioners joined in our Life Chain, while holding signs along RT 235 in front of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The event raises awareness about abortion and promotes personhood for the unborn. Our council coordinated a Parish Baby Shower throughout the month of October that resulted in \$2710.00 worth of baby related materials being placed in bassinets within the church. The council achieved the maximum donation value under Supreme's ASAP program, allowing the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland to receive an additional \$400.00 in support. Under the coordination of SK Thomas Chayka and BK Frank Serrano, our council participated in the Tootsie Roll drive in September and October 2023 raising 1394.06 dollars, which was distributed evenly to the ARC of Southern Maryland and Special Olympics. On February 4th, our council hosted a Baby Shower in our Parish Hall that was well attended and an additional donation of 1050.00 dollars was collected. Money and materials consisting of 55 different baby items of varying quantities at an undetermined value filling two vans was presented to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland. At our May Pancake Breakfast, all mothers were presented with a Marigold for their support in choosing life.

**OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE** – Our financial team consisting of SK Jeffery Harmon and SK Adam Miller coordinated with our bank to be able to accept electronic payment for dues, donations, and fund raisers. SK Peter Worrell created a new website for our council.

**CONCLUSION** – The Grand Knight would like to thank all members and families for their support of our council and parish. We achieved many of our goals and had a positive impact on the parish and local community. Our works of charity and practice of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy have embodied our State Deputy's motto of Cry the Gospel with Your Life.

## **Fr. Sebastien DeRose Council, No. 13091**

### **Grand Knight - David A. Reumont IV**

**Overview** - Father Sebastien DeRose, a Capuchin Priest who came to the United States with Lafayette, was one of the first pastors of St. Nicholas Chapel, located at Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NAS PAX), in Lexington Park, Maryland. The Council was instituted on December 4, 2001, at NAS PAX and moved to St. George Catholic Church, Valley Lee, Maryland, on June 14, 2015.

**Council Meetings** - Monthly Council Membership Meetings are held at the Community Center of St. George Catholic Church, 19199 St. Georges Church Road, Valley Lee, Maryland 20692, at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday each month, and Planning Meetings are held on the last Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

**Officer Installation** - On July 16, 2023, the elected officers were installed for Fraternal Year 2023-2024 after the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Georges Catholic Church, attended by many of our Knights and their families. This installation was conducted by District 29 Deputy William Waldron in the presence of our Chaplain and St. George Pastor, Fr. Paul Nguyen. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Church vestibule.

**Program Director - Tan Pham (Deputy Grand Knight)**

**Faith Director - Harold Grider**

Six Knights led 539 rosaries all before weekend and Holy Day Masses. The council supplied over 43 knotted rosaries and 24 scapulas for fellow Knights, parishioners, children, and to the 1st communion and confirmation classes. Fr. Paul also gave these to the sick and needy. Nine Knights and seventy-five parishioners and children participated in the living rosary led by the 4th Degree Knights. Sixteen Knights were selected for the Holy Thursday Mass, twelve for the washing of the feet and four to cover the Eucharist with the canopy as the procession traveled from the church to the community center for adoration. Our Faith Director and our Chaplain helped to form a Men's Group meeting which meets on Saturday mornings to discuss the Sunday liturgy. Several knights regularly attend Holy Hour and evening prayers a few times each week. Knights and Fr. Paul are leading bible studies after the Sunday 7:30 AM Mass. We support two Seminarians under the Refund Support Vocations Program.

**Family Director - David Nguyen**

Ten Knights and eight helpers set-up and worked a new program, Children's Day at the Beach, which was attended by 92 parents and children at the home of PGK SK Charles Schilling and Lady Lori on the shores of the St. Mary's river. The Food for Families program, led by PGK SK Francis Santiago, distributed nearly 17,200 pounds of food collections among four local food pantries in an area in which 13% of the population is poor and needy. On September 17, 2023, eleven Knights and six ladies took orders, collected money, bagged and delivered over 1,200 dinners for the St. George Annual Crab Cake Dinner, a fund raiser for the Church. On October 15, 2023, Knights, their ladies and family members helped with the setup, cooking and cleanup for the Annual Parish Picnic, which was attended by over 140 parishioners. Our Knights sponsored five Saturday family movie nights with faith-based movies.

### **Community Director - Jason Stewart**

The council regularly participates in maintaining our Church grounds and the Community Center upkeep. On October 21, 2023, Knights began collecting used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves and donated them to Helping Hands of St. Mary's County. The Box of Joy program collection of 38 boxes began in October and concluded in early December. The council held a Donut Sunday Social every quarter in the Church vestibule after the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass to socialize with other parishioners. Ladies and Knights staffed the Friday Lenten dinners of fried fish or steamed shrimp. These dinners are the council's major source of income.

### **Life Director - Michael L'Heureux**

PGK SK Charles Shilling led the Tootsie Roll Campaign at the Weis Food Market in Callaway, collecting over \$4,650 in donations, took the charitable recipient representatives and the location sponsors to lunch, and then provided the three charities the checks for the donations. On March 16, 2023, four Knights and their ladies attended the CareNet Pregnancy Center's Support for Life Annual Banquet. On April 13, 2023, three Knights and their Ladies assisted in the Special Olympics Games at St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown MD.

### **Remaining Fraternal Year Program and Activities**

We plan to continue reciting the Rosary before weekend masses, collecting and distributing food for families, conducting the Friday Night Lenten fish fry dinners, maintaining our Church and its surrounding property, Mission Chapel, leading and attending bible studies, leading at least two Eucharistic Processions, holding monthly potluck family movie nights, assisting in staffing the St. Mary's County Special Olympics Spring Games in April and Children's Beach Day on St. Georges Island.

### **Summary**

Our fellow Knights and experienced Past Grand Knights have assisted in my personal growth and understanding of the goals and requirements required of this Grand Knight position. Without the time, knowledge and efforts of these Knights, and their ladies, the Council would not be able to carry out the mission and reach the goals we set before ourselves. I thank my wife Diane for her continued love and support for the time spent in all manner of the Council's affairs. Fr. Sebastien DeRose Council has a great team, and I am humbly just its administrator. Our team is a dedicated fraternity in making things happen for our Church, community, the Order, nation, and the world.

## District 30



**Edward L. Day**  
**District Deputy**

**Yen Le**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**2323, 6793, 11106, 11769, 13463**



# Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council District 30

Worthy State Deputy, Officers & Delegates  
126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

The Councils of District 30 submit for your consideration the reports as follows. The Councils and their Grand Knights:

Montgomery Council No.2323  
Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793  
Saint John the Baptist No. 11106  
Our Lady of Viet Nam No. 11769  
San Juan Diego No. 13463

Guy Federico  
Eugene Kane  
Steve Chopski  
Phuong Pham  
Jose Torres

I extend my deep appreciation to the Councils of District 30 for their dedication to God, their families, parishes, and councils throughout this fraternal year. Their many programs and varied accomplishments have well served their communities and brought honor to the order.

Special Thanks to District Warden Yen Le for his cooperation, support, and advice throughout the fraternal year.

To the State Chaplin, State Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen thank you for your leadership, training opportunities and support throughout the year.

I would like to thank State Deputy Christopher Powers for allowing me the privilege to serve as District Deputy. His commitment, faith and leadership have been an inspiration.

Edward Day  
*Edward Day*  
District Deputy

# **Montgomery Council, No. 2323**

## **2023/2024 Book of Reports**

Our council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Rd., Derwood, MD 20855. Our council was founded in 1921 and serves three parishes; St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg, MD, St. Mary's in Rockville, MD and St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood, MD. Meetings start at 8:00 pm. Our building corporation meets on the second Monday of each month and our executive committee on the fourth Tuesday. We also offer the hall to our 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sullivan Brothers Council including Color Corp practices, as well as various State and Parish groups as requested.

Our installation of council officers was conducted on Saturday August 12, 2023 at 6PM. The ceremony commenced with Holy Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, home parish of Grand Knight Guy Federico. Council Chaplain Father John Dillon presided as Guy was inducted as Grand Knight, Kevin McClintock as Deputy Grand Knight, Steven Willer as Chancellor and Scott Peters as Warden. All council officers and trustees were attired in their white tuxedo jackets with black slacks. Following Mass and the induction ceremony, a dinner was held at Father Cuddy Hall.

As always, our council is very active. We have 281 members and about 30 events each year. We logged in over 3,360 volunteer hours and donated almost \$44,800 to various worthy causes. I need to recognize our Star Council Award for 2022-2023 under then Grand Knight James Gierula.

Some of the events that we conducted this year include:

- In September, we held our annual Senior Dance – 2 years post Pandemic. Over 80 seniors enjoyed a delicious spread and dancing with DJ until 11 pm. We have hosted this event since 1975.
- We hosted 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosaries again this year at St. Francis Church with our Chaplain Father Dillon. Our first Rosary was on July 30. We also met in October 2023 and will meet in June 2024 as well.
- In September and October, the Council conducted our annual Tootsie Roll Drives at all 3 parishes to benefit individuals with intellectual differences. We again donated to Special Olympics Montgomery and Upcounty Community Resources - \$4,465.
- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Montgomery Council has revived the Family Fun Night on the first Friday of the Month. We plan to hold 5 casual Family dinners with Games and Arts & Crafts this fraternal year.
- We purchased several cases of beautiful new winter coats which were distributed to children last Fall and our Rice Program will contribute an estimated \$3200 or 3.3 tons of rice to St Martin's Food Pantry.
- We also entertained parish families with our Halloween pumpkin carving event at the hall where we purchased the pumpkins, and the kids carved them up!



- In November we held our annual PGK luncheon at the hall to honor the worthy knights who have led our council for so many years as well as our Memorial Mass for those lost in the last 12 months.
- Then, on Thanksgiving Day, we served coffee and donuts after Mass at St Mary's Church, which has been a tradition of our council for many years.
- Then we sponsored the Special Olympics Christmas party, with Santa Claus and a DJ. The hall was packed, and everyone had a ball.
- The following day, we held our council Christmas party where we donated proceeds to 4 Seminarians (\$500 each). A wagon of cheer raised over \$1,300 for the KofC Persecuted Christian fund and the "impossible trivia" contest raised \$145 for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center.
- January 2023 saw our Knights participate in the March for Life in Washington DC and the Polar Bear Plunge in the Chesapeake to benefit Special Olympics.
- In February 2024, the council's Polar Bear Plunge netted an additional \$1,156 to the KofC State Special Olympics charity.
- On February 4, 2024, we held our annual spaghetti dinner where we raised \$1,300 benefitting the St. Francis of Assisi Parish medical mission to Haiti. This was our 26th year hosting this worthy event.
- In February & March we held our three excellent Friday Lenten Fish Dinners at Father Cuddy Hall. Parishioners from all 3 parishes look forward to those. This year the donations will be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Donations totaled \$3,685.
- This year we have conducted 3 in person Exemplifications and have another scheduled for next month.

As Grand Knight, I am proud to have successfully continued the traditions of our great council and have seen a significant growth in our programs of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I am also confident that our incoming Grand Knight and Officers will build on this success in the new year ahead. Vivat Jesus!

Guy W Federico, Grand Knight Montgomery Council 2323



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793**  
**2023 - 2024 Grand Knight Report of Activities and Events**

Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793 is located in northern Montgomery County, and supports three (3) parishes: St. Peter's Catholic Church - Olney, MD, Our Lady of Grace - Silver Spring, MD, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Rockville, MD. The Executive Meetings are held at 7:30 pm, on the first Wednesday of each month using our online Zoom account, while the Business Meetings are held at 7:30 pm, on the second Wednesday of each month at Our Lady of Grace in a hybrid format. Social Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. To minimize personal contact, many of our social events revolve around our on-line contacts. We have utilized the "Zoom" program to hold: 1) monthly rosaries, 2) novena for life, 3) Into the Breach - video and discussion, and 4) executive meetings.

**Seminarian Family Mass and Luncheon**

Mid-summer each year, the ADW holds a "Seminarians Day" entailing a family Mass and luncheon get together at St. Patrick's Rockville. As always, the members of Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council are asked to support this event. The event is always very special, because Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory presides over the Mass, with the Knights color corp. in attendance. Following Mass, a grand barbeque luncheon takes place. This is where our council really shines. (17 years)

**Food Banks at St. Jude's and St. Martins**

Recognizing that many community members have lost their jobs during the pandemic, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council has continued to support and donate non-perishable food items to the food banks at St. Jude's and St. Martin's. On the third Sunday of each month (9:00 am - 1:00 pm), a collection truck arrives to deliver food items to St. Jude's and St. Martin's food pantries. Several hundred pounds of food is collected each month. Each month the Council donates hundreds of pounds of food.

**Halloween Party**

Every year for the past 16 years Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council sponsors a Halloween Party and dinner for the disabled residents of Inwood House, located in Wheaton, Maryland. during the afternoon of the event (Oct. 28th) council members arrive and decorate the meal room. Guests arrive, typically around 06:00 pm, in costume and sit down for a Knights prepared meal. Following dinner, all proceed to an adjoining room for the evening of entertainment. (This gives the Knights time to clean the dining room and kitchen) Entertainment includes magicians, glass harp player, cowboy guitarists, and soloists.

## In Person Activities

As long as an event can be held safely, the proper precautions are taken, and the event occurs. Some of those events beyond those noted above include:

- Promotion and contributions to SOME multiple months
- Promote and Participate in March for Life in both Washington DC and Annapolis.
- Tootsie Roll - Donations for the Disabled – Collections over several months.
- State Annual Raffle (online and in person) during September 2023
- Food for Families 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly
- Annual Coats for Kids program (four cases)
- Annual Support of 10 Seminarians – provide scholarships.
- Rose Dinner in January 2023 in support of Life.
- Support for House of Ruth in February 2023
- Basketball Free Throw 3/11/23 supporting youth
- Promote and Donations to Gabriel Project supporting Life.
- Cup of Joe supported with packets for Catholic Charities for Homeless
- Promote and support Post Cana programs at OLOG
- Mardi Gras Dinner 2/28/23 supporting Lent observance.
- Widows Program for Deceased Brother Knights.
- Promoted opposition to Assisted Suicide legislation in Annapolis
- Fatima Rosary 7/1/2023 with Living Rosary 10/25/2023
- Shady Grove Pregnancy Center – support financially & attend dinner October 2023
- Arrange and lead Community Event for Members at local theatre – Fiddler on the Roof 11/17/23
- Promote Olney One Life Fitness for Heroes Movement
- Fraternal Pot-Luck Family Dinner 6/18/2023
- Promote programs for Widows and Widowers
- Promote and support financially Mulholland Foundation for Summer food banks at St Peters
- Eucharistic Procession in Community Rockville and Adoration afterwards at St Patrick's Church 10/29/2023
- Council Thanksgiving Dinner for parishes
- Purchased and Distributed 1500 books entitled *Beautiful Eucharist* to all participants in Christmas Mass in three parishes
- Christmas Potluck Family Party 12/16/23
- Support and prepare food for Breakfast with St Nick 12/2/2023
- Support & Host the Silver Rose Icon 11/28/23 with Mass and Rosary

Although the Covid 19 pandemic has continued to impact the Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council calendar this year, many worthwhile events and activities have occurred. It is obvious that the council families miss getting together. Many of the on-line events start early and end late, so that the ladies share "happenings" amongst themselves.

Eugene I. Kane, Jr. Esquire  
Grand Knight  
Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793

## District 31



**Jose Rector**  
**District Deputy**

**William C. Hammett**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**10525, 11815, 13290, 15985**

## **District 31**

### **Book of Reports**

Worthy State Deputy and State Officers  
126<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Convention  
Annapolis Md.

Worthy State Deputy and the entire State Team  
District 31 submits the following report from our councils.  
St. Michael Poplar Springs 10525      John Visna  
St. Ignatius of Loyola 11815      David Weaver  
St Peter the Apostle 13290      Michael Bir  
Charles Carroll 15985      James Sanford

A most sincere appreciation for the leadership of our Grand Knights, council officers and program directors for their awesome efforts and dedication to the order. As well as your support to your parish and communities, your programs and activities are far too numerous to list. Also, for your support of your pastors, seminarians and pregnancy support centers and you promotion of life and our Catholic Principles.

Many thanks for the welcome and hospitality on many visits to your councils by our District Warden and myself.

On that note, with gratitude to District Warden William Hammett for his assistance and valued input.

To our state officers and program directors for their assistance and prompt replies to questions and concerns. To our State Deputy for his confidence and allowing me the opportunity to serve in his capacity, the experience has been rewarding on so many levels.

I remain hopeful my FAQ account is still open and has an available balance, because the year is not quite over.

Lastly to my wife Kathy and my daughters for supporting me and their patience while I was on the job and the several state events and installations, they attended with me.

*Jose Rector*

District Deputy 31

## **St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council, No. 10525**

### **John Visna Grand Knight**

Council #10525 meets in the Knight's room at St. Michael Catholic Church, 1125 St. Michael's Road, Mount Airy (Poplar Springs) MD 21771. Business meetings are held at 7:00pm every second Wednesday of the Month, and social meetings are every fourth Wednesday of the month. The installation of officers was held on July 8, 2023 after the 5:00pm Mass, then followed by a celebratory banquet attended by State Advocate, Ronald Hassan. The installation banquet was presided over by PGK Bob Rossomondo and attended by 80 guests and friends.

**Council Activities:** Our fund-raising allowed us to execute planned events and fund chosen charities.

- The annual State Incentive Raffle generated vital Council revenue by selling 7,247 tickets.
- The successful "Knight's on the Green" golf tournament at P.B. Dye G.C. hosted 52 golfers which benefited our Council's chosen charities including Operation Second Chance.
- The popular semi-annual "Authentic Pasta Dinners" served a combined 280 total meals.
- Our annual Christmas Card sales led by our Deputy GK Dennis Sauer. The proceeds from the sales went to support our donation to the RSVP program.
- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Council held the 28th annual Memorial Mass for our deceased brother Knights and ladies followed by the Veterans Day flagpole rededication. Both activities were supported by Assembly #2595's Color Corps and our parish Boy Scout troop.
- We celebrated our 30th Christmas Social and our 25th Ladies appreciation dinners.
- Our Lenten Friday fish dinners, our largest fund-raising activity, served 1,100 meals.
- The ladies served a vital role in our events selling desserts at our pasta and Lenten fish dinners. \$1,770.00 were donated to the Trinitarian Order's world-wide mission.

### **Faith Programs, Bill Hammett, Chairman:**

- Held the St. Joseph Icon prayer service on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and displayed the Icon at Sunday Masses.
- Made annual RSVP donation to three seminarians studying to become new Priests.
- Our *Man Alive Ministry* is led by PGK John Sotak every Thursday morning. Recognized as a "Cor" approved program; showcased the new "Into the Breach Mission of the Family" series.
- Recognized fourteen new youth liturgical ministers (altar servers, lecturers and Eucharistic ministers). Also recognized existing youth ministers for their continued service to the parish.
- Thirteen Knights and family members traveled to the living history tour of the Mother Seton House and Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a very educational and spirit-filled activity followed by a group luncheon at the Carriage House Inn.
- We sponsored/held the annual Catholic Bee in April for our faith formation classes.

### **Family Programs, Chuck Young, Chairman:**

- We recognized deserving families via the Family of the Month program. Randy and Cindy Wesolowski were our Family of the Year for leading our cash incentive raffle sales program.
- Sponsored the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for our faith formation classes. We had 80 submissions and chose winners from five age groups. Winners were given their certificates and ornaments at a special presentation during the 10:30am Sunday Mass.
- Oversaw the "Gift of Lights" tree honoring families and loved ones who have passed away by placing their name on an ornament to be displayed every Christmas season.

- We made a \$500 donation to the parish food pantry. We helped to set up the gym to prepare for the distribution of food & gift baskets three times this year.
- We sponsored and presented six college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 given to deserving high school seniors this April.

### **Community/Parish Programs, Paul Burkett, Chairman:**

- Recognized SK Al Cerone as our Knight the Year for his unwavering service to St. Michael Parish by leading St. Michael's weekly bingo and monthly Cornerstone breakfasts. His efforts generated over \$25K in net revenue last year which directly supported parish operations.
- Presented a \$250 "Coats for Kids" donation to the SEAS Chapter of Grand Knights which funded fifteen coats to children in need throughout western Maryland.
- Hosted our annual "Breakfast with Santa" featuring our resident Santa Claus, PGK Carmen Peltzer. Our event served a record 505 breakfasts along with many memorable family photos.
- SK Paul and Paula Klein family spearheaded the "Box of Joy" program collecting donations and filling 222 Christmas boxes for children world-wide; a 200% increase from 2022.
- Collected business suits, clothing, and household goods supporting substance abuse recovery at the Wells House Rehabilitation Center in Frederick. We donated other items for Maryland Patriot Guard who honors fallen veterans and first responders at memorial services.

### **Life Programs, Bob Rossomondo, Chairman:**

- Presented 40 Rosaries and certificates to newly baptized members of the parish through our "First Rosary Program."
- Held our Tootsie Roll drive in September. We collected \$360 and donated the funds to the ARC of Carroll County supporting the intellectually disabled citizens in our community.
- Co-hosted Silver Rose prayer service held by D-31 at St. Ignatius of Loyal Parish on November 13<sup>th</sup> on its annual journey to Monterrey Mexico. The event was attended by several Knights and district parishioners in celebration our Lady of Guadalupe feast day.
- Led the annual parish nine-day annual UCCSB Novena for Life program showcasing our support to sanctity of life from conception to natural death. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a day-long Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament demonstrating a strong commitment to life.
- Sponsored a bus trip to the state March for Life in Annapolis MD on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Partnered with the Respect Life Committee to send 28 people to the rally and march at the Capital.
- We partnered with the Respect Life Committee to hold the annual baby bottle drive. The proceeds collected went directly to the Columbia, MD Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- Held our Mother's Day "Mary-Gold" program distributing 320 flowers mothers/ladies.

**Conclusion:** I thank all my brother Knights who supported our mission to deepen our faith, protect family values, serve others through charitable works, and defend our Catholic values. I also want to thank my Officers, Past Grand Knights, District 31 Deputy Jose Rector, and other D-31 Grand Knights whom I worked with and supported this year. On a more somber note, we lost five brother Knights and two ladies during the fraternal year. Each loss had a lasting impact on the members of our Council and our parish family. Finally, I want to thank my wife Debbie who supported me on my journey this year. She did an outstanding job in planning and decorating for our Officer Installation, Christmas Social, and Ladies Appreciation Dinner.

Vivat Jesus!

John Visina, Grand Knight

## **St. Peter the Apostle Council, No. 13290**

**Michael Bir, Grand Knight**

We were a very active council this fraternal year, continue to introduce new programs, raised a lot of money through creative and innovative fundraisers, and submitted over one hundred 10784 fraternal program reports. 35 for Community, 41 for Faith, 24 for Family, and 8 for Life. This is a huge accomplishment for us and the first time that our council has achieved such a milestone in our 20 years of existence.

### **Community:**

We started a community program at the height of the pandemic that recognizes our front-line workers and first responders who serve our community. That includes police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMT's), and health care workers. We started this program on October 28 which happened to be "National First Responders Day". The nurses, police officers, and firefighters light up and they often tell us how much it brightens their day whenever we come around with food purchased just for them. We wanted a way to show how much we appreciate and honor them for all of the sacrifices they make on a daily basis for our community that often go unrecognized. It is very dangerous to be a police officer or firefighter due to the nature of the job but also because many in the community have been treating them horribly and with so much hatred and disrespect. Health care workers are overworked, understaffed, and burned out from this terrible pandemic. We deliver Firehouse subs, snacks, and an assortment of beverages to our first responders as often as we can.

### **Faith:**

This is our 6th year offering TMIY to the men of our parish and council and it has been tremendously successful. Every year we offer a Fall and Spring semester covering a total of 26 faith-based topics. We meet every Saturday morning at 6:30am for a breakfast and to socialize and start the program around 7am. We watch a presentation on a different topic each week and break up into small group discussion afterwards. At 8am we all attend daily mass together. Every year we seem to attract more men who are excited to learn more about their faith. We have attracted guys from nearby parishes and have even recruited several new members to the council.

This program was started by several Knights of our council who reached out to the men of our parish. Over the years it has attracted more guys and even new Knights



to the council. We wanted a program that would strengthen a man's relationship with God and make them a better husband and father. As Catholic men it is our responsibility to bring our families to church and to be better Christians. TMIY allows us to come together in fellowship to pray, learn more about our faith, and have a space where we feel comfortable speaking about the challenges and struggles facing today's society. We also promote ways to evangelize in the community.

### **Family:**

Meals are delivered by the Council to Family Partnership of Frederick County on the first Tuesday of the month. Family Partnership of Frederick County is a family support center and we wanted to make it easier on families who attend the evening program to not have to worry about making a meal for their family. The program focuses on the principles of Nurturing Parenting and the core areas of child development, brain development, empathetic parenting, positive discipline, self-esteem, empowerment and healthy family relationships, and challenges such as child support, visitation and co-parenting. Families meet from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm for 11 weeks. The meal consists of fried chicken, macaroni salad, potato salad, green salad, dressings, rolls, water, milk, and cookies. Enough food to feed 40 people. We understand that being a good parent is difficult especially when English is your second language. These parents work hard all day to support their family and when they attend this program in the evening it's not easy to find time to make dinner. It's also expensive and unhealthy to eat out. Meals are provided by a staff of volunteers. Families are well fed and extremely grateful. They have one less thing to have to worry about and they can really focus on just attending the program.

### **Life:**

Our Council has been supporting Mary's House for many years through monetary donations, baby blankets, formula, diapers, and other items that babies need. The money that we donated also helps get pregnant women in need off of the streets and into temporary shelters throughout Frederick, MD. It also provides them with food and clothing. As Knights and Catholic men, we support life and are against abortion. The founder of Mary's House is a member of our council and we have been supporting this organization for many years. We believe in providing a life affirming alternative to abortion, to meet the emotional, economic, social, and spiritual needs of women in a crisis pregnancy with little or no support. Promoting Mary's House and advertising our partnership provides public witness to other women that they are not alone, so they may be encouraged to seek out Mary's House in their own time of need.

## **Charles Carroll Council, No. 15985**

### **Grand Knight, Jim Sanford**

Council 15985 was instituted one month after the consecration of our new parish church St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor (SJCM) on Saturday June 14, 2014. We are one of several local area councils that stemmed from St. John Council 1622. Our membership continues to grow and is presently at 122 members as we prepare for our ten-year anniversary celebration to be held during our next fraternal year Installation of Officers event.

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – NORMAN BRAUNE**

Brothers Norman Braune and Earl Porter organized a men's retreat for spiritual reflection that was held at St. Anthony's. Opportunity for adoration / confession, mass and shrine tour was enjoyed by all participants. A Feast of Lady Guadalupe mass brought our community's Spanish and English-speaking parishioners together. After mass entertainment included a lite meal and mariachi band / flamenco dancers performance as our Knights managed crowd control and clean up. Our Council prepared and served pancake breakfasts to parishioners after 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday masses in celebration of the solemnity of Saint Joseph. Additional activities included painting of four church faith and formation classrooms, meal preparations for 'Gathering in Grace' ladies ministries this year and a scholarship fund raiser. Council lent support in providing parish security during a 24-hour adoration at St. Joseph that was held during the Easter holy week.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – DAVE ESH**

Brother Knights engaged in several road-trash pick-up gatherings in support of the St. Joseph's parish location. Our council chaired this year's Country Fair parish event that was supported by prepared meals and on-site service support. Also, we held our Annual 'Breakfast with Santa event for 260 in attendance including church holiday decoration set up, meal preparations, serving and Santa's arrival. This annual event is treasured by our parishioners and their family members. Annual food drives are held at Thanksgiving and Christmas for area schools, the ARC. Our first Bingo community event is scheduled in April and we anticipate this will become a recurring theme.

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – FRED GENAU**

In the beginning of the fraternal year, Brother Knights prepared cook-out meal on last day of Vacation Bible School week. Parents and family members were invited to join this event. KofC Council 15985 and local Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts collected the Thanksgiving Food for Families where +150 meals were prepared and distributed to local charities including area schools, the ARC, Centro Hispano and SOAR (+100 bags of supplemental food to SOAR). This food drive was followed by the Christmas dinners food collection for +125 families to these community help centers. In addition, we have honed our culinary skills with our annual Lenten Fish Dinner which regularly serves over 270 dinners per night. These dinners are attended by many from outside the parish and all first responders are offered a great meal at a discounted price in recognition of their community service.

#### **LIFE ACTIVITIES – ED HAYNES**

Four times per year, Council 15985 hosts an American Red Cross. We are grateful for the community's generous volunteer donors. Worthy District Deputy (D-31) Jose Rector organized a Silver Rose event that was held at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Ijamsville, MD.

Deacon John presided and was joined by Worthy District Warden Bill Hammett and Grand Knights Mike Bir, John Visina, Dave Weaver and Jim Sanford. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services. A Tootsie Roll Drive was held where proceeds benefited the L'Arche of Frederick, an inclusive community for people with and without disabilities in Frederick, MD.

### **CONCLUSION**

We thank St. Joseph Church, parishioners and brother knights for their continued dedication to helping others in need. We anticipate our next decade to flourish as a newly created Grand Knight succession plan is in play and consists of all Officer chairs.

Fraternally,  
Jim Sanford, Grand Knight

## District 32



**Erwin Lacanienta**  
**District Deputy**

**(Vacant)**  
**District Warden**

**Councils**  
**205, 5058, 9462, 11787**

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Worthy State Deputy Christopher Powers, Officers and Delegates  
126th Annual State Convention, May 3-5, 2024  
Maryland State Council, Annapolis, Maryland

Worthy State Deputy, My Brothers all,

The Councils of District 32 submit for your consideration the reports that follow. The Councils and their Grand Knights that comprise District 32 are:

**Cardinal Sheehan #205 - Renard Gardner Santo Nino #9462 - Jay Penafiel, MD**  
**Bishop Sebastian #5058 - Franklin Crispi Saint Matthew's Intl. # 11787 - Declan Elenaya**

I thank all the Councils in the District for their cooperation and efforts this past fraternal year and congratulate all the Councils on their many varied programs, events and various contributions to their perspective parishes, the Archdiocese of Baltimore and their local communities. The Councils have performed with distinction and upheld their oaths as Knights of the Order.

Thank you to all the Officers and PCP's of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights for their wealth of knowledge and continued guidance. A special thank you to: Peter Hammerer, Michael Forehand and Thom Parthenope for their unwavering support and guidance.

To the State Chaplain, State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, congratulations on another successful year of programs that truly led us to "Cry the Gospel with Your Life".

To the State Deputy Chris Powers, thank you for allowing me to serve the Maryland State Council as one of your District Deputies. Your guidance and support throughout the year was much appreciated.

As State Deputy, you have served Maryland State Council with distinction. It was an honor and a rewarding lesson in leadership that I will take with me beyond my service in the Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Erwin Lacanienta, DD, PGK, PFN

## **CARDINAL SHEHAN OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL, No. 205**

**Grand Knight, Renard I. Gardner, Sr**

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Council members are continually active in the church and serve in various ministries, such as the Pastoral Council, Usher, Lector, and Eucharistic ministries, the finance committee, and the choir. Twice a year, Mass is celebrated outdoors. Brothers provide security for parishioners during the outdoor Mass. Every Summer, a family, friends fun day is held on the parking lot of St. Bernardine's Church. Council #205 is an integral part of that event participating in everything from working the grill to staffing a job/education resource table.

St. Bernardine Church was in desperate need of new/refurbished kneelers. We along with the Catholic Daughters put together and installed new kneelers in the church.

### **FAITH ACTIVITIES**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Obligation, we say the Rosaries in front of the Blessed Mother Statue in front of St. Bernardine Church. On Saturday, March 9, 2024, Council #205 joined with the other councils in District 32 to present the St. Joseph Icon to St. Matthew's Church and congregation. It was a celebration honoring St. Joseph as a patron Saint for the Knights of Columbus.

We plan to hold the "Into the Breach" Program in May 2024.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

We have an annual Back to School Supply giveaway and Car Wash at St. Bernardine Church. We raise funds by washing cars while we pass out book bags filled with school supplies. We donate a portion of the funds raised to St. Bernardine Church.

Grand Knight Renard Gardner along with other brother Knights, joined the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Bernardine on one of their state projects. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas raised funds and partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for low-income families struggling to find adequate housing. On March 9, we joined with the Catholic Daughters to go to the newly built homes to help with the finishing touches such as painting, spackling, and landscaping. Our council plans to continue working with Habitat for Humanity to provide housing for those in need.

We along with the 3 other councils in our district distributed 102 coats to children between the ages of 3 to 16.

From July 2023 to present, we got involved in LNNB by participating in the neighborhood BUILD Campaign distribution of bag lunches. We donated school supplies to be passed out to children in the community.

This spring, we will continue our "Socks for Souls" program. Last year we collected over 100 pairs of socks for donation to My Brothers Keeper Community Center.

### **LIFE**

Brothers of Council #205 came together with the 40 Days of Life Ministry and attended their monthly outdoor prayer vigil. Attendees welcomed us and expressed appreciation for us being there. We along with our Worthy Chaplain and parishioners of St. Bernardine's held a 9-day Novena for Life, and we passed out prayer cards and a Family Fully Alive booklet during St. Bernardine's Family Fully Alive Program. We attended the March for Life rally in Washington, DC. Annually, on Mother's Day weekend, we distribute Marigolds to all women attending Mass.

### **FAMILY**

We joined with the Catholic Daughters and planned a fun, fitness and fellowship event for St. Bernardines and the Community. We met at the 14-mile-long Baltimore-Annapolis trail where we walked, ran, or rode bikes along the trail and then met back at Christ the King Catholic Church for lunch. We donated 8 turkeys with necessities to 8 families for Thanksgiving. The Brothers in Council #205 focused on two projects for Christmas. In December 2023, Council #205 mailed 78 Boxes of Joy to Cross Catholic Outreach who will later ship the boxes to children in need around the world. We also held a toy drive at St. Bernardine's church where we collected toys and distributed them to St. Ambrose Church, My Sisters Place and to schools in the community.

### **MONETARY DONATIONS WERE MADE TO:**

St. Bernardine's Church...Seminarians... Relief for Hawaii...Women's Pregnancy Center  
Paul L. Thompson Memorial DAV Chapter 1. (Paul Thompson was a PGK of Council #205 and a PFN of Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly 375).  
GiGi's Playhouse, a Downs Syndrome achievement center  
Mother Mary Lange Foundation...Culture of Life

### **SUMMARY**

Council #205 is very visible in the church and in the community. Our council frequently interacts with other councils in the district. Our faith is strong and our dedication to service to the community has been noticed by other men in the church and consequently, we are experiencing continued growth in membership. This past year, Council #205 was a recipient of the Star Council Award!

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***16TH ANNUAL DR. RAY S. MAGNO MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT (COMMUNITY PROGRAM)***

On August 19, 2023, the Santo Niño Council co-hosted with Katipunan the 16th Annual Dr. Ray S. Magno Memorial Golf Tournament at Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, MD. A \$1000 grant to the Howard County Autism Society was accepted by Rose Galicia Baltazar (HCAS board member). GK Jay Penafiel, MD and DD Erwin Lacanienta chaired this event.

***2023 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SANTO NINO COUNCIL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS***

We had our Installation of Council Officers at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church Chapel on September 9, 2023. Fr. Jeffrey Dausen and DD Erwin Lacanienta presided over the installation. The Worthy State Secretary Anthony Salvemini was in attendance. The reception was at the Columbus Gardens. We are thankful for the efforts of IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr as chair of the event. FFL Vivian Carbon and Mrs. Norma Velasquez led the effort to decorate the venue.

***28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE OF HEALING (Faith Program)***

On September 16, 2023, the Santo Nino Council led the effort for the 28th Annual Filipino Pilgrimage of Healing at The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr., was the event chair. We partnered with Katipunan and the Joy in the Spirit Group. PGK D'Gee Abad, DD Erwin Lacanienta, IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr., and GK Jay Penafiel, M.D. were members of the Honor Guard for the mass. A picnic was held in Emmitsburg Memorial Park immediately after the mass.

***FILIPINO COUNCIL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE  
TWO SAINTS CELEBRATION (FAITH PROGRAM)***

On October 1, 2023, SK Jesse Sayo, SK Nestor Fernando, and PGK D'Gee Abad helped set up for the Archdiocesan Celebration of the Two Filipino Saints at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. PGK D'Gee Abad, DD Erwin Lacanienta, IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr., and GK Jay Penafiel, M.D. were members of the Honor Guard for this mass. Br. Neil Armstrong was one of the caterers for this event. PGKs, current council officers, members, and their wives attended a celebration honoring the two Filipino saints, San Pedro Calungsod and San Lorenzo Ruiz.

***TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE (LIFE ACTIVITY), DELTA DRIVE, AND AN EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY,  
UNITY, AND FRATERNITY***

On October 15, 2023, the Santo Nino Council held a Delta Drive, Tootsie Roll Drive, and an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. We welcomed Neil Armstrong, Joel Castillo, and Jack Penafiel and as new members to the council.



### ***AN EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY***

We held a second Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on November 26, 2023. We welcomed Kouame Bouaffou and Emeka Obiorah, both parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, to our council.

### ***75TH ANNIVERSARY OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (FAITH PROGRAM)***

On December 3, 2023, the Santo Nino Council joined the parishioners of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. PGK D'Gee Abad, DD Erwin Lacanienta, IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr., and GK Jay Penafiel, M.D. were members of the Honor Guard for this mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori. Through the generous support of PGK Tony Sorra, the council presented a grant to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and was accepted by its pastor, Fr. Jeffrey Dausen.

### ***ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (FAMILY PROGRAM)***

On December 10, 2023, the Katipunan and the Santo Nino Council co-hosted our Annual Christmas Party at the Loch Raven Optimist Club. FFL Vivian Carbon, FFL Juliet Verzosa, SK Nestor Fernando, and Catherine Anonuevo decorated the club in Christmas decor. We had a luncheon. Entertainment was provided by Philip Inocencio Saxophone Group and SK VeeGee Pineda. A good time was had by all.

### ***COATS FOR KIDS (COMMUNITY PROGRAM)***

On December 16, 2023, The Coats for Kids program was held at St. Bernadine Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore. The Santo Nino Council No. 9462 joined Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore No. 205, Bishop Sabastian No. 5058, and St. Matthew's International No. 11787 for this District 32 event. Each council contributed at least \$400. DD Erwin Lacanienta coordinated the efforts of the four councils to host the event. We had spaghetti and other entrees for lunch. PGK D'Gee Abad shopped, found great deals for coats, and procured 120 winter coats in various sizes in boy's, girl's, and adult's sizes. The distribution was very orderly and efficiently done by the team of PGK D'Gee Abad, SK Jessie Sayo, and Br. Jack Penafiel.

### ***FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP (COMMUNITY PROGRAM)***

On January 27 2024, the Santo Nino Council No. 9462 hosted the Council and District 32 free throw championships at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School gymnasium. IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr was the chairman of this event. Light refreshments were also offered.

### ***ANNUAL SANTO NINO COUNCIL BULL AND OYSTER ROAST (FAMILY PROGRAM)***

IPGK Modesto Carbon, Jr was the chairmen of our single largest fundraiser for our council. Proceeds from this event fund our faith in action programs throughout the fraternal year. This event, on March 8, 2024, brought together officers, members, their wives, their children, and their friends for fellowship and fun at Columbus Gardens in Nottingham, MD.

### ***AN EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY***

On March 24th 2024, we held an exemplification of charity, unity, and fraternity at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roam Catholic Church. We welcomed Bro. Eduardo Abarca, MD, Bro Matthew Provonche, Bro. Cresencio Maralit, and Bro. Jeizel Mariñas to the Santo Niño Council.

# **ST. MATTHEW'S INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, No.11787**

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#### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Every first Tuesday of the month and every third Tuesday, St Matthews' International gather to say the Rosary and say prayers to the entire community especially our sick members and deceased members. From time to time when the Pastor request the service of the brother knights. We serve as ushers and help in coordinating different activities in the church.

#### **FAITH**

On November 12,2023, our council organized a memorial mass for our departed knight members for the past years 2022 -2023, at the St Matthews church. The church service was conducted by our Chaplain, Rev Fr Matt. Brother knights served as ushers and collectors in the service. The event was well attended by the families of our departed members who rallied together at the church in memory of their lost ones. At the end of the service, a light refreshment was served to attendees. This was sponsored by our council. A minimum of 120 people participated, and all were pleased at the memorial service event.

The program director led a committee of about 14 brother knights in planning for the St Joseph's Novena. This event was finally marked by a resounding church service in March, 2024. The event started with a mass led by our chaplain, Fr Matt. At the end of the church service, a light refreshment was served. About 110 participants were recorded. All were pleased and delighted at the ceremony.

#### **COMMUNITY**

From 09/11/23-11/25/23, the program director collaborated with Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community mens organization to address Mental Health Awareness. Many experts and professionals were invited to deliver speeches including our program director, Sir Theodore Elimofor, Many parents attended with their younger adults. About 150 people attended the event. Attendees were pleased and light refreshment was served.

#### **LIFE**

10/11/23-12/21/23. The program director led a material food drive for the pregnancy Center. A total of \$200 was realized. Feeding bottles, baby diapers, baby blankets, baby clothes etc., were donated. All the participants were very pleased and happy with the gifts.

The program director held meetings with the Faith Director pertaining to the Special Olympic Bowling Team. The special kids bowling Team was visited during the practice and each of the players received assorted gifts including Kof praying flyers and cards. All the participants were very pleased and eager to come back to the bowling center. \$100 was spent for the gift. FAMILY In our efforts to instill in members the spiritual gift of keeping Christ in Christmas, family prayer nights were offered in one of our brother knights chapels from Sunday the 26th of November to the 24th of December, 2023. This gathered many families together for prayer novena. Participants were over 15 members. Members were encouraged to keep Christ in Christmas. Prayers were universally offered for our community every prayer night. Participants were impressed and all became very enthusiastic in keeping the faith of the soldiers of Christ. Also, during the past Lenten

period, brother knights gathered in participation of the Station of the Cross throughout the Lenten period.

### **FAMILY**

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## District 33



**Matthew J. Hollister**  
**District Deputy**

**Antonio Zarelli**  
**District Warden**

**College Councils**  
**1965, 13295, 14534, 15000, 17759**

## **District 33**

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#### **Introduction:**

Over the course of the 2023-2024 school year, the Knights of Columbus College Councils continued their mission to foster fraternity, faith, and service among college students across the state. This report provides an overview of the accomplishments, challenges, and future outlook for our esteemed organization.

#### **Membership:**

Membership growth in the Knights of Columbus College Councils remained robust in 2024. Each of the five college councils surpassed their membership quotas by a considerable margin, resulting in a collective district growth of 267%. The largest gains were made by the Loyola University Maryland Council (#15000) with 26 new knights being inducted over the Fall and Spring Semesters. These newly welcomed brothers in our fraternal order come from highly varied backgrounds yet share a strong sense of uniting in their values and commitment to service.

The high gains in membership of the college councils have been noted by the State Council and their recruitment methods are being surveyed by the newly created Young Men's Advisory Team to replicate their success in other districts.

#### **Faith and Spirituality:**

With our organization's core principle of faith, our college councils lead a wide variety of spiritual activities. 1000 Rosary drives during Lent, Eucharistic Adoration, and Knight's Masses represent a small fraction of the methods these councils used in order to facilitate the faith life of their members, as well as the faith of the larger community. Notably, Commodore John Barry Council (#14534) hosts a Bible Study, often including guest speakers and presenters, as a regular part of their bi-weekly council meetings. Many of these faith-based events are done in collaboration with campus ministries and other religious organizations to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding.

#### **Service and Philanthropy:**

Service to others is a cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus, and our college councils demonstrated their dedication to this principle throughout the year. Through volunteer initiatives, fundraisers, and charitable events, we made a tangible impact on our campuses and in our communities. Whether serving meals at homeless shelters, organizing coat drives, participating in

the March for Life, praying outside abortion clinics, our members embodied the spirit of charity. More established councils such as Sedes Sapientie (#13295) have continued their various service traditions, while newly reestablished councils like Commodore John Barry Council (#14534) and Loyola University Maryland Council (#15000) are exploring various service opportunities that they can continue in future years.

### **Leadership Development:**

Continued emphasis has been placed on leadership development within our college councils. This is a particularly important factor given the four-year turnover rate that college councils experience. The current roster of officers for each of the college councils has been encouraged to keep a written record of their activities and experiences to pass on to the next generation of officers, thus helping to ensure a degree of programmatic continuity. By empowering the next generation of leaders, we ensure the continued success and sustainability of the Knights of Columbus.

### **Challenges and Future Outlook:**

Looking ahead, the future of the Knights of Columbus College Councils is bright. Most of the college councils have successfully returned, or even surpassed, pre-COVID levels of recruitment, fraternal, and service activities. The college councils that were reestablished last year have done a particularly commendable job of establishing a strong membership foothold, marking their presence in their campus communities, and creating their own unique council traditions. Although the college councils themselves have become self-sustaining, ensuring the continued participation of these brother knights post-college has been a notable challenge we've been working to address.

**Sedes Sapientiae Council, No. 13295**  
**Book of Reports**

Council 13295 Sedes Sapientiae ran many programs over the past year. We hosted frequent tailgates and dinners, a clothes drive, a March for Life group, and daily Lenten liturgy of the hours for the Catholic Student Center at our campus. Our council moved furniture for the Religious Sisters of Mercy and teamed up with the vocations office for the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) to do yard work and help out at a nursing home. Additionally, we have held several fraternal events, some small and some large, including flag football with other councils (we won the Knights Bowl Cup for the second year in a row against other DC college councils) and later against seminarians from ADW. We also visited the Seton Shrine and hiked near Mount Saint Mary's and worked concessions for UMD basketball games.

# **University of Loyola Maryland Council, No. 15000**

## **Grand Knight Joshua Thomas**

Our council celebrated its first anniversary of reactivation on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Since reactivation, our council has reached nearly fifty members, and recruitment hasn't slowed down. Our members include Jesuit priests, alumni, and undergraduate students, all of whom are eager to set the world on fire.

### **Church and Faith Activities**

Council 15000 has been active in local (and a couple national) events of faith. Not only do we attend mass regularly, but we host a weekly rosary in the campus's Alumni Chapel, or if the weather is nice, outside in front of a statue of Mary our Queen. We have hosted speakers who have given talks about abortion and other matters of Catholicism, and plan to continue doing so. This coming April, a priest from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter will give a talk, subject matter TBD. And speaking of pro-life activities, some of our knights attended the March for Life and Conference for Life in Washington D.C. this past January. Also, apart from attending mass, some of our knights volunteered as altar servers this past Lent during Loyola's stations of the cross, and Saturday's vigil mass at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen.

### **Community Service Activities and Presence**

Despite not having an established presence in our community, we are blessed to have been able to connect and work with various service organizations such as Operation Matto Grosso, Loaves and Fishes, and Source of All Hope. Our community service isn't nailed down to anything specific, but we have sent volunteers to work with the mentioned organizations multiple times.

We have also hosted events on Loyola's campus. Our first ever service event was cleaning grime built up around the university's campus, mainly around statues of St. Ignatius of Loyola and Mary our Queen. We have also done food drives, contributed to Toys for Tots, and hosted a particularly successful fundraiser in the form of a basketball tournament, where all money raised went to Operation Rendezvous Haiti. We are planning on hosting again on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fraternal Activities**

As our council's motto is "Service and Fraternity rooted in Christ," of course we have to spend time together as brothers. After induction ceremonies, it is our tradition to walk to a nearby restaurant and celebrate our new inductees. We have hosted St. Patrick's Day house parties, and end of semester parties. (Note: Despite most of the council being college students, we party and celebrate responsibly.) We're also making it a tradition to go paintballing once a year in the spring, and we have one upcoming on Saturday, April 6th. Although most of these events are not explicitly religious, we invite non- knights to establish more of a presence in the Baltimore/Loyola community and recruit new members.

### **Conclusion**

As the fraternal year and spring semester begin to wrap up, we in Council 15000 would like to thank God, Loyola University, and the Knights of Columbus organization for providing us with the opportunity to knit together a community of enthusiastic Catholic men who want to see God's kingdom furthered.

Joshua Thomas, Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus





COUNCIL NO. 17759

**BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AT ST. MARY'S**

Worthy State Deputy, Officers, and Delegates  
126th Annual State Convention  
Maryland State Council  
Ocean City, Maryland

Blessed Michael J. McGivney Council at St. Mary's Seminary  
submits for your consideration the report that follows:

Our Fraternal Year has been one with many successes for our burgeoning council. This is our third year since receiving our Charter from the Supreme Council, which placed us under the patronage of Blessed Michael McGivney, an alumnus of St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. Throughout the year, we entrusted our efforts to his care and intercession.

One of the major initiatives of the Council this year has been to foster a greater devotion to our Patron, Blessed Michael McGivney. The Council gathers monthly for "Knight" Prayer. This service includes the Office of Compline (Night Prayer) as well as the Litany and Prayer for Canonization of Bl. Michael McGivney. A relic of McGivney is placed on the altar in the chapel and is available for veneration after the conclusion of prayer. The knights then move to the seminary lounge for continued fraternity. This gathering has been a fruitful way of instilling brotherhood and devotion among the knights of our Council.

On the anniversary of Bl. Michael McGivney's Beatification, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we held a seminary-wide Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) which focused on our Patron's life and priesthood. It was preached by the Rev. Mr. Michael Schultz, PGK, and led by the officers of the Council.

The McGivney Council grew by ten members this year, with six participating in an Exemplification of the Degrees of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in November. This was the first "in-house" Exemplification for our Council, organized and performed by our own members and officers. Two of our knights participated in a regional exemplification of the Fourth Degree.

In the spring, we led a group of seminarians to the Vigil for Life in Washington, as well as the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis. These two events, along with a presentation by a representative from *Project Rachel*, have been key aspects of our pro-life activities.

The efforts and commitment of the officers and Council members this year have been commendable. Our principal goals were to foster a growing devotion to McGivney and to join in prayer with the pro-life movement. I would like to thank my fellow officers, our Chaplain, and all our knights for their service this year. *Vivat Jesu!*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Joseph Ryan  
Grand Knight

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# Necrology

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*"Eternal Rest, Grant Unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen*

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Richard E. Long, PGK**

### **St. John's Council, No. 1622**

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Jose D. Salaverri**

### **Oaklan Council, No. 1771**

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Benjamin Thorn**

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**Perry Comeau (HM)**  
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**Archbishop Neale Council, No. 2279**

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**Jerome E. Pauler, Jr.**  
**Francis V. Wheatley, Jr.**

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**Holy Face Council, No. 3849**

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**St. Charles Borromeo Council, No. 3960**

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William Doherty  
Richard A. Geelhaar  
Joseph Gertz  
Joseph C. Ignatius, PGK  
Emmanuel N.C. Okereke  
Joseph Perozziello  
Richard Shewell, PGK  
Raymond Watson**

**Father O'Neill Council, No. 4011**

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Meynardo Perez  
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Martin "Marty" J. Gallagher**

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**Deacon John Lynn Council, No. 11619**  
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