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INTRODUCTION

In March of 2024 the Maryland State Council celebrates the 125th anniversary of our founding. As part of this celebration this publication will bring our State Council history up to date. This is the fourth publication documenting the State Council's history. The original history book published in 1949 covers the first 50 years. In 1965 a new book was written updating the history through 1965. Then in 1999 as part of the 100th anniversary, a new publication "Columbianism in Maryland 1989-1999" was published.

With the assistance of the Past State Deputies who submitted a report covering their time as State Deputy, the Councils, Chapters, and Assemblies this book will bring our history up to date. We will document the progress and accomplishments of the state council and the 3rd and 4th degree subordinate units.

We have listed the men who have served as State Officers, District Deputies and Representatives to the Supreme Council meetings. We have also documented the institution, dissolutions and mergers of councils as well as the membership numbers for each year covered in this update.

Over the past 25 years the Maryland State Council membership has grown from 24,500 to 26,734 Knights; and 40 new councils were instituted. The highlights listed below along with the many other programs of the Maryland State Council are the result of the dedication of the men of the Maryland State Council and their families.

Over \$3,000,000 was collected via the annual Incentive raffle to support the scholarship program, charity program as well as community and church organizations. Over \$600,000 has been used to fund the scholarships.

The Seminarian Support Program remains very strong. Local councils have provided a minimum of \$500 per year to seminarians and postulants in Maryland.

The State Council annually participates in the Supreme Council's Coats for Kids program that provides coats to kids in need throughout the state of Maryland.

The annual tootsie roll drive has raised over \$4,500,000 to benefit children and adults with special needs in all parts of Maryland.

The Maryland State Council Charity Fund has awarded over \$95,000 to needy families and individuals.

Special thanks to Former District Deputy John Trainor of St. Bartholomew Council 9127 and, Past State Deputy, Executive Secretary of the State Council, Dale Trott and Executive Secretary to the State Deputy, Jack Giacalone for assisting me in the preparation of this update.

Romeo Gauthier
Past State Deputy
State Historian

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

Phillip L. Asplen Jr. State Deputy 1998-2000

Entering his term in office as State Deputy of the Maryland Knights of Columbus, Phil Asplen knew he would have the honor and challenges of two major events, the 100th Anniversary of the Institution of the Maryland State Council and the start of the New Millennium. While both of these events were cause for celebration, the second had some trepidation as to what would happen to computers and those systems that depended on computers that were not programmed to incorporate the millennium year change. To assist him with these challenges he selected Rev. Thomas Donaghy as State Chaplain and Richard Siejack as his Program Director for his term.

The Installation of State Officers took place on July 11, 1998, at St. Pius X Church in Baltimore followed by a reception and banquet at Columbus Gardens, home of James Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521. It was at this event Phil unveiled his theme "We Are His Hands" adapted from the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila. It reflects that following Christ's Ascension into heaven, although he is always with us, he has no body, hands or voice on earth but ours. If His work is to be done, it must be our hands and our voices that are to do it.

The forming of the Knights of Columbus hands began in Maryland with the institution of the Maryland State Council on March 2, 1899. The Centennial Celebration began on February 28, 1999, with a Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen with His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler as the principal celebrant followed by a reception at the school hall. On March 2nd a wreath was laid on the grave of the first Maryland State Deputy, William O'Brien followed by a Mass at St. Mary's Seminary. Several Past State Deputies took part in a reenactment of the first State Council meeting. Engraved Centennial tankards were presented to the Past State Deputies and Former State Chaplains at the celebration. The two-week celebration ended on March 13th with a gala banquet at Martins West in Baltimore with over 1,000 people in attendance including Cardinal Keeler, Cardinal Hickey, Supreme Master Charles Foos and Supreme Director Vince Dileonardo.

To help our leaders learn to use their hands more effectively, new Grand Knights were invited to join their District Deputies in a 3-day Grand Knight training Seminar held at Salisbury State College in June under the guidance of Francis Robacker, Executive Assistant for Training. Here they would learn about their leadership roles within their councils. They would be asked to return to the State Midterm Seminar held at Columbus Gardens in January when they could reassess their progress and make any adjustments for the remainder of their terms in office. District Deputies also attended Fall Meetings in McHenry and Spring Meetings at St Francis Xavier, the Missionary Council 10957 in Southern Maryland and St Christopher Church in Chester.

Hands folded in prayer can often be found in the Knights of Columbus. One of the highlights of Phil Aspin's term was the Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington DC on April 1, 2000. Through the miracle of modern satellite (which did not crash in the new year 2000) more than 10,000 Knights, wives, widows and family members joined Pope John Paul II in the recitation of the rosary. The day concluded with a Mass celebrated by his Eminence James Cardinal Hickey and concelebrated by Supreme Chaplain Bishop Daily.

Maryland Knights of Columbus hands are always working and raising funds for various causes. Under Phil Asplen's term over \$150,000 was raised for the Seminarian Support Program by 75 Councils, 8 Assemblies, 4 Ladies' Auxiliaries and the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights. The State Tootsie Roll

Program raised over \$670,000 for God's Special Children. The State Car Raffle netted over \$107,500 to be used for the Scholarship and Charity Programs. State tours included trips to the Caribbean, Italy, Germany and the Canadian Rockies which added \$11,000 for the State Scholarship Program.

More hands are always needed for the work of the Lord. Two new Councils were instituted under Phil Asplen's term. St. Francis of Assisi Council 12524 was instituted on May 24, 1999, in Fulton, Maryland. St. Elizabeth Council 12796 was instituted on January 3, 2000, in Rockville, Maryland. State Deputy Asplen wanted to promote a program he called "Every Member Active". He understood that men had many demands on their time, be it work, family and other personal interests. What he wanted to see was that each member attend one social event, work on one fund raising activity or become involved in one council project each year. Councils should try to reach out to contact each member once or twice a year to see how they and their family are doing, verify that they are at the same address, determine if they have any problems or concerns and encourage them to attend the next meeting or social event. The effort may help recruit more hands for the Lord's work.

Finally, hands can be used for applauding the good work done and the people behind the hard work. Honored guests recognized for Phil Asplen's term were Rev. Ross LaPorta, Rev. Richard Wojciechowski, Rev. Robert Zylla and PSD Francis "Bud" McFarland.

In August 1998, Phil Asplen had the honor of leading the Maryland Delegation to the Supreme Convention in Cincinnati where Maryland's St. Bartholomew Council 9127 accepted the Supreme Surge for Service Award for the best Family Activity in the Order for their Hallowed House where instead of a Haunted House they led families through rooms with the Saints telling their stories. The 1999 Convention in Minneapolis saw Maryland gain the highest percentage gains in Squire membership and came in second in the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor having 50 Star Councils and 12 Star Districts. And at the 2000 Supreme Convention in Boston, Maryland's Sacred Heart Council 2577 won top honors in Community Activities with their "Gabriel Transition Homes" project that established 2 homes for women facing crisis pregnancies where they could have a safe place to learn the skills needed to care for their babies.

**Romeo Gauthier
State Deputy 2000-2002**

Having joined the Knights of Columbus, in 1972, Romeo Gauthier found out quickly that the Knights of Columbus was making a big difference in many people's lives through their various programs. Romeo wanted to be a part of that difference making. Who knew that 28 years later that he would take that enthusiasm and become Maryland State Deputy and carry "Making a Difference in People's Lives" as his motto.

Under his leadership, Romeo wanted to continue to have the Maryland State Council grow in the spiritual and program areas that would make the difference. To help him accomplish this, he selected his pastor, Rev. Michael Roach to be the State Chaplain. Father Roach certainly made a difference in Romeo's life as well as the many seminarians he taught at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. In fact, no matter where in the country you may go, when you said you were from Maryland, you would find a priest that would ask if you knew Father Roach.

The Installation of Officers took place at Sacred Heart Church in Glyndon followed by a reception and banquet at Wilhelms in Westminster. After the installation his team hit the road running. The Grand Knight Seminars were held at Salisbury State College giving the Grand Knights the opportunity to get acquainted with the State Officers, Executive Staff, Program and Membership team members. It also gave the newly elected Grand Knights the ability to share their ideas and experiences with other Grand

Knights. State Program Director Joseph Kispert conducted informative meetings throughout the year. The District Deputies gathered together for their quarterly meetings at Wisp in Western Maryland, St. Andrew by the Bay Council in Annapolis and St Peters parish in Waldorf. The Mid-Term meetings were held at Cardinal Gibbons Council home.

To help grow the order, Romeo selected Bill McMahon to lead the membership team, and grow they did. Under Romeo's term, four new councils were instituted: Msgr. Thomas Wells Council 13008 instituted on September 30, 2001, Fr. Sebastian de Rose Council 13091 instituted on December 9, 2001, Our Lady of the Angels Council 13069 instituted on January 3, 2002, and St. Elizabeth of Hungry Council 13073 instituted on January 9, 2002.

Romeo considered himself blessed by having the opportunity to be educated through the Catholic Schools. The Catholic educators certainly made a difference in his life. To recognize these dedicated teachers, Romeo instituted a new statewide program, The Catholic Teacher of the Year Award under the leadership of John Siemian and Thomas Tulley. Nominees were invited to a banquet in their honor at Wilhelms in Westminster. The winner of the first Catholic Teacher of the Year was Margaret Hubbard.

Romeo knew how much the support of his wife Pat meant to him and the Knights of Columbus over the years. Similar support could be seen by the wives of many Knights throughout the State. They certainly make a difference in the success of the order. Many times, when these women become widows, they lose their contact with the Knights. So that these widows know that they are not forgotten, Romeo instituted Maryland State Council Widows Program under Chairman John Zelinski. This program encouraged Councils to keep the widows informed of council events and provide them a card inviting them to all of the Councils' open activities.

Romeo selected PSD Dick Bumsted as Honored Guest for the 2000-2001 Fraternal Year. Dick was very influential in convincing Romeo to run for State Office and acted as a mentor throughout his years as a State Officer. Romeo then selected FDD Chuck Gagen as Honored Guest for the 2001-2002 Fraternal Year. Chuck was instrumental in assuring the success of the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Convention over a ten-year period where he served as Co-chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee. Both these Knights certainly made a difference in the State Council.

Support for our Seminarians is always an important goal of the Knights of Columbus, as the clergy makes a big difference in our spiritual needs. Under Romeo's term as State Deputy, the Maryland State Councils raised over \$177,000 in support of vocations. In addition, the Maryland State Council sent each seminarian in the dioceses a \$25 Christmas check as well as donated \$2,500 to help send seminarians to World Youth Day. But the State Council's support was not just monetary as a Shrimp Feast at Cardinal Gibbons Council Home was held to have the seminarians meet with the State Officers and members of the Vocations Support Program.

The Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the State of Maryland continued in their efforts to make a difference in people's lives, particularly to those most in need. Over \$740,000 was raised for God's Special Children through the Tootsie Roll Program. The State Charity Fund and Scholarship Program raised over \$215,000 through the State Incentive Car Raffle as well as the State Council Tour Program. Many Knights took part in trips to The Festival of Lights in Wheeling West Virginia, a cruise through the Panama Canal, a tour of Supreme Council in New Haven Connecticut and a Hawaiian Island cruise.

One of the main reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael McGivney was to care for the widow and orphans. That grew into the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program. This program definitely makes a difference in the lives of the families of deceased Brothers. Supreme

Council Insurance Director Robert Marlowe reported that of the \$43 billion of life insurance in force in 2002, the State Of Maryland was responsible for \$1.4 billion, making Maryland the #1 insurance jurisdiction based on a per capita basis.

Over Romeo Gauthier's two-year term as Maryland State Deputy, he as well as the Maryland State Councils certainly lived up to that motto of "Making a Difference in People's Lives. His efforts as well as those of all the Knights of Columbus in Maryland were recognized by the Supreme Council as Maryland continued to be named to the Circle of Honor in both years.

Many Past State Deputies take the "Past" as a fading away into the background and letting the new guard take the reins. Not Romeo, he wanted to continue to make that difference in people's lives as he volunteered to take on the duties of Executive Secretary for the Maryland State Council after his term as State Deputy.

**Richard L. Sherbert
State Deputy 2002-2004**

State Council Officers were sworn into Office in July 2002, led by State Deputy Richard L. Sherbert, Jr. Special recognition was given to our beloved and now deceased State Chaplain Msgr. Chester Mieczkowski

A new division structure was instituted in 2002 to make the award process more competitive and fairer to the newer and typically smaller councils. Since the State Council had grown from 88 councils in 1990, when the three-tiered Awards system was established, to 135 councils in 2002, most of the newer councils were in then Division C. A fourth Division D was initiated that allowed more Councils to win awards for their programs.

During State Council years 2002 — 2004, the long established five-part program activities of Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth was used. Reports were largely based on these activities. Key Church activities include the establishment of the Blessed Virgin Icon program on Sept. 5; the Ted and Teddy rosary visits across the State; a rapid growth in the Parish Round Table a significant number from the existing 4 round tables.

Key Community Activities Included multiple patriotic events following the tragic 9/11 attack; Teacher of the Year award to Patricia Marlatt and Citizenship award to Lt. Gov. Michael Steele. The leukemia fund, Pro Life and the tootsie roll program raised more than \$335,000.

Council activities Included: Christmas Card program with profits of \$11,000, Columbus Ball, awards and Parade; the Incentive raffle program that raised \$144,488; and multiple sports activities including bowling, softball and golf.

Multiple Family activities included: Family of the Month and Family of the Year awards; Widows assistance; Family picnic; Orioles baseball and Terrapins football; employment assistance and a wonderful Ladies Program.

Youth Activities included: soccer shoot out with 70 participants from 14 Districts; Free throw Contest with over 190 participants; Christmas poster contest with 135 posters from 45 councils; and activation and reactivation of council Columbian Squires program.

The installation of State Council Officers took place in July 2003 with mass offered by our beloved State Chaplain Msgr. Chet.

The many Church activities reported for 2002-2003 continued during the 2003-2004 year. In addition to the Virgin Icon program, the Ted an

Teddy Rosary program and the Parish Round Table program, the K of C Shrine Ushers program with at least 70 participating Brothers remained very active. Also sponsored was the Jesuit Retreat as well as a retreat by District 17 Knights in February

The Vocations Support program remains very strong. The Maryland Archdiocese has provided a minimum of \$500 per seminarian. In addition to the 54 Councils that pledged support, five Assemblies and three Ladies Auxiliaries have provided support in the Washington Archdiocese, 28 councils and four assemblies are sponsors. Similar support is being offered for the Wilmington Diocese.

In addition to Community activities that included Patriotic activities, Catholic Teacher and Citizen awards, leukemia funding, prolife, and tootsie rolls, awards were also made for Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the year awards.

The many Council programs previously reported including the Columbus Day activities of the Ball and Parade continued with great success. Most notable was the 175,053 incentive raffle tickets that were sold.

Similarly, the many Family activities continued with great success. These continued to include the soccer shoot out, free throw and poster contests, model rocket shoot and track meet. Most inspiring was the growth in the Columbian Squires. A number of Councils are starting or planning soon to start a Squires program. The State Council also wishes to recognize The State Charity Fund. In 2003 \$66,195 was donated to 23 applicants while also awaiting additional information for 5 more applicants.

The State Council also recognizes the fraternal work of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights, especially raising funds for the Seminarian Fund. Also, the State Council recognizes the Bishop McNamara Chapter, especially for raising funds for St. Ann's Infant and maternity and for the Mt. St. Mary's and Redemptorist Mater seminaries.

Finally, thanks and praise go to the many Councils that achieved the Star Council Award in recognition for their gains in membership and insurance members.

It is with a humble heart that thank my brother Knights for granting me the honor of serving the Maryland State Council as State Deputy, May God's blessings now and forever rain down into the hearts of our Knight, spouses and children.

**Ronald B. White
PSD 2004-2006**

The accomplishments that I enumerate are the accomplishments of many men and women through their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for the Knights of Columbus and their efforts on behalf of the Maryland State Council.

2004-2005

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. Throughout this fraternal year each Grand Knight was encouraged to hold regular membership drives. All District Deputies were requested to plan regular First Degrees. In addition, an emphasis was placed on each council having an active Retention Committee. As a result of the focus on these issues we were able to have a very successful year and attain the prestigious Circle of Honor.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The beginning of the Fraternal Year provided an opportunity for training seminars such as Program and Membership, Financial and Tax seminar. Training was held for the District Deputies and provided at both our Mid-Term and Spring Meetings.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

In the area of new council development, we were successful in instituting one new council, Our Lady Queen of Peace in Middle River.

SURGE WITH SERVICE PROGRAMS

New programs were instituted for our Seniors and programs that would enhance devotion to Mary, our Mother and Patroness.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Leukemia Fund Program was able to raise over \$6,000. Our Founders Day Program honoring our Police Officer, Firefighter, Catholic Teacher and Citizen of the Year were highly successful.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Vocation Support Program continued to reach new highs. Ninety-two councils provided financial support in the amount of \$69,550. The money was given to a total of 104 Seminarians, Postulants and Religious Order clergy.

STATE CHARITY FUND

During this fraternal year the State Charity Fund received donations of \$42,000. Twenty-three applications were received and grants approved totally \$57,000. The fund has granted \$678,500 in aid since its inception in 1984.

2005-2006

MEMBERSHIP

Fundamental to the success and accomplishments of any organization is membership. Major focus during this fraternal year was placed on getting new young members. Training seminars were held regularly with the membership team in order to accomplish this goal. Of course, there also was a focus on normal recruitment. Unfortunately, we did not meet our membership quota.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

We had a very good year with new council development with the institution of three new councils.

SURGE WITH SERVICE PROGRAMS

All 139 councils participated in the areas of Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth. This was along with our senior activities as well as our ongoing devotion to Mary, our Mother and Patroness.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Vocation Support Program continued to reach new highs. Eighty four councils provided financial support in the amount of \$83,750. The program supported 193 seminarians, brothers, postulants and religious order clergy. Three Ladies Auxiliaries, four Assemblies and one Squires Circle participated in the program. Our fundraiser for the Little Sisters of the Poor was a tremendous success. A grand total of \$31,855 was raised and distributed to the Baltimore, Washington, DC and Wilmington Little Sisters.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Leukemia Fund Program was able to raise over \$13,000. At the Founders Day Dinner our Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, Catholic Teacher and Citizens of the Year awards were presented. John G. Roberts the new Supreme Court Justice was the Citizen of the Year.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The Marigold Program that was started last year continued to flourish with many new councils participating. Four new Ladies Auxiliaries were formed during the year.

STATE CHARITY FUND

A total of \$49,556 was dispersed to those in need. Twenty applications were received.

**Edgar D. Haynes
State Deputy 2006-2008**

In preparation for the new Columbian year, a District Deputy meeting was held, June 24, 2006, at St. Michael's parish hall in Mt. Airy. The following month, the Grand Knight's Seminar was held, July 28-30, 2006 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg.

The Installation Mass and Ceremony for the State Officers and District Deputies was held on Saturday, July 1, 2006, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore. The celebrant of the Mass was State Chaplain, Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney.

A new membership program, called the Silver Knight Award, was initiated this year. It is similar to the Shining Armor Award for new members but is open to all members in the State of Maryland. To earn the award, a member must attend a minimum of three council meetings, participate in three council activities, become a Third Degree member, and recruit two new members.

On July 1, 2006, the membership in the state of Maryland was 25,798. We exceeded our Supreme Council membership goal of 903 new members on June 30, 2007 with a gain of 108%. The Maryland State Council received the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award for the 2006-2007 fraternal year.

Two new councils were instituted during the fraternal year, John Jacob Raskob Council #14189 instituted on November 30, 2006 in Centreville and St. Rose of Lima Council #14298 instituted on May 9, 2007 in Gaithersburg.

The annual State Memorial Mass was celebrated by State Chaplain, Msgr. Kenney on November 26, 2006 at St. John's Church in Silver Spring. Also, the annual Founders Day Mass was held on March 18, 2007 and celebrated at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

This year \$13,500 was donated by thirty-two councils, four assemblies and one chapter to support forty-five children attending Christian schools in the Holy Land.

The Leukemia Fund Program had another successful year raising \$5,293.00.

The Columbus Day Ball was held on October 7, 2006, followed by the Columbus Day Parade the following day in downtown Baltimore. On October 9, 2006, the Maryland State Council participated in the District of Columbia Celebration by placing a wreath at the Columbus Memorial in Washington, DC.

The State Council reached a new plateau in 2006, when the Tootsie Roll Program for people with intellectual disabilities reached \$339,000.00 in donations.

The Incentive Program proved to be a big success and the State Council received \$45,275.00 for the scholarship program.

The State Council Tour Program arranged two interesting and enjoyable tours; a trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in September 2006, and an 11-night southern Caribbean cruise in February 2007. The State Council also sponsored a bus trip, in March 2007, to the Supreme Council Office and Museum in New Haven, CT.

The State Officers and District Deputies were again installed on June 30, 2007 at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore. State Chaplain Msgr. Kenney was the celebrant of the Mass.

Again, this year we exceeded the Supreme Council membership goal for new members with a gain of 101% of our quota. The Maryland State Council received the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award for the second consecutive fraternal year, 2007-2008.

Four new councils were instituted. Father Eugene Patrick O'Grady Council #14451 in Baltimore, Father Michael C. Kidd Council #14455 in Mitchellville, St. Vincent Pallotti Council #14535 in Baltimore, and Commodore John Barry Council #15434 at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

This year, \$46,500.00 was given to 90 seminarians and postulants. Sixty-five councils, three Ladies Auxiliaries, five assemblies and one squires circle participated in the program.

Financial support was also provided to support Christians in the Holy Land. Thirty-nine councils, four assemblies and one chapter donated \$15,600.00 to support fifty-two children attending Christian schools in the Holy Land.

The Leukemia Fund Program had another successful year raising \$6,750.00.

This year, many councils worked closely with the Maryland Catholic Conference and other pro-life advocates in support of the "100,000 Letters for Life Campaign". As a result of our combined efforts, parishioners from 113 parishes generated 39,098 letters in support of legislation in Annapolis to support pregnant women in need. Unfortunately, the legislation did not pass, but we are optimistic that with 40% of Maryland parishes participating this year, a future campaign will be even more successful.

The October Columbus Day Ball, Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore, and Wreath Ceremony at the Columbus Memorial were successful events again this year.

The Maryland State Squires program is doing well. The Maryland State Circle was reinstated, and the Squires Convention was held at Dundalk Council on March 1, 2008. Also, one circle was reinstated at Father O'Neill Council in Lutherville and two new circles were instituted at St. Bartholomew Council in Manchester and Our Lady of Grace Council in Parkton.

**Richard V. Siejack
State Deputy 2008-2010**

State Deputy Richard V. Siejack, the State Officers and District Deputies were installed in their positions at masses celebrated by State Chaplain Rev. Donald Gryzmski at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Towson. After the mass a celebration was held at Cardinal Gibbons Council. The theme for his administration was "We Are Called to Serve."

The honored guest for 2008-2009 was Ed Padgett and for 2009-2010 the honoree was Pater O'Sullivan.

Fundamental to any organization is membership growth. To continue to meet the needs of our church, our order and society we continue to recruit new members. State Deputy Siejack stated, "We need good catholic men to proclaim their faith to others by answering a "Call to Serve" and by proclaiming "Jesus I Trust in You". He encouraged all to carry a form 100 with them at all times so as to be prepared to ask a catholic man to join our order.

One of the most important challenges faced by any State Deputy is to ensure that the District Deputies and Grand Knights have the proper training to do their respective jobs. To this end, SD Siejack appointed Bill Santo as Executive Assistant for Training. The annual District Deputies and Grand Knights Seminars were conducted at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg.

Other training included the Mid Term meeting, the Fall Meeting, the Spring Meeting and the Financial Secretary meetings. The Mid Term meeting was held to update those attending on various state programs. The Spring and Fall meetings were held to update the District Deputies on activities in the state with the focus on membership and programs. The annual financial secretary and tax seminars provided pertinent information to our new Financial Secretaries as well as incumbent Financial Secretaries and provided an opportunity to share and discuss issues.

During SD Seajacks' term the following councils were instituted

14612 St. Philip Neri, Instituted 7/28/2008.
14726 San Juan Bosco, Instituted 4/1/2009.
14775 Jesus the Divine Word, Instituted 6/13/2009.
15000 Loyola University Maryland, Instituted 4/11/2010.
15003 San Luis Batiz Sainz, Instituted 4/11/2010.
15084 St. Michael the Archangel, Instituted, 5/11/2010.

A comprehensive program under the banner of "Surge with Service" which included excellent activities in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Pro-Life. Following is some of the many programs conducted during 2001-2010.

Councils in the Maryland jurisdiction supported seminarians financially. Each seminarian receives \$500.00 annually from a local council. Support was also provided to many postulants.

The Wheelchair Program continues to provide wheelchairs to senior citizens and veterans hospitals throughout Maryland.

Among pro-life activities the state Council participated in include the March for Life in Washington DC. Also collaborating closely with the Maryland Catholic Conference and other prolife advocates in support of a pro-life letter campaign encouraging support for prolife legislation.

The Columbus Day Ball and program book continue to be very successful. Maryland knights also participated in the Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore and joined with Washington DC Knights participating in the Washington DC celebration at the Columbus Memorial.

Many youths throughout the state participated in the soccer shout-out program and the State Free Throw contest. The winner of the Free Throw contest successfully made 25 out of 25 shots.

Once again, the state council provided coats to kids in need throughout Maryland. Thanks to the generosity of Oshkosh B'Gosh and London Fog we were able to purchase thousands of coats at deep

discounts. The Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop of Baltimore, Most Rev. William E. Lori, S.T.D., participated in distributing the coats to needy children.

The Maryland State Council Charity Fund has developed into a very effective and efficient vehicle for providing financial assistance to needy families and individuals in temporary urgent need. The Fund is intended to be a "bridge" to financial recovery and does not take on long-term cases. Over \$35,000 was awarded to individuals and families in need.

Most prominent among our special programs is the annual tootsie roll drive which benefits the developmentally challenged children and adults in all parts of Maryland. Over \$300,000 was raised. The councils distributed these monies to qualified organizations.

At the end of Dicks' term, he and Pat were given a testimonial dinner and dance at a Columbus Gardens to celebrate their achievements and to thank them for their leadership during Dicks' term as State Deputy.

**Peter Davio
State Deputy 2010-2012**

State Deputy Peter Davio, the State Officers and District Deputies were installed in their positions at a mass celebrated by Most Rev. Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore at Immaculate Conception Church, Towson. In 2011 State Chaplain Rev. Donald Grzymski celebrated the installation mass. A reception was held at Cardinal Gibbons Council immediately after each installation mass.

The honored guest for 2010-2011 was Gary Armbruster, St. Katharine Drexel No. 14011 and for 2011-2012 the honoree was John Trainor, St. Bartholomew Council # 9127.

One of the most important challenges faced by any State Deputy is to ensure that the District Deputies and Grand Knights have the proper training to do their respective jobs. The District Deputies and Grand Knights Seminars were conducted in preparation for the new Columbian years. The 2010 District Deputy & Grand Knights seminar was held at the John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington DC and in 2011 at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD.

Other training included the Mid Term meeting, the Fall Meeting, the Spring Meeting and the Financial Secretary meetings. The Mid Term meeting was held to update those attending on various state programs. The Spring and Fall meetings were held to update the District Deputies on activities in the state with the focus on membership and programs. The annual financial secretary and tax seminars provided pertinent information to our new Financial Secretaries as well as incumbent Financial Secretaries and provided an opportunity to share and discuss issues.

Under the leadership of State Program Director Sam Orlando, State Program Activities Directors and their teams conducted a very successful series of programs that have promoted our Order, served our community, facilitated council operations, encouraged and protected family values, and supported our Church.

State Church Activities Director Michael Sallese, and his team, incorporated outstanding liturgies and programs as we conduct events across the state. These activities included the State Memorial Mass and the State Founders Day Mass. Following the Founders Day Mass awards were presented to Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, EMT of the Year, Teacher of the Year and Family of the Year

State Widows Program Chairman Dick Bissel continues to get widows cards to the wives of our deceased brothers. All Districts and most of our councils are participating. We have now mailed out 1,956 Cards since the program began in 2001.

The vocation support program continues to grow under the Leadership of Jose Baca and Vince Grauso. Over \$100,000 in each year was donated by councils to seminarians, postulants and religious.

Innocent D'Almedia continued in his leadership role supporting the Apostleship of the Sea program. The State Council supported Stella Maris center chapel in Dundalk with a variety of religious artifacts including a presider's chair, a monstrance and monstrance stand, holy oil cruets and ambo stand, and 8 perpetual adoration chapel chairs, and kneelers.

In order to keep the council chaplains up to date with activities of the supreme and state councils, our State Chaplain, Father Donald Grzymski, conducted very successful Council Chaplain Conferences in both the Baltimore and Washington archdioceses.

The senior citizens and wheelchair activities program were carried on by Vernon Hawkins. Wheelchairs were delivered to the VA Medical Centers in Washington, DC; Baltimore; Loch Raven; Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; and Perry Point.

Patriotic activities under the direction of Steve Thomas continues to provide a proud expression of our love of country. A highlight from 2010 was the assembly of our Color Corps along with Brother Knights and other patriotic organizations at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Baltimore on Veterans Day to celebrate the dedication of a new memorial plaque to Brother Knight Henry Gunther from Santa Maria Council No. 1733, the last American soldier killed in World War I.

The promotion of Special Olympics by Walt Wankowski and John Durbin, resulted in many volunteer man-hours at more than 127 local, regional, and State-wide Special Olympics events

The Maryland state council charity fund continues to provide financial assistance to needy families and individuals. With Pat Cantwell and co-director Ray Cilento in the lead, many applications for assistance have been received and granted.

George Floria and Jean Domingue chaired very successful Columbus Day Ball at the La Fontaine Blu in Glen Burnie. Over 700 Knights and their ladies attended.

Other very successful programs included the annual car raffle to raise money to support our scholarship program and other charity efforts. The annual tootsie roll drive to raise money in support of handicap programs throughout the state. Each council ran their own drive and donated to the qualified organization of their choice.

Council # 15297, Sts. Peter and Patrick was instituted on 6/5/2011.

At the end of Peters' term, he and Francine were given a testimonial dinner and dance at a Columbus Gardens to celebrate their achievements and to thank them for their leadership during Peters' term as State Deputy.

William C. Kuchmas II
State Deputy 2012-2014

William Kuchmas always had a desire to serve his fellow man, the Church and Community. This desire led him throughout his career as a Baltimore City Police Officer and Investigator for the Department of Motor Vehicles, Health Department and Department of Assessments and Taxation with the State of Maryland. His work with the community included volunteering with Muscular Dystrophy, the American Legion, and the Sons of St. Patrick. He also co-developed the Archbishop Curley High School Alumni Association in 1982. Seeking to strengthen his faith, community service and fraternal spirit, Bill joined the Little Flower Council #1976 in September 1984 and his road to becoming State Deputy had begun.

William Kuchmas could always be seen with a big smile on his face and a magical cigar in his hand where it was never lit, but miraculously seemed to grow smaller as the day moved on. He also carried the nickname "Kuch" with him throughout his life. In his nominating speech for State Deputy, Fred Dickins noted the letters K-U-C-H stood for K- Kind to Everyone, U- Unwavering support for the Knights, C- Caring and Commitment to the Order, H- Heart as big as the room.

On July 17, 2012, William Kuchmas was installed as the 54th Maryland State Deputy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. A catered dinner reception was held at Columbus Gardens following the Installation. Bill selected "Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity" as the State Motto for his term. He also thanked and recognized the love and support given to him by his wife Donna.

To help him strengthen the Faith of the Maryland State Council, Bill chose Father Donald Grzymski as State Chaplain. Father Don was a fellow graduate of Archbishop Curley High School, and it was Bill who helped to recruit Father into the Knights. These two made quite a team in promoting the Knights of Columbus in Maryland.

The strength of Faith starts with our Clergy and the Council's across the State helped to support our seminarians with over \$190,000 in donations through the Supreme Councils RSVP Program. The bond of Faith was also strengthened by the Icon Program under the leadership of PSD Edgar Haynes who assured the Icons of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Immaculate Conception were circulated across the State for the membership to enjoy.

At the 2013 Supreme Convention, a resolution was passed to encourage "The New Evangelization". State Retention Chairman Chris Powers urged Knights to publicly live their faith through their actions such as saying grace before meals in public restaurants, volunteering at food kitchens and taking part in the March for Life. Knights should always live their faith.

Strengthening the Bond of Fraternity requires a strong and growing membership. Under the leadership of State Membership Director Tom O'Hara, the State Council developed the first training sessions designed to address specifically membership recruitment and retention. District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and Membership Chairman were invited to attend one of 6 Membership Training Sessions held throughout the State. These efforts helped the State Council to continue to grow as well as helping to institute two new Councils, Baltimore Basilica Council #15768 and Charles Carroll Council #15985. In addition, a new Squires Circle was formed in Westminster.

Well organized programs are essential in keeping the bond of fraternity strong. Program Director Tony Salvemini and his team did an outstanding job in keeping the State programs strong as well as helping the Grand Knights and District Deputies obtain any assistance needed in developing their Councils' activities. Grand Knights and District Deputies were invited to Mount Saint Mary's College for the

Grand Knight Seminar where informative programs were presented. The Midterm session was held at Columbus Gardens where the Deputy Grand Knights were also invited. The District Deputies also attended the Fall meetings held in Hagerstown and the Spring Meeting held at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park.

Communication is also essential in maintaining a strong bond of fraternity. State Retention Director Chris Powers instituted the Maryland State Council's Robo Call System enabling important information to go out to Knights across the State in a fast and efficient manner. State Newsletter Editor Vernon Hawkins did an excellent job in keeping members informed of upcoming State events as well as reporting on past events. Vernon also saw the need to give Councils, Chapters, Assemblies and Circles the opportunity to showcase the programs they have done. This not only strengthens their feelings of accomplishments, but also gives other Councils ideas for programs they may want to run. And thus began the Knights in Action section in the State Newsletter.

The Maryland State Tours Program is another great way that allows Knights to bond together in fraternity as they travel together visiting various sites across the land. Tours during the Kuchmas years included a cruise to the Bahamas and a trip to New Hampshire and Nordic Lodge Lobsterfest.

Recognition of individuals and Council Activities did not stop with just the Knights in Action Newsletter articles. Special Honored Guests were selected to be honored throughout the year. Past State Deputy James Olivarri and his wife Bobbie were chosen as Honored Guests for 2013. Father Donald Grzymski and Supreme Director and Past State Deputy Ronald White were selected as Honored Guests for 2014.

The State of Maryland was also honored to have their Family of the Year for 2013 to be recognized by Supreme Council as the Order's First Runner up for International Family of the Year. The John Snizek Family from St. Louis the King Council 11898 was recognized, and their parish received a \$500 check in their name from Supreme.

One of the highlights of the Kuchmas years was the 2014 State Convention held at The Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City. Maryland had the honor of having Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori as the principal celebrant for the Convention Mass. Supreme Council Insurance Representatives served as lectors and ushers with State Council Program Directors and Chairmen acting as Mass servers, cross bearers and acolytes.

**Stephen J. Adamczyk
State Deputy 2014-2015**

I am proud to be reconnecting with all of you and sharing some of my highlights and experiences as State Deputy as this great state gets ready to celebrate 125 years of Columbianism in Maryland.

My administration took office after our Installation on June 28, 2014. Our installation was held at Mother Seton Parish, my home parish, in Germantown, MD. This was followed by a reception at the Universities at Shady Grove. It was a proud day, and I was honored to install my TEAM of State Officers and 35 great men as District Deputies. Many thanks to my Executive TEAM of Steve Upton and Joe Murtha for their guidance.

Our theme for the year was "Be not Afraid, Our Faith is our courage!" This was taken directly from the words of St. John Paul the Second when he served as our supreme pontiff. Not to mention it went well with a favorite movie character of mine, the Cowardly Lion, from the Wizard of OZ.

The goals for the administration were simple. We wanted to get back to the basic tenants of our faith, and our order. Our GOAL was the SUCCESS OF EVERY COUNCIL in the jurisdiction, and to provide the support needed to achieve that triumph. The state was there to be a strong tool for the guidance and foundations of all its member councils and the aspiration was nothing less short of Star for every council. The ultimate dream for the TEAM was to return the State to the Circle of Honor for the first time since 2009.

My membership TEAM, under the direction of Bryan Adamczyk, was a strong base for this. His TEAM added a new element in the state called the ROAR TEAM, they were focused on Retention Outreach and Reactivation for our members. This TEAM also added an additional support tool for councils as for the first time the state added new level of leadership in what became the Regional Director Position. Where a single contact was made for groups of DDs to work together to help deliver the state messages as well as over program execution.

The Membership TEAM was fueled by a direction to "Make it Personal." Together they removed the numbers from membership, rather working to focus on the Man not the number. They worked with councils to reconnect with older members who may have drifted away, as well as working hard to stay connected with newer members that joined the order. Together with the State's leadership and Guidance, the state was able to make their goal of recruiting over 1,300 members, 102% of goal in 2014-2015 as well as starting two brand new councils for the Order. Also, for the First Time in the State we reached 200% of our Roundtable Goal, and Maryland became the First State in the order to hit 100% reporting for Church Coverage, showing supreme that all our churches in the state were connected to a council.

The Program TEAM under Jack Giacalone worked very hard to stay involved as well. They lead a very active calendar and helped to revive some older State Programs that had disappeared for a little while. Together with fellow directors, Micheal Forehand, Church, Dan Ward, Community, Dave Bellistri, Council, Jerry Hicks, Culture of Life, Gil Boisvert, Council, and Matt O'Hare, Youth, assisting him to lead the state to a very active and bountiful program year.

Some changes our TEAM helped bring to the state were: moving the Columbus Day Ball to a new venue at the BWI Marriott, reintroducing a state-wide rosary program, reestablishing the State Squires Circle, as well as developing a new state program in the Catholic Bee. I will also always treasure the memory of placing the 500th Ultrasound Machine here in Maryland with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

One of my most proud accomplishments however was the expanded partnership with Special Olympics, a charity that remains to this day at the core of my heart. Under my administration we challenged each council to hold a Program directly tied to Special Olympics and hold a fundraiser for them as well. Through these efforts we were able to help assist Special Olympics Maryland and rescue their annual Summer Games Block Party and in doing so, the emblem of the order was embroidered on the sleeves of every staff and athlete shirt that year.

At the end of the fraternal year, I was very pleased and happy with the results of the TEAM efforts that we made. 144 of our total 154 Councils at the time were membership Active. 45 of our Councils earned their Star Council Award, a new record at the time. And 16 of our 35 districts earned Star District. But best of all the State was recognized at the 2015 Supreme Convention with our goal accomplished, having rejoined in the Circle of Honor. I took great pride in receiving the award on behalf of my TEAM and the councils in the Maryland Jurisdiction. Such success could only have been achieved with united collaboration shared during my tenure.

Unfortunately, on September 1st I was coerced to resign from office due to some unsubstantiated claims made against the state team. However, this does not take way from our Success. I remain very proud of all that Maryland, and My TEAM was able to accomplish. From our travelling degree TEAMs, a State Officer First Degree TEAM, and reconnecting with our College Councils, being responsible for a majority of our membership success and recruiting younger members. I feel Our TEAM set the state on the road to continued success in the years to come, a fact I am still proud of today.

I will never forget the memories I have from my TEAM, and my term as State Deputy. Many of the friendships I made along the way are still strong today. I thank you all my brothers for this fact and I wish you all and the Maryland State Council nothing but the best for years more to come.

**Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy 2015-2018**

In August of 2015, due to unforeseen circumstances, Steve Cohen assumed the office of State Deputy. The previous team continued its duties for the remainder of the Fraternal Year. Father Milt Jordan was the State Chaplain for this year and the Honored Guest was Gil Boisvert, FDD. Saint Clement I Council # 16304 was instituted on 9/21/2015. In addition, Saint John Fisher Council # 16499 was instituted on 6/1/2016.

In 2016, the Installation of Officers was held at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Overlea, Maryland. The Mass and Installation was conducted by our Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop of Baltimore William E. Lori. The theme for the Maryland State Council was "We are Advocates of the Lord". The State Chaplain for 2016 – 2018 was Father Jason Worley. The Honored Guest was Phil Asplen, PSD. Two new council were instituted during this year. They were San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore Council # 16611 on 12/18/2016 and Saint Maximilian Kolbe Council # 16634 on 2/5/2017. This year we began our partnership with Cross Catholic International in the Box of Joy Program. Steve and Vicki, along with Dale and Linda Trott were privileged to travel with members of Cross Catholic to Guatemala on a mission Trip and to distribute Boxes of Joy. This year also was the beginning of E-Membership for the Order and Maryland was selected as one of the three pilot states. The Perpetual Memorial Society was started during this Fraternal Year with proceeds going towards Vocations.

In 2017, the Installation of Officers was again held at Saint Michael the Archangel in Overlea. The Honored Guest for the year was Bill Norton, FDD. Our Lady of the Wayside Council #16986 was instituted on 4/3/2018. Also, Our Lady of Hungary Council was reinstated during this year.

The Maryland State Council, in each of these three years achieved 80% of its Membership Goal and had positive membership growth. In 2016 we began working with the Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Baltimore concerning their Quo Vadis program. The state officers each year supplied and cooked the food for a cookout for those high school males discerning the priesthood.

**Dale W. Trott
State Deputy 2018-2020**

During my two years as State Deputy, while ensuring that our order grew (especially in the Maryland Jurisdiction), my Membership Director and his team were directed to work towards making all of Maryland councils healthy. This challenge included, but was not limited to, ensuring councils stabilized

their rosters, were working to get inactive members active; and, most importantly, growing their councils. As we all know, programs are a perfect tool to not only recruit new members, but also get inactive members involved and active. My Program Director and his team worked hand-in-hand with the Membership Team to ensure that councils participated in state programs as well as established their own programs. All-in-all, our team worked diligently, even though COVID shuts us down towards the end of our time, to keep our jurisdiction involved in all facets of our mission and Blessed Michael McGivney's vision.

During my term of office, we implemented several programs. One such program was "Adopt a Pregnancy Center." This program asked all councils, assemblies, and ladies auxiliaries to provide yearlong support to the center and not just once a year. While the program was slow to get started and didn't appear to be moving forward, it did raise awareness of the year-round needs of our dedicated pregnancy centers. Another program introduced was "Leadership Development" which offered council members interested or thinking of becoming an officer in his council, the opportunity to gain experience in this area. The course also included a mentor being assigned to each man.

Lastly, and one program that I am extremely proud of, is supporting the Little Sisters. This particular program came about with a phone call I received from our Supreme Knight. This call came as COVID was shutting the world down all around us. This terrible pandemic was leaving the Little Sisters, who care for those in need, with devastating losses – not only financially, but dietary needs for those they cared for. My wife and I happened to be visiting our son in South Carolina about to head home when I received that important call. With a list in hand from the Little Sisters, we immediately drove to the nearest Sam's Club and loaded up as much as we could fit in our car. We delivered all that we purchased to the Little Sisters the following day. I say I'm extremely proud of this support for the Little Sisters, and that is because this charitable effort has continued on a monthly basis by those State Deputies who have followed me.

In conclusion, it was a distinct honor and privilege to serve as the State Deputy of Maryland and to join an elite group of men who led this great jurisdiction. As always, when we put our faith into action, we are truly "Serving Christ by Serving Others."

**Vincent Grauso
State Deputy 2020-2022**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the election of state deputy and state officers was accomplished for the first time virtually with members of the state voting using a tool developed by the Supreme Council. This was the first year in many years that we had not met in Ocean City for the state convention. The pandemic also caused the training and installation of state deputies in New Haven to be conducted virtually for the first time.

The fraternal year began with leadership training for District Deputies and Grand Knights to be held virtually. State Officers and program chairmen gathered at the state office in Bowie to provide the presentation via zoom. Each presenter provided the message that the MD State Council and the Supreme Council developed for a successful year.

The year began with the state installation at Our Lady of the Fields Church. District Deputies were given a choice whether to be installed in person or virtually. All the state officers and 19 district deputies

attended the installation in person. So, the year was to begin with my state motto, "We Are Servant Leaders." We need to lead by example. The state council also continued our program and membership seminars virtually.

Supreme Council created the "Leave No Neighbor Behind Program" to help parishes, communities and our members to relieve people's stress and anxiety and to sustain their lives through the pandemic. While this new program presented many challenges, MD met those challenges with enthusiasm. Many of our programs were adapted to be done virtually to have members participate from the safety of their homes. While a learning experience for all, the programs allowed us to strengthen our faith, help our parishes and our communities, bond with our families and promote a culture of life. Each council helped their parishes sanitize, guide parishioners through outdoor reconciliation. The state council also increased our participation in the Little Sisters of the Poor donations by creating drop off points around the state as we continued to bring supplies to the Little Sisters in Baltimore, Washington and Wilmington.

In addition, the Supreme Council started virtual degree exemplifications and encouraged councils to participate in the online version to attract members and bring them into the order. The year 2020 was also another first, the Supreme Convention was held virtual, and presentations were done from New Haven so they could be viewed worldwide. Our state council officers and delegates met at Sacred Heart council in Bowie to view the Supreme Convention for the normal three-day meeting and masses.

We also continued our successful Coats for Kids program with the distribution of 700 coats with Archbishop Lori at Our Lady of Angels Catholic School. Our midyear meeting was held virtually because of the ongoing pandemic. We continued our recruitment and were able to start two new councils one Hispanic and another college council at St Mary's seminary where Fr McGivney studied. Our general agents continued our Fraternal Benefit Nights to bring our members information about our insurance products. We were also able to present Special Olympics with a \$3,200 check. Additionally, we provided 40,000 meals through our Cross Catholic partnership. Our ultrasound program has increased the number of ultrasound units in the state of MD with seven new machines. These presentations would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of councils, assemblies, along with many individuals and ladies' auxiliaries.

Our Spring meeting of district deputies was held virtually in 2021 with the important announcement that Patrick Kelly is our new Supreme Knight. Our State Convention for 2021 again was held virtually but with the pandemic slowing we were optimistic that our in-person training for DDs and GKs was to be held in Solomon's Island. Our state honorees for the 2021 convention were PSD Joe Sauro and his wife Gail. We also received word from the Supreme Council that we were ranked number one in the country for programs by percentage of members and in the top ten in the world. We had 110 councils participate in the Faith in Action programs. For the fraternal year we attained 80% of our state membership goal and 120% of our on-line membership goal. We also announced the Covid Recovery program as we emerge from the pandemic.

Since the pandemic had lessened, the state deputy installation and training were held in New Haven. For the 1st time in history the Supreme Knight was installed with the state deputies at St Mary's Church. After a successful state training program in Solomon's Island, the state officers and district deputies were installed in person at St Ursula's Church with a dinner to follow at Columbus Gardens.

The Supreme Council started a new membership category called Affiliate members. Members in this category would still be considered members but with an inactive status but are members for life. Many of our councils decided to remove members from their council roles and place their members into this new category. The state council placed 3,522 members into this new category.

Our councils in the state conducted 2,756 programs in this new fraternal year. For the second year in a row the MD State Council was number one in the country for programs by percentage. This is a testament to the continued support by our members for council activities. Again, Archbishop Lori helped distribute 650 coats at the new Mother Mary Lange School in Baltimore. We also participated again in the Cross Catholic vita meal program by providing 80,000 meals to the poor in Guatemala. We also provided 7,170 Boxes of Joy to underprivileged children in Central America. We continued to deliver over six tons of food to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Our outreach of charity allowed us to grant over \$17,000 to families in need.

This was also a year where we could hold the Columbus Day Gala at the Doubletree in Annapolis. We held our State Christmas Party at Columbus Gardens and honored 25 councils that made STAR council. As a state council we attained 96% of our state membership goal.

We continued to fund our Ultrasound Program by installing more ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers around MD and because of our efforts the MD State Council received the Culture of Life Medal of Honor from the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the Life is Beautiful Mass on Jan 16th at St Louis Church. The number of ultrasound machines in MD totaled 35. We were also able to raise \$10,500 for the Special Olympics. Our councils, assemblies and church groups also donated \$82,175 to 100 seminarians, postulants and religious.

This year our Supreme Convention was again virtual from New Haven but were able to hold our Program/Membership, Fall Meeting, Mid-term meeting, Founder's Day, Family Picnic and Spring meeting in person to allow us to train our DDs, DWs, GKs, and DGKs. In addition to our activities, we were able to celebrate the Feast Day of Fr McGivney after he was beatified and participate in the 1st Annual Mass of Fr McGivney's ordination at the Basilica in Baltimore on Dec 22nd. We also prepared to attend our state convention in person again at Ocean City at the Princess Royale for the last time where we honored Jack and Phyllis Giacalone as our State Honorees.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the state of Maryland for the 2020 –2022 fraternal years. Thank you to Fr JoJo Opalda, Fr Don Grzymski and Fr Jim Boccabella for making our liturgies a success throughout the year. I thank Archbishop Lori, Cardinal Gregory and Bishop Koenig for their support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with them and I look forward to working with them in the future.

I also thank Mary Jane and her ladies' activities team for their hard work providing the ladies of MD with enjoyable trips and activities throughout my term as state deputy.

**Christopher L. Powers
State Deputy 2022-2024**

The State Officers and District Deputies were installed during Mass at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, on July 3rd. Reverend Donald Grzymski, OFM Conv., State Chaplain, was the primary celebrant. A reception banquet was held at the White Rose, Callaway, MD, following the installation ceremony. In preparation for the installation, the annual leadership seminar was held at the Holiday Inn, Solomons, on the weekend of June 17-19, 2022. The state motto this year is "Cry the Gospel with Your Life!"

On July 14, 2022, the State Officers continued an evolving tradition of preparing and serving dinner at the conclusion of the weeklong Archdiocese of Baltimore Quo Vadis where high school students gathered to discern their calling to the priesthood or religious life.

Throughout the remainder of the summer, State Officers had the privilege of joining councils throughout the state for the celebration of their Installation of Council Officers. August 2022 included all of the State Officers attending the Supreme Convention at the Gaylord Hotel in Nashville, TN.

Fall activities were highlighted by the Columbus Day Ball in the new location of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis, MD, and the annual Columbus Day activities at Union Station, Washington, DC. The fall meeting was again held at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. The State Memorial Mass was held on November 13, 2022, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Prior to the Mass, the District Deputies read the statewide necrology.

The Midterm Meeting was held on January 7, 2023, at Columbus Gardens, Nottingham, MD, with attendance by the State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen who presented to the District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights.

January events also included Maryland Knights supporting the National March for Life and the Supreme Council sponsored Lifefest 2023 presented by the Sisters of Life. The National March for Life was followed by the February 27th Maryland March for Life in Annapolis, MD.

March 2023 was highlighted by the Spring Meeting in Easton, MD, and the Founder's Day Mass and banquet on March 26th. The Mass was held at St. John, the Evangelist Catholic Church followed by the banquet recognizing the people of the year awardees held at Father Rosensteel Council 2169, both in Silver Spring.

The annual Spring Meeting was held in Easton at the Elks rental facility. April 2023 brought Holy Week and Easter Sunday followed by the statewide family picnic which returned to Howard County's Centennial Park Pavilion H. The 125th Annual State Meeting (convention) was held May 4-7, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza, Annapolis.

The transition to Annapolis after 60+ years in Ocean City was a success and the setting allowed the introduction of some new ideas.

June 2023 concluded with the annual Leadership Seminar for District Deputies, District Wardens, and Grand Knights at Washington College, Chestertown. The Installation of State Officers and District Deputies was conducted at the end of the Leadership Seminar. June also culminated the fraternal year's pursuit of our assigned Supreme Goals.

The Maryland statewide team achieved the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor and earned the Pinnacle Award. The achievements represented extensive membership growth and program activities emphasizing charitable activities and growth in our Faith. The emphasis on Faith development was highlighted by participation in the new Supreme Council Cor Initiative as one of the 21 pilot jurisdictions.

This effort is certain to grow in the coming years. Four councils were instituted or reactivated this fraternal year. They were: 14534 Commodore Barry (USNA), 15000 Loyola University, 18156 Sainte Terre D'Accueil (French), and 18170 San Jose Custodio de Columbia.

The summary of achievements against the Supreme-assigned goals was:

COH Intake: 1009 of 878 (114.92%)

New members under 50: 470 of 252 (186.51%)

Founders Award (Council with 2 FBNs): 75 of 74 (101.35%)

Holy hours: 1 Holy Hour, 1 Eucharistic Procession with a bishop (100%)

New Council Development (NCD): 3 of 3 (100.00%)

Star Councils: 40 of 29 (137.93%), additionally 16 Star Districts earned

Council drives: 139 of 110 (126.36%)

Charity (5% increase in donations & hours)

Frat Survey by 3/31: 156 of 132 (118.18%)

Charitable funds: \$2,215,646 of \$1,863,499 (118.90%)

Volunteer hours: 488,077 of 411,851 hours (118.51%)

Roundtable, new for FY22: 50 of 49 (102.04%)

SAFE compliant councils: 97 of 59 (164.41%)

This history includes the initial months of the 2023-2024 fraternal year. The Maryland team is performing well and on track for another successful fraternal year. The updated motto this fraternal year adds a second hymn to the original motto: "Cry the Gospel with Your Life!" and "Take Christ to the World". July and August 2023 were highlighted by 5 program and membership growth seminars throughout the state. All of the State Officers traveled to Orlando, Florida, to participate in the Supreme Convention.

Fall activities were highlighted by the Columbus Day Ball which returned to the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis, MD, and the annual Columbus Day activities at Union Station, Washington, DC. The fall meeting was again held at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. The State Memorial Mass was held on November 12, 2022, at The Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD. Prior to the Mass, the District Deputies again read the statewide necrology.

The final event captured in this partial report of the 2023-2024 fraternal year is the return of Star Knight, a banquet celebrating the councils and districts achieving Star status in the previous fraternal year. Forty councils and 16 districts earned this distinction requiring a dedicated awards banquet to publicly congratulate these leaders. The banquet was held at Father Rosensteel Council 2169, Silver Spring, MD.

The remainder of the 2023-2024 fraternal year history will be captured in a future update.

MARYLAND STATE OFFICERS

1998-2000	State Chaplain State Deputy State Secretary State Treasurer State Advocate State Warden	Rev. Thomas J. Donaghy, Cardinal Gibbons No.2521 Philip L. Aspen, Jr., Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521 Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew Council No. 9127 Richard L. Sherbet, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793 Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612 Edgar D. Haynes, Our Lady of the Valley No. 11703
2000-2002	State Chaplain State Deputy State Secretary State Treasurer State Advocate State Warden	Rev. Michael J. Roach, St. Bartholomew No. 9127 Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew Council No. 9127 Richard L. Sherbet, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793 Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612 Edgar D. Haynes, Our Lady of the Valley No. 11703 Richard V. Seajack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
2002-2004	State Chaplain State Deputy State Secretary State Treasurer State Advocate State Warden	Msgr. Chester J. Macknowski, Our Lady of Lourdes No. 4606 Richard L. Sherbet, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793 Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612 Edgar D. Haynes, Our Lady of the Valley No. 11703 Richard V. Seajack, Long Green Valley No. 8736 Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No.6901
2004-2006	State Chaplain State Deputy State Secretary State Treasurer State Advocate State Warden	Rev. Patrick Tory, S.M. Arch. Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612 Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612 Edgar D. Haynes, Our Lady of the Valley No. 11703 Richard V. Seajack, Long Green Valley No. 8736 Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No.6901 William C. Kuchma's III, St. Patrick No. 370
2006-2008	State Chaplain State Deputy State Secretary State Treasurer State Advocate State Warden	Msgr. Jeremiah F. Kenney, Father O'Neil No. 4011 Edgar D. Haynes, Our Lady of the Valley No. 11703 Richard V. Seajack, Long Green Valley No. 8736 Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No.6901 William C. Kuchma's III, St. Patrick No. 370 Stephen J. Adamczyk, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
2008-2010	State Chaplain State Deputy State Secretary	Rev. Donald Grzymski, St. Patrick No. 370 Richard V. Seajack, Long Green Valley No. 8736 Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No.6901

	State Treasurer	William C. Kuchma's III, St. Patrick No. 370
	State Advocate	Stephen J. Adamczyk, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
	State Warden	Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
2010-2012	State Chaplain	Rev. Donald Grzymski, St. Patrick No. 370
	State Deputy	Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
	State Secretary	William C. Kuchmas III, St. Patrick No. 370
	State Treasurer	Stephen J. Adamczyk, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
	State Advocate	Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
	State Warden	Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
2012-2014	State Chaplain	Rev. Donald Grzymski, St. Patrick No. 370
	State Deputy	William C. Kuchmas III, St. Patrick No. 370
	State Secretary	Stephen J. Adamczyk, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
	State Treasurer	Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
	State Advocate	Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
	State Warden	Vincent Grauso, St. Louis the King No. 11898
2014-2015	State Chaplain	Rev Milton E. Jordan, Mother Seton No. 5381
	State Deputy	Stephen J. Adamczyk, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
	State Secretary	Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
	State Treasurer	Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
	State Advocate	Vincent Grauso, St. Louis the King No. 11898
	State Warden	Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
2015-2016	State Chaplain	Rev Milton E. Jordan, Mother Seton No. 5381
	State Deputy	Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
	State Secretary	Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No 2577
	State Treasurer	Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
	State Advocate	Vincent Grauso, St. Louis the King No. 11898
	State Warden	Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
2016-2018	State Chaplain	Rev. Jason C. Worley, St. Peter the Apostle No. 13290
	State Deputy	Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
	State Secretary	Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
	State Treasurer	Vincent Grauso, St. Louis the King No. 11898
	State Advocate	Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
	State Warden	Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No 2577
2018-2020	State Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Jenkins, Father Michael C. Kidd No. 14455
	State Deputy	Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
	State Secretary	Vincent Grauso, St. Louis the King No. 11898

	State Treasurer	Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
	State Advocate	Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No 2577
	State Warden	John F. Winfrey, St. Hugh No. 10885
2020-2022	State Chaplain	Rev. Jose D. Opalda, Cardinal Gibbons No.2521
	State Deputy	Vincent Grauso, St. Louis the King No. 11898
	State Secretary	Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
	State Treasurer	Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No 2577
	State Advocate	John F. Winfrey, St. Hugh No. 10885
	State Warden	Ronald G. Hassan, St. Bernadette No. 11214
2022-2024	State Chaplain	Rev. Donald Grzymski, Cardinal Gibbons No.2521-
	State Deputy	Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
	State Secretary	Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No 2577
	State Treasurer	John F. Winfrey, St. Hugh No. 10885
	State Advocate	Ronald G. Hassan, St. Bernadette No. 11214
	State Warden	Thomas Greul, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612

DELEGATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION

1999

Philip Asplen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
 John R. Albright, St. Pius X No. 4076
 Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
 William McMahon, Patuxent No. 2203
 Richard V. Siejack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
 Paul A. Weber, Long Green Valley No. 8736
 Patrick E. Corcoran, Corpus Christi No. 6188
 Charles A. George, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
 William C. Kuchmas III St. Patrick No. 370
 Louis Pohl, Notre Dame No. 2901

2000

Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
 Philip Asplen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
 Raphael Cilento, Bishop Sebastian No
 Paul A. Hoffman, Columcille No. 5317
 Eugene A. S. 5058tallings, St. Agnes No. 4449
 Bernard Diangelo, Bel Air No. 4714
 James R. Barrett, Our Lady of The Chesapeake No. 10881
 Glenn L. Wilmer, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
 John A. Fox, Father Charles S. Rosensteel No. 2169

William Wilson, St. Pius X No. 4076

2001

Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Philip Asplen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Richard Sherbert, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
William Norton, Westminster No. 1393
Joseph A. Kispert, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Martin A. Luchansky, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Donald Kreseski, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Paul Barrett, Montgomery No. 2323
Edward J. Padgett, Dr. John Henry Griffin No. 2293

2004

Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
Richard Sherbert, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Gary R. Armbruster, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Steven Adamczyk, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
Patrick E. Corcoran, Corpus Christi No. 6188
William C. Kuchmas, Little Flower No. 1976
Robert M. Mazonkey, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Joseph A. Murphy, Rock Creek No. 2797
Fred Dickens, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521

2005

Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
Richard Sherbert Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Edgar D. Haynes, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
Paul Weber, Long Green No. 8736
Stephen P. Ransdell, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
Francis M. Feeley, Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore No. 205
Gary R. Armbruster, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Sam Orlando, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Dan Ward, Father Rosensteel No. 2169

2006

Edgar D. Haynes, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
Sherman Casey, Woodlawn No. 5466
Fred Dickens, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Gary R. Armbruster, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Joseph Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127

Steve M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Terrence M. Brennen, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel No. 2452
Daniel Ward, Father Rosensteel No. 21692007
Edgar D. Haynes, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
Ronald B. White, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
John A. Smith, Regina Coeli No. 2274
Gregory A. Lattus, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
Richard V. Siejack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Sam Orlando, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
John L. Durbin, Montgomery No. 2323
Gary R. Armbruster, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Richard Gordes. Madonna No. 3964
Patrick E. Corcoran, Corpus Christy No 6188

2008

Richard V. Siejack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Edgar D. Haynes, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Michael J. Sallese, Long Green No. 8736
James P. Klein, Notre Dame No. 2901
Vernon Hawkins Jr., James C. Fletcher Jr., No. 11422
Samuel P. Orlando, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Gil Boisvert, Annapolis No. 1384
Larry M. Donnelly, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
Patrick Ruckle, Bel Air No. 4714

2009

Richard V. Siejack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Edgar D. Haynes, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Jack Fowler, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
Stephen Miller, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Bryan Adamczyk, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Paul Weber, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
Dan Ward, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
James Rank, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259

2010

Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Richard V. Siejack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Vernon Hawkins, James C. Fletcher Jr. No. 11422
Bryan Adamczyk, Prince Georges No. 2809
Dr. Celso S. Barrientos, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
William J. Nenichka, Prince Georges No. 2809

Maurice E. Hunt, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
Henry Ramirez, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
Raphael Cilento, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127

2011

Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Richard V. Siejack, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Michael J. Sallese, Long Green Valey No. 8736
James P. Klein, Notre Dame No. 2901
Vernon Hawkins, Jr., James C. Fletcher No. 11422
Samuel P. Orlando, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Gil Boisvert, Annapolis No. 1384
Larry M. Donnelly, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
Patrick Ruckle, Bel Air No. 4714

2012

William C. Kuchmas III, St. Patrick No. 370
Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Fred Dickens, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Martin A. Luchansky, St. Michael's Poplar Springs No. 10525
Stephen P. Ransdell, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
Robert M. Mazonkey, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Patrick E. Corcoran, Corpus Christi No. 6188
John Trainor, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Laurance Grayson, Rock Creek No. 2797
Phil Tabbita, Maurice J. McDonough No. 12128

2013

William C. Kuchmas III, St. Patrick No. 370
Peter Davio, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Steven Adamczyk, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
Vernon Hawkins, Jr., James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
Andy Bauer, Dundalk No. 2942
Tom O'Hara, Pope John Paul the Great No. 13859
Owen M. McGinley, St. Patrick No. 370
Michael Forehand, Pope John Paul the Great No. 13859
Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127

2014

Steven Adamczyk, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
William C. Kuchmas III, St. Patrick No. 370
Paul Weber, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Chuck Bogdanowicz, Long Green Valley No. 8736

Anthony N, Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
Bill McMahon, Patuxent No. 2203
John Trainor, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Bob Jack, Our Lady of The Valley No. 11703
John Strawbridge, Father Michael J. McGivney No. 7025
Fred Dickens, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521

2015

Steven Adamczyk, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
William C. Kuchmas III, St. Patrick No. 370
Stephen Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Dale W. Trott, St. Mary Of the Assumption
Joe E. Murtha, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Thomas Partenope, Archbishop Fulton Sheen No. 7612
Terry Waters, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
Paul Messina, Resurrection No.11341
Bill Santo, Father O'Neill No. 4011
Tom Reumont, Our Lady Star of The Sea No. 9258

2016

Stephen Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Steven Adamczyk, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
Dale W. Trott, St. Mary Of the Assumption
Jack Giacalone, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Joe E. Murtha, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
Richard Belmonte, Bel Air No. 4714
Reiner Dombrosky, St. Joseph No.11631
Steve Goldhamer, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
John Vassallo, St. Mary Of the Assumption No. 9302
James J. Cooney, Father Sebastian De Rose No. 13091

2017

Stephen Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Steven Adamczyk, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Paul Weber, Long Green Valley No. 8736
Jack Giacalone, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Paul Jones, St. Charles Borromeo No. 3960
Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Tom Greul. Archbishop Fulton Sheen No. 7612
John Winfrey, St. Hugh No. 10885
Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of The Assumption No. 9302

2018

Stephen Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521

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Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Jim Duryee, Holy Trinity No. 3413
P.J. O'Neill, Mt. Saint Mary's College No. 1965
Andrew F. Michaels, St. Maximilian Kolbe No. 16634
Curtis Phillips, Cardinal Gibbons No. 252
Ronald Hassan, St. Bernadette No. 11214
Paul Zimmerman, Immaculate Conception No. 8159

2019

Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
Stephen Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Jack Giacalone, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Romeo Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
Guilfred Boisvert, Annapolis No. 1384
Willians Castillo, St. Joseph Taneytown No. 11631
Bill Van Horn, St. Paul No. 11105
Jeffrey Wilk, South County No. 8251

2020

Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
Terry Waters, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
Lou Woods, Father Michael J. McGivney No. 7025
Vernon Hawkins Jr., James C. Fletcher Jr., No. 11422
Bob Sweitzer, Frostburg No. 1442
Andrew F. Michaels, St. Maximilian Kolbe. No. 16634
Thomas Reumont, Our Lady Star of the Sea No. 9258

2021

Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Dale W. Trott, St. Mary of the Assumption No 9302
Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
Jack Giacalone, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
James Ryan, Annapolis No. 1384
Bill Newbrough, St. Joseph Manyanet No. 5567
Vernon Hawkins Jr., James C. Fletcher Jr., No. 11422
Lou Wood, Father Michael J, McGivney No. 7025
Tom O'Hara, Pope John Paul the Great No. 13859

2022

Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
John Winfrey, St. Hugh No. 10885
Jack Giacalone, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
Arthur MacLarty, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290
Tom O'Hara, Pope John Paul the Great No. 13859
Terry Waters, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
John Sniezek, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Lewis Smith, Most Holy Rosary No. 11511

2023

Christopher Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
Steven L. Law, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293
Jose F. Rivera, Prince Georges No. 2809
Michael Watson, Mater Dei No. 9974
Vernon Hawkins Jr., James C. Fletcher Jr., No. 11422
Mickey Dillow, St. John Francis Regis, SJ, No. 7914
Terry Waters, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
Michael W. Thumm, St. Michael's No. 2065
Joseph M. Feakes, Father Peter Paul Maher, No. 7025

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

1999-2000

- 1 Anthony S. (Tony) Rasinski, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
- 2 Joseph T. Maher, Jr., Immaculate Lady No. 5208
- 3 John Fox, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
- 4 Martin Luchansky, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs No. 10525
- 5 Paul R. Hoffman, St. Columcille No. 5317
- 6 John Vassallo, Jr., St. Mary of The Assumption No. 9302
- 7 Joseph F. Jancuk, Santa Maria No. 1733
- 8 Deacon James Dominic, St. Michael's No. 2065
- 9 David R. Wilson, Calvert No. 7870
- 10 Bill McMahon, Patuxent No. 2203
- 11 Timothy D. Burke, St. Patrick No. 370
- 12 Anthony Myer, Holy Ghost No. 11484
- 13 James R. Barrett, Our Lady of The Chesapeake No. 10881
- 14 Russel G. Allen, St. Mary's of Landover Hills No. 10046
- 15 Paul Weber, Long Green Valley No. 8736
- 16 Bernard DiAngelo, Bel Air No. 4714
- 17 Eugene A. Stallings, St. Agnes No. 4449
- 18 Peter A. Zaudke, Mater Dei No. 9774
- 19 Raphael (Ray) Cilento, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
- 20 James L. Conlon, Cumberland No. 586

21 Stephen J. Adamczyk, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
22 Charles A. Russell, St. Francis De Sales No. 3489
23 Ron Dailey, Father Francis J. Flanigan No. 11820
24 Richard J. Waltz, Archbishop Francis P. Keough No. 5263
25 Robert (Bob) Jack, Our Lady of The Valley No. 11703
26 Charles A. George, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
27 James H. Craumer, Father Joseph J. Comyns No. 9638

2000-2002

1 Michael O'Donoghue, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
2 Tin Cao, Our Lady of Vietnam No. 11769
3 Martin Luchansky, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs No. 10525
4 Thomas W. (Tom) Ryan, Our Lady of Grace No. 9815
5 Stephen M. Cohen, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
6 Anthony N. Salvemini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
7 Joseph F. Jancuk, Santa Maria No. 1733
8 John Bergin, St. Francis De Sales No. 3849
9 Lawrence J. Smialek, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
10 David G. Desormeaux, Deacon John Lynn No. 11619
11 Timothy D. Burke, St. Patrick No. 370
12 Edward J. Padgett, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293
13 John F. Price, Father Michael J. McGivney No. 7025
14 John F. Winfrey, St. Hugh No. 10885
15 Rutherford L. Taylor, St. Columcille No. 5317
16 Brian F. O'Connor, Corpus Christi No. 6188
17 Joseph H. Drasal, Woodlawn No. 5466
18 Paul Barrett, Montgomery No. 2323
19 Simon N. Nwaigwe, St. Matthew's International No. 11787
20 William "Bill" Blake, Cumberland No. 586
21 Steven J. Upton, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
22 John D. Sandusky, Father Edmund Julien No. 11616
23 Ronald J. Dailey, Father Francis J. Flanigan No. 11820
24 John P. Finnessy, St. Andrew By the Bay No. 11552
25 David J. Richards, Our Lady of The Valley No. 11703
26 Charles A. George, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
27 John R. Baker, St. Louis The King No. 11898

2002-2004

1 Joseph M. Feakes, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
2 Peter O'Sullivan, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
3 Gary Armbruster, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs No. 10525
4 Michael Sallese, Long Green Valley No. 8736
5 Steve Upton, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
6 Carlton Williams, James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
7 Carl P. Roberts, Dundalk No. 2942
8 James W. Bailey, St. John Francis Regis, SJ No. 7914
8 Lou Koeniger, St. John Francis Regis S.J. No. 7914
9 Bob Wahl, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
10 Bill McMahon, Patuxent No. 2203
11 Charles Schaefer, Notre Dame No. 2901

12 Edward Padgett, Dr. John H. Griffin No. 2293
 13 George Markelonis, Father Michael J. McGivney No. 7025
 14 Thomas B. Lank, Prince Georges No. 2809
 15 George Floria, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
 16 Andrew J. Branigan, Havre De Grace No. 2002
 16 Brian F. O'Connor, Corpus Christi No. 6188
 17 E. Paul Jones, St. Charles Borromeo No. 3960
 18 Joseph A. (Joe) Murphy, Rock Creek No. 2797
 19 Rafael M. Nicolas, Santo Nino No. 9462
 20 William "Bill" Blake, Cumberland No. 586
 21 John E. Lozoskie, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
 22 Claude Lynch, Ocean City No. 9053
 23 Richard Gordes, Madonna No. 3964
 23 James C. Gouldin, Jr., Madonna No. 3964
 24 Scott G. Rutledge, Annapolis No. 1384
 25 Gregory E. Loss, St. Timothy No. 12255
 26 Maurice Miller, Regina Coeli No. 2274
 27 Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
 28 John M. (Jack) Mouring, III, Dundalk No. 2942
 29 Preston L. Rose, Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 9968

2004-2006

1 Joseph Gauthier, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
 2 Gary Armbruster, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs No. 10525
 3 Robert G. Hoguet, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
 4 Steve P. Ransdell, Father Horace B. McKenna No. 11024
 5 E. Jere Danaher, Jr., Little Flower No. 1976
 6 Delmer (Del) F. Billings, Father Peter C. Boyle No. 12254
 7 Terrance M. Brennan, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel No. 2452
 8 Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
 9 James W. Rank, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
 10 Roger T. Donnelly, Patuxent No. 2203
 11 Kevin L. Jeffords, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
 12 Greg C. Cross, Archbishop Neale No. 2279
 13 R. Steven Thomas, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
 14 David D. Martin, St. Mary's of Landover Hills No. 10046
 15 Dale W. Trott, St. Mary Of the Assumption No. 9302
 16 H. Bernard Classon, Bel Air No. 4714
 17 Eugene A. Stallings, St. Agnes No. 4449
 18 Lawrence Grayson, Rock Creek No. 2797
 18 Michael A. Perez, Mater Dei No. 9774
 19 Joseph A. Kispert, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
 20 Ronald L. Sunny, Oakland No. 1771
 21 Samuel P. Orlando, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
 22 Ronald E. Peters, Jr., Ocean City No. 9053
 23 James C. Gouldin, Madonna No. 3964
 24 John Cantrell, St. Bernadette No. 1384
 24 Scott G. Rutledge, Annapolis No. 1384
 25 Joseph Berdini, St. Timothy No. 12255
 26 Joseph C. Dunnington, St. Joan Of Arc No. 12054

26 Charles A. George, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
27 Vincent Grauso, St. Louis The King No. 11898
28 John J. Luczkowski, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
29 William F. Butler, Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 9968

2006-2008

1 Gregory A. Lattus, Archbishop John Carroll No. 11715
2 James E. Colvin, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
3 John L. Durbin, Montgomery No. 2323
4 James P. Klein, Notre Dame No. 2901
5 Joseph F. Winterling, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
6 Vernon Hawkins, Jr., James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
7 John A. Di Marino, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
8 Christopher M. Woehrer, St. John Francis Regis, SJ No. 7914
9 Larry M. Donnelly, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
10 Rick Askins, Patuxent No. 2203
11 Ernest E. Harley, St. John The Baptist No. 11106
12 Patrick A. Hall, Dr. John H. Griffin No. 2293
13 Gregory E. McClain, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
14 Thomas B. Lank, Prince Georges No. 2809
15 Patrick J. Cantwell, St. Mary Of the Assumption No. 9302
16 Ross V. Liberati, Bel Air No. 4714
17 Raymond F. Lowman, St. Agnes No. 4449
18 Thomas J. Schneider, Mater Dei No. 9774
19 Rafael M. Nicolas, Santo Nino No. 9462
20 Ronald L. Sunny, Oakland No. 1771
21 Samuel P. Orlando, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
22 Donnie A. La Rue, Father Edmund Julien No. 11616
23 Hector Lozano, Madonna No. 3964
24 Gil Boisvert, Annapolis No. 1384
25 Dwayne Singleton, St. Timothy No. 12255
26 John A. Smith, Regina Coeli No. 2274
27 Hans Weidig III, Resurrection No. 11341
28 Gerard F. Novak, St. Elizabeth Of Hungary No. 13073
29 Brian D. Werring, Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 9968

2008-2010

1 Brian F. O'Connor, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
2 Joseph E. Murtha, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901
2 Robert L. Wesley, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
3 Thomas E. Gray, Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore No. 205
3 Raymond L. Klein, Notre Dame No. 2901
4 Gary A. Gray, Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore No. 205
5 William J. Kinsella, St. Katharine Drexel No. 14011
6 Vernon Hawkins, Jr., James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
7 Robert Snyder, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
8 Christopher L. Powers, St. Mary's No. 1470
9 James Rank, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
10 Jim Brown, Patuxent No. 2203
11 Celso Barrientos, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
12 Johnny Norman, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293

12 Thomas A. Pilkerton, Holy Ghost No. 11484
 13 Jack Fowler, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
 14 William (Bill) J. Nenichka, Prince Georges No. 2809
 15 Maurice Hunt, St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302
 16 Michael J. Clemens, Corpus Christi No. 6188
 17 Lawrence Hartman, St. Agnes No. 4449
 18 E. Roberto Ibanez, Rock Creek No. 2797
 19 Andrew Gleeson, Father O'Neill No. 4011
 20 Rich Gaughan, Mount Savage No. 1058
 21 Stephen J. Partenope, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
 22 James R. Crabill, Ocean City No. 9053
 23 Charles D. Dorsey, St. Benedict No. 10648
 24 David J. Birner, Archbishop Francis P. Keough No. 5263
 25 Robert J. (Bob) Dotter, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290
 26 David M. Burneston, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
 27 Luke Browning, St. Alphonsus Rodriguez No. 13294
 28 John A. Di Marino, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
 28 Edward D. Spallone, Dundalk No. 2942
 29 James J. Cooney, Jr., Father Sebastien De Rose No. 13091
 30 John L. Durbin, Montgomery No. 2323
 31 Stephen Miller, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs No. 10525
 32 Bryan Adamczyk, Our Lady of Fatima No. 6901

2010-2012

1 Thomas E. Irwin, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
 2 Tom O'Hara, Pope John Paul the Great No. 13859
 3 James (Jim) Seidleck, Sacred Heart No. 2577
 4 James M. Cross, Long Green Valley No. 8736
 5 William J. Kinsella, St. Katharine Drexel No. 14011
 6 Barry J. Schech, Notre Dame No. 2901
 7 Robert W. (Bob) Dannenfelser, Jr., Bethlehem No. 2605
 7 David J. Ludwiknoski, Notre Dame No. 2942
 8 Gerald T. Hicks, St. John Francis Regis, SJ No. 7914
 9 Edward C. Waskiewicz, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
 10 Timothy Morris, St. Francis Of Assisi No. 12524
 11 Yen Le, Our Lady of Vietnam No. 11769
 12 Phil Tabbita, Maurice J. McDonough No. 12128
 13 Lawrence F. (Larry) Veri, Holy Trinity No. 3413
 14 Jim Ragusa, St. Hugh No. 10885
 15 Frank Italiano, St. John The Evangelist No. 11171
 16 Donald Kern, Havre De Grace No. 2002
 17 Deacon Gerald (Tony) Roberts, Patapsco No. 1960
 18 Richard Earenfight, St. Elizabeth No. 12796
 19 Thomas (Thom) Stevenson, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
 20 James F. Chambers, Mount Savage No. 1058
 21 Louis Stachowiak, Westminster No. 1393
 22 John Losonczy, Holy Face No. 3489
 23 Thomas Devlin, St. John Neumann No. 11618
 24 John Cantrell, St. Bernadette No. 11214
 25 James L. (Jim) Conko, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290
 26 Richard Bulman, Regina Coeli No. 2274

27 John M. Roth, Jr., St. Alphonsus Rodriguez No. 13294
28 Edward D. Spallone, Dundalk No. 2942
29 Michael W. Thumm, St. Michael's No. 2065
30 Jack Giacalone, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
31 Dirk Griffin, St. Timothy No. 12255
32 Robert G. Worthington, Mother Seton No. 5381

2012-2014

1 Jason P. McGinley, St. Patrick No. 370
2 Mike Burgett, Father Horace B. Mckenna No. 11024
3 Joe Massimini, Sacred Heart No. 2577
4 Mark E. Mangus, St. Louis The King No. 11898
5 Sean T. Kelly, St. Katharine Drexel No. 14011
6 Carlo F. Alinsod, Notre Dame No. 2901
7 Michael Forehand, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel No. 2452
8 David A. Adams, Immaculate Conception No. 8159
9 Douglas C. Wood, Jesus the Divine Word No. 14775
10 Terrance Holmes, Resurrection of Our Lord No. 14099
11 George Carter, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
12 Brad Howard, Archbishop Neale No. 2279
13 Larry South, St. Andrew By the Bay No. 11552
14 Tom Barrett, Prince Georges No. 2809
15 Gary Taylor, St. Columcille No. 5317
16 Walter J. Wiliams, Corpus Christi No. 6188
17 Francis D. Leach, St. Philip Neri No. 14612
18 Wesley Chin, Rock Creek No. 2797
19 Richard R. Briggs, Father O'Neill No. 4011
20 Stephen Pernod, Pope John XXIII No. 5450
21 Thomas Greul, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
22 Jim Crabill, Ocean City No. 9053
23 Tom Devlin, St. John Neumann No. 11618
24 Patrick Griffin, St. Andrew By the Bay No. 11552
25 Mike Bir, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290
26 Craig Clagett, John Jakob Raskob No. 14189
27 Ronald J. Perzinski, Mason - Dixon No. 10100
28 Herbert Kraft, Jr., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel No. 2452
29 Thomas Chayka, Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 9968
30 Tom Firestone, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
31 Richard Tymoch, St. Ignatius Of Loyola No. 11815
32 Charles Springmann, Mother Seton No. 5381
33 Jim Campbell, Mt St Mary's College No. 1965

2014-2016

1 Terry Waters, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
2 Anthony A. Boehk, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
3 Mike Davenport, James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
4 Paul Messina, Resurrection No. 11341
5 Mickey Dillow, St. John Francis Regis, SJ No. 7914
6 Moises R. Mariano, Santo Nino No. 9462

7 James Chachulski, Dundalk No. 2942
 8 John Navarro, Pangborn No. 1365
 9 David R. Wilson, Calvert No. 7870
 10 David J. Knitowski, Patuxent No. 2203
 11 Thomas J. Kelly, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
 12 Phil Tabbita, Maurice J. McDonough No. 12128
 13 Michael Ragolio, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
 14 Joseph (Joe) Cole, Prince Georges No. 2809
 15 Thomas (Tom) Casey, St. Columcille No. 5317
 16 Richard (Dick) Belmonte, Bel Air No. 4714
 17 Deacon Hugh H. Mills, Jr., St. John Neumann No. 11618
 18 Kevin Kittka, Rock Creek No. 2797
 19 Michael Mooney, Father O'Neill No. 4011
 20 J. Frank Billard, Cumberland No. 586
 21 John Trainor, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
 22 Michael J. Carozza, Ocean City No. 9053
 23 Howard Johnson, St. John Neumann No. 11618
 24 Roger T. Donnelly, Archbishop Francis P. Keough No. 5263
 25 Rainer Dombrowsky, St. Joseph No. 11631
 26 Craig Clagett, John Jakob Raskob No. 14189
 27 Lee Eder, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
 28 Herbert Kraft, Jr., Baltimore Basilica No. 15768
 29 Tom Remounts, Our Lady Star of The Sea No. 9258
 30 Steve Goldhammer, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
 30 Michael Janus, St. Rose Of Lima No. 14297
 31 Michael Jacobs, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290
 32 Romeo C. Paternoster, Sacred Heart No. 2577
 33 Michael Danowski, Mt St Mary's College No. 1965
 34 Thom Partenope, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
 35 Richard N. Boehm, Jr., Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941

2016-2018

1 Curtis Phillips, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
 2 Emeka G Onwezi, James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
 3 James R. Higgins, Jr., Father Joseph J. Comyns No. 9638
 3 Paul Messina, Resurrection No. 11341
 4 Paul Zimmerman, Immaculate Conception No. 8159
 5 Romeo C. Paternoster, Sacred Heart No. 2577
 6 Anthony Durso, St. Paul No. 11105
 7 James Bocklage, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
 8 Walter Leskuski, Jr., St. Katharine Drexel No. 14011
 9 Stephen J. Bayliff, Jesus the Divine Word No. 14775
 10 Keith A. Hurst, Prince Georges No. 2809
 11 Charles J Hayes, St. Michael The Archangel No. 15084
 11 Andrew F. Michaels III, St. Maximilian Kolbe No. 16634
 12 Marc J. Locco, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293
 13 Mike Little, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
 14 Steven M. Matera, St. Hugh No. 10885
 15 J. Stephen Jacobs, St. Pius X No. 4076
 16 David Meneghini, Corpus Christi No. 6188
 17 Scott Luco, Patapsco No. 1960

18 Joe Stewart, St. Elizabeth No. 12796
19 James Klein, Notre Dame No. 2901
20 William "Bill" Blake, Cumberland No. 586
21 William P. Adams, Westminster No. 1393
22 Bill Hammond, St. Francis De Sales No. 3489
23 Nicholas Clemens, Columbia No. 7559
24 James Duryee, Holy Trinity No. 3413
25 Richard Castillo, St. Joseph - Taneytown No. 11631
25 Patrick A. Joy, Brute No. 1860
26 Larry Houck, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
27 Michael S. Georgulas, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
28 Ronald A. Koelbel, Baltimore Basilica No. 15768
29 William A. Waldron, Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 9968
30 Steve Goldhammer, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
30 Joseph F. Krempasky, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
31 Michael Jacobs, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290
31 Dan Ward, Father Rosensteel No. 2169
32 Rick Callender, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
33 Patrick J. O'Neill, Mt St Marys College No. 1965
34 Ronald G. Hassan, St. Bernadette No. 11214
35 Richard N. Boehm, Jr., St. Clement 1 No. 16304

2018-2020

1 George T. Riddle, Sacred Heart No. 2577
2 James R. Higgins, Jr., Father Joseph J. Comyns No. 9638
3 Robert E. Bowles, Sr., St. Francis Xavier, Missionary No. 10957
4 Michael P. Akpan, James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
5 Lawrence T. Horlamus, Father Burggraff No. 6021
5 Curtis Phillips, Cardinal Gibbons No. 2521
6 Mike P. Donnelan, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
7 Gary V. Heil, Our Lady of Mount Carmel No. 2452
7 August (Buzzy) Stockman, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
8 Walter Leskuski, Jr., St. Katharine Drexel No. 14011
9 Stephen C. Coker, Jesus, The Good Shepherd No. 14572
10 Christopher Coker, Msgr. John R. Pennington No. 9808
11 Andrew F. Michaels III, St. Maximilian Kolbe No. 16634
12 Steve L. Law, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293
13 John T. Strawbridge, Jr., Father Michael J. McGivney No. 7025
14 Willians A. Castillo, Annapolis No. 1384
15 Jeffrey T. Koscho, St. John The Evangelist No. 11171
16 Stephen F. Conley, Bel Air No. 4714
17 Scott Luco, Patapsco No. 1960
17 Mark E. Mangus, Sr., St. Louis The King No. 11898
18 William Newbrough, St. Joseph Manyanet No. 5567
19 Gregory J. (Greg) Lynch, St. Patrick No. 370
20 Bob Sweitzer, Frostburg No. 1442
21 Charles S. Kohler, St. Bartholomew No. 9127
22 Charles P. Doherty, St. Francis De Sales No. 3489
22 George M. Nichols, St. Francis De Sales No. 3489
23 Timothy Lynch, Columbia No. 7559
24 Jeffrey S. Wilk, South County No. 8251

25 Richard Castillo, St. Joseph Taneytown No. 11631
26 Bernard Liswell, St. Joan Of Arc No. 12054
27 Scott Friedman, Mason Dixon No. 10100
27 John (Mike) Novak, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
28 John C. Holley, Baltimore Basilica No. 15768
29 James M. Huse, Our Lady Star of The Sea No. 9258
30 Joseph F. Krempasky, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
31 Dirk Griffin, Father Robert V Zilla No. 1965
32 Rick Callendar, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
32 William Keenan, Bishop Sebastian No. 5058
33 Patrick J. O'Neill, Mt St Marys College No. 1965
34 Kevin Igoe, Deacon John Lynn No. 11619
35 Brian E. Trott, St. Mary Of the Assumption No. 9302

2020-2022

1 Richard Opatick, St. Louis The King No. 11898
2 Robert E. Bowles, St. Francis Xavier the Missionary No. 10957
2 Charles E. Widmayer, Sr., St. John Francis Regis, SJ No. 7914
3 Terry M. Reinhart, Father Michael C. Kidd No. 14455
4 Jose F. Rivera, Prince Georges No. 2809
5 Gregory E. McClain, Holy Trinity No. 3413
6 Michael E. Lynch, St. Rose Of Lima No. 14297
7 August (Buzzy) Stockman, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
8 Brian M. Kurtyka, Our Lady of The Valley No. 11703
9 John E. Weaver, Jr., Our Lady Seat of Wisdom No. 11259
10 Michael T. Webster, Patuxent No. 2203
11 Russell R. Sutton Jr., Father Rosensteel No. 2169
12 James M. Hojnowski, Archbishop Neale No. 2279
12 Larry Perkins, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293
13 Calvin Anthony, Father Burggraff No. 6021
13 Lawrence J. Horlamus, Father Burggraff No. 6021
14 Willians A. Castillo-Vallenas, San Oscar Arnulfo Romero No. 17192
15 Lewis Smith, Most Holy Rosary No. 11511
16 Michael C. Landolt, Havre De Grace No. 2002
17 Mark E. Mangus, St. Louis The King No. 11898
17 William (Joe) Tavary, St. Louis The King No. 11898
18 David C. Czarnecki, Monsignor Thomas M. Wells No. 13008
19 Gregory J. (Greg) Lynch, St. Patrick No. 370
20 John R. Hershberger, Cumberland No. 586
21 J. David Love, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen No. 7612
22 Charles P. Doherty, St. Francis De Sales No. 3489
23 Alan Pultyniewicz, Columbia No. 7559
24 James F. Ryan Jr., Annapolis No. 1384
25 Richard J. (Rick) Casazza, St. John's No. 1622
26 Barry R. Donadio, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
26 Larry Houck, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
27 John (Mike) Novak, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
28 Jim Goldbeck, Baltimore Basilica No. 15768
29 Richard (Dave) Spigler, Our Lady Star of The Sea No. 9258
30 Kevin J. Kennedy, Father Peter Paul Maher No. 6793
31 Arthur J. MacLarty, St. Peter The Apostle No. 13290

32 Peter D. Hammerer, Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore No. 205
33 Thomas M. Wong, Rock Creek No. 2797
34 Andrew F. Michaels III, St. Maximilian Kolbe No. 16634

2022-2024

1 Mickey Dillow, St. John Francis Regis, SJ No. 7914
2 Michael J. Turner, Father Michael C. Kidd No. 14455
3 Harold F. Sanders, Jr., James C. Fletcher, Jr. No. 11422
4 Richard Przybylski, Monsignor Raymond P. Kelly No. 10966
5 Christopher McGrath, Westminster No. 1393
6 Herman Stewart, Jr., St. Louis The King No. 11898
6 Billy Swann, Father Joseph J. Comyns No. 9638
7 August (Buzzy) Stockman, Knights of Fatima No. 10137
8 John Navarro, Pangborn No. 1365
9 Thomas Tereshinski, Jesus, The Good Shepherd No. 14572
10 Jimmy Williams, Patuxent No. 2203
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12 Larry Perkins, Dr John Henry Griffin No. 2293
13 Calvin Anthony, Father Burggraff No. 6021
14 Willians A. Castillo-Vallenás, San Oscar Arnulfo Romero No. 17192
14 Armando Fernandez, Father Michael J. McGivney No. 7025
15 Michael E. Maxey, St. Columcille No. 5317
16 Brian K. Ulmen, Bishop Becker No. 2427
17 John Journell, Patapsco No. 1960
18 Michael Watson, Mater Dei No. 9774
19 Gregory J. Lynch, St. Patrick No. 370
20 Frank Bishop, Cumberland No. 586
21 Gary Guy, Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 12127
22 Joe Gangi, Ocean City No. 9053
23 Frank Attard, Columbia No. 7559
24 Jeffrey Maynard, Holy Trinity No. 3413
25 Thomas W. Plunkett, St. John's No. 1622
26 Larry Houck, Father Joseph G. McManus No. 7941
27 Greg Ward, Father Maurice J. Wolfe No. 11372
28 Jonathan B. Boyle, Baltimore Basilica No. 15768
28 John E. Gallup, Jr., Father A. Leo Abendschoen No. 11615
29 William A. Waldron, Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 9968
30 Edward J. Day, Montgomery No. 2323
31 Jose Rector, Charles Carroll No. 15985
32 Peter D. Hammerer, Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore No. 205
32 Edwin Lacanienta, Santo Nino No. 9462
33 Matthew J. Hollister, Sedes Sapientiae No. 13295
33 Nicholas A. Wagman, Sedes Sapientiae No. 13295
34 Andrew F. Michaels III, St. Maximilian Kolbe No. 16634

COUNCILS INSTITUTED

COUNCIL NAME	COUNCIL NUMBER	INSTITUTED
St. Francis Of Assisi	12524	5/24/1999
Father George Villiger	12612	1/3/2000
St. Elizabeth	12796	1/3/2000
Monsignor Thomas M. Wells	13008	9/30/2001
Father Sebastien De Rose	13091	12/4/2001
Our Lady of The Angels	13069	1/3/2002
St. Elizabeth Of Hungary	13073	1/9/2002
St. Alphonsus Rodriguez	13294	12/6/2002
St. Peter The Apostle	13290	3/6/2003
Sedes Sapientiae	13295	3/12/2003
San Juan Diego	13463	3/6/2004
Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange	13573	5/12/2004
Pope John Paul the Great	13859	6/14/2005
Our Lady Of La Vang	13982	2/19/2006
St. Katharine Drexel	14011	3/18/2006
Resurrection Of Our Lord	14099	6/26/2006
Sts. Philip And James	14102	6/27/2006
John Jakob Raskob	14189	11/30/2006
St. Rose Of Lima	14297	5/19/2007
Father Eugene Patrick O'Grady	14451	12/6/2007
Father Michael C. Kidd	14455	2/4/2008
St. Vincent Pallotti	14535	4/6/2008
Commodore John Barry	14534	4/20/2008
Jesus, The Good Shepherd	14572	6/19/2008
St. Philip Neri	14612	7/28/2008
San Juan Bosco	14726	4/1/2009
Jesus The Divine Word	14775	6/13/2009
Loyola University Maryland	15000	4/11/2010
San Luis Batiz Sainz	15003	4/11/2010
St. Michael The Archangel	15084	5/11/2010
Sts. Peter And Patrick	15297	6/5/2011
Baltimore Basilica	15768	7/18/2013
Charles Carroll	15985	6/14/2014
Our Lady of Victory	16104	12/4/2014
St. Clement 1	16304	9/21/2015
St. John Fisher	16499	6/1/2016
San Juan Nuemann De Baltimore	16611	12/18/2016
St. Maximilian Kolbe	16634	2/5/2017
Our Lady of The Wayside	16986	4/3/2018
San Oscar Arnulfo Romero	17192	1/20/2019
San Bernadino De Siena	17545	7/18/2020
Blessed Michael McGivney	17759	6/29/2021
William E. Baldwin, Sr.	17990	3/22/2022
Sainte Terre D'accueil	18156	2/20/2023
San Jose Custodio De Columbia	18170	3/19/2023

COUNCILS DISSOLVED

NUMBER	NAME	DATE
13982	Our Lady of LaVang	2/5/2023
5297	Saints Peter and Paul	2/5/2023

COUNCILS MERGED

NUMBER	COUNCIL MERGED	DATE
685	Piedmont Merged with Cumberland, No. 586	1/30/2016
105	Mt. Savage Merged with Cumberland, No. 586	3/3/2020
537	Monsignor Ripple Merged with St. Philip Neri, No. 14612	11/8/2017
545	Pope John XXIII Merged with Cumberland, No. 586	3/3/202
1163	St. Joseph-Taneytown Merged with Westminster, No. 1393	3/5/202
1171	Archb. John Carroll-Merged with Our Lady of the Valley, No. 11703	4/3/2022
1204	Our Lady of Hope Merged with Bethlehem, No. 2605	11/8/201
1261	Father George Villiger Merged with Father Joseph G. McManus, No. 7941	11/8/201
1279	St. Elizabeth Merged with Mater Dei, No. 9774	2/8/2023
1472	San Juan Bosco Merged with St. John's, No. 1622	3/1/2023

MEMBERSHIP

YEAR	TOTAL	INS	ASSOC
1999	24550	9962	12193
2000	24668	10065	12266
2001	24517	10061	12070
2002	24612	10183	12150
2003	24961	10425	12339
2004	25430	10808	12518
2005	25767	11016	12746
2006	25796	11022	12749
2007	26130	11176	12952
2008	26426	11266	13188
2009	26775	11428	13407
2010	27021	11527	13589
2011	27050	11594	13506
2012	27122	11693	13535
2013	26906	11503	13432
2014	27043	11453	13621
2015	27412	11617	13968
2016	27556	11458	14236

2017	27430	11364	14230
2018	27484	11241	14422
2019	27176	10942	14377
2020	26700	10602	14227
2021	26366	10295	14254
2022	26377	10027	14591
2023	26601	9792	15134

THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

The Chapter's purpose was and still remains to further the interests of all of its member councils and to work for the common good of the Order.

The Presidents from 2000 to the present were:

PRESIDENT, YEAR [Council]

Patrick S. Ruckle, 2000-2001 [1976] **
 Carl P. Roberts, 2001-2002 [2942] **
 T. Gregory Crist, 2002-2003 [5466]
 William "Jerry" Davis, 2003-2004 [5058] **
 Steven M. Cohen, 2004-2005 [2521]
 Raymond L. Lowman, 2005-2006 [4449] **
 E. Paul Jones Sr., 2006-2007 [13573]
 Jere Danaher, 2007-2008 [370]
 Michael J. Sallese, 2008-2009 [8736]
 John Price, 2009-2010 [7025] **
 Samuel P. Orlando, 2010- 2011 [2521] **
 Vince Grauso, 2011-2012 [11898]

Gary Gray, 2012-2013 [205]
 Gregory McClain 2013-2014 [3413]
 Michael J. Sallese, 2014-2015 [8736]
 Michael Forehand, 2015-2016 [2452]
 Joseph Herman, 2016-2017 [2942]
 Gregory Lynch, 2017-2018 [370]
 Thomas Stevenson, 2018-2019 [5058]
 James Gouldin, 2019-2020[16104] **
 Paul Messina, 2020-2021 [11341]
 James Bocklage, 2021-2022 [10137]
 James Duryee, 2022-2023[3413]
 August "Buzzy" Stockman, 2023-2024 [10137]

Past Chapter Chaplains (2000-Present)

Fr. Richard P. Wojciechowski, 1983-2005**
 Fr. Donald Grzymski, 2005-2008
 Fr. Jason Worley, 2008-2013
 Fr. Ugochukwu Jerome Cletus, 2013-2014
 Fr. Donald Grzymski, 2014-2016
 **Deceased

Fr. Austin Murphy, 2016-2017
 Fr. Kevin Mueller, 2017-2018
 Fr. Francis Ouma, 2018-2019
 Fr. Jason Worley, 2019-2023
 Fr. Donald Grzymski, 2023-2024

The Chapter continues to conduct its annual collection for the children at St. Vincent's Child Care Center, Camp Glow and the Gallagher Center. The Memorial Mass, adult Christmas Party and Honored

Guests' Night have all been successful. We now raise funds for the Coats for Kids Campaign, Center for Pregnancy Concerns and Special Olympics programs in our area.

In 2000, the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of Grand Knight was instituted to cover Western Maryland. The Baltimore Chapter went from 61 to 53 councils.

During President Greg Lynch's year in 2017-18, the chapters' honoree balls were combined into one grand event called the Tri-Chapter Honoree Dinner. Each year, on a rotational basis, one of the chapters would hold the dinner for all three chapters for their honorees. The Baltimore Chapter held the ball for 2018. The event for 2021 was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

New in 2022, Cross Catholic Outreach "Feed the Hungry", a program where we pack 40,000 meals of nutritious food to distribute to hungry and malnourished children and families both locally and overseas.

The Chapter provides for its 53 member councils the opportunity to meet with the State Officers, State Directors and State Chairmen each month and to keep abreast of the many events taking place in the Maryland Jurisdiction.

The total good that the Chapter has accomplished in the past 20 years could never be recorded in the limited space. It provides the membership numerous opportunities for growth, achievement and gratification. The greater story remains indelibly marked on the minds and hearts of all of those thousands of orphans, abused children and God's special children who have been the beneficiaries of the Chapter's charity.

BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

During the July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2024 25-year period the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights [The Chapter] has continued to grow and prosper.

The Chapter provided a focal point and forum for communication between the State and Council Officers with its monthly meeting that provided Councils with tips on how to achieve their goals by inviting speakers with the skills necessary to 1) attract and retain member Knights so the Councils are able to fulfill their goals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and 2) perform their required administrative functions accurately and efficiently.

From July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2024 the following Councils were instituted:

2001-2002 Msgr. Thomas M. Wells #13008; Fr. Sebastien De Rose #13091
2002-2003 Sedes Sapientia [Seat of Wisdom] #13295
2003-2004 San Juan Diego #13463
2005-2006 Resurrection of Our Lord #14099
2006-2007 St Rose Lima #14297
2007-2008 Fr. Michael C. Kidd #14455; Jesus, The Good Sheperd #14572

2008-2009 Jesus the Divine Word #14775
2009-2010 St. Michael the Archangel #15084
2016-2017 St. Maximilian Kolbe #16634
2018-2019 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero #17192
2022-2023 Sainte Terre D'Accueil [Land of Welcome] #18156

With the addition of Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council, the Chapter has 59 Councils, 14 Districts and 9,124 member Knights.

The Chapter has the largest geographic area of the three Maryland Chapters; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baltimore, and Bishop McNamara. The Chapter's territory runs from the Mason Dixon line in the north to the southernmost points of St Mary's County and from the mountains in Brunswick to the shores of Calvert County. The Chapter rotated its meeting in this large area with the intent to have at least one meeting each fraternal year reasonably close to every Council.

During the institution of a new Council the Chapter provides the Council with a statute of the Blessed Mother as a reminder they have joined a great Catholic organization.

On January 4, 2018, the Chapter established the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights Charity Incorporation, a 501(c) (3) organization to encourage greater participation in its charitable efforts.

The Chapter continued its annual traditions of 1) a crab and shrimp dinner for all chapter members and families [Calvert Council #7870], 2) an Annual Christmas Party [Fr. Michael C Kidd Council #14455], 3) a U.S. Naval Academy home football game and tailgate party 4) a Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game and tailgate party in Waldorf, 5) a Silent Auction to raise funds to support its charitable works, 6) supporting the Polar Plunge to raise funds for the Special Olympics, and 7) together with the Seton and Baltimore Chapters, sponsor a food packing event at Sacred Heart's Boswell Hall to support Catholic Charities [in the 2023/2024 fraternal year food packets were prepared that could feed 50,000]

In the 2018/2019 fraternal year the Maryland State Council was the host for the 136th Supreme Convention in Baltimore MD. The Chapter provided significant assistance with the myriad of supporting functions necessary for such an event including providing transportation to and from the airport for attendees from around the country and the globe.

On September 15, 2015, the Chapter assisted the State Council and the Fourth Degree in welcoming Pope Francis at a ceremony at Nationals Park in Washington D. C.

Increasing attendance at its monthly meetings has been a constant goal throughout this 25-year period. Just as it is the goal of each Council attract and retain new member Knights, the Chapter is constantly looking for the right formula to encourage Grand Knights, and District Deputies to attend its monthly meetings which provide a training ground for them and their Deputy Grand Knights to help them lead their Councils. To that end the three 2023/2024 Chapter Presidents, Larry Smith [St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton], Terry Reinhart [Bishop McNamara] and August "Buzzy" Stockman [Baltimore] caucused frequently to discuss methods to increase Grand Knight and District Deputy attendance.

In addition to providing for those less fortunate, the Chapter supported drives to provide a) sonogram machines to pregnancy centers, b) food for those less fortunate, c) wheelchairs for those with mobility challenges and d) supplies and financial aid to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

During the 2011/2012 fraternal year the Chapter, with assistance of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter, provided a record 62 wheelchairs to the Washington VA Medical Center and the Charlotte Hall Medical Center.

As of June 30, 2024, the Chapter completed 60 years of service to the Maryland State Council and its member Councils.

With God's Grace and the continued dedication of its great Catholic men, the Chapter will continue to grow and prosper so it is able to help those less fortunate in every way possible.

COUNCILS

CARDINAL SHEHAN OF BALTIMORE, NO. 205

Instituted: 2/21/1897, Membership 103

ST. PATRICK, NO. 370

Instituted: 1/29/1899, Membership 96

Council #370 was the fourth Council instituted in Maryland which enabled the State Council to be formed.

Over the past 25 years.

Council was known for running the Orphan's Christmas Party.

Council was known for its award winning 2nd Degree team.

CUMBERLAND, NO. 586

Instituted: 7/14/1901, Membership 396

PANGBORN, NO.1365

Instituted: 11/29/1908, Membership 253

ANNAPOLIS, NO.1384

Instituted: 3/21/1909, Membership 354

WESTMINSTER, NO.1393

Instituted: 4/24/1909, Membership 290

FROSTBURG, NO.1442

Instituted: 10/10/1909, Membership 149

ST. MARY'S, NO.1470
Instituted: 4/24/1910, Membership 154

- On Saturday, September 16, 2000, 1470 celebrated the 90th anniversary celebration of the institution of our Council in 1910. The celebratory dinner was held at the Avenair Community Center in Leonardtown, Maryland. Jim McEvoy was Grand Knight, Tom Cavanaugh, Deputy Grand Knight. The event was supported by the following “Knight owned” businesses: Abell’s Catering; Beverages compliments of Guy’s Distributing; Floral arrangements by David’s Flowers.
- On Saturday, October 4, 2003, 1470 celebrated a dinner in recognition of our Council’s Past Grand Knights. The event was held at Saint Francis Xavier Church Hall, Compton,
- On Saturday, October 10, 2010, 1470 held a dinner in recognition of our 100th anniversary as a Knights of Columbus Council. Our Council was formally established on April 24, 1910. The initial fraternal meeting began at 9:30 AM and was completed at 2 PM after a luncheon. The first meeting of our Council was held at 3:30 PM and the Worthy State Deputy presided and the officers were elected and installed.
- In 2018 a new roof was installed on our Council’s Knights Hall.
- 1470 has conducted a weekly community Bingo game at the Father Andrew White gymnasium in Leonardtown for the past 25 years. Bingo generates the funds that allows our council the ability to support local and international charitable Catholic endeavors.
- In 2021, 1470 began an initiative to support the American Red Cross by holding Blood Drives in our Knights Hall every quarter. In January 2024 we will conduct our ninth Drive. We have collected 256 units of blood during this period, earning us the designation of a “Premier Blood Drive Site.” We have experienced 244 local donors, 12% of them first time donors. These blood drives were advertised and supported by all our Council’s local parishes.
- July 1st, 2022, Christopher Powers, a Past Grand Knight of Council 1470, was elected as Knights Of Columbus, Maryland, Worthy State Deputy.
- 1470 supports St Aloysius Church’s twice daily Eucharistic Adoration as Guardians seven days a week
- 1470 is a principal sponsor for the re-instituted Christmas day dinner in St Aloysius Church Parish Hall in 2023
- Every year since 2000 we continue to support the Saint Mary’s County Veterans Day parade in Leonardtown, Maryland

- Every year since 2020 we continue to support Southern Maryland Roots youth pilgrimage to Saint Clements Island, Maryland. We do so as volunteers and by providing and praying the Living Rosary
- 1470 has been the Leader in District 5 in supporting the Cross Catholic Charities “Boxes of Joy” program. 1470 finished second in the state of Maryland in 2022 for the number of boxes provided and collected 469 Boxes in 2023
- We have been financially, physically and spiritually supporting the CareNet Pregnancy Support Center in Lexington Park, Maryland since they opened in Maryland in 1991
- We have supported and volunteered at the annual Leonardtown, Maryland Beach Party on the Square since its inception in 2001
- Our Council maintained its spiritual and fraternal momentum during Covid in 2020/2021 by conducting our meetings via ZOOM
- We support and attend an annual Marilyn “blue crabs” baseball game every year since 2000

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ST. JOHN'S, NO.1622

Instituted: 4/28/1912, Membership 201

St. John's was known as the mother of Councils in the early 1900s because many Western Maryland councils grew from its influence within Frederick County. That moniker could be used through the early 2000s as well from the new councils that were organized from Knights of Council 1622 expanding the order's influence into new parishes.

In 2005, St. John's Regional Catholic (elementary) School relocated from the building adjacent to St. John's church downtown to a new property on the north side of Frederick, shared with St. Katharine Drexel Parish. With the now vacant school building adjacent to the church, Council 1622, still called Bishop McNamara Council at the time, was invited along with other ministries to move into the newly renamed St. John's Community Center. This building would later be renamed again as the Sister Margaret Bauer Evangelization Center and the council moved into room 10 and has maintained this room as its council chamber since January of 2006.

Shortly after Council 1622 moved to the parish buildings downtown, St. John's Literary Institute formerly the home of the council, announced plans to relocate to Buckeystown, where it became St. John's Catholic Prep. With both the Literacy Institute and the council relocated, Knights who were parishioners at St. Katharine's parish formed a new council, St. Katharine Drexel Council #14011, which was chartered in March 2006.

St. John's Parish has been the home of a vibrant Hispanic community for many years. In 2009 a group of Spanish-speaking men, members of then McNamara Council, petitioned for and saw the establishment of San Juan Bosco Council #14726 on April 1, 2009. Under the guidance of their charter pastor Rev. Rafael A. Murillo and first Grand Knight Wilson Ariza, this council gathered Hispanic men from the larger Frederick area and served the Hispanic community at St. John's.

In 2012, Council 1622 celebrated its Centennial Anniversary. In preparation for this monumental celebration and considering the council was now located at St. John the Evangelist Church, then Grand Knight Rick Casazza with the help of State Deputy Peter Davio, appealed to Supreme, and reinstated the charter name for Council 1622, St. John's Council, which it maintains to this day.

As the population in Frederick grew, more Knights of St. John's council began attending mass at St. Joseph on Carrollton Mannor, between Frederick and Adamstown. A group of St. John's Knights, led by Council 1622 Past Grand Knight José Rector, established Charles Carroll Council #15985 on June 14, 2014 with José as the charter Grand Knight. In May 2019, St. John's Parish and St. Joseph's Parish were combined under a single Pastorate. St. John's Knights regularly attend mass at St. Joseph's and vice versa, and Council #1622 has kept a close relationship with Council #15985. We maintain two distinct councils to serve our respective parishes but continue to work closely with one another.

In 2021, after 13 years of dedicated service by San Juan Bosco Council to the parish, members of San Juan Bosco Council #14726 and St. John's Council #1622 expressed interest in merging into a single council to better support the entire parish family. On February 24, 2022, San Juan Bosco was assumed back into St. John's Council which now benefits from the combined faith in action efforts of both the English speaking and Spanish speaking Knights of St. John's Parish.

Today St. John's Council 1622 is as busy as ever, maintaining near weekly faith in action activities. The Knights of St. John's support 40 Days for Life, fund raisers for Care Net of Frederick, L'Arche Frederick, The Arc of Frederick County, and recognize mothers and fathers every year. We host men's faith formations, prayer services, memorial services, and this past year helped organize a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. We support the SHARE Food CoOp, collect for Little Sisters of the Poor, host monthly donut socials, recognize outstanding parish families, provide parish sacramental gifts, and raise funds for coats for kids. We can be found doing yardwork, repair work, and seasonal decorating around the parish and rectory. And of course, we host the best Lenten Fish Fry in the county.

OAKLAND, NO.1771

Instituted: 12/17/1914, Membership 48

BRUTE, NO.1860

Instituted: 12/17/1916, Membership 143

Bruté Council # 1860 was instituted on December 17, 1916. The ceremony was presided over by District Deputy Harry F. Burkhart, of St. John's Council # 1622 in Frederick. Records indicate that District Deputy Burkhart was assisted by his District Warden, J. L. Hauff.

This institution ceremony was held in St. Euphemia's Hall, which was the local parochial school. Present for that first official meeting of Bruté Council, were the charter members and their selected officers. The Charter Officers were listed as follows:

Grand Knight - E. G. Theroux

Deputy Grand Knight - Louis H. Calahan Chancellor - Joseph L. Myers

Warden - Robert Ryder

Financial Secretary - J. Albert Saffer

Treasurer - J. Ward Kerrigan

Recorder - John E. Smith

Advocate - E. P. Myers

Trustee 3 year - Rev. J. O. Hayden (then pastor of St. Joseph's parish)

Trustee 2 year - C. F. Rotering

Trustee 1 year - D. H. Guise

Inside Guard - C. E. Dukehart

Outside Guard - Guy J. Topper

The minutes of that first meeting also reflect that Harry S. Boyle was selected as Delegate to the State Convention with C. C. Rotering and F. Harry Gross serving as Alternates. Father Hayden was appointed Chaplain. The Charter members of the council chose the name Bruté (pronounced "Brootay") in honor and memory of Bishop Simon Gabriel Bruté, one of the early Pastors of St. Joseph Parish in Emmitsburg. Bishop Bruté was also a close friend and assistant of Bishop John DuBois. Bishop (then Father) Bruté assisted Bishop (then Father) Dubois in the founding, of Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary in Emmitsburg. During his time as Pastor of St. Joseph's, Father Bruté was a close friend and confessor for Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, who under the direction of Bishop Carroll founded the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg, and the first Catholic School in the United States. Mother Seton was later to be canonized the first American Saint. Father Bruté went on to become the first Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana.

The Council held its second meeting on January 14, 1917, at the Emerald's Hall where they continued to rent space for this purpose until 1920. The building still stands today as an apartment building owned by John J. Hollinger. Until 1920, meetings were held on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M., and on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M.

In keeping with the fourth principle on which the Order was founded, Patriotism, many members of Bruté Council saw action in World War 1. One such member, Francis X. Elder, paid the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country during this war. Francis X. Elder Post # 121 of the American Legion in Emmitsburg is named in his honor. In June of 1919, the Council hosted a banquet in honor of its members and other men from Emmitsburg who had been recently discharge from the Armed Forces.

This banquet was a tremendous success due in large part to the coordination of Fathers Hayden and Maloney. An interesting item from the minutes of the meeting dated November 18, 1919 refers to the disposition of a rare book collection. At this meeting, it was made known to the Council that Reverend Higbee of Emmitsburg, owned a set of books written in French, which was identical to a set destroyed by the Runs in the University of Louvaine, Belgium. The set consisted of fifteen volumes about the early history of the Church and five volumes of the Hymnology of the Church. The first set of these books was printed in 1760. Rev. Higbee stated that he would give these books to Cardinal Mercier, but only through this council. Each of these volumes contained the autograph of the author. Unfortunately, there is no further reference to this matter, and it is not known whether this donation was ever made.

The Council bought the former Spalding Hotel, located on the Square in Emmitsburg in 1920. The Home Corporation known as Bruco, Inc. was established for the proprietary care of the Council Home. The building has been renovated several times over the years, as circumstances dictated. The first floor was for business occupation. The second floor contains a kitchen, bar/social room, and recreation room for the enjoyment of council members. There is a large Council Chamber on the third floor. The social room was a gathering place for many members of the town. Frequently, when town meetings ended across the street, the town commissioners would gather in the Knight home for a libation and to continue discussion of town business. The building was sold in the early 2000s and a smaller property along Main Street was purchased.

Besides service to the Church, the Council has been active in the community. Since the 1950s, the council has been in charge of the annual Emmitsburg Easter egg hunt among many other events. Currently, the council is vital in the planning and running of the yearly Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day held the last Saturday in June and sponsored by the local Lions club.

Like all other councils, ours has had a regular "Litany" of names of men who have served as Council Officers, however space does not allow us to list them all. World War II Navy Veteran, Richard

Weedon, was admitted to the Council in 1960. He was the first African American member of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Maryland. It is also interesting to note that the Family nature of the Order is alive in our Council. Among the names in the list of Charter Members, e.g., Myers, Topper, Boyle, one would still find these names among the ranks of Knights in Bruté Council's Roster, to this day. Many are sons, grandsons, and relatives of these first Bruté members. Several members have served over the years as District Officers, Supreme Convention Delegates, and State Offices.

From its humble beginnings in 1916, the Bruté Council Knights of Columbus has worked hard, along with other local groups to look out for the welfare of the local community through its active and distinctly Catholic presence in Emmitsburg and surrounding areas, through intense programs of charity and outreach. In its 107-year history, Bruté Council has hosted many programs and activities which have enriched the life of the Church, the Family, and the Community. We look forward to what the years ahead will bring

PATAPSCO, NO.1960

Instituted: 6/20/1919, Membership 273

MT ST MARYS COLLEGE, NO.1965

Instituted: 6/1/1919, Membership 80

HAVRE DE GRACE, NO.2002

Instituted: 6/29/1919, Membership 157

Havre de Grace Council 2002 of the Knights of Columbus officially came into being on Sunday, June 29, 1919. The first regular meeting and installation of officers took place on the evening of July 24, 1919.

These two events that mark the birth of the Council's history were the culmination of activities and accomplishments that were started in the fall of 1918 by one of Maryland's most beloved and prominent Knights, Brother William S. Aumen, at that time District Deputy of District 4 and one of Maryland's distinguished Past State Deputies.

As men returned to home from their World War I service overseas, they showered much grateful praise on the Knights of Columbus for their activities in World War I to improve the wellbeing and morale of the soldiers. There was also ample evidence of the part that members of this order from Harford County and neighboring Cecil County played in war work at our very door in Harford County; i.e., Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Chemical Warfare Plant at Edgewood, Maryland.

When the men of Saint Patrick Church, the local parish in Havre de Grace, were invited to meet Brother Aumen and his associate Knights one evening in the fall of 1918 in Havre de Grace, the movement was met with prompt response.

At this time in 1918, the Harford Council #1933 existed. It was located at the county seat, Bel Air, Maryland. But due to the distance from Havre de Grace and for other reasons, it was found that a majority of eligible men of St. Patrick Church preferred to decline becoming members until a council could be established at Havre de Grace.

There were many obstacles and disappointments encountered in attempting to establish a local council. However, these deterring elements were successfully overcome in the period between that first meeting in the fall of 1918 and June 29, 1919. The little band of Knights gradually increased and did much to promote goodwill and fellowship; carefully outlining their proposed mission and the part they hoped to

play in the fulfilment of religious and civic enterprises. The orderly evolution of Council 2002 was in large measure due to the diligent self-sacrificing direction of Brothers Aumen and Dr. Frank J. Powers.

The council chose for its name that of the city wherein it was conceived, bearing in mind, that the great Catholic and patriot, Marquis de Lafayette, was credited with having originally named the city. It was said that when he visited the settlement during the Revolutionary War, its location at the mouth of the Susquehanna River and at the head of the Chesapeake Bay appeared so similar to the harbor of Le Havre in France that he named it Havre de Notre Dame de Grace; i.e. Haven of Our lady of Grace. This was later fore-shortened to Havre de Grace meaning Haven of Grace.

In 1920, a delegation from Council 2002 visited the Elkton, Maryland parish on invitation of the pastor, Rev. Father Arnd. Talks were given by Grand Knight Fahey, Deputy Grand Knight Gerber and others, in the interest of establishing a council at Elkton, as several members of the Elkton parish were then members of the Havre de Grace Council. But due to the distance these members were called upon to travel in attending meetings in Havre de Grace, it was considered an unnecessary hardship. In March 1923, the installation of Bishop Becker Council #2427 at Elkton was realized. The establishment of this new council was looked upon with much favor even though it resulted in the transfer and loss of twelve Brother Members of Havre de Grace 2002.

Soon after the Council's establishment, Havre de Grace was selected as the city in which to hold the Knights of Columbus State Convention. This event was held May 1924 at the Bayou Hotel.

Bishop Becker Council #2427 prospered and flourished for many years. However, in June 1933 due to the economic upheavals and disturbed state-of-affairs of our nation, it was deemed practicable and advisable in an economic sense that the Elkton and Havre de Grace Councils be consolidated. This resulted in an increase of forty-four members for the Havre de Grace Council. This condition prevailed until January 3, 1943 when the charter of the Bishop Becker Council #2427 was restored.

The Havre de Grace Council supported many local civic and pastoral endeavors during times of war, economic depression and social upheaval, but also during times of peace, prosperity, jubilance and wellbeing.

Over the years, the Council was able to purchase a meeting home, but then later sold that property and began meeting at Saint Patrick Church. As the population in the area grew, other local Catholic churches recognized the valuable benefit of having an active Knights of Columbus Council active within their parish and community, so the churches of Saint Joan of Arc in Aberdeen, and Good Shepherd in Perryville (Cecil County) were added to the Havre de Grace Council's purview.

With the Good Shepherd parish including Saint Agnes Church in Rising Sun, Saint Patrick's Chapel in Pilottown (a 200 year old historical chapel near Conowingo), and Saint Teresa Church in Port Deposit, all located within the Wilmington Diocese in Delaware, the scope of the Havre de Grace Council extends to six churches and spans the Susquehanna River into two Dioceses.

Throughout the years, the Council meeting place moved from church to church. Today in 2024, the Council meets at Saint Joan of Arc in Aberdeen, and will hopefully soon be able to establish its permanent home there for its 162 members.

ST. MICHAEL'S, NO.2065

Instituted: 3/21/1920, Membership 103

St. Michael's Council would like to congratulate the state of Maryland on its 125th anniversary.

We continue to do what we have done for over 100 years, supporting our local churches (St. Michael's and St. Cecelia), our parish priests (Fr. Peter Giovanoni and Fr. John Patrick Tindana) and local catholic schools. With the help of our ladies auxiliary, the Belles, we host our famous monthly chicken dinners which help us raise money to support our charitable giving.

We support our Faith through charitable donations to our churches for improvement and maintenance, hosting the family Rosary every 5th Sunday and supporting our seminarians Richard Gayou and Peter Trossbach in their quest for priesthood with prayers and financial support.

We support Family by providing our hall for funeral repasts to the family members in their time of need. We have a memorial mass every November for our deceased members and their widows followed by a meal and fellowship at our hall.

We support the Community by hosting the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Lions Club, Boy/Girl Scouts, and Ladies of Charity for their senior citizens Christmas party with the use of our hall. We were also a drop off and collection point for the Box of Joy program for St. Mary's County. Our members provide elderly community members transportation to and from doctors' appointments and pick up medicine for shut ins.

We donate to Life through the Care Net Pregnancy Center by sponsoring a table every year and participating in their annual fundraising banquet.

We plan to continue to support our churches and community and will pray for the Maryland State Council with growth and prosperity for the next 125 years.

FATHER ROSENSTEEL, NO.2169

Instituted: 12/15/1920, Membership 826

Since its founding in 1920, Father Rosensteel Council has grown tremendously in membership, fraternity, Catholic faith in action, community service, religious and fraternal achievements, and in many other ways. Today, Father Rosensteel continues its strong outreach into the community and remains the largest Council in the State of Maryland.

Over the past 25 years Father Rosensteel Council has served as an exemplar for all aspects of service to the Church, community, and Knights of Columbus, with many Councils now implementing programs that began at our Council.

The Council, and its Maryknights ladies' auxiliary, are continuously recognized by Maryland State Council for ongoing and innovative programs and outreach. The list of awards and honors is unparalleled and too extensive to list, but many of its programs have been ranked as Best in State and one of its signature programs – the Father-Daughter dance now emulated by many Councils – was forwarded to Supreme Council for recognition. The Council continues to support needy families through its Food for Families programs. The annual Nuns Appreciation Night and dinner – a hallmark program of the Council attended by only nuns and other women in religious service – recently celebrated its 51st consecutive year of honoring and celebrating these educators and models of Catholic devotion and service.

Among its celebrated pro-life activities, Father Rosensteel Council hosts the annual Pro-Life Kickoff Rally, which draws more than 100 guests, including national and state pro-life speakers and officers of the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus. The Council routinely hosts students and groups from other states who come to participate in the National March for Life. Additionally, the

Council's annual Rosary for the Unborn draws considerable attention and has been implemented by other Councils throughout the State of Maryland.

Noted Faith activities include the weekly Friday Night Rosary, which began in 2014 and continues today in-person and broadcast on Facebook. The Rosary is held immediately prior to the Council's highly successful Friday Night Dinner.

The Council's celebrated community outreach programs include the Needy Food Basket program (held at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter), which now serves more than 100 families and individuals in local parishes and those aided by Gabriel Project Cluster for women with crisis pregnancies.

Among its many accomplishments over the past 25 years, the Council was honored in 2019 to host the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities fundraiser honoring then-Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. That year the Council served as the rallying point for the local pilgrimage to the Pope John Paul II shrine in Washington, D.C and still serves that role today. Additionally, the Council welcomed its first new members using the eMembership platform. Dozens of Knights have now joined our Council through this platform.

The SARS-coronavirus -2 (COVID 19) epidemic that began in Maryland in early 2020 created roadblocks for all councils but most notably restricted those councils in Montgomery County, where civic leaders instituted some of the harshest restrictions in the nation. At the height of these restrictions, the Council was allowed to have only 6 people at a time in time in its building. Despite COVID, Father Rosensteel Council continued to hold its many signature programs, although new approaches and vision needed to take place. The Council began to hold its meetings by Zoom. Programs that were traditionally held indoors were moved outside when possible or held in different ways. For example, the Nuns Appreciation Night celebration was held online and Council officers delivered meals to many nuns. The weekly and memorial rosaries were held outdoors and online. When local parishes were forced to cancel their Breakfast with Santa events, Council members quickly came together and prepared on-line ordering and pick-up service in our parking lot, with Santa outside to wave to the children and bring meals to cars. The Friday Night dinners continued, with the cooks bringing that night's meal to members and guests as they stood outside the building. Several programs had to be cancelled or postponed, including the memorial masses and at-church recruitment. The Council sponsored several recognition and appreciation events for our local responders, most notably delivering hundreds of meals to first responders and at a local hospital that garnered local news coverage and on-camera interviews with a video crew sponsored by the Supreme Council. A "living rosary," which had been planned to have been held outside with attendees serving as different beads on the Rosary, was held online with the college council at the University of Maryland.

In December 2020, the Council held a limited 100th Anniversary recognition, which included a Rosary at the gravesite of our founding chaplain that was attended by more than a dozen Past Grand Knights.

Programs and in-person recruitment drives fully returned after July 2021. Among its most notable successes since then was the Council receiving the Triple Star Membership and Contest of Champions awards this past fraternal year for successfully installing more than three times its membership quota that year and general excellence of programs.

While these are only a few examples of innovative programs and general excellence at Father Rosensteel Council over the past few years, we are proud that our tradition of living our faith, serving

our parishes and others, building our faith and families, and being joined by fraternity and patriotism continues today and serves as a role model for others in Maryland Knights of Columbus.

PATUXENT, NO.2203

Instituted: 11/28/1920, Membership 254

Over the past 25 years, Patuxent Council has diligently served St. Mary of the Mills and the Greater Laurel Area with a variety of religious, charitable, civic, educational, and family activities. In all its undertakings, it has faithfully adhered to the Knights of Columbus guiding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Within St. Mary's, the Council staffs the concessions stand at the annual Parish Christmas Bazaar, donating all profits to the parish. The Council provides sponsorship and volunteers, including TIPS-certified bartenders, for major parish events such as the 2018 Gala celebrating the 175th anniversary of St. Mary's Church and the 125th anniversary of St. Mary's School. Patuxent donates a significant portion of the proceeds from its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Lenten Fish Fries to the parish.

Patuxent met at St. Mildred's Hall, then in use as the St. Mary's parish hall, until 2009, when it vacated the building to make way for demolition and the construction of the Msgr. Robert Keesler Parish Center. The Council and its members look back fondly on the many events and programs conducted at St. Mildred's over the years, such as Christmas Parties, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinners, SHARE Food Distributions, and many more too numerous to list.

In 2012, Patuxent donated \$80,000 from its Building Fund to the construction of the Keesler Center, while many Brother Knights and families also made individual contributions. Some Brother Knights gave of their talents to support the project in ways such as electrical consulting and architectural and design work. The Keesler Center was dedicated in 2015. The Council has a permanent office in the building and meets in the Kutzera Room, named for Past Grand Knight and St. Mary's Facilities Manager Don Kutzera.

Patuxent's Knights have always been incredibly active in parish and community service. Under the "Surge...With Service" and the "Faith In Action" frameworks, the Council strives to run relevant, effective programs in the service of St. Mary's and its parishioners, as well as the community at large. In recognition of its programming successes, Patuxent routinely earns the coveted Columbian Award recognizing excellence in Council programming and has earned a reputation for conducting some of the best programs in the State of Maryland. Patuxent won the Star Council Award several times during this period, most recently in 2021-2022.

In the area of Faith Activities, the Council promotes religious vocations and annually contributes funds to at least two Seminarians to assist with expenses as they work toward the priesthood. More recently, the Council has extended financial support to several seminarians in Nigeria. For the 25 years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council hosted an annual vocations roundtable for the high school aged youth of the St. Mary's community. Since 2019, the Council has held a Men's Lenten Retreat. Patuxent participates in the Knights Icon Program and prays the Rosary frequently. Many Brother Knights serve as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, and in numerous other ministries at St. Mary of the Mills.

Recent years have brought a renewed focus on Family-oriented programming. The Council annually sponsors a Consecration to the Holy Family. Youth of the parish annually compete in the Keep Christ in

Christmas Poster Contest. The Council selects Families of the Month each month and a Family of the Year. Another significant Family program is Food for Families, through which Brother Knights pick up food items at local grocery stores three days per week for donation to local food pantries. The Food for Families Program annually provides on the order of 18,000 to 35,000 pounds of donated bakery goods to local food pantries. Brother Knights, wives, family members, and friends participate in various family-friendly fraternal and social activities such as sports outings, the Maryland State Council Columbus Day Gala, family trivia nights, and Christmas parties.

In the area of Community Activities, Patuxent continues its strong track record of community support. Many members and their families volunteer at FISH of Laurel/Elizabeth House and Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS). In collaboration with the Laurel Police Department, LARS, and local schools, the Council annually distributes Coats for Kids to children in need of a new, warm winter coat. Over the last several years, the Council has raised funds to purchase and distribute more than 150 coats annually and continues to grow the program in response to need. The Council collects and distributes wheelchairs to those in need and contributes funds for the purchase of new wheelchairs through the Global Wheelchair Mission. Parish youth compete annually in the Basketball Free Throw Championship. Each year, Patuxent presents awards to outstanding graduates of St. Mary's School and Laurel and Pallotti High Schools. The Council annually honors community leaders through the Community Awards Program. Since 2017, Patuxent has participated in the Box of Joy Program, packing and collecting shoebox-sized Christmas presents for children in developing countries. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Patuxent has served as a regional drop-off site for donations of food, supplies, and monetary contributions for the Little Sisters of the Poor located in Washington, DC.

Patuxent is active in the support and defense of Life in all its stages. In 2018, members cleaned and rededicated the Memorial to the Unborn in the St. Mary's cemetery and assist in its regular maintenance. The Council conducts numerous prayer-based pro-life events and participates in the National and Maryland Marches for Life. Patuxent provides annual financial support to the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program, as well as to organizations such as Gabriel Network and Mary's Home. In 2019, the Council resumed hosting annual blood drives. Patuxent uses proceeds from its annual Tootsie Roll Drive to support organizations serving people with intellectual disabilities, including programs through the Catholic Coalition for Special Education and Special Olympics of Maryland. In 2022, in the wake of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, Patuxent began participating in the newly established Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, raising money in support of the Laurel Pregnancy Center through projects such as a Mother's Day Weekend baby bottle drive and a monthly Café 4 Life providing coffee and breakfast pastries for a nominal donation.

Since the mid-1990s, Patuxent has established two signature programs of which it is particularly proud. The first is its SHARE Food Distribution Program. Established in 1996, the Council's SHARE Program has grown to distribute more than 20 tons of food worth more than \$65,000 annually to individuals and families facing food insecurity, as well as to the food pantries at St. Mary's, LARS, and Elizabeth House. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, SHARE has taken on an even greater importance for our community. In 2021, Patuxent surpassed an estimated \$1 million worth of food distributed over the lifetime of its participation in the SHARE Program. Through the end of 2023, the Council estimates it has distributed 890,000 pounds of food worth \$1,195,000 through SHARE.

The second signature program is the Council's University of Maryland Football and Basketball Concessions Fundraising Program. Patuxent has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of its charitable activities and programs. It is not an exaggeration to say, without the UMD Concessions Program, many of the Council's charitable endeavors over the past 25 years would not have been possible. This fundraising program currently nets more than \$20,000 annually, which is split between

Patuxent Council and numerous organizations that partner with Patuxent to staff the stands, including other local Knights Councils; local Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and American Heritage Girls Troops; the St. Mary's Youth Group; and more.

Patuxent Council has earned a strong reputation for developing successful fraternal leaders. As of 2023, 11 members of Patuxent Council have held the post of District Deputy, nine of these in the past 30 years. Many members have been active in State Council leadership roles for many years, supporting several State Deputies in capacities too numerous to create an exhaustive list. Such involvement is a credit to the men of the Council as it embraces new talent and new ideas to help develop the fraternal leaders of tomorrow.

Members of Patuxent Council continue to be integral to the growth of the Order. On June 26, 2006, Resurrection of Our Lord Council 14099 was chartered at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish in Laurel. Many of the Charter Members were former members of Patuxent Council, helping the Council establish itself and grow to directly support its parish. Following the establishment of Council 14099, Patuxent Council became the Council specifically associated with St. Mary of the Mills.

While the Council's Ladies Auxiliary is no longer active, the Ladies of Patuxent Council actively participate in many programs and events. Over the last several years, Patuxent has conducted several joint events with the St. Mary of the Mills Ladies of Charity, of which many Ladies of Patuxent Council are members. These joint events have proven quite successful, including a 2019 Christian Refugee Relief Dinner that raised \$1,000 and was recognized by the Supreme Council as the best Life Program in Maryland for the period March 2019-February 2020.

The Council's accomplishments over the last 25 years could not have happened without the support of many Brother Knights. Every Brother Knight and family member of the Patuxent Council family takes pride in the successes of the Council as it marks 103 years of faithful service to St. Mary of the Mills and the Greater Laurel Area.

REGINA COELI, NO.2274

Instituted: 5/8/1921, Membership 160

ARCHBISHOP NEALE, NO.2279

Instituted: 6/19/1921, Membership 196

Archbishop Neale Council was chartered on June 19th, 1921, by twenty-nine men in the Town of La Plata, Maryland and the surrounding area. First headquartered at St. Ignatius of Loyola in Port Tobacco, Maryland, the Council grew to include Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata, St. Catherine of Alexandria in McConchie, and St. Ignatius of Loyola in Hilltop.

As of November 1, 2023, Archbishop Neale Council has a membership of 203 (98 associate, 86 insurance, & 19 inactive, of which 44 are honorary life & 12 are honorary.) The Council's oldest member is PGK Gerricho D. Brosco (Gerry) at 96 years old, and our longest serving member is PGK Hugh C. Gardiner, III at 72 years. The Council currently meets in the Sacred Heart Church Friendship Room in La Plata, Maryland. The Council grew by nearly 100% over the last twenty-five years, with most new brother Knights belonging to Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata.

Under PGK Pete Czupryna (1999-2000), Archbishop Neale Council earned the Star Council Award two years in a row. During that time the Council also raised over \$5,000 in one year for the annual Tootsie Roll program for people with disabilities. PGK Matthew Laidley (2006-2008), currently a deacon

serving Sacred Heart Parish, oversaw a large expansion of the Council by nearly 40 members during his tenure.

Archbishop Neale Council has supported its ADW Seminarian Picnic from 2006-Present. Originally started in 2006 by (now deceased) Rev. Matthew Siekierski, in its original iteration seminarians were invited to Sacred Heart Parish to meet with parish families to build interest in the priesthood among young men. Eventually, the picnic became more of a chance for seminarians to come relax. After starting at Sacred Heart, PGK Greg Cross hosted the first picnic at his home, followed by Ruth Runyon hosting the event at her home. In 2009, PGK Michael Raymond and his wife, Tina, began to host the picnic at their home while having the food catered. In 2020, Robert and Sharon Donohoe began to co-host the picnic at their house with the Raymonds. The event has been a huge hit with the seminarians, who get a chance to swim, eat (including crab cakes), and play miniature golf on a day off. The August 2022 picnic included jet skis. In addition, Archbishop Neale Council sponsored the following seminarians and religious, giving them gifts of \$500 each year for their personal use: Rev. Michael Paris (2003), Rev. Benton Garrett (2005), Rev. Mario Majano (2006), Rev. Scott Holmer (2009-2013), Mother Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Kathryn) Ambrogio (2002), Rev. Kenneth Gill (2011-2014), Rev. Jack Berard (2015-2016), Sister Anna Marie Schreyer (2014-2018), Rev. Patrick Agustin (2015-2020), Mr. Louis McHale (Present), Mr. Joseph McHenry (Present), Mr. Daniel Morrison (Present), Mr. Marco Magpantay (Present), Mr. Ryan Miller (Present).

On February 5, 2009, PGK Gerry Brosco initiated the Archbishop Neale Council website. The primary purpose of the website was to keep the membership informed, through photographs and narratives of events. In addition, the website included a brief history of the Council, resource listings, and links to relevant websites of interest. Other applications such as Zoom and Square were added to the website over time. The website was made publicly available so anyone could see the good works of the Council.

Also in 2009, under PGK Ryan Mudd, Archbishop Neale Council instituted the Courage Lion Program at the local hospital. The program helped children as they experienced illness, trauma, abuse, and other crises.

From 2012-2014, under PGK George Grooms and PGK Mark Shutters, the Council held a "Catholic Bee" each year. Participants included students from Archbishop Neale, St. Peter's, and St. Mary's Bryantown schools. In 2014, the Council submitted entries for numerous community recognition awards. That year, both Archbishop Neale Council and the Maryland State Council identified Sarah E. Vaughan as the Citizen of the Year. Under PGK Stephen N. Stiles, Sr. (2015-2017), the Council was revitalized by bringing in several new members in their 20's and early 30's; some of whom would go on to serve as officers.

One of the largest events that Archbishop Neale Council hosted was the annual Ride for Vocations. This event was started in 2016 by then Chaplain Lawrence Swink to raise money for Seminarians. The Council coordinated with all the other councils in Southern Maryland to set up rest stops along the 100-mile route. Archbishop Neale Council staffed the start and end rest stops, which meant feeding nearly 200 riders over the course of a 12-hour day. To date, this event has raised over \$30,000 dollars for the St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Beginning in 2017 under PGK James Hojnowski, Archbishop Neale Council has planned a budget for each fraternal year, to better assess how its charitable contributions can be efficiently distributed to various needs. During the Covid years of 2019-2021, thanks to an extremely generous donation from Brother Albert Ribeiro and the leadership of PGK Perry Giovacchini & PGK Stephen Urso, the Council donated \$10,000 each year to charities and groups in Southern Maryland impacted by the COVID

shutdowns. These organizations included the various churches the Council served, the LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, the Charles Regional Medical Center, Archbishop Neale School, the Charles County Literacy Council, the Catherine Foundation, the Angel Watch Shelter, Charles County Special Olympics, Care Net Pregnancy Center, Wayside Food Bank, and to the Indian Head Torpedoes Swim Team. The Council also donated \$8,000 to Sacred Heart Parish in 2022 to redo its electrical system.

Archbishop Neale Council also increased the number of community social events it supported at its Parishes, such as regular community breakfasts. During Lent, the Council hosted 3-5 Fish Fries, which include a drive-through feature for parishioners looking for a meal to take home. All these events were run as donation-only.

Under PGK Stephen Urso's (2021-2023) direction, Archbishop Neale Council worked closely with the local Ladies of Sodality chapter in coordinating Community Sunday breakfasts at Sacred Heart. The Council & Sodality also met monthly, before the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass to lead a Church Rosary. To celebrate turning 100 years old in 2021, the Council set the goal to earn the Star Council Award during the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year, and it succeeded at earning that award.

Presently, during the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year, under Grand Knight, Justin Meeder, Archbishop Neale Council is working to earn the Star Council Award and to fundraise for a new ultrasound machine for the Catherine Foundation. At less than mid-way through the year, the Council has met over 80% of its recruitment quota, has carried out many successful programs, and has many more programs planned for the remainder of the year.

The Council has had the privilege of having several of its members serve in district and state roles. PGKs Greg Cross (2005), Brad Howard (2014-2015), and James Hojnowski (2018-2020) all have held the positions of District Warden and District Deputy for at least one term. Current Grand Knight, Justin Meeder regularly participates in the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights and Maryland State Council events

DR JOHN HENRY GRIFFIN, NO.2293

Instituted: 7/31/1921, Membership 142

Dr John Henry Griffin Council # 2293 celebrated their 100-year celebration on July 31, 2021, with State Officers, and members of the Council in attendance. Council #2293 assists the parishes of St Mary's Bryantown; Our Lady Help of Christians Waldorf; St Peter's Waldorf; and two schools, St Mary's School Bryantown and St Peter's School. Parishes St Dominic's Mission and St Michael -Baden were transferred to a Prince Georges council in the year 2014.

Church Activities- Since the Council's beginning, members have been very active within their respective parishes. Thought the years our brother knights have served as Deacons, representatives in Parish committees, Eucharistic ministers, worship leaders/lecturers, ushers, choir members, CCD teachers.

Council Members have been very helpful with various activities at each parish. Brother knights assisted Our Lady Help of Christians Waldorf, MD with watching over relics of various Saints and guiding visitors around the Church. Council also took part in Eucharistic Processions. Council Activities. Council has had many fund raiser events through the years as a means to carry on Programs and give donations to various charities. Tootsie Roll drives is one of the many programs' members participated.

Council also participated in council events such as family picnics, potluck dinners and Christmas Parties to advance fellowship within the Council. In Council held Easter Egg hunts yearly and had Santa Claus at our Christmas parties with gifts for the children.

1998-99 Although, Council 2293 did not receive the Star Council award, the members of the Council assisted District 12 obtaining the Star District award.

Community

Council was very active with community activities, taking part in Special Olympics, donating their time and money to this event. Members of the Council also volunteered their time to transport disable veterans to medical appointments in the Charles County, Baltimore/Washington area. Food Drives have been held especially during the Covid pandemic along with checking in on older members of the Council.

Life Activities

Council was also very active with Life Activities, over the years members had participated in March for Life's in D.C. and Maryland. Donations have been made to Catherine Foundation, ASAP program the rosary has been said in front of clinics mostly and the Cemetery of Innocent Memorial displays.

Conclusion

Our Council has been active taking part in different programs, assisting our parishes and schools. Our goals would not have been met without the help from State program directors, District Deputies, District Wardens, and especially our members. With our efforts and hard work over the years Council has been awarded the Star Council several times, the Columbian Award numerous times as well. As we move forward, Council is trying to increase its membership, continue to promote the Knights through their programs while strengthening our Faith

MONTGOMERY, NO.2323

Instituted: 11/18/1921, Membership 291

BISHOP BECKER, NO.2427

Instituted: 12/10/1922, Membership 113

Bishop Becker Council began the new millennium with a thriving council. Continuing operations at the hall on Rt. 40 in Elkton, the council enjoyed raising money through Bingo, as well as slot machines. Each year, the council held a Charity Night, where thousands of dollars would be donated to local charities.

After the hurricane Katrina devastated Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, our Knight's rallied to the cause, and loaded a tractor trailer full of much needed supplies. Brothers from our council drove to New Orleans and personally delivered the supplies to those in need. Our council was honored to receive 2nd place for the Supreme Council's 2006 International Award.

Beginning around 2010, a casino opened in our county. This led to much competition with our Bingo and slot machines. Eventually, our council had no choice but to end Bingo. Without this income, it became very difficult for to feasibly maintain ownership of a hall.

After much debate, it was voted by our council members to sell the hall and relocate our meetings to Immaculate Conception's office building in Elkton. Today we meet in McGlynn Hall, where we have our own "Knight's Room". This move has allowed us to have a better relationship with our Parish and has provided more visibility for our council.

On December 10, 2022, we celebrated our Council's 100th Anniversary. We celebrated Mass with Bishop William Koenig of the Diocese of Wilmington, followed by dinner and dancing. The entire event was well received by dignitaries and parishioners alike.

During the past twenty years, our council has earned many awards, including several Star Council awards.

We have hosted our Parish Picnic for three consecutive years and this year we will host the first Parish Ball in memory. During this time, we have been led by the following Grand Knight's: Steve Eichler, Joe Malkoski, Max Hellstern, John Koval, Tom Poodles, Robert Gorman Joe Zammit. Lou Najera. Kevin O'Donnell.

CARDINAL GIBBONS, NO.2521

Instituted: 2/8/1924, Membership 538

September 11th, 2001 was a day that the world stood still. At every meeting from then on, the council remembered those who died because of these attacks. Our Fallen Hero's night was dedicated to the memory of the 343 first responders that died on September 11th.

The council continued its events the rest of the fraternal year including, our annual memorial mass, priest appreciation night and all the holiday events that were all well attended. Our Council Tootsie roll program was again well supported with an overwhelming response for the community. As the fraternal year ended, we again had our corporate mass and breakfast to support founders' day.

As our continuing support to our home parish, St. Michael's we again established a round table with the parish to promote the Knights of Columbus and for the purpose of getting new members into the order. We welcomed Fr. Kevin Schenning as the new pastor of St. Joseph's church, our neighboring parish, at his installation mass and offered him any support.

The fraternal year 2003 – 2004 started with a contested election, and as a result Tony Rasinski, P.G.K., elected. He is now the first Past Grand Knight to have a second term.

2004-2005 started with another Past Grand Knight serving a second term. Glenn Wilmer serves as Grand Knight.

2005-2006 At the State convention in May the council continued its excellence. We received 3 first place awards: Website, Lectures Program, and Excellence Award for the Fallen Hero's program.

During the fraternal year and most importantly the Fallen hero's night was a special one and was the first time a member of the military was honored. The son of our member Jim Moudry, SSgt Christopher Moudry was killed in action October 4th, 2006. During this event Bob Cohen, P.G.K. received an award from the F.O.P. for the Fallen Hero's program for the past 20 years. The council also participated in the September 11th fourth anniversary Knights of Columbus World Day of Peace. Steve Cohen, P.G.K. was elected to the office of State Warden after only one ballot.

2009 – 2010 A new face as chaplain is Fr. Jim Sorra, pastor of St. Michael's church. To expand our relationship with the parishes in our community, the council started a round table with St. Joseph's. Fr. Kevin Schenning, pastor, was very grateful for the council's support.

2011-2012. At the May State Convention, the council again received first place in the Tootsie roll program and second place in the Car Raffle Incentive program. The council also started to develop and start full operation of the council's web page under the moderation of Bruce Rickter, P.G.K.

2012-2013 During this year recruitment and retention were the key points. The most significant member to transfer in was our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, now Archbishop of Baltimore on October 12th. At the State Convention P.G.K. Steve Cohen moved into the State Treasurer position.

2014 The year continued with all the important events, with recruitment being a priority as ever. We continued our relationship with St. Michael's and St. Josephs and are considering meeting with St. Stephen's in Bradshaw Maryland.

2015-2016 Fraternal year began with a lot of work ahead to increase funding to the council. Fr. Donald Grzymski assumes the role as council chaplain.

2016-2017. In May the council again received many awards; Third place for the incentive car raffle and the admission degree team.

2017 This year there will be only one business meeting a month as requested by the State Council. The backpacks for education under the chairmanship Of Bob Matlick will continue at St. Michael's.

The Supreme and State Councils recommended that all councils consider being a parish-based council and not paired with a home corporation. After much consideration with the council and the board and being that the building is owned by the home corporation, 'The Columbus club of Overlea", it was decided that there was no conflict between the two and the council will remain as its permanent home.

The State Council introduced the Box of Joy program giving gifts to children in severely impoverished countries. The Grand Knight chaired this program and was very successful and will continue next year.

2018-2019 During the year the council was concerned about recruitment for new members. The Grand Knight, to help with the recruitment, has scheduled an open house at the council to bring in new members. Changes made during the year began with meetings being moved to the Lounge instead of the main hall due to lack of attendance.

The council again receives awards at the State Convention. First place for the council web site, 3rd place for the incentive car raffle, and a special award for the council 90 years of service to the order of the Knights of Columbus.

2019 Again, this year is strongly based on recruitment. With the help of the parish, and its new pastor, Fr. Timothy, the council started its first Delta Church Drive. The events continued into the holidays with the annual Christmas and New Years with the Testimonial cocktail party being moved to January.

The Supreme office of the Knights of Columbus, by executive order of the Supreme Knight, all events, meetings, etc. will be postponed or cancelled till the governor decides to reopen the State. Columbus Gardens closes its doors to all events. There were no in-person meetings,

and all were done on the internet by Zoom.

2020 – 2021 During this year we are still affected by the Covid-19 virus. All events have been cancelled and meetings continue by Zoom. Exemplification, degrees, convention, and seminars will be all virtual until further notice.

Due to the pandemic the Little sisters of the Poor have been suffering without many items to keep them going. To do our part the Grand Knight has made the third Saturday of the month for donations to them. The Grand Knight forms round table with St. Stephen's and St. Michael's.

The Box of Joy program continued from October through November, and many of our seminarians were ordained.

2022 The recovery from the pandemic is slow, and events are starting again. Even with this, attendance is way down. Meetings are still in the lounge and are not well attended.

All regular events begin to be scheduled as pre pandemic. As in previous years, due to the generosity of the membership, we were able to support six seminarians. The Board of Directors has decided to open the Lounge on Friday nights, the second and fourth Friday of the month till further notice

2023 – 2024 Directly after the installation, the Grand Knight started to put together a committee for the 100th anniversary in February 2024. A week of events began with an opening mass at St. Michael's church, celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain and member of Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Lori. The week continued

with a Cocktail party honoring all Past Grand Knights, Special Council meeting, Friday night social, and the Gala banquet on Saturday. There was a closing mass celebrated by our council Chaplain Fr. Donald on Sunday. During the week the lounge was converted into a museum, displaying all the memorabilia collected by our council historian. It was a total success.

SACRED HEART, NO.2577

Instituted: 6/21/1925, Membership 568

Sacred Heart Council No. 2577 was instituted at the historic Jesuit White Marsh property, Prince George's County, Maryland, on Sunday, June 21, 1925. First and Second Degrees were conferred to a class of eighty-five candidates. The Council adopted the name of the historic Sacred Heart Church, established 1741. On July 5, 1925, the Council held their first meeting in the hall at White Marsh. In 1946, the Council moved from Sacred Heart, White Marsh to Church of the Ascension, Huntington (now known as Old Bowie). The Council included in its membership most of the eligible Catholic men in the then small railroad community.

In 1953, Brother Knight Lawrence R. Maenner and his wife, Julia, offered a gift to the Council of a plot of ground, on 10th Street in the Huntington section of Bowie within sight of the Church of the Ascension, to build a Council Hall. In July, 1954, the K-C Building Association of Bowie, Inc., was formed and the Council held its first meeting at its new hall on March 7, 1957. Beginning in 1962, the Levitt Development Blair at Bowie brought tremendous growth. By 1970, the Council needed a larger hall.

On March 3, 1966, St Francis Xavier Council (#5830) was instituted with a charter membership of forty-six. Little is known of the activities of this Council except that it struggled through difficult times and was finally merged with Sacred Heart Council on May 11, 1972. On March 30, 1967, the Sacred Heart

Ladies Auxiliary was chartered with fifty-seven members. A monthly council publication "Sacred Heart Bulletin" was regularly published. Beginning with the July, 1971 issue, the name of the publication was changed to "THE ACCOLADE". (The Accolade was published until approximately 2010, when it was replaced by the council website.) On March 6, 1970, "First Friday Mass" in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was instituted.

On October 25, 1970, there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the future site for a new larger council home, on property provided by PGK Art Brunner, and which was back on what was the original White Marsh property and near the Council's original meeting location of Sacred Heart Church. The Council met for its first meeting in the new hall on November 11, 1971. During the early years of settling in our new home, our own Past Grand Knight Michael J. Sierco served as State Deputy of Maryland. On August 28, 1976, the Council Hall was renamed Boswell Hall in memory of Charles C. Boswell, Past Grand Knight, who was murdered at the hall by a burglar. On March 18, 1986, the first meeting of the "Y.O.R.K. Club" (Young and Old Retired Knights) was held with thirty-eight charter members attending. During our 62nd and 63rd council years, Past Grand Knight Aldo G. Bartolomei served as Maryland State Deputy. In 2023-24, Past Grand Knight Anthony Salvemini serves as State Secretary and the Council looks forward to the opportunity for Tony to ascend to State Deputy.

The Council has been active in its community, with Brother Knights serving on the City of Bowie City Council, Mayors, Prince George's County Council, Maryland General Assembly and judicial appointments. The Council reached a pinnacle of membership in the 1990s with approximately 1,200 members. As of 2023-24, there are approximately 570 members. While some of the decline is a general lack of interest in fraternal and community organizations in general; some of the decline is due to parish based councils being established at parishes previously served by 2577. At one time, Council 2577 served 7 parishes, it now serves 4: Sacred Heart, Bowie; St. Pius X, Bowie; St. Edward the Confessor, Bowie; and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Crofton.

While some events have ceased, such as the Council's New Year's Eve celebration, some less formal events continue to be popular, such as the St. Patrick's Day celebration and First Friday mass and social. Children events, such as the Halloween, Christmas, and Easter parties continue to be popular under the planning of Lady Sharon Paternoster. The Council continues to run a weekly bingo to help raise funds for charity. The Council aids local Catholic grade schools St. Pius X and School of the Incarnation. It seems many young men are not so much looking for the social aspects of a fraternal organization but are more so looking for the spiritual aspects. The Council takes special attention to deceased Brothers and families, by offering post funeral repast memorials at Boswell Hall and having a memorial mass for deceased members the First Friday of November, along with laying of flowers at graves of deceased members at historic Sacred Heart Cemetery.

We are grateful to our Past Grand Knights:

Thomas Baxter (1925 – 1927), Leo Baden (1927 – 1928), Joseph Baumann (1928 – 1929), Frank Deutsch (1929 – 1930), John Broderick (1930 – 1932), Thomas Baxter (1932 – 1934), James McKay (1934 – 1935), Thomas Baxter (1935 – 1937), Joy Paul Abell (1937 – 1948), Thomas Bean (1949 – 1951), Wilfred Abell (1951 – 1952), Joseph Purdy (1952 – 1954), Harold Blewitt (1954 – 1956), Dale Jernberg (1956 – 1958), Richard Baird (1958 – 1960), John Mullikin (1960 – 1962), Charles Boswell (1962 – 1964), Michael Sierco (1964 – 1965), Arthur Brunner (1965 – 1966), John Tuttle (1966 – 1967), Arnold Sheckells (1967 – 1968), Thomas Nowicki (1968 – 1969), Ed Janow (1969 – 1970), Gordon Baldwin (1970 – 1971), John McCloskey (1971 – 1972), Aldo Bartolomei (1972 – 1973), George Reilly (1973 – 1974), Donald Crosby (1974 – 1975), Joseph Thiel (1975 – 1976), William Shea (1976 – 1977), James Deasy (1977 – 1978), John Kylus (1978 – 1979), Robert Jackson (1979 – 1980), Charles Noble (1980 – 1981), Joseph Gnoffo (1981 – 1982), Thomas Chase (1982 – 1983), Thomas Burtis (1983 – 1984), Robert Heverly (1984 – 1985), Allen Wyllie (1985 – 1986), Robert Burkhardt (1986 –

1987), Michael Carpenter (1987 – 1988), Dave Buckley (1988 – 1989), Donald Kinsley (1989 – 1990), Lawrence Butler (1990 – 1991), Ronald McElligott (1991 – 1992), John Lyons (1992 – 1993), Walter Bernadzikowski (1993 – 1994), Donald Tallmadge (1994 – 1995), Dale Dunn (1995 – 1996), George Messenger (1996 – 1997), Joseph Gatto (1997 – 1998), Luther Holley (1998 – 1999), Anthony Salvemini (1999 – 2000), Claudio Palani (2000 – 2001), Dave Buckley (2001 – 2002), David Grabowski (2002 – 2003), Charles Mike Garner (2002 – 2004), Richard Boehm (2004 – 2005), Edward Walsh (2005 – 2006), Jim Seidleck (2006 – 2007), Charles Springman (2007 – 2008), Kevin Kylus (2008 – 2009), Andy Jacobson (2009 – 2010), Paul Mullenhoff (2010 – 2011), Joe Massimini (2011 – 2012), Romeo Paternoster (2012 – 2013), Rob Van Rite (2013 – 2014), Jeff McMullin (2014 – 2015), George Riddle (2015 – 2016), Ralph Bonuccelli (2016 – 2018), William Saper, (2018 – 2019), Matthew Warehime (2019 – 2020), Christopher Keplinger (2020 – 2021), Michael Mitchell (2021 – 2023), Timothy Fitzmaurice (2023 – 2024).

BETHLEHEM, NO.2605

Instituted: 6/8/1926, Membership 119

ROCK CREEK, NO.2797

Instituted: 6/12/1938, Membership 623

After 1999, the Kay-Cee Club started a campaign of improvements which significantly increase the character of the property. Today our Council Home includes the Cantrel Ballroom and the Knight Lounge in the downstairs area. The member's lounge is ideal for watching sports, playing games like Golden Tee for the golf fanatics, pool, shuffleboard and some other video games. The Council has also increased Friday night music nights, where local bands come to play, providing entertainment for the members and guests. The best feature of the property is probably the outside lawn and patio that includes a new set of outside furniture purchased just this year which adds a nice touch of ambience to the grounds. The patio sits on a hill overlooking its surroundings and the Cantrel Hall is in constant demand by members and guests for banquets, dances, community business meetings for organizations like the Chamber of Commerce and Disabled American Veterans, mitzvahs, high school reunions, and wedding receptions. The Cantrel Hall is also used for member exemplifications, the annual officer installations, business and social meetings of the council, and made available for state meetings and other events like deanery meetings and Right to Life meetings.

Our membership welcomes every walk of life of those men of the Catholic faith. Priests, judges and lawyers, doctors and dentists, artists and architects, plumbers and electricians, carpenters, painters, bankers and realtors, sailors and soldiers and veterans, self-employed businessmen and executives, retirees, teachers and students. Today, Rock Creek is but one of about 16,000 Councils worldwide, its 600 plus members just a sample of the over 2 million dues paying members internationally.

However, most importantly, as it pertains to Rock Creek Council, are the activities that have become more prominent over the years and to the present. Taking Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism into account, the contributions have been worthwhile and many.

A partnership formed with USASOA (United Soldiers and Sailors of America / www.usasoa.org) about 7 years ago has Rock Creek Council helping low income active duty military families, elderly veterans and homeless veterans with monthly food collections. This originally started out at the Council with signs on the street, emails and posts on social media. The response was mediocre and didn't yield that much in donations. We decided to ask some of the grocery stores in the area if we could ask for donations from customers at their store. Safeway said no, as did Harris Teeter. However, Giant Food said yes and has been accommodating ever since. The food drives are so successful that we

approached another location on Arlington Road that said yes. At this location, we'll be collecting for Nourishing Bethesda (www.nourishingbethesda.org) with their food initiative and, on alternating months, we'll be helping provide specific food requirements for The Children's Inn (www.thechildrensinn.org), which supports the children and families undergoing medical care on the NIH campus in Bethesda. In addition to the grocery store, there are bins at the Council where donors can drop off food. We also do annual Christmas Bring Back A Bag Food Drives at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bethesda that are enormously successful. In the last two years, we've collected approximately 11k worth of nonperishable food items, diapers, sanitary items and gift cards.

Then there were events like the .1k Iron Knight Challenge to benefit the Children's Inn that raised close to \$3,000. We borrowed the idea from another council that did this for Special Olympics. We could've used more participants and more racers but it turned out just fine and the Children's Inn was delighted by the press and the donations.

The list goes on with our annual Teacher Appreciation awards in the Spring that recognizes teachers who are standouts at the six Catholic schools under the Council umbrella. Dinners for the parish priests so they can all get together and discuss what's going on in their parishes. Dinner for the Catholic Students at the University of Maryland. The Council Crab feasts, usually two a year (September and October). Toys for Tots Toy drive in December and Winter Clothes donations, also in December. Of course, there are the one off donations to organizations like Rockville Women's Center, Wounded Paw Project, Salute Military Golf, A Rainbow Place, Sports Plus, Brain Wellness Center, and more. We've come a long way and we hope to continue on the giving path.

PRINCE GEORGES, NO.2809

Instituted: 6/18/1939, Membership 730,

Prince George's Council 2809 was established on June 18, 1939 and currently supports three parishes; Saint Joseph's Parish in Beltsville, Holy Redeemer Parish in College Park, and Saint James Parish in Mount Rainier. Saint Mark's Parish, until recently supported by the Council, was separated as its own Spanish speaking Council. The Council currently has 732 members, 326 associates, 267 insurance, 139 inactive, 47 honorary, 181 honorary life, and 4 specials.

Brother Arnie Powell and Lady Lise Powell coordinate the Council's longest lasting program, The Blood Donor Program, currently held at the Council Lodge in the Joseph A. Fernandez room, named after its longest serving program Coordinator. The Council's involvement in the Blood Donor Program dates to its earliest years during World War II and SK Fernandez served as program coordinator since 1961 for 42 years. SK Fernandez was followed by PGK Dick Bissell, PGK Hugh O'Donnell, and, since 2016, Brother Arnie Powell.

Council 2809 supports the Special Olympics Maryland (SOMD) through its annual .1K race and Car Show. The Council's .1K Race began under the leadership of the then DGK J. Patrick Macy and has been held in September of every year since the first event on September 27, 2014. Patrick Macy had just returned from a state event where PSD Stephen Adamczyk had challenged each GK to develop a fundraiser for Maryland Special Olympics in the month of September. With the support of GK Jay Konar, the Council raised over \$2,000 the first year after expenses and over \$5,000 the following year. The Council's .1K Race typically involves many of the Council families and is followed by a picnic on the Council's grounds. All funds raised through sponsorship of the "runners" go directly to SOMD, as well as proceeds from the sale of event T-shirts, after cost.

The Car Show is a fairly new program begun in 2020. It was originally scheduled as an April event, but COVID delayed opening by six months. Now held in October, the Car Show was open to Ford

Mustangs for three years and opened to all Ford automobiles in 2023. Vehicles are judged based on their model class. All registration fees go directly to SOMD. Any proceeds after covering costs go to SOMD. Program coordinators are PGK David Alessandrini and PGK Joseph Odum.

Council 2809 hosts its own softball league - the Knights of Columbus Softball League, started in the early 1960s, whose teams are drawn from the Council and from surrounding parishes. The league is comprised of eight teams; Council 2809, Saint Joseph Parish in Beltsville, Saint Mark's Parish in Hyattsville, Holy Redeemer Parish in College Park, Saint Nicholas Parish in Laurel, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Takoma Park, and the newest team from Saint Jerome's Parish in Hyattsville. The league runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, concluding with a two day tournament to crown a champion. There have been several fathers who played with their sons and one grandfather who played with his son and grandson. The Softball League supports Coats for Kids. The Council continues to experience success in its Tootsie Roll drive during the University of Maryland home football games. Raised funds are donated to the James E. Duckworth Regional School for special needs children during the University of Maryland home football games.

The Council partners with Curley Assembly 383 for an annual flag retirement ceremony following Memorial Day Mass, separate from the Memorial Mass for brother Knights held in November and a Labor Day Mass. The celebrant for these masses is the Council's Chaplain, Monseigneur Joachim Bazan.

The council works closely with the separate management of the Building Corporation, responsible for the Council Lodge, grounds and facilities to include the softball field, swimming pool and picnic area. The facilities provide a range of options to support families and family activities to include the Aqua Knights Swim Team. The childrens' focused events include an Easter Egg hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Breakfast with Santa.

Grand Knights since 2000 are William E. Gallagher Jr, 1999-2000; Michael B. Bowman, 2000-2001; Michael C. Stepowany, 2001-2002; Kevin J. Kelly, 2002-2003; Richard A. Bissell, 2003-2004; Francis J. Lattanzi, 2004-2005; Thomas B. Lank, 2005-2006; Hugh B. O'Donnell, 2006-2007; John Landicho, 2007-2008; Albert Wilcox, 2008-2009; Anthony Q. Pauletti, 2009-2010; Thomas A. Barrett, 2010-2011; Joseph P. Cole, 2011-2012; Matthew J. O'Hare, 2012-2013; Keith A. Hurst, 2013-2014; Jay Konar, 2014-2015; J. Patrick Macy, 2015-2016; Louis Velis, 2016-2017; Jose F. Rivera, 2017-2018; Stephen E. O'Shaughnessy, 2018-2019; Matthew J. O'Hare, 2019-2020 (2nd term); David A. Alessandrini, 2020-2022 (two terms); Timothy Keifline, 2022-2023 and Paul W. Wood Jr, 2023-2024.

NOTRE DAME, NO.2901

Instituted: 10/16/1944, Membership 198

On October 1, 2017, after struggling to maintain an aging building, and with rentals dwindling, Notre Dame Council sold the council building and property to Notre Dame University of Maryland. The council started meeting at St. Mary Seminary and University on Roland Avenue and Northern Parkway. Specifically, the council rented a conference room for twice a month meeting. The conference room is located in the Center for Continuing Formation branch of the seminary. The council at this point has approximately 225 members, down from twice that number in the councils heyday.

The credit union is located in an office in the surrounding area on Joppa Rd. near Oakleigh Rd. With this move, the Family to Family Christmas baskets have been moved to St. Elizabeth school for the prep and delivery. They have graciously allowed the council to use their gym. August 2018 the council moved to St. Dominis Church on Harford and Echodale Avenues. We meet in the parish center or lower

chapel. Fr. Ty Hullinger allowed the knights to have a meeting place and small corner to house the few files, supplies and ceremonials necessary to conduct business.

Discussions have started to help the parish in the lower chapel renovation but nothing definite has been decided as late as 2020. With the move of Notre Dame from their own building to a church based setting has also allowed the council to focus more on supporting our churches as we freed up time previously used to upkeep our own building. The council has supported the four primary parishes consisting of; St. Dominics, St. Marys, St. Pius X and Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Some of the church activities we have now supported are; pancake breakfasts, Seder dinners, Christmas tree sales, carnivals, school fund raisers, seminarian appreciation dinners, four Frenchmen ceremony, church cleaning during the 2020 pandemic, financial support for St. Vincent De Paul society, Little Sisters of the Poor, firemen, police and Villa Assumpta Nuns, to name a few. The primary focus is the support of St. Pius X and St. Mary of the Assumption churches.

In 2020, the new pastor of St. Pius X Church, Fr. Jojo Opalda, has offered the council their own office and use of conference rooms in the renovated convent, which is going to be the new administrative offices for St. Pius X. Fr. JoJo is not only a 4th degree Knight but also the MD State Chaplin, so he wishes to have a home based council in his parish. Notre Dame voted to move to a permanent room in the St. Pius X administrative building, accessible via the back door and parking lot. The Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly #375 has also decided to meet at St. Pius X starting in 2021.

The Notre Dame Council Credit Union was merged with 5-Star Credit Union located in Catonsville around the year 2021 also. In 2023, after many deliberations, it was decided that the proceeds from the sale of the old council home would be divided into five \$50,000 checks to setup an endowment at five Catholic High Schools, namely, The Catholic High School, Archbishop Curley High School, Mercy High School, Mount St. Joseph's High School, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School.

DUNDALK, NO.2942

Instituted: 9/9/1945, Membership 169

HOLY TRINITY, NO.3413

Instituted: 5/18/1951, Membership 215

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, NO.3489

Instituted: 3/2/1952, Membership 201

HOLY FACE, NO.3849

Instituted: 3/19/1997, Membership 55

CHRONOLOGY: Holy Face Council 3849 was first activated on May 7, 1954. A group of 72 men from Holy Face parish formed the Marion Council which was given the number 3849. After several decades of service, the council was deactivated as it faced membership issues in part due to the transient nature of the local military population who comprised a large portion of its members. The Council was reactivated on March 14, 1997 as Holy Face Council and granted the honor of maintaining its previous council number, 3849.

OVERVIEW: 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 and participation in council events up year over year. As the

structure of council programs changed based on Supreme and State guidance, the council reorganized its programs to align with the guidance.

FAITH ACTIVITIES:

We continue our support to seminarians through letters of encouragement and donations of \$1,000. Monthly 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. Members have an active prayer life in reciting 20-25 novenas per year. As Trustees of the St Mary's Youth Memorial (SMYM), the Council holds an All Soul's Day candlelight vigil each Nov 2nd and a Mass of Remembrance the weekend after Mother's Day; both at the Memorial.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Accomplishments: Southern Maryland Spring Festival; LFS Patriot's Day 5k; Coats for Kids car washes and coat donations where again we increased the number of cases bought and distributed each year; 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 the school; Little Flower School Green Eggs and Ham breakfast serving 170 students and staff in honor of Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss) to encourage young readers on National Reading Day.

Knights play critical roles in the extremely successful annual Southern Maryland Spring Festival held at the St Mary's County Fairgrounds. PGK SK Beckman chairs and directs this event attended by over 9,000 people. County residents enjoy food, crafts, entertainment, a carnival and car show as well as weekend Mass held on site. Knights run the food and slushies booths contributing all the net earnings, typically over \$10,000 to the church; 12% of the total net proceeds. They also do 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 544 hours of donated labor each year.

On year we had the additional benefit of providing furniture and household items to help a number of local families recover from the devastating fire that gutted their apartment complex around the time of the festival.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Accomplishments: Food for Families (thousands of Dollars to St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry as well as ongoing non-perishable food donations each year); 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; Clothing Drive for the Homeless; 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 brothers, 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 is distributing Christmas coloring books and crayons to all the children who attended. We also sell religious themed Christmas cards. The Knights support our booth but also the parish council booth, cookie decorating pavilion, singing in the

wandering carolers. The event is also used to showcase all the entries to the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest.

LIFE ACTIVITIES:

Accomplishments: First Council in District 29 to be awarded a Supreme grant to Care Net Pregnancy Center under the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. Our Diaper and Pull-up Drive led to \$1200 in donated items. We also hold: CareNet Pregnancy Center car wash. We supply funds annually to Care Net and have helped them purchase needed computers as well as supplies for their ultrasound machines.

One of our big efforts in our Life Program is the Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign conducted specifically to help the Maryland Special Olympics of Southern Maryland and the ARC of Southern Maryland. Special Olympic athletes tremendously benefit from their participation in different Maryland State Special Olympics events. Also, we host the Southern Maryland Special Olympics at our booth at the National Oyster Festival held at the St Mary's County Fairgrounds each October. Countless people come up to us during our Tootsie Roll Campaign and thank 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 also support Life Chain and Cemetery of the Innocents with Maryland Right to Life.

CONCLUSION:

Over the years Holy Face Council has earned many accolades: Five Star Council and McGivney Awards, numerous Columbian Awards, consistent first, second and third place finishes in the Best of categories at the Maryland State convention including the Excellence Award in 2022.

It has been a busy and tremendously rewarding time for Council 3849. We adapted to changing situations 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!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, NO.3960

Instituted: 1/25/1955, Membership 128

St. Charles Borromeo Council No. 3960 was officially established by Charter in January of 1955. It was instituted by State Deputy, John P. Bauernschub, using St. Charles Parish in Pikesville as the initial meeting place. Starting with a Charter membership of fifty, today it has a membership of 126 members.

In 2010 the council home was sold, and the meeting location moved to Holy Family church in Randallstown, Md.

Grand Knights that have served since 1998 to current are: Dick Robinson; Bob McGregor; Art Simertneyer; K. Dale Anderson; Joe Gray; Marvin Brilliant; Al Ondis; Greg Dickerson, Mike Hargadon; Paul Boben; E. Paul Jones, Sr. (also the current Grand Knight); James Marxen; Don Lindner; Dennis Kast; Richard Shewell, Ned Mierzwicki; Thomas Carrick; Stephen Roscher; Carroll Brown; Raymond Butler; Joseph Ignatius Jr., Darryl Kaufman, Robert Sears

and Tom Feulner. Past Grand Knights that served at the State level are Deacon Stephen Roscher, Associate State Chaplain.

Membership Team and E. Paul Jones, Sr., Master of the Maryland District, President of The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights, Convention Committee and District Deputy. Over the years the Council developed a broad range of projects and activities to achieve the objectives of the Knight of Columbus. Highlights include:

- Support of 3 seminarians with a \$500.00 grant each year.
- Tootsie Roll drive with funds collected donated to Camp Glow
- Coats for Kids
- Assisting St. Vincent DePaul Society at Holy Family and St Charles Borromeo churches
- Assembled shoe boxes for Apostleship of the Sea
- Provided manpower for the Lenten Fish Fries at Holy Family
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Breakfast with Santa at Holy Family
- Monthly Rosary Program
- Building the Domestic Church
- Donations to Sharp Dress Men
- Mother's Day Carnation Program
- Special Olympics
- Retirees Monthly Luncheon
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Sonogram Program

The council remains very active in supporting Holy Family and St. Charles Borromeo churches and the surrounding communities.

FATHER O'NEILL, NO.4011

Instituted: 5/5/1955, Membership 267

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, Lutherville 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
The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley

The Fr. O'Neill Council Hall was built in 1965. 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.

During the last 23 years, the Council has held numerous fund-raising events, both at the Council Hall

and at outside locations. These include: The Annual Jessica Meredith Jacobsen Memorial 5K Race and Fun Walk. There are more details on this event later in this report.

The Annual Crab Feast. This event is usually in September or October and takes place at the Council Hall or at a Parish supported by the Council. Water and Beverage Sales. These take place at the entrance to the Maryland State Fair in late August and September.

Annual Christmas Basket Appeal, Tootsie Roll Sale and giveaway

The beneficiaries of these Council fundraisers include:

Donations supporting several specific Seminarians each year.

St Elizabeth's School, which helps Students with special needs.

Needy families receiving the Christmas Baskets.

The Apostleship of the Sea

The Newman Center at Towson Univ.

Other Council activities can be placed in the following 4 categories:

FAITH:

Living Rosary outside in front of the Council Hall.

Monthly Rosaries before the Council Business Meeting.

Adoration at the Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel for two hours each week.

That Man is You Program. Many knights participate in this weekly Men's Group.

Memorial Day and All Souls Masses at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

Eucharistic Processions at Immaculate Conception Church.

LIFE:

Many Knights support the Pregnancy Center North and Center for Pregnancy Concerns Banquets, and the annual PCN Walk for Life. Annual Drives for Newborn supplies support clients of the Pregnancy Centers.

COMMUNITY:

The Council selects a teacher of the Year at Immaculate Conception School and St. Joseph's School, A Firefighter of the Year and a Police Officer of the Year and presents a gift and a plaque to each recipient. Council Members visit retirement Homes during the Christmas and Easter Seasons to bring good cheer and sing some songs. The Bicycle Committee repairs and donates hundreds of used Bikes each year. Council members Participate in the Annual St. Nicholas Festival at Immaculate Conception School by taking photos with St. Nick and cooking and serving breakfast.

FAMILY:

In addition to numerous donations to Organizations supporting needy Families, which will be listed later, an outreach to younger Families has been started recently. Here are 3 events:

Fall Family Fun Day on October, with Crafts, food and games for the younger children and Football viewing for the adults. Winter Wednesdays: Play and learning for younger children and their families on Wednesday Mornings. Family Skating Day in January.

By far, the largest Council Event is the Annual Jessica Meredith Jacobsen Memorial 5K Race and Fun Walk. This Race has been held for 16 consecutive years, starting in 2008 and will continue on Sept 21, 2024. Here is a brief history of the Race:

In 2007, Jessica was a manager at the T. Rowe Price investment management firm and was the mother of 2 children who attended Immaculate Conception School. She was an avid runner and was active with several Charities, including her sons' School and the House of Ruth. On Sept. 14, 2007, Jessica died because of domestic violence. Later that year, The Fr. O'Neill Council requested permission to have a Race to honor Jessica and raise money for some of her favorite Charities. Each year, many members of the Council promote and organize in the Race. Over 500 Runners and walkers participate, and, with the help of several generous sponsors, over \$600,000 has been raised for charity.

Here is a list of some of the Charities that have benefited from the Race:

The Immaculate Conception School Tuition Assistance Fund
The House of Ruth Baltimore
The Assistance Center of Towson Churches
United Churches Assistance Network
The Franciscan Center Inc.; Coats for Kids
Sisters Academy of Baltimore
The five parishes listed on the previous page
Pregnancy Center North; Center for Pregnancy Concerns
Supreme K of C Disaster Relief
MD State Council Family Relief Funds
Archdiocese of Balt: Camp Glo, and Seminarian Support Fund
Tunnel To Towers; Maryland Special Olympics

ST. PIUS X, NO.4076

Instituted: 6/15/1955, Membership 213

ST. AGNES, NO.4449

Instituted: 6/24/1957, Membership 181

Sixty-seven years after our inception, the St. Agnes Council of the Knights of Columbus remains vibrant and strong. We attribute our success to our consistent offerings of high-quality activities, programs, and events, by the quality and loyalty of the Practical Catholic Gentlemen we can attract, and our ability to remain relevant in our churches and neighborhoods by participating broadly in ways that are relevant to these organizations, while making sure that people know we are their local Knights of Columbus. The following provides some further information about what we have provided or participated in over the past 25 years.

1. Community - We are active members in our community, providing financial assistance, food, clothing, and other support for people who are otherwise underserved. We deliver food to a variety of homeless outreach programs. We are multi-year supporters of the ADOPT-a-highway program. We are ardent supporters of programs such as My Brother's Keeper, My Sisters' Place, Our Daily Bread, Mary's Home of Maryland, Little Sisters of the Poor, the Oblate Sisters, and the Day Center for our local Grassroots organization. For many years, our Tootsie Roll campaigns have gone to support St. Peter's Adult Learning Center in Baltimore City, Maryland. We also entered teams in a variety of sports in the community including bowling, softball, and golf.
2. Family - We recognize the importance of a family which supports our members, and, accordingly, we support a wide variety of family initiatives. We have sponsored several youth-focused events such as youth-themed parties, ice-cream socials, Halloween Nights, movie nights, free-throw contests, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contests, essay contests and the like, and we support families in their times of greatest need (e.g., as funeral ushers, as rosary leaders, as prayer offertory, as hospice visitors, etc.) For the past several years, we have hosted a fishing rodeo. We

also regularly offer an annual memorial mass for deceased members. We have routinely sponsored an "Outstanding Catholic Family" awards program, where we honor great members of our local churches, with an honorary mass and breakfast. Finally, we sponsor and hold an annual "Service Member Awards Program, in which we honor outstanding police, firemen and firewomen, teachers, church administrators, nurses, and others.

3. Faith, Church, and School - we draw most of our members from three local churches: St. Paul of Ellicott City, St. Agnes in Catonsville, and St. William of York in Catonsville. St Paul and St. Agnes have parish schools associated with them. Our members participate as ushers, as Eucharistic ministers, as parish council, finance committee and school board representatives, and as videographers for masses and events. We have sponsored Breakfast with Santa, Shrove Tuesday, Fish Fries, and support at various picnics, Fall Festivals, Races for the Schools, or other important events and activities, and we have provided ground clean-ups and other support to keep church and school landscaping in check. We have also regularly participated (and led) the Consecration of Families to the Holy Family, monthly Rosary, and Adoration support, and many other church and school related support functions.
4. Life - We maintain vigilance over the current and future state of Life-oriented legislation, and often talk about what types of effective action we can take. We supported ultrasound campaigns, women's centers, local hospices, defendlife.org sponsorship, support for the local Mary's Home Program (including Gala attendance) and a variety of pro-life marches, novenas, abortion center witnessing, etc.
5. Events, Programs, Activities and Social Meetings - A sampling of social meeting themes of note included: Shroud of Turin Night, Gold Star Mothers, Chesterton Night, Presentations related to Naval Aviators, the James Webb telescope, member travelogues, Chili cook-offs, Christmas trivia contests, and Service Program nights. A sampling of Council Events included: Octoberfest, Christmas parties, Valentine's Day dances, and St. Patrick's Day parties; Civil War Night; Polynesian Evening, Murder Mystery Evenings, Christmas in July, Wine Tastings, Art Auctions, Pasta Tastings, Halloween parties, Movie Nights, "Poker, Pigskins and Pork," and Local Ethnic Food Night.
6. State and National KofC initiatives- We have embraced National and State-wide initiatives with a degree of ardor over the years. We regularly participated in the Tootsie Roll campaigns, the Columbus Day raffle, support for Special Olympics, Christmas refugees disaster relief, the Mentally and Physically challenged, wheelchair campaigns, ultrasound campaigns (we were able a couple of years ago in tandem with our affiliated District 17 Councils to raise enough money to sponsor an Ultrasound unit to one of our local clinics), Coats for Kids, Helping Hands, Building the Domestic Church and Habitat for Humanity, and several icon tours, among others. We have also strongly supported Vocation support initiatives, such as the RSVP program, and FOCUS support.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NO.4606

Instituted: 4/29/1958, Membership 114

BEL AIR, NO.4714

Instituted: 12/16/1958, Membership 225

BISHOP SEBASTIAN, NO.5058

Instituted: 12/19/1960, Membership 159

IMMACULATE LADY, NO.5208

Instituted: 12/13/1961, Membership 171

Chaplain - Rev Father Jerry Francik
Asst Chaplain - SK Rev Fr Zack Crowley
Grand Knight - SK Tom Harwell
Deputy Grand Knight - SK Michael Ford
Chancellor - SK Jude Crino
Financial Sec - SK PGK Joe Maher
Recorder - Joe Jankoviak
Treasurer - SK John Kmiecik
Inside Guard - Jerry Schaum
Outside Guard - Jamie Ripley
1st Trustee - SK PGK Dave Clement
2nd Trustee - SK PGK Ron Spohn
3rd Trustee - SK John Etoh

Our council was awarded the “Star Council Award” in 2022-23 which it has not been achieve for over 25 years (I didn’t see it in any of the reports, so I may be mistaken). It is our plan to achieve the award again this year (2023-24). We have finally moved into the 21st century with the creation of our new website in Nov/2023 which will greatly increase our visibility to our parish and local community. Our council’s motto for the near future is “Help make our parish grow and prosper”

Life Activities:

We have supported in the past: the Washington DC March for Life; Donations to Special Olympics and Intellectually challenged; Madonna Ministry; Little Sisters of the Poor; Silver Rose Program; Vigil for Life Program; Rosary for Life; Honoring Veterans and Collecting Donations during Veterans Day Weekend.

This year our projects are: Washington DC March for Life; Donations to Special Olympics and Intellectually challenged; Honoring Veterans and Collecting Donations during Veterans Day Weekend; Respect life March; FBN Free Movie & Ice Cream Social; Ultrasound collection; Silver Rose/Pregnancy center Support.

Community Activities:

We have supported in the past: the Reisterstown Festival Parade; Church Christmas Bazaar; NYC Bus trip; Basketball Free Throw; Golf Tournament; Bull and Oyster Roast; Mother’s Day Communion Breakfast; work projects at St Ann’s; Orioles Concessions; M&T bank concessions; Soccer Shootout; Catholic High School Scholarship; Art Auction Raffle; Food for Families Awarded to our council in 2018-2020; KofC Shredding Day; Funeral for Msgr Aiken; Blues and BBQ night; Italian Dinner and Bingo night; Parish Picnic; Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital Garden Boxes work project; Water for Firehouses.

This year our projects are Golf Tournament; Soccer Shootout; KofC Shredding Day; Parish Picnic; Bull and Oyster Roast; M&T bank concessions; Basketball Free Throw; Meet the Knights Night; Water for Firehouses; 150th Celebration Gala Dinner; Parish Gala Raffle; Parish Bingo Night; School Fund Raising night.

Family Activities:

We have supported in the past: the Parish Halloween Trunk or Treat event with a Dance; Breakfast with Santa event; Father/Daughter Dance event; Parish Family Picnic, Easter Egg Hunt; Christmas Assistance Program; Christmas Basket Program; Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest; Christmas

Party; Christmas Card Sales; Bingo at Cherrywood; Our Daily Bread Casseroles; Families of SMA foundation; Gift Card Bingo; Spaghetti & Movie night.

This year our projects are Parish Halloween Trunk or Treat event with food; Breakfast with Santa event; Father/Daughter Dance event; Parish Family Picnic, Easter Egg Hunt; Christmas Assistance Program; Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest; Christmas Party; Christmas Card Sales; Our Daily Bread Casseroles.

Faith Activities:

We supported in the past: Lenten Meals for the parish; Lecturer's Program; Easter Egg Contest; Church Ministry Fair; Coffee House fellowship; Council Memorial Mass; Rosary Program; Living Rosary Program; Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe procession; KofC Guest Speaker Series; Adoration under the Stars; Eucharistic Adoration nights.

This year our projects are: KofC Guest Speaker Series; Lenten Meals for the parish; Coffee House fellowship; Council Memorial Mass; Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe procession; Adoration under the Stars; Monthly Parish Eucharistic Adoration nights; Into the Breach/Ice Cream Social.

The council could not have completed all of these projects and also achieved "Star Council" without the time and effort given by all those involved: Officers, Directors, Chairmen, Brothers, Wives, Children and Friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife Lady Cyndi for her support and patience these last two years and for allowing me to devote so much time to our Council and our Order. I also wish to thank all of the wives of the brothers in this council because a lot of the volunteering would not be allowed without their permission.

I would like to give my personal thanks to PGK Dave Clement and Lady Elaine, PGK Ron Spohn and Lady Suzanne, DGK Michael Ford and Lady Karen, my fellow Officers; John Kmiecik, Joe Maher, and Joe Jankoviak and finally all of the brothers in the council that took a leadership role in our projects. You all know who you are, that is why our council is achieving with a dedicated group of volunteers. I do not wish to forget someone's name that is why I did not make a list.

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS P. KEOUGH, NO.5263

Instituted: 4/26/1962, Membership 147

Archbishop Francis P Keough Council #5263 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 Francis P. Keough Council No. 5263 was named after the late Archbishop of Baltimore and was instituted on April 26, 1962.

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 7:00pm. Our program calendar is publicly shared through keough5263@gmail.com and we have an email correspondence group through Google groups via archbishopkeough5263@googlegroups.com.

Keough Council is locally known for its annual charity drives:

- Wheels Night is an annual charity event whose proceeds benefit the local support organizations for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The 24th annual event is February 24, 2024.
- St Patrick's Dinner Dance which benefits pro-life programs has 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 a statewide program entitled the Living Rosary program, featuring a 120-foot rosary that travels throughout Maryland providing prayer and reflection for all ages in an interactive way.
- The council has always been concerned with helping others as witnessed The Christmas for the Forgotten program, which currently supports Spring Grove hospital center in Baltimore, MD and previously the Rosewood nursing home. This program gives hope, kindness and gifts to those people who have no family or have been abandoned by what was their family.
- This year we hosted the Silver Rose on its annual pilgrimage on November 8th at Becknel Hall.

Keough Council has helped St Joseph's Odenton with parking on both Christmas and Easter services.

ST. COLUMCILLE, NO.5317

Instituted: 7/18/1962, Membership 141

St. Columcille Council #5317 instituted in August 1963, in Oxon Hill, Maryland, celebrated its 60th year anniversary. Under the leadership of successive Grand Knights, the Council has provided faithful service to both the Church and communities of St. Columba and St. Ignatius parishes. At its height, the Council grew to over two hundred members.

In 1968 the Council purchased land in Oxon Hill and constructed a council home which opened in 1978. The Council met regularly at St. Columcille Council Home and continued to support both the St. Columba Parish in Oxon Hill and St. Ignatius Parish in Fort Washington, Maryland. In 2019, St. Ignatius parish formed its own council, St. John Fisher, which is also in District 15.

In 2022, the Council sold its council home and is now a “parish- based council” working closely and collaborating with the Pastor.

Throughout the years, the St. Columcille Council has emphasized its leadership and participation with Faith-in-Action programs. Early in its existence, the Council fostered a profound “Keep Christ in Christmas” dedication. The Council constructed a nativity scene on the National Mall. The members of the Council monitored the scene for each of 24 hours each day and provided care for a live animal petting zoo (consisting of sheep, a deer, and a donkey) in an enclosed area.

The Council routinely shares meals with others. Members of the Council have organized participated in such activities as pancake breakfasts, Lenten fish fries, and cook outs. Members also provide food for needy families throughout the year including the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The council participates in the annual “Persons with Intellectually Disabilities” program (Tootsie Roll Drive). Until recently, the Council also host parties for the intellectually disabled during the spring and at Christmas.

The Council has been actively involved with the youth in the parish. Council members have served as youth ministry leaders, scout leaders and mentors. The council has also sponsored District Free Throw competitions and soccer shootouts. They also judged the annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contests for the parish school.

Every year, the Council participates in various Pro-Life activities to include an annual March for Life rallies in Washington, D. C. and Annapolis Maryland, the Novena for Life and praying the Rosary in the public square. We actively engage in the "Assistance to Support Women After Pregnancy" (ASAP) and contributed over \$2,000 dollars in 2022-23.

The Council conducts quarterly Holy Hours and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the parish church. Members of the Council also participate in the usher program at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC.

Our Knights lead the way serving as ushers in the Parish. They also serve as Lectors, Cantor, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, catechists, sacristans, and ministry leaders. Members of the Council are at the Pastor's side serving on both the Parish Council and Pastor's Finance Councils.

The Brother Knights continually participate in activities aimed at supporting and celebrating families with their generosity in donating time and monies to St. Columba's Thanksgiving food drives and hosting Shrove Tuesday Pancake breakfast.

The Council has achieved Star Council on multiple occasions and recently twice in the last ten years.

Council members receive continual recognition for their dedication to service and charity to religious life, supporting the Pastors of St. Columba and other parishes, Community service, and Charitable contributions.

MOTHER SETON, NO.5381

Instituted: 1/8/1963, Membership 157

WOODLAWN, NO.5466

Instituted: 10/29/1963, Membership 55

In 2003 the Council's corporation sold its building, which was the original church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in downtown Woodlawn. Since then, the Council has met at St. Gabriel Church in Windsor Mill. St. Gabriel is our home parish and our main source of new members. The sale of the building has freed the Council financially and for service to the church and the community.

We have been active in various fraternal activities. Of particular note, our Council paid for half of an ultrasound machine that District 17 donated to Pregnancy Center West. Also, since the pandemic, the Council has supported the St. Gabriel food pantry by volunteering weekly and through the Food for Families program. We have supported one or two seminarians through the RSVP program for many years.

Our longtime chaplain, Reverend Michael Carrion, passed away a few years ago. Since then, Msgr. Thomas L. Phillips has taken his place.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, NO.5482

Instituted: 12/2/1963, Membership 130

HOLY FAMILY, NO.5547

Instituted: 4/20/1964, Membership 89

Holy Family Council 5547 started in the Spring of 1964 with 81 Charter Members. The first home for the Council was a facility in Holy Family Seminary in Silver Spring, Maryland. This was provided by Fr John F. Pratt and Fr. Louis F. Hoffman of the Seminary. The name of the Council was chosen to acknowledge the benefactors and the First Family.

In 1969 Fr. James Beattie of St. Camillus Church offered the Fr. Grace Room for the Council to hold their meetings and various functions. The Council spent the next 25 years there until the parish decided to convert the hall into a chapel and hospitality room. In 1994, Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM suggested that the Council move to the recently vacated convent. It required many renovations which the members of the Council took it upon themselves to undertake. These renovations included a new heating and air conditioning system, bathrooms, kitchen, new windows, electrical wiring and handicap ramps. The new facility served as the Council's meeting chambers and a social center for the members as well as many parish activities.

Since its installment Holy Family Council 5547 has been a strong supporter of State and District programs as well as enriching programs blending spiritual, fraternal and social needs of Holy Family members and parishioners of St. Camillus Church. In recent years the Council provided new carpeting for the Church, gates for St Francis International School parking lot to protect the students, a hot water storage tank, and battery-operated vests for the teachers of St. Francis to protect them while outdoors.

Since Covid the membership of the Council has declined and the need for a large meeting room was seen as unnecessary. The Council decided to turn over the meeting room to the parish so that a food pantry could be enlarged to accommodate a greater number of people each week who seek food for their families.

Sixty years of devoted service to God, Country and the Order has been the committed goal of the members of Holy Family Council 5547.

ST. JEROME, NO.5564

Instituted: 5/18/1964, Membership 90

ST. JOSEPH MANYANET, NO.5567

Instituted: 5/14/1964, Membership 144

The Council was chartered on May 14, 1964 and will celebrate 60 years of Columbian Fraternity this year. The Council meets on the 2nd Thursday (social meeting) at the Shrine of St. Jude Parish in Rockville MD and at St. Catherine Laboure Parish on the 4th Thursday of every month (business meeting). For many years, the Council called the Frost Center home, and the Council had been providing financial support to the Center supporting area youths with cognitive disabilities. The Council supports the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville and St. Catherine Laboure in Wheaton MD. The Council's former Chaplain for many years, Father Donald Van Alstyne, a Marian Father, joined the Army chaplaincy at the age of 50 in 1997. Another long time Chaplain was Father Valentine Keveny. The Council's current Chaplains are Fr. Paul Lee the pastor of the Shrine of St. Jude and Fr. Francisco Aguirre the pastor of St. Catherine Laboure.

Over the years, PGK Michael Holder has conducted an annual yard sale for the Council and has donated all proceeds to Children's Hospital in Washington, DC. PGK Holder, in 1998, dedicated the annual event to Charles L. Stern, a brother Knight who passed away. The Council continues to provide St. Catherine Laboure' and St. Jude more than 40 turkeys at Thanksgiving and 40 hams at Christmas. In addition, fresh fruit and assorted canned food and trimmings are donated to the community as well.

For many years, St. Joseph Manyanet Council hosted a parish bingo at St. Catherine Laboure and assisted with bingo at the Shrine of St. Jude. The Council also provided leadership to the Troops in the parishes assigned and sponsored a Scout Sunday in the Churches. The younger Cubs and Brownies received religious emblems they have earned in their program during the year. Scouts were recognized in the Church for their activities and accomplishments.

In 1997, the Council sponsored a youth soccer team at St. Catherine Laboure'. The Council purchased full soccer uniforms for 20 young soccer players. Over the years, the Council has held fund raiser hamburger cookouts to raise money for the Shrine of St. Jude School. And in 2023, the Council nominated the "Catholic Teacher of the Year" Katie Cain – teacher at the Shrine of St. Jude School. The Council has held many events at the school including "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contests, Soccer Shoot Out Competitions and Basketball Free Throw Competitions.

One of the most significant programs hosted by Council 5567 is the Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy Program. Last year, St. Joseph Manyanet Council finished 1st in the Maryland jurisdiction turning in 885 Boxes of Joy out of the 5797 boxes turned in statewide. Recently the Council donated \$250 to the Shrine of St. Jude School drama club.

At St. Catherine Laboure, the Council donated a flagpole for the front circle and a large marble statue of the Holy Family for the front drive. Knights routinely volunteer to provide ushering assistance for large liturgies and penance services. This year the Council set up an altar of repose for the annual Corpus Christi procession. The Council's collection in support of those with cognitive and intellectual disabilities is typically split between the InterPlay Orchestra (adults with cognitive disabilities make up the orchestra) and Special Olympics. The Council has taken a special interest in raising awareness and funding for persecuted Christians and has donated \$900 a year to educate Christian children in the Holy Land since 2016. St. Joseph Manyanet Council has a long history of volunteering at the Shepherd's Table food pantry in Silver Spring and St. Stephen's food pantry at the Shrine of St. Jude. Knights of the Council provide support for the monthly collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor and have participated in the Order's ASAP support for young mothers in troubled pregnancies. Our annual Christmas tree sale at the Shrine of St. Jude funds many of the good works of the Council.

FATHER BURGGRAFF, NO.6021
Instituted: 1/31/1968, Membership 172

CORPUS CHRISTI, NO.6188
Instituted: 10/23/1969, Membership 143

FATHER PETER PAUL MAHER, NO.6793
Instituted: 4/21/1976, Membership 321

Father Maher Council was instituted on April 21, 1976, at St. Peter's Church, Olney, Maryland, by the late Charles I. Reese, State Deputy, after an effort initiated by the Pastor and first Council Chaplain Father

Canice Treacy; the then District Deputy, Donald Jordon, and Organizing Chairman, Robert Horrell. Thirty-three new and former Knights comprised the Institution Class.

The Council's namesake had served as Pastor of several parishes in the Archdioceses prior to his final assignment as Chaplain at the nearby Montgomery General Hospital (now known as MedStar Montgomery Medical Center). Father Maher, a chemical engineer, entered the priesthood in his late forties and had been ordained for over twenty years when he passed away in 1975. His sense of humor was legendary in the Archdiocese as was his holiness and dedication to God. In 2004 we saw the passing of our First Chaplain Father Canice Treacy,

Throughout the first twenty one years, the Council membership increased steadily from the thirty-three to well over 350 Knights, many of whom have become leaders in District, State and Fourth Degree programs. Since then, in the last 24 years membership has remained steady at the 300 plus mark. Father Maher Council developed a significant legacy of success, in the first twelve years (1976 thru 1989) the Council received the Star Council Award each year of its 12 years of existence. In the following years the tradition continued until 25 consecutive years of Star Council were earned. In the last 25 years more than 120 new members joined our roles.

The Council which initially supported St. Peter's Parish, Olney MD, now also supports St. Patrick Catholic Church, Rockville, MD and Our Lady of Grace Church in Leisure World, Silver Spring MD. The Council meeting locations migrated over the years. During the 1999-2000 fraternal year, the Council met at St. Peter's Church during the school year and at St. Patrick's during the summer months. In 2004 the Council shifted their meeting location to the Marian Assisted Living Community Center in Brookeville. In 2007 the meeting location moved to the Olney Room at the Sandy Spring Bank in Olney. In 2009 meetings were then held at the Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, while the executive meetings were held in the Knights Cottage at the Marian Assisted Living facilities. In 2016, thanks to the graciousness of Monsignor Essex, then pastor of Our Lady of Grace parish meeting then settled to the parish Center at Our Lady of Grace Church where they have been since.

Many of the activities presented in the initial 1989 update report continued a number to this day.

Faith (Church) Activities: The Council continues to support of the Seminarians through the RSVP program. One hundred ninety seven donations at \$500 each, a total of almost \$100,000 were documented on our Book of Reports from 2000 through 2023. The Council continues to lend their support for the annual Archdiocese Seminarian Family Picnic/Luncheon at St. Patrick's Church. Other events reported; Clergy Appreciation Night, Kitchen support for St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar, specifically "Breakfast with St. Nick", and Support of St. Peter's School of Religion Octoberfest where as many as 835 meals were served in an evening.

Community (Council) Activities: The Council supports the annual Memorial Day Service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring every year since at least 2000. Other programs supported included; the State Incentive Raffle, Tootsie Roll Program (estimate \$64,300 collected in the last 25 years). Since at least the year 2000 the council has conducted an Annual Halloween Party at Inwood House, a unique residential community designed for adults who are differently-abled. For more than 29 years the council conducted Christmas Caroling in the halls of Montgomery General Hospital. Other activities include; Easter Egg Hunt, Council attendance of Columbus Ball, Support of Cardinals Ball, an Annual Golf outing benefitting the Seminarian fund, and Newsletter – Website support (2004 U-Knight migration).

Life (Culture of Life) Activities: Life activities include; Silver Rose Ceremony, "Fantasy Football for the State Ultrasound Fund, dedicating Social meeting to praying the rosary for the Unborn and Ukraine, annual Communion Breakfast for Life in January. Many of the proceeds from this Culture of Life event go the Knights of Columbus State Ultrasound Program. For a number of years, Council meetings would begin with recitation of the "Divine Mercy Chaplet". Members of the Council supported the March for Life in Wash DC

Family (Youth) Activities: Council supported multiple Food Banks at St. Jude's and St. Martins. For 41 years the Council combined talents with the local Lions Club and conducted a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast to raise Scholarship funds. Annual Family Potluck Dinners, annual Family Picnic, annual Family Christmas Party and Family of the Month are conducted. In the last 25 years more than 45 College scholarship awards (totaling almost \$45,000) were presented to worthy high school seniors. More than 36 boxes of Coats for Kids have been donated to local organizations.

Special projects; 2002 - Establishment of non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) org – “Father Maher Knights of Columbus Charity Corp.”, 2004 - Support of dedication of new Korean Parish, St. Andrew Kim Church, 2005 - Participated in the official visit of Cardinal Kim of Korea to newly dedicated St. Andrew Kim Church in Olney, 2006 the Council raised \$1,200 to rebuild a chapel in San Potito Italy, home town of Carmine Amatucci PGK, Community Mulch Sales, Council Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance were conducted for a number of years, In 2014 the Council ran 3 ads in our local Gazette newspaper before Christmas encouraging Catholics to come home and re-discover the Catholic Church, 2015, we facilitated restoration to the Shrine to Blessed Virgin Mary at the grotto at St. Peter's Church, in 2017 our Grand Knight arranged for a tour of the National Institutes of Health for 60 students from Our Lady of Good Council High School. The students visited the NIH Visitor Center, the Clinical Center and the National Library of Medicine. During COVID, the Council Incorporated “Into the Breach” ZOOM sessions into our Social meetings.

We close with a quote from a wise Past Grand Knight: “During the years, we have had changes that challenged us, disappointments that taught us, achievements that inspired us and successes that drove us. We continue to grow and make a difference in our community and we are proud to be a part of it all.”

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, NO. 6901

Instituted: 4/21/1976, Membership 219

Originally named "Upper Montgomery County Council", Knights of Columbus Council No. 6901 opened its first meeting on April 12, 1977, with its first call to service. Father George B. Reid, longtime Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Barnesville, asked the Council to help put a new roof on the parish pavilion where the Knights would hold their bi-weekly meetings for the next decade and beyond.

Officers were installed at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, Maryland. This was certainly a sign that this new Council would serve not only the farmlands and scattered villages in the upper west end of the County, but the burgeoning bedroom communities being built around Germantown, shepherded by Monsignor Leonard F. Hurley, the Council's first Chaplain. Members of St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin's parishes in Gaithersburg also joined, plus several Brothers from the Christian Brothers Manor in Beallsville. Msgr. Hurley was the founding pastor of Germantown's Mother Seton Parish, where he served from 1974 until 1987 and was the Catholic priest assigned by Cardinal O'Boyle to narrate President John F. Kennedy's Requiem Mass for a worldwide television and radio audience in 1963.

Under the leadership of Grand Knight, Denny Raugh, Council No. 6901 plunged into the routine activities such as the State's Incentive Program, Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally handicapped, Punt, Pass and Kick and Free-Throw Contest for the youngsters, Right to Life Marches for the unborn, and food baskets for the poor at Christmas, Easter and later, Thanksgiving too. Council members parked' cars, directed traffic and helped out in the kitchen on the last Saturdays of July and October when St. Mary's held their Annual Chicken and Turkey Dinners. The Council struggled with membership and attendance but continued to hold family picnics and spaghetti dinners.

When the Crosier Fathers moved into Holy Cross Manor in Beallsville, the Council promoted their first Thursday 8:00 P.M. Holy Hour and received a real boost when Father Zylla, O.S.C., transferred in and became Co-Chaplain in January of 1979. Father Zylla remained active, not only in the Council, but also in the District and State by his devotion to the Knights of Columbus.

By the end of the 1970's, Council No. 6901 had \$1,400 in the treasury and fifty members. The District's Fourth Degree held their annual picnic at St. Mary's, hosted by Council No. 6901, and kept coming back most of the next decade. Due to increasing demands of him by his blossoming parish, Father Hurley resigned and Father Zylla became Chaplain, stressing the role of the family as a Catholic Family Fraternal organization.

The Council responded with Family of the Month Awards, Family Communion Breakfasts, caroling, baby shower gifts for members, Christmas parties, German dinners, CCD Coloring Books and Poster Contests, a Valentine's Dance, a wheelchair for a member's nephew, new efforts for the Right to Life; and, last but not least, a beer and wine license for the Council.

Within a year, a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed and Jim Serritella began his anonymous, prize winning effort as Editor of the Broken Lance newsletter. Then came Clergy Night at which each of the four pastors was toasted and roasted.

In 1982, Brother Daniel Stang, O.S.C., a long time Officer of Council No. 6901, left to serve the church through mission work in Africa. Under Grand Knight, Bernie Moffett, a Building Fund was started for a new Council home, yet to be built. Father Emmett Zachman, O.S.C., became Chaplain, and a year later, it was Father Reid, with Denny Raugh beginning a long term as Treasurer and then Financial Secretary.

Father Zylla returned a year later as Associate Chaplain, and top Officers started to attend Knights of Columbus training seminars at Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg. Formal annual budgets became the rule, and Council No. 6901 was professionalized. Father Zylla worked as a professor of moral theology and priestly formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary for 38 years until his death, July 29, 2009, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland at the age of 82.

By 1985, the Council had one hundred members, nearly \$20,000 in the treasury, Paul Prozialeck as Grand Knight and the Council's first Star Council.

Grand Knight successor, Peter Davio, spearheaded a drive in 1987 to have the Council's name changed to "Our Lady of Fatima" which was subsequently approved at the Supreme Convention in Vancouver in 1988. During his second year as Grand Knight, the Council set new records for funds collected for the State Incentive Program and the Tootsie Roll Program for the mentally handicapped.

In April, 1993 a motion was made at a meeting at Our Lady of Fatima Council 6901 to have a monument to the unborn erected in the area. Concerned about how to draw interest to the monument in this rural area of the state, council Pro-Life Chairman Peter Davio suggested that it be made a community project instead. With council approval, Davio made presentations to the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Barnesville, Father George Reid, the Ladies Sodality and the Holy Name Society, telling them of the campaign being conducted by Knights of Columbus across the country in the name of the unborn. Their support was solicited as well as their ideas on the size, shape, color, cut and design of the monument. Council funding initially paid for the monument and its installation in St. Mary's Cemetery on Friday July 29th, 1994.

His Eminence Cardinal James Hickey of the Washington D.C. Archdiocese agreed to dedicate the monument and was joined by the pastors of St. Mary's Church in Barnesville and Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, and priests and brothers from the Carpatho-Rusyns (Eastern Rite) Monastery in Beallsville. Flanked by the Knights of Columbus Color Corps and accompanied by close to 100 friends and parishioners of the community of Barnesville, the site was dedicated as the monument to the unborn on Saturday, May 27, 1995. The monument stands in the area of the innocents, a section of the cemetery reserved for infant deaths.

For many years now the Council hosts a Halloween Party for the Special Olympics of Montgomery County that is well attended and well appreciated by the Olympians. Another favorite event is an annual St Patrick's Ceili with live Irish music, dancers, corned beef and Irish stew. Started on a previous turn as Grand Knight by GK Thomas McCartin. A special event for Chaplain Father Kevin O'Reilly whose parents attended and provided sage advice to the cooks. We carry on the Super Bowl Sub fundraiser started by Brother Nick Tucci. For Fridays in Lent, Past Grand Knight Tony Chmelik leads a Lenten dinner supported by Knights and his wife and family.

From 2004 – 2008, Past Grand Knight and SK Joseph E. Murtha served as the Master of the Archdiocese of Washington District of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.

In 2010, Past Grand Knight Peter Davio, became the Maryland State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. Pete went on to serve as Vice President of the National Christopher Columbus Association until his death in 2019.

For 46 years the council has provided support to the parishes of our members, and to the Knights of Columbus. This includes our wives and children. Our current Warden is the Grandson of charter member Frank Austin. Many of our charter members have passed but we still strive to carry on their work in the Church and the community.

Council Institution

Transfers: Msgr. Leonard Hurley, John Burns, Thomas Cassidy, Robert Deck, Don Kersey, Dennis Raugh, Richard Rosser, Robert Stack, John Staskus, Richard Twigger

Readmissions: George Barr, Charles Carlton, Robert Hill, Richard Jurgena, Richard Mayeux, Allen MacCarrach, Murray Morgan, Raymond Regnier

New Members: Frank Austin, Robert Blum, Kenneth Brown, Gregory Clucas, Stanley Dahlman, Vito DeLorenzo, James Doonan, John Fiedler, Brian Ganjian, Harry Ganjian, Andrew Gerber Jr., Melvin Glover, Michael Hamilton, Michael Henchy, George Heverly, William Howard, Nicholas Johnson, Edwin Kapp, James Kelly, John Lucas, Barry Lewis, Thomas Madden, Thomas Mahoney, Kenneth Matula, Paul Maxwell, Richard Mechler, Bernard Moffet, James Parsley, David Perry, Lawrence Price III, Joseph Richard, Daniel Sandusky, Kevin Wade, Melvin Washington, Donald White.

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY COUNCIL NO. 7025

Instituted: 1/26/1978, Membership 147

Over the past 25 years the council has embraced change by adapting to respond to the most urgent needs of the Church, particularly through charitable and social outreach. In order to support our efforts to build the domestic church through the evangelization of family life today, our council is fully engaged in assisting Christ the King Catholic Church located in Glen Burnie, MD. As the world's largest Catholic

fraternal and family organization, we have a responsibility to dedicate our time, talent and resources to ensuring that our parishes are beacons of the new evangelization.

The council Faith in Action programs have adapted by collecting food donations and financial support for the North County Emergency Outreach Network (NCEON) and St Vincent DePaul food pantry at Christ the King Catholic Church which benefits needy families of the parish and the local families within our community. Our council and McGivney Ladies Guild members have embraced the aid support after pregnancy program to benefit Mary's Center Inc. woman's care center located in Glen Burnie MD. We continue an established tradition to help persons with special needs by collecting donations to benefit the special needs students with moderate to severe disabilities attending the Marley Glen special education school and the Ruth Parker Eason special education school located within northern Anne Arundel County. We continue to volunteer within our community by assisting with parking at the annual Glen Burnie Improvement Association (GBIA) 4th of July fireworks show at Sawmill Park and operate the Pizza Stand concession at the GBIA Big Glen Burnie Carnival during July/August.

The Council was instituted on January 26, 1978 within the former Catholic Church of Crucifixion (Glen Burnie, MD) which has since merged with both the former Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Glen Burnie, MD) and former Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd (Glen Burnie, MD) all which have joined to form what is now Christ the King Catholic Church. The Council celebrated its "Silver Anniversary" at a Gala event held January 25, 2003 and then celebrated its "40th Anniversary" at a Gala event held January 26, 2018.

During 2021-2022 the council assisted various ministries within our parish by participating in a major renovation of the former "Deacons Room" adjacent to the parish center of Christ the King Catholic Church. Many council members were active in the renovation effort and present during dedication of the "Christ the King Chapel" during February 2022. Over the past two years the council has embraced "Christ the King Chapel" as a venue to host installation of council officer ceremonies, formation degrees, St. Joseph icon program and Consecration of the Holy Family prayer services.

The McGivney Ladies Guild is a tremendous asset to our council and without their support many of our program activities would not be possible. The 3rd Saturday of each month the council members and Ladies Guild members meet to solicit prayer intentions for the sick, deceased and to pray the rosary which is then followed with social activity that includes light refreshments which are donated by the members in attendance. Our council is proud to have celebrated forty five years of the "McGivney Way" demonstrating our Faith in Action conducting a variety of program activities in Faith - Family - Community – Life throughout each fraternal year.

COLUMBIA, NO.7559

Instituted: 4/29/1980, Membership 139

Columbia Council 7559 which was established 43 years ago in 1980, is located at the St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center located at 10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, Maryland 21044. Ever since it was founded, the Council has had such a tremendous group of caring, compassionate, dedicated, and committed men who work together hand-in-hand to serve others and be there for one another. When Columbia Council was established 43 years ago, we were the Council for Howard County and therefore served several parishes. It is true that we are still a Premier Council in the county, but in the last 25 years, there are now seven or more councils in Howard County.

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. To prepare for the business meetings, officers meet on the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 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 council observes a Memorial Mass annually for the repose of the souls of its members who have gone to sleep with the Lord. This year's Memorial Mass was combined with the parish All Souls Day Mass.

The Columbia Council usually conducts its installation of officers during the month of July or August. The most recent Installation of Officers of Council 7559 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.

Since July 1998, the Columbia Council has donated money to organizations and individuals in need at a rate of approximately \$5000 per year. That's over \$125,000. As Knights of Columbus, we can be proud of this accomplishment.

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: Tim Lynch, PGK, FDD

In the last 25 years, Council 7559 has been blessed with committed brothers who served and continue to serve as program directors. Our current Program Director is our indefatigable brother Knight, Tim Lynch, PGK, FDD. The Council's programs have ranged from holiday food drive that collects non-perishable food and distributes to the needy during the holiday seasons, to Ladies Knight Out to thank our spouses and widows for their support throughout the year, to the annual Tootsie Roll drive to collect money for the mentally challenged, to Family Charity Bingo that has collected thousands of dollars for distribution to Howard County charities who assist people in need, to Baby Bottle Distribution to raise funds for the Columbia Pregnancy Center, to the sponsorship of the Tanzanian Children's Project (TCP) to build a health center and good drinking water well for the Sacred Heart parish in the Moshi Diocese in Tanzania, and the continued support of the work of the TCP, to our annual Oktoberfest celebrations, to our annual Culture of Life Program, and to Alternative Giving program fundraiser which benefits five nonprofits including the TCP. Columbia Council families have enjoyed parties, hikes, picnics, retreats, pilgrimages, dinners, and other social events. The youth of the council, parish, and community have been challenged annually by Easter Egg Hunts, "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contests, Soccer Shootouts, Fishing derbies, and other contests of athletic or religious skills. Columbia Council won numerous Star Council Awards and other awards for its activities. The Program Director works with our dedicated brothers who serve as Activity Directors to accomplish these programs.

FAITH ACTIVITIES: Brother Stan Godlewski

We have continued to engage in faith activities by providing moral and financial support to missionaries and seminarians such as providing financial support to two visiting deacons from Africa, sponsoring of a Novices with \$500 via the RSVP Program. We also assist with decorating the Church (Wilde Lake Interfaith Center) for Christmas on Christmas Eve and go on pilgrimages to the Shrine of St. John Paul II.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Brother Harry Lis

The Columbia Council has maintained its support of the community through the Council's annual Tootsie Roll Drive that supports members of our community with intellectual and developmental challenges. We have provided assistance and continue to assist the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. John's Conference with a community soup dinner and bowl painting party, to raise money. We have supported the parish to continue a parish tradition of hosting Thanksgiving Dinner for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health).

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Brother Michael

The Columbia Council's family activities include hosting the annual Oktoberfest celebration that is attended by many families, which raises over \$1000 on average for the council's charity fund. The Council assists with the St. John's annual Christmas Concert during Advent, serving as ushers, and providing any necessary assistance to the hundreds of families who attend this annual tradition. The Council hosts the annual parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and continues to support the work of the TCP. The Council organizes an annual Easter Egg hunt for children of the parish.

LIFE ACTIVITIES: Pat Murphy

Columbia Council 7559 hosts an annual Culture of Life activities in January. 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. 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 attend the Columbia Pregnancy Center's annual Gala fundraiser.

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, as well as 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 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 six months 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.

J. SHEEN, NO.7612

Instituted: 6/24/1980, Membership 264

Council 7612 was founded in 1980 with our charter Grand Knight Leo Kist. In those 44 years our council has earned start council 20 times! We have been doing amazing programs such as every Tuesday night, weekly Rosary for World Peace since 9/11 that is 1,176 consecutive rosary recitals. Tootsie Rolls donations have raised and supported the mentally challenged and Pregnancy Centers. Our Pit Beef Fundraiser has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for our general fund and charity committee donations. Our M&T Stadium Events has also made hundreds of thousands to support multiple missions and raised money for the Council. Our council spearheads the parish Lenten Dinners and Co-Hosted by Church. We have a group of members that supports the Appalachia Project and go for a week to help build and repair homes for people in need. The Baby Bottles raised lots of money to support the local Pregnancy Center. We have held an Oktoberfest three times with great success.

Our parish has an annual Block Party, the council cooks chicken and other ministries make other foods for the entire parish picnic. We have been doing Movie Nights for the parish and just recently held our 50th Movie Night and dinner. We continue to support Adopt-A-Highway, Exposure for the public and service to community. We continue to hold Red Cross Blood Drives that benefit of the American Red Cross. We have participated in the Stars, Stripes and Chow at Baltimore Station where we supply pit

beef, ham, turkey that supports homeless Veterans. Veterans Day Pins for Parishioner Veterans. We have been doing Marigolds for Mother's Day Flowers since it was founded in our council before becoming a state program. We have been giving out finger rosaries, on Father's Day, to the fathers of our parish. Our social nights are open to the entire parish free of charge, with dinner, presentations, and game nights. We continue to participate in the Supreme Basketball and Soccer shoot outs and the March for Life every year.

We are very proud of all of things that our council continues to do and all of the new programs we start every year.

CALVERT, NO.7870

Instituted: 9/27/1981, Membership 201

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS, SJ, NO.7914

Instituted: 11/18/1981, Membership 183

FATHER JOSEPH G. McMANUS, NO.7941

Instituted: 12/13/1981, Membership 122

Father McManus Council #7941 meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The meetings take place in the hall of St. Christopher's Catholic Church, located at 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, Maryland 21619. Meetings have clearly defined agendas, are run efficiently, are limited to 45 minutes or fewer, and are well-attended. At 6:30 on the Fourth Tuesday of each month Knight Gil Boisvert leads us with praying the Rosary in the church hall. Our Pastor, Father John Gabage, a 4th Degree Knight, is our Council Chaplain

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, Council Officers were installed after the 11:15 am Mass, celebrated by Father John Gabage. Afterward, Grand Knight Kenton Kilgore, District Deputy Larry Houck, State Deputy Chris Powers and their wives, in addition to Fr. Gabage, went to lunch to celebrate.

Grand Knight Kenton Kilgore has developed four goals for the council:

1. Assist our brothers widows.
2. Remember our fallen Brothers.
3. Tell the parish about our council
4. Tell the community about our council.

Church Activities- Jose Lovo

Chancellor Sir Knight James Clark directs St. Christopher's Church usher program in which Brother Knights are involved before and after each Mass. Many Brother Knights serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Brother Jose Lovo serves the Hispanic community of St. Christopher's Church by ushering the weekly Mass, setting up the Chapel, and helping our Pastor with translating the homily from English to Spanish. Brother Jose Lovo and Brother Mike Koszalka take care of the broadcast of the weekly church services on the internet. Knights participated in the recent Christ the King procession held on November 26, 2023. Knights also purchased and installed new kitchen equipment for the church hall in March 2023.

Community Activities- James Clark

Sir Brother James Clark (Chancellor) and Greg Clunk (Advocate) headed up our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, as well as five fish fries during Lent. These were free to all parishioners and coordinated to increase attendance at Stations of the Cross immediately following the fish dinners. In addition, James and Greg led the other Knights in holding a free breakfast once a month for the parish. In November 2023, Brother Knights James Clark, Dan McCabe, and Phil Boos coordinated with Queen Anne's County Feed-a-Family Thanksgiving Program with collecting food from area schools and business and setting up tables in a warehouse. The food baskets were constructed and distributed to needy families. Brother James Clark also coordinated our Council Christmas Turkey Dinner Program in December. All items were collected by Brother Knights, placed in baskets, and distributed to needy families in our community. Brother James Clark also led an effort to repair the home of a widow of one of our Brothers.

Council Activities- Kenton Kilgore

Grand Knight Kenton Kilgore is the President of the Parish Finance Council, and a member of the Parish Council. Brothers Randy Martin and Dave Marvel chair and coordinate the Cash Raffle. Brother Steve McCartin coordinates a Basket of Cheer raffle. We sold tickets for these raffles at church, during fish fries and breakfasts, and at the Everything Market that was held several times this year at the local American Legion.

Family Activities- Scott Harash

We held a raffle for a bushel of crabs and a case of beer; Brother Scott Harash chaired this event. The tickets were sold at the American Legion Everything Market and in the church hall. We held this event in the spring and fall of 2023. Knights also assisted at the parish Fall Festival in October.

Youth Activities- Greg Denny

Brother Greg Denny chaired this event, and with Brother Knights held the Soccer Shootout, and Archery competitions in the fall. Brother Greg Denny and his wife held poster contests for "My Favorite Saint," and "Keep 'Christ' in Christmas."

Membership Director- Andy Polley

Brother Andy Polley does an outstanding job with recruitment, leading a membership drive in October 2023. Brother Phil Boos leads our Exemplification Team. Phil is the Deputy Grand Knight for 2023-24.

Conclusion

This council dedicates an extraordinary amount of time to the parish. Its members are enthusiastic, hard-working, and adaptable. We have a large and solid core of reliable Knights who serve, week in and week out, as the strong right arm of St. Christopher's church. The parish has come to recognize the Knights as a motivated and dependable group, and that reputation is attracting new, younger members.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NO.8159

Instituted: 6/18/1982, Membership 111

Immaculate Conception Council no. 8159 was founded on June 28, 1982. In our history our council and its members have remained true to our charitable origins through the numerous activities that have shaped our membership.

We have provided support to our parish and priests on efforts that saw the repainting of church buildings, assistance in the fund raising and design of the current IC Hall, and a more recent addition in the design and construction of Mary's Garden on the grounds of the hall that provides a place for prayer

and devotion to our blessed mother. Our support reached out to help a local priest in the renovations to a home on the Body of Christ Farm providing housing for families in need.

Our council also hosts parish events for the families. Annual Fall and Spring picnics, scarecrow building during Halloween season, spaghetti dinners to mark the start of the school year, Christmas parties for the parish and Knights children, and providing breakfast for the Archdiocesan assembly of deacons.

Our charitable efforts span a wide range of events including quarterly Charity Breakfasts to assist local groups, church programs, and worldly initiatives. Through these events money has sponsored seminarians, provided donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, CareNet, Food for the Poor, the Wheelchair Initiative, the State Councils program to purchase sonogram machines throughout the state, and support the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Our drives for charity saw the purchase and distribution of hundreds of coats during the coldest of winters. Our collections through receptacles throughout the local business in our area helps support The Mission offering a safe, faith-based environment of counseling and government assistance guidance, rehabilitation, and life skills training. We have been annual supporters of the Boxes of Joy program. Our annual Pig Roast provides much needed financial help to our parish for necessary repairs. We donated funds for the construction of shelters in Haiti after the severe earthquakes. Our most recent program has been raising the funds to build a Deep Well at SIUYU Rehab Center in Tanzania, East Africa which is a center for disabled children.

Our members offer their talents and time to assist in the planning and supervision of yard sale events to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Many members regularly participate in church beautification projects, repairs to church and its facilities, and serve at funerals for the parish departed. We also assist with food deliveries and distribution for the Helping Hands food pantry housed in our old parish hall. We continue the tradition of serving the families of the parish through our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers and Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Our Soup and Bread dinners offered a warm Lenten meal and invited speakers from local community organizations to inform the attendees of their programs. We have also acted as a rest stop in the annual Ride for Vocations providing food, drinks and bathroom facilities for the participants of the Archdiocesan long-distance ride.

The youth of the community have also benefitted from our council's donation of time to run Basketball Free Throw competitions, offer Ice Cream Socials for the families in the parish, and help in the maintenance of a local Youth Memorial that honors the memory of the community's youth that have passed.

We have accomplished these charitable acts through the leadership provided by our Grand Knights whose name and years of service follow:

2000-04	Tom Taylor *	2014-15	Tom Taylor
2004-05	William Kayes *	2015-17	Joe LaBille
2005-07	Mike Shlegle	2017-18	David Skarwecki
2007-09	Paul Zimmerman	2018-20	Leo Hoffman
2009-12	David Skarwecki	2020-22	Greg Walcutt
2012-14	Joe Luskus	2022-24	Leo Hoffman

SOUTH COUNTY, NO.8251
Instituted: 12/5/1982, Membership 155

At South County Council, we hold our Business Meetings on the second Thursday of every month, at 7:30 P.M., at Holy Family Catholic Church, in Davidsonville, Maryland. Our Social Meetings are held on

the fourth Thursday of every month, at 7:30P.M. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, in Owensesville, Maryland.

We have a membership of some 130 Brother Knights, mostly Fourth Degree members.

Not a large number, but a number of brothers that give all they can for the better of those who have little or nothing at all. We do this following my motto.

Our installation of officers was on July 25th, 2016, and was Exemplified by our Worthy District Deputy Roger Donnelly, assisted by Worthy District Warden James Duryee.

Our guests of Honor were State Secretary Stephen A. Cohen and his wife, Lady Vicky.

A catered dinner was catered and served by my youngest son, Master Chef Kenzig R. Rufino.

Program Director: Kevin Dowling – Deputy Grand Knight

Church Activities: Richard Phillips –Trustee, PGK

This fraternal year, the council has been working hand in hand with the church in Coordinating dinners for various events, Organizing and expanding collections for programs such as the Magazine drive for the hospital, clothing and coats for the needy. provided ushers and greeters for all masses and organized special ushers and Color Corps for the Easter Masses.

In conjunction with our Worthy DGK, a special fund raiser within the council itself was created to provide funds for the Lazarus Ministry at Holy Family. A ministry that provides meals for grieving families in funeral services provided at Holy Family Church.

Richard, along with our Worthy GK, Rafael Rufino, coordinated, organized and established the council's annual Sweetheart Jazz/Swing, Big Band Dance, at Holy Family Catholic Church. An activity that gives an opportunity for the parishioners to let loose their feet, anxieties, and bottled energy, and enjoy a night out having fun, with friends, good food , and good music. Hopefully reminiscing on those yesteryears.

Vocations Activities: John Phillips - Worthy Chancellor

This year the vocations chairman coordinated the sponsoring of five (5) Seminarians.

Funds were delivered to them to ease their burden of educational expenses. Has kept in touch with each and every one and has made arrangements for their visit to one of our coming Social Meetings, to share some of their learnings and faith.

Community Activities: Charles Fink - PGK, PFN

Brother Fink has been a driving force in our council in providing greatness for our community. He has chaired the tootsie Roll drive, which up to date has provided Over \$194,000.00 for Central Special School, for the physically and mentally challenged children and students of the county. Since Charles has been chairing this event, the council has always won the prestigious award for most funds collected for our council class. This year we had a goal of \$15,000 to break \$200,000, but with Charles being ill and uncooperative weather, we fell a little short. That with our treasurer himself falling quite ill and hospitalized, our funds did not get into the state in time to qualify for the award. The bright side is that the school still got a very hefty donation.

Additionally, in conjunction with our Worthy Advocate, and our Worthy Chancellor, they provided a special event during the Christmas season, in having posters made by senior citizens, at a senior home, for "Keeping Christ in Christmas". A very successful event in which outstanding color posters were created by the seniors, they were judged and voted on by the seniors and as many received cash awards, and were provided with free Pizzas, the consensus was that next year this will be huge, as every senior will enter into the contest.

Culture of Life: Michael Lemanski

Brother Michael teamed up with brother Fink, and together they coordinated the baby bottle drive for the Gabriel Project. This project was originally designed to be covered between the two churches, Holy Family in Davidsonville, and Our Lady of Sorrows in Owensesville. Last spring, we included The Incarnation School, when Mrs. Lemanski took the baby bottles into the school. That addition brought us an additional \$7000 to make the final donation to The Gabriel Project a figure of \$22,000.00

This year's collection fell a little short at around \$19,000.00. We hope to save lives.

We must be a very loud voice for the unborn.

Council Activities: Jeffrey Wilk- Worthy Trustee PGK, PFN

This year we worked hard, to ensure that our parishioners at Holy Family Church, and Our Lady of Sorrows Church, enjoyed our annual Shrimp Feast held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. The turnout was outstanding, many of our guests also came from the Baptist Church in Shady Side, Maryland. Lots of cakes were raffled, games were enjoyed by all, the Shrimp and all other foods were never ending, and quite delicious.

This followed our Crab Feast held at Holy Family Church, and our fund raiser at the Maryland Renaissance Festival this past summer. In all we were able to generate enough funds to help not only our regular charities, by enlarging their donations, but we were able to establish new charities to support in the future.

Family Activities: Kevin Dowling Worthy DGK

Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Dowling assured that after all masses this year, we had enough coverage by our brother Knights, in providing Hot coffee and donuts to the parishioners at Holy Family Catholic Church. The same was provided for Our Lady of sorrows, although the participation of parishioners was not very responsive.

We persevered.

Youth Activity: Michael MacDonald Youth Director

Mike has worked tirelessly with the youth in setting up Basket Bingos, Purse Bingos, Pancake breakfasts, pancake dinners, breakfast with Santa, Easter Bunny Egg Rolls.

All this effort is geared to raise funds for the youth program as they ready to travel to New Mexico, to work and give support and strengthen the faith of the Zuni Indians, At the Zuni Reservation twice a year.

We are working hard with Mike to establish a strong youth program that involves both, young men and young women, in becoming strong in faith, hope, and love for all. To become great Catholic adults, to help spread the Word of God.

Conclusion:

While we usually have the same faces at meetings, we continue to work hard and tirelessly, in seeking new members. Giving all that we can, with the little that we have,

For the benefit of those who have not. To spread good wishes, hope, faith, and Love as our Lord and savior commands us to. Being a Knight of Columbus has given me a sense of worth, a sense of hope, has helped me be a better human being. I have reciprocated in using the Knights of Columbus, to be more visible to others, in spreading the Word of God, sharing my faith in humanity, being heard for the unborn, being a child of God.

Wearing the Regalia of the Knights of Columbus is a privilege to me, in helping me be a good Christian, a good catholic. I try to instill this though into the other members of my council.

LONG GREEN VALLEY, NO.8736

Instituted: 6/25/1984, Membership 191

OCEAN CITY, NO.9053

Instituted: 10/4/1985, Membership 364

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, NO.9127

Instituted: 11/21/1985, Membership 169

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, NO.9258

Instituted: 3/20/1986, Membership 91

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL NO. 9258

Instituted: 3/20/1986, Membership 91

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Council was instituted in March 1986 with 30 Charter members, the minimum number required for formation. We currently number 86 active members who have pulled together to support many charitable programs and events for our Parish as well as our surrounding community at the southern tip of Calvert County, Maryland. In the 38 years of our existence, this spirited group of Catholic gentlemen have built a solid reputation of achievement in all areas of Knighthood. Our many accomplishments have set the example for all new Councils formed in Southern Maryland that have followed! We have become the “go to” Council when leadership has been needed at the District and the State levels, producing leaders that became successful State Chairman, District Wardens and District Deputies.

Our reputation for dependability and service is best shown by our Council earning 18 Star Council Awards. Additionally, our proud achievements include two members who have been recognized previously as the “Maryland Citizen of the Year,” Brothers Richard Spigler in 2011 and Joseph Suarez-Murias in 2017! Many students in our Parochial School and CCD Program have won prizes in our very active “Keep Christ In Christmas” State Poster Contest and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. A summary of our many other successful monthly/annual undertakings follow:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES. The Council is actively involved in supporting all Parish events.

- Members are active on the Parish Council, serve communion at Mass or provide to the sick/homebound as Extraordinary Ministers, serve as ushers, and assist with collections during Mass
- Prepare/set up and take down of the Christmas Creche display on Church front lawn for display during the annual Solomons Christmas Walk

- Lead the Parish in completing the Rosary before Sunday Mass
- Hold a Sunday Seminarian Breakfast with the proceeds given to a selected Seminarian
- Plan and prepare a Mother's Day Breakfast complete with carnations to Parish moms
- Sponsor a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner to commence Lent
- Provide Parish Fish Fry dinners during Lent offering take out or sit-down service
- Assist Pastor and Parish Gala Committee in setup/take down of Annual Gala fundraiser
- Enhanced the school library with construction of 9 bookcases and cabinets for staff
- Often called upon to help with maintenance and upkeep of church facilities/grounds
- Recently assisted the Pastor and Parish members with the complete renovation of our 97-year-old historic church. Council members helped with the repair of walls, painting, carpeting, and more. The original estimate to professionally complete this project was nearly one million dollars, but with the help of our Knights and others in the Parish, the total job was completed for less than \$185K!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. Our Knights are deeply respected/involved in the Community.

- The Council is proactive in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We make a major effort to gain great visibility and appearance at local businesses. We achieved great success through our participation in Patuxent River Appreciation Days Parade celebrations and at local business giving out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations for people with special needs.
- Our Knights are very active in each year's "Christmas in April" event held here to help families and groups repair homes that are in disrepair due to the owner's disability. We are called upon to provide the tools and materials as well to complete these efforts.
- We assist with the annual "Dragon Boat Races" event conducted by Southern Maryland Community Resources, a local nonprofit organization focused on creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- Several Council families volunteer as much as 20 hours per month at SMILE a local food and clothing house for the needy run by an ecumenical group of 5 local churches.
- The Council sponsors a Christian Men's Softball Team that participates in a League of eight Calvert County teams that promotes good Christian life. Our team has several times been awarded the title of "Best Christian Character" and crowned tournament champions once.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES. Our activities are vast and varied. A few are described below.

- We hosted the State Council's "Grand Knight Training Weekend" here in Solomons each Spring until the event was re-located. We provided logistical assistance to the State Council, and prepared and served the Council's opening dinner for all our State guests.
- Each year we budget funds to support St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville, MD where over the years we have provided a stove, refrigerator, freezer, televisions and computers to meet their needs. These gifts are often presented in the presence of the Archbishop of Washington.
- Of special note is our long-standing Charlie Serabian Scholarship Award that we present each year to a deserving high school graduate. This \$5000 award is made possible by a \$50,000 gift from Brother Serabian, a charter member of Council 9258.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES. Our families play a big part in all of our efforts.

- In addition to the Mother's Day Breakfast and the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, the Council hosts an annual Family Picnic at various venues in the nearby vicinity.
- The Council often conducts the "Family of the Month" recognition program.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES. Our youth are special as shown in many of our efforts listed above.

- Our many efforts in support of our youth include our successful "Coats for Kids," and our "Trunk or Treat" efforts each year as well as our many tasks in supporting our Parish School and CCD programs. These efforts are in addition to the annual scholarships we provide and Christmas Poster and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contests we conduct.

To conclude this brief summary of highlights of our many accomplishments of the past 25 years, this proud Council of Knights, with their many fine achievements, genuinely embody the image Blessed Michael J. McGivney had in creating this institution to support those truly in need!

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, NO.9302

Instituted: 4/29/1986, Membership 110

SANTO NINO, NO.9462

Instituted: 11/24/1986, Membership 85

The Santo Niño Council No. 9462 was instituted on November 24, 1986. The council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Towson MD.

Throughout the past 20 years, the Santo Niño Council No. 9462 has consistently participated in faith programs, family programs, community programs, and life programs.

The officers of the Santo Niño Council have helped organize, since 1995, an Annual Filipino Pilgrimage of Healing at the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Over 100 people make the pilgrimage up to Emmitsburg to pray and also gather in fellowship with the potluck picnic that follows the mass.

THE 27TH ANNUAL FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE OF HEALING

The National Shrine of
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Emmitsburg, MD



12TH ARCHDIOCESAN FILIPINO SAINTS MASS AND FIESTA

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Baltimore, MD



The Santo Niño Council also participates each year in the Archdiocesan Filipino Saints Mass and Fiesta held at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Maryland. Fourth degree members of the

council help make up the color guard for this special annual mass. The Pilgrimage of Healing Mass and the Archdiocesan Filipino Saints Mass are two faith programs that strengthen us and our families in the Catholic faith.

Each advent season, the Santo Niño Council organizes a Keep Christ in Christmas program at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. This Family Program promotes the true spirit of Christmas. PGK Modesto Carbon, Jr and PGK Ernesto Rivera have administered this poster contest for years.

Every winter, the Santo Niño Council partners with the other councils in District 32 to purchase new coats at a discounted rate. The coats are distributed to children in need in our local communities. DD Erwin Lacanienta and PGK D'Gee Abad have led our efforts to keep these children warm or cold winter days.

The Santo Niño Council held a poster contest at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in 2022. The winning poster was



Also in the winter, the council hosts a Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from ages 9 to 14. Recently several students have advanced to compete in the MD State Championship most recently held at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in 2023.

In addition to the Coats for Kids and the Free Throw Championship, the council also co-hosts the Annual Dr. Ray S. Magno Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this charity golf tournament have gone as grants to the Little Sisters of the Poor in 2021, Student Support Network in 2022, and the Howard County Autism Society in 2023. The golf tournament was named after a founding member of the Santo Niño Council and an avid golfer. These three community programs have been mainstays for the council over the years.



More recently, the “Marygold” Program on Mother’s Day is a life program that recognizes motherhood and Mary, the ultimate mother. We distribute marigold flowers with the message. *“Happy Mother’s Day from the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for choosing life.”*

The Santo Niño Council No. 9462 recognizes the steady leadership of PGK Erwin Lacanienta during the COVID-19 pandemic. After completing his term as Grand Knight, he went on to be the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 385. PGK Erwin Lacanienta is currently the District Deputy for District 32. The council also recognizes PGK Modesto Carbon, Jr. He is the “ultimate ambassador” of the Knights of Columbus to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Parish and the Filipino-American community. He represents the Santo Niño Council at the meetings with Filipino Council of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Many of the PGKs remain active in organizing these faith, family, community, and life programs.

FATHER JOSEPH J. COMYNS, NO.9638

Instituted: 10/12/1987, Membership 120

Fr. Comyns Council #9638 was established in 1987 and has been closely associated with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish located in Ellicott City, Maryland. During its 36 years of existence, the Council has had 25 different Grand Knights and has served as the strong “right arm” of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help pastor. The Fr. Comyns Council Knights have been the visible face of selfless service for the parish and the surrounding community.

In support of the Community, the Fr. Comyns Council has been active in the annual Tootsie Roll Campaign supporting worthwhile programs for our intellectually disabled citizens such as The ARC of Howard County, and Camp Glow. The Council hosted or supported numerous youth events at OLPH such as the Basketball Free Throw Contest, Vacation Bible School Ice Cream Socials, Trunk or Treat, the OLPH School annual Bull Roast and the annual Fall Festival. The Fr. Comyns Council supported OLPH and their SALT Ministry by preparing and distributing food and clothing to the needy in downtown Baltimore. Every year our Council erected the Creche and Nativity scene in the Church at Christmas.

With respect to its support of families, the Council is active in the Men’s Ministry group, Cornerstone. The Council also hosts the annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast with Santa and Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contests for OLPH School children. Fr. Comyns Council leads the Eucharistic Procession for the church on the Feast of Corpus Christie. Our Council’s Knights were actively involved in the ACTS Men’s Retreat ministry Knights have served as Retreat Directors, Retreat Co-Directors, Ministry Leaders, Team Members, and ACTS Retreat participants. The past few years, Knights have served on the ACTS Core Team which provides oversight and support to both the Men’s and Women’s ACTS Retreats.

The Council demonstrated its unequivocal support for the priesthood by financially supporting Archdiocese of Baltimore Seminarians assigned to OLPH with \$500 checks. They also demonstrated its support to the OLPH Parish’s clergy by hosting informal dinners for parish priests to show appreciation, and to celebrate their 25th Anniversary of ordination. The Knights are active in routine weekend Masses, by filling the roles of Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Choir Members at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. After most masses in May, Knights gathered in the Church to lead OLPH parishioners in the recitation of the most Holy Rosary. Additionally, at the request of the OLPH Pastor, Council members conducted safe parking for the outdoor masses during the pandemic.

The Fr. Comyns Council demonstrated its dedicated commitment to Catholicity through its Life Programs. Knights routinely prayed the Rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic on Route 40 in Catonsville during 40 Days for Life events. They annually participated in the National Right to Life

March, in Washington, DC and collected baby bottles full of change as part of the ASAP Program – these funds were used to help support Maryland's faith-based Crisis Pregnancy Centers. During the 2nd weekend in May, Knights prepared and distributed Marigold's and "Thank You's" to Moms, Grandmothers, and Great Grandmothers attending weekend Masses on Mother's Day Weekend (providing them with a special appreciation and acknowledgement for their decision[s] to say "yes" to life).

Although we did not meet membership goals every year, Fr. Comyns Council did receive Star Council recognition in 2002. The Council was recognized for fulfilling its Faith in Action Program goals during each year of the 21st Century. Council members enjoy the fraternal aspects of Council membership. The Council hosted Christmas parties, and summer picnics and monthly social events. The Council hosted speakers who provided inspirational talks on developing your faith, to a behind the scenes look at the Hubble Telescope. After every Council meeting, members enjoyed good food, beverages, and fraternal fellowship.

There is one activity that deserves special recognition in this historical accounting of Fr. Comyns Council #9638. When the COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in a near-total lock down of Maryland's population in March of 2020, Fr. Comyns Council Knights quickly adopted virtual meeting technologies to keep the Knights engaged and connected to the church and with each other. A group of Knights have met every single night since the beginning of the pandemic to pray the rosary which now numbers over 1,300 consecutive days. The event is attended by Knights and parishioners alike.

As can be seen in this historical narrative, Fr. Comyns Knights of Columbus demonstrated Father Michael McGivney's original vision for the Knights of Columbus – our efforts and our Knights' selfless service show how the Knights are the "strong right arm" of Our Lady of Perpetual Help's pastor, how Knights of Columbus became the visible and vibrant "face" of the OLPH Parish, and how our Council has been unwaveringly dedicated to our parishioners and to our surrounding Howard County community.

ST. IGNATIUS, NO.9729

Instituted: 3/2/1988, Membership 151

MATER DEI, NO.9774

Instituted: 3/29/1988, Membership 237

Mater Dei Council proudly celebrates its 36th year anniversary on March 29, 2024. The Council membership stands at over 240 members, which is approximately 40% higher than it was in 1998. Mater Del Council supports three parishes: St. Raphael Catholic Church in Rockville, MD, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Rockville, MD, and Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, MD. With our home base at St. Raphael, we have benefited by the steadfast support and encouragement from the Pastors and clergy from all these parishes.

Over the last twenty-six years, our Council has continued to serve our parish and local communities with many programs supporting life, community, faith, and family such as the Free-throw contest, the soccer shootout challenge, the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, cooking at parish picnics & breakfast with Santa, weekly rosary during October and May (honoring our Blessed Virgin Mary, for whom our Council was named), sponsoring seminarians, incentive raffle sales, tootsie roll drives to collect funds for special needs, and pro-life marches, prayer events, and rallies. Over this period our Council was recognized at the State and Supreme level with many awards, including receiving Star Council many times and consecutively the last two years, 2022 and 2023.

Our annual Garage to Attic Sale (GAS) is our hallmark charitable event each year. Except for a two-year hiatus due to COVID when the event was cancelled, this event collected between \$10,000-\$15,000 in funds each year. When including our other fundraisers, we estimate we have donated approximately \$500,000 to charitable and other worthy causes since 1998. The Council also hosts numerous events to increase fraternity. Big hits over the years are activities such as trivia night, movie night, baseball game & golf outings, the annual Christmas , the anniversary dinner in March & celebration of St. Joseph, and the yearly PGK thank you & GAS celebration.

We also began new traditions, which we hope to continue for years to come. In 2021 we began participation in the already hugely successful Box of Joy program. In 2011, following the inspiration, vision, and leadership of Richard (Dick) Jasinski PGK, brother knights of St. Raphael Church came together to launch a men's fellowship and spiritual growth program. Open to any male over 18, this program has been an exceptional spiritual enrichment activity for men.

Meeting weekly during the school year (6:00 AM on Saturday's) and based initially on the program That Man Is You by Paradisus Dei, the efforts started at St. Raphael Church was likely the first in the local area and became a model for many parishes in the DC area. The Mater Dei Council provides the administration, planning, and direction for the men's fellowship program. With active participation of over 100 men per year since inception, this program has strengthened men's love for Jesus, their marriages and families, and our Church. Approximately 50% of the men who attend the weekly fellowship program are Knights. We created a journey map for the men showing how joining the Knights of Columbus helps men become active in their faith. Consistently over the last decade, 25-50% of the membership growth for our Council has come through the friendships and connections made thru this spiritual growth program.

Our Council has been blessed with leaders all over its history. Over the last eight years, two one-year terms have become the norm for the Grand Knight. We have also had the first father- son Grand Knights, with John C. Hoyle as Grand Knight in 2015 and his son Matthew Hoyle as Grand Knight in 2022 and 2023. In 2023, Mater Dei Council formally transferred in former members of St. Elizabeth Council. Demographically, while our Council is on par with others across the State of Maryland attracting both young and older gentlemen, we see invigorating and positive signs of growth. New younger members are joining the Council faster than they have over the last twenty years and bringing new ideas and their own vision for the future.

MSGR. JOHN R. PENNINGTON, NO.9808

Instituted: 5/18/1988, Membership 66

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, NO.9968

Instituted: 5/18/1989, Membership 133

Council 9968 meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Parish Fellowship Hall, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Knights can be found supporting our Parish as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, members of the Music Ministry, Ushers, Catechists, maintenance workers, kitchen staff for the Lenten Seafood Dinners and the Thanksgiving Dinner, members of the St. Vincent de Paul of IHM Food Panty, and in any area needed.

FAITH – The Living Rosary was prayed in multiple locations throughout Southern Maryland every year. This life-sized rosary is composed of light bulbs that are illuminated as each "Our Father" and "Hail

Mary" is recited. We normally have one person for each of the 59 lights and the Cross. Every year we provide Seminarian support for one or two potential future priests. In 2014, our council hosted the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since 2018 we have had a 5th Sunday Rosary led by a Knight prior to the 8:30 AM Mass. Since 2021, we have maintained the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk in both English and Spanish with strong support from the parish community. In 2023, our council hosted the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon.

FAMILY – Every month, a Family of the Month is selected to recognize the contributions of families to our church community. Since 2011, each November a council member talks to students in Children's Faith Formation (CFF) classes about the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Posters are collected and judged in early December with prizes awarded to the winners. Starting in 2020 our council partnered with Fr. Sebastian de Rose Council 13091 to conduct a semi-annual food drive at the NAS Patuxent River Commissary with all donations evenly divided among the four local food pantries. Each pantry averages around 800 pounds of food per drive to distribute to the needy members of the local community.

COMMUNITY – 3 to 4 times a year every year our council participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program keeping our section of RT 5 clear of trash. For months we are not participating in the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, we assist our Priest with a project around the church as he deems necessary. Every year between September and May, our council hosts monthly pancake breakfasts, various dinners, and a Shrove Tuesday dinner with proceeds going to support Christmas in April. Between \$1000 and \$1400 dollars are donated each year along with assistance from skilled workers to repair homes in Southern Maryland for low-income families. Our council has traditionally hosted the Soccer Shoot-Out and Basketball Free Throw Championship annually, but the basketball event hasn't happened since the pandemic.

LIFE – At the beginning of each October and May, Knights install the Cemetery of the Innocents along RT 235 in front of IHM to raise awareness about abortion. On the first Sunday of October between 2:30 and 4:00 PM, Knights and parishioners form a Life Chain along RT 235 in front of the church to advocate for the sanctity of life. Every September and October Knights participate in the Tootsie Roll program. This program donates between \$1500 and \$6000 dollars annually, being equally divided between ARC of Southern Maryland and Special Olympics of Southern Maryland. Every January, Knights chartering a bus providing transportation for parishioners to/from the National March for Life in DC. In 2014, our council hosted the Silver Rose program. For years our council has had a Parish Baby Shower throughout the month of October, where people could donate new baby items at designated collection locations within the church. In 2022, we added a Saturday Baby Shower with games and activities in the month of January. All money and materials from both events were provided to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland in support of Supreme's ASAP program.

Council 9968 has always been a vibrant council practicing the principles of our Catholic faith. Each year the council is honored with either the Columbian or Star Council award. I thank all our members for their dedication to our order and parish community.

ST. MARY'S OF LANDOVER HILLS, NO.10046
Instituted: 3/30/1989, Membership 86

MASON - DIXON, NO.10100
Instituted: 6/4/1989, Membership 112

1999 - 2001: Grand Knight, Joe Healy. The *Blue & The Gray*, the Mason-Dixon Newsletter that gave a comprehensive overview of the programs and activities for that month. (This could be a recurring comment from 2000 – 2020). August Golf Tournament, Knight of the Month and Family of the Month recommended programs continue; Harvest Breakfast.

2001-2002: Grand Knight, John Eaton. (July 16, 2001). Pro-life activities; Rosary Program; Golf fundraiser. St. Patrick's Day Dinner; Basketball Free Throw.

2002 - 2004: Grand Knight, Stan Markowski (July 13, 2002). Basketball Free Throw; roadside clean up; Chicken Dinner support.

2004 – 2005: Grand Knight, Robert Kucharek, Sr. (July 17, 2004). Chicken Dinner support: roadside clean up; Rosary program.

2005 - 2007: Grand Knight, Norm Yost. (July 29, 2005). Tootsie Roll Campaign; assisting with Chicken Dinner; Jousting Tournament.

2007 - 2009: Grand Knight, Ron Perzinski. Council Telephone Call List; Chicken Dinner support; roadside clean up. Rosary Program.

2009 - 2011: Jack Smith, Sr. (July 25, 2009). Tree and shrub removal from around church; assisting with Chicken Dinner; Basketball Free Throw; Roadside Clean up.

2011 – 2012: Grand Knight, Len Windsor. Roadside clean up; Rosary Program; Chicken Dinner support.

2012 - 2014: Grand Knight, John Panzer, Jr. (August 25, 2012). Chicken Dinner participation; roadside clean up; Rosary program; Turkey shoot.

2014 – 2016: Grand Knight, Walt Novicki. (August 22, 2015). Living Rosary; assisting in all areas of the Spring and Fall Chicken Dinner. *Star Council Award*.

2016 - 2018: Grand Knight, Scott Friedman. (July 23, 2016). Helping clean up house fire; fundraising dinner to support fire victims' family; Food for Vacation Bible School; Living Rosary; 2nd Annual Car Show; Back to school Movie Night; Silver Rose Program; Turkey Shoot. *Star Council Award*.

2018 - 2019: Grand Knight, John McCarty, III. (July 14, 2018). Bowling Tournament to benefit Miracle League of Harford County; 3rd Annual Car Show; Museum of the Bible and St. John Paul II Shrine visit; Memorial Mass.

2019 - 2021: Grand Knight Bob McConnell. (July 13, 2019). Holy Hour started; continued First Tuesday Adoration; *Into the Breach* with discussion group; commissioned a council bar-b-que cooker on wheels for increased food preparation at events; *Marian Icon* and Living Rosary Mass; 4th Annual Country Classic Car Show; *Centurion's Way of the Cross* at Stations of the Cross; Basketball Free Throw; redesign of council newsletter by format and content; Novena Program; planned spiritual reflection had to be canceled because of Covid-19 complete shutdown. The next eighteen months virtual meetings continued on regular schedule using the Zoom Platform.

2021 - 2023: Grand Knight Lee Surkin. (July 10, 2021). Redesigned Holy Hour and First Tuesday Adoration; expanded both Parish and community outreach programs reflecting an excellent council ecumenical approach; redesigned presentation of Knights' Stations of the Cross; strengthened all Faith Activities. Recognition program for council members and Belles. 5th Annual Country Classic Car Show. *Star Council Award 2023.*

2023 - Grand Knight, Venis Knight. (July 8, 2023). 6th Annual Country Classic Car show; Memorial Mass; roadside clean up; Chicken Dinner set up and tear down; Holocaust survivor presentation; increased Color Guard participation in appropriate programs and events; recognition program for council members and Belles; increased used of council bar-b-que cooker for use as a fund raiser tool in all categories of *Faith in Action Programs* when appropriate.

A quick overview for the years 2000 – 2023 demonstrates only some of the strengths of the Knights of Columbus Mason-Dixon Council #10100. What can be observed is a clear effort every year to participate in Faith, Family, Community, and Life programs that have strengthened our families, parish, and community. What cannot be observed is the fraternal spirit, kindness, and willingness to serve as embodied by the council members themselves. The Mason-Dixon Council #10100 has emerged from the national, state, and archdiocesan pandemic restrictions stronger than ever and dedicated to genuine service. We are not only *Servant Leaders*, but also *Cry the Gospel with our Lives* in a fundamental, authentic spirit.

KNIGHTS OF FATIMA, NO.10137

Instituted: 8/13/1989, Membership 100

ST. MICHAEL'S OF POPLAR SPRINGS, NO.10525

Instituted: 12/9/1990, Membership 207

Council #10525 was established on December 9, 1990. The Council was assigned the number 10525 on January 9, 1991. Our first officer installation was February 24, 1991. Father Michael J. Ruane, Pastor and Council Chaplain, donated \$300.00 to offset the installation reception costs. Father Mike's generosity wasn't forgotten. For the next 30 years, our Council grew from 32 charter Knights to 207 Knights today. We were instrumental in planning of Father Mike's Golden Jubilee and 30 years as our Pastor in 2018. We celebrated Father Mike's retirement at the Dutch's Daughter in Frederick on May 17, 2022. GK Bill Hammett presented a retirement check for \$5,000 and Maryland State Council retirement resolution. Also, Mount Airy mayor, Larry Hushour, presented a proclamation to Father Mike for 34 years of community service.

Council Activities: We execute programs and planned events through successful fund-raising.

Our annual Christmas Card sales (1992), semi-annual "Pasta Feast" (2000), Lenten Friday fish dinners (1991) and other successful raffles and events such as "basket bingo" and other raffles fund special projects, Council operations, and multiple charities.

Our annual State incentive raffle tickets sales (1996) at the Howard County Fair and other venues are consistently a top three state-wide seller; top ticket seller in 2021 and 2022.

Proceeds from our annual "Knight's on the Green" golf tournament (2013) benefit our councils chosen charities to include Operation Second Chance.

Our Council celebrated our 25th Ladies appreciation dinner our 30th Christmas Social in 023. The social events allow us to gather together to strengthen our fraternal bonds.

In 2023, gathered for our 28th annual Memorial Mass and Veterans Day flagpole rededication with Assembly #2595 Color Corps and parish Boy Scout Troop.

Instrumental in the establishing the Michael J McGivney Assembly #2595 in 2000.

Since 1998, we recognize the Knight of the Month and Knight of the Year awards.

From 2000 to 2018, had an active Ladies Auxiliary. Although disbanded, our ladies serve a vital role in Council events to including the sale desserts at our pasta and Lenten fish dinners. Proceeds support Trinitarian Order's world-wide charity and redemption mission.

Faith Programs:

Provides financial support (RSVP) to three seminarians to become new Archdiocesan and Order Priests.

Led Icon prayer services, Rosary prayer services, and Eucharistic Adoration services. In 2023 held the St. Joseph Icon, Silver Rose, and Rosary with our parish teen ministry.

Recognizes our new youth liturgical ministers since 2013 (altar servers, lecturers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion). Lauded by our parish staff and blessed by the Archdiocese vocations director. Purchased new cassocks for parish altar servers in 2010.

Active in men's Man Alive Ministry. Currently lead the weekday morning group. Our popular ministry was recently recognized as a "Cor" approved program and recently showcased the new "Into the Breach Mission of the Family" series.

Conducts annual Pilgrimage to local religious sites since 2019 with our 2024 scheduled trip to Mother Seton House and Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD.

Family Programs:

Recognizes deserving families via the Family of the Month/Year program. PGK Charles Young, wife Rose, and family were recognized as the 2018 State Family of the Year.

Sponsors college scholarships to high school seniors since 1997. Our Council and donors awarded six individual scholarships in 2023.

Sponsors "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for the children in our faith formation classes. One parish poster submission placed 2nd in the 2009 State competition.

We holds our annual presentation for the Consecration of the Holy Family.

We circulated petitions in 2013 opposing Maryland redefining Marriage. Secured hundreds of signatures to block legislation from reaching vote in the State House.

Supports parish food pantry preparing food and gift baskets three times per year. Established by PGK/PDD Martin and Chris Luchansky, their legacy continues today.

Oversees the “Gift of Lights” tree honoring family and loved ones who have passed away by placing their name on an ornament to be displayed every Christmas season.

Community/Parish Programs:

Gives annual Coats for Kids donation via the SEAS Chapter of Grand Knights distributing coat to children in need throughout western Maryland.

Sponsors Eagle Scout projects financially and occasional labor. The Scouts, in-turn support our dinners by bussing tables and clean gym at the conclusion of the event.

Hosts annual “Breakfast with Santa” with our resident Santa Claus who poses for photos with the children. In 2023, our event served a record 505 delicious breakfasts.

Collected donations for the “Box of Joy” program (2021). Filled Christmas boxes for needy children. In three years, we went from initial delivery of 19 boxes to 222 boxes in 2023.

Collects business suits, clothing, and household goods supporting substance abuse recovery at the Wells House Rehabilitation Center in Frederick MD. Collects goods for Maryland Patriot Guard honoring fallen veterans and first responders at memorial services.

Sponsors the annual Catholic Bee for our faith formation classes every Spring.

Life Programs:

Sponsors bus trip to the March for Life event in Washington DC. We coordinate morning Mass, breakfast and transportation to and from the rally and march at the Capital.

Raised \$18,000 to purchase a 3-D ultrasound machine for the Columbia Crisis Pregnancy Center in conjunction with the Knights Ultrasound Incentive program saving many lives.

Leads annual parish nine-day annual UCCSB Novena for Life program showcasing our support to sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Hosted many Silver Rose prayer services on its annual journey to Monterrey Mexico. Last event was held by D-31 in Nov. 2023 attended by several Knights and parishioners.

Holds popular Mother’s Day “Mary-Gold” program giving flowers to the ladies of the parish.

Holds annual Tootsie Roll drive for the intellectually disabled citizens in our community. In total, we have collected over \$30,000 supporting the ARC of Carroll County. In 2010, PGKs Bob Mead and Howard Kenyon’s efforts collected total donations of \$3,500, far exceeding any other Council drive.

Council #10525 continues our mission to deepen our faith, protect family values, serve others through our charitable works, and defend our Catholic values. Our efforts were challenged during the 2020-21 COVID-19 pandemic. We quickly set up regular Council business meetings via Zoom. Fr. Mike allowed

us to hold an in-person installation with only officers and spouses in attendance followed by a picnic dinner on the church lawn. We held a "Pandemic Pasta" event serving over 100 to-go meals. We also served our to-go Lenten fish dinners. We conducted our annual Tootsie Roll drive collecting over \$500 for the ARC of Carroll county. We went back to in-person meetings in May 2021. Finally, I want to thank all our worthy Past Grand Knights and brothers who supported the effort to develop this report.

ST. BENEDICT, NO.10648

Instituted: 6/6/1991, Membership 37

OUR LADY OF THE CHESAPEAKE, NO.10881

Instituted: 4/20/1992, Membership 89

ST. HUGH, NO.10885

Instituted: 5/6/1992, Membership 76

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, THE MISSIONARY, NO.10957

Instituted: 10/7/1992, Membership 98

On May 14, 1992, after a Father Andrew White School advisory meeting, columbianism was born to the oldest parish in continued use in the United States. It all started when Jim Berned asked Father John Mattingly to be Chaplin of St. Mary's Council No. 1470. After further talks, it became clear that a council should be formed at our parish, St. Francis Xavier. On May 21, at our parish meeting, Jim Berned brought up the subject of a parish council. There were several questions from the floor that indicated there was enough interest to form a council.

On May 28th, Jim Berned called, the newly elected, State Deputy Francis M. Feeley to inform him of the interest to form a council at St. Francis Xavier. He was very pleased. On July 23rd, the State Deputy sent his new council development chairman, Bill Fisher and his assistant, Jean Domique to meet with Father John, Sal Franco and Jim Berned at 11:00 a.m. at the rectory of St. Francis Xavier. At the meeting, we were told we would need 30 people to form a council. On August 04th, at 6:00 p.m., Father John called a meeting with Sal Franco and Jim Berned to set the wheels in motion to form the council.

On August 06th, Cesar B. Martinez, District Deputy, called Jim Berned and asked him to form a steering committee. Jim Berned called the following brother knights; Sal Franco, Steve Raley, Don McLeod, Bob Schaller and Bill Coll. On August 9th, after the 8:00 a.m. mass the first steering committee was held.

Grand Knights 2000 – 2024

Donald M. McLeod – 1998/2000
Thomas P. Howe – 2000/2001
Anthony J. Teti – 2001/2003
Joseph A. Wilkinson – 2003/2005
Clarence A. Goddard III – 2005/2007
James E. Morgan – 2007/2009
John G. McGonagle – 2009/2010
James L. Berned Jr. – 2010/2011
Robert E. Bowles Sr. – 2011/2013
Thomas A. Koviak Jr. – 2013/2015
Robert E. Bowles Sr. – 2015/2016
Michael A. Holton – 2016/2018
Michael C. DeManss – 2018/2020

Star Award

2001-2002
2011-2012
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2020-2021
2021-2022
2022-2023

Columbian Award

2014-2015
2018-2019

Herbert W. Male – 2020/2022
Mark A. Coontz – 2023/Current

Programs

1. Kids Fishing Derby
2. Easter Egg Hunt
3. Silver Rose & St. Joseph Icon
4. Novena for St. Francis Xavier
5. Novena for Father McGivney
6. Marion Hour of Prayer
7. Ash Wednesday Mass & poor person meal
8. Membership Blitz
9. Dinner & Show
10. Basketball Free throw
11. Boxes of Joy
12. Church Grounds Maintenance
13. Ushers
14. CCD Teacher
15. Lenten Fish Dinners
16. Breakfasts
17. Breakfast with Santa
18. Visit the Sick, Pray the Rosary
19. Project WARM
20. Special Olympics, Tootsie Rolls
21. Golf Tournament
22. CareNet fundraising
23. Carnations for Mother's & Father's Day
24. Assist Seminarians
25. Care for the flags for St. Francis Xavier Church
26. Assist with Parish Picnic
27. Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest
28. Christmas in April
29. No Neighbor Left Behind
30. Assist Cardinal at Blessing of Ghost Chapel

MONSIGNOR RAYMOND P. KELLY, NO.10966

Instituted: 10/12/1992, Membership 150

FATHER HORACE B. MCKENNA, NO.11024

Instituted: 1/19/1993, Membership 142

ST. PAUL, NO.11105

Instituted: 4/16/1993, Membership 119

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, NO.11106

Instituted: 5/7/1993, Membership 124

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, NO.11171

Instituted: 9/12/1993, Membership 78-

St. John the Evangelist Church Council was instituted on September 12, 1993, in Clinton. Under the leadership of Grand Knight James Dobson, the 26-member Council has provided faithful service to the Church and community ever since and quickly grew to over 75 members. The Council meets regularly at St. John the Evangelist Parish and supports the Archdiocese for Military Service at Joint Base Andrews roundtable at Camp Springs, Maryland. That first year the council was awarded the Founders award and recognized for exemplary service to the community.

Throughout the years the Council has participated in such activities as providing breakfast Sundays, providing food for needy families during the Thanksgiving Holidays and the council repeatedly exceeded its fund-raising goals in activities such as the annual Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drives and Spaghetti Dinners. Sponsor and judge a Catholic Bee for fourth and fifth graders in the parish school. Participate in various Pro-Life activities to include an annual Candlelight Vigil and Kickoff-Off Rally for Mother Mary. Participate in the Thursday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the parish church. Sponsor Asian and Italian theme lunches and dinners. Participate in the Right to Life March. Participate in a Wednesday night Zoom Rosary. Participate in the usher program at The Basilica of the National SHRINE of the IMMACULATE Conception in Washington DC.

Additionally, Council members selflessly supported St. John the Evangelist Parish and school communities with the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster art contest which awards gifts to students whose posters are selected in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Some students placed at State, and one placed at Supreme. The council hosted Mass and Rosary Prayer sessions including an outdoor rosary at Division V Police Station in Clinton.

The Brother Knights continually participate in activities aimed at supporting and celebrating families with their generosity in donating time and monies to St. John's Thanksgiving food drives and hosting Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinners.

The Council has achieved Star Council on multiple occasions and recently three times in the last ten years. Council continues to be recognized for their dedication to service and charity to Religious life, supporting the Pastors of St. John the Evangelist and St. Andrews Chapel, Community service, and Charitable contributions. Many of the Knights have been recognized for their efforts in recruiting new members. The Knight of Columbus, Council 11171 at St. John have a proud tradition that grows stronger each year. Their achievements have been possible with the strong leadership provided by the Grand Knights throughout the years of Council 11171.

A team does not win with great players; they win because they work together as one!

ST. BERNADETTE, NO.11214

Instituted: 10/25/1993, Membership 79

FATHER GEORGE BRADFORD, NO.11248

Instituted: 1/27/1994, Membership 55

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM, NO.11259

Instituted: 2/17/1994, Membership 121

RESURRECTION, NO.11341
Instituted: 5/9/1994, Membership 117

Resurrection Council #11341 was established in 1994, celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2019. Since its inception, the Council has been closely associated with the Church of the Resurrection located in Ellicott City, Maryland. During the first 23 years of the 21st Century, the Resurrection Council, 12 separate Grand Knights, and 20+ Program Directors served as the strong “right arm” of the Church of the Resurrection Pastor, and Resurrection Council Knights were the visible face of selfless service for our parish and the surrounding community.

With respect to its community support, the Resurrection Council has been an active participant in the annual Tootsie Roll Campaign supporting worthwhile programs for our Intellectually Disabled citizens such as the Cedar Lane School, the Gabriel Program, Camp Glow, and Champions for the Challenged. The Council partnered with Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant to co-host several Make-a-Wish Foundation fundraising Italian Dinners designed to fulfill the wishes of critically ill children and their family members. And the Resurrection Council also ensured Council funds were budgeted and donated directly to the Resurrection Parish and to deserving organizations such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and to the Archdiocese for Military Services Seminarian Program.

The Council hosted and co-hosted numerous youth events such as the Basketball Free-Throw Contest, Back-to-School Ice Cream Socials, an annual Bull Roast with the Resurrection Scout Troop, and it sponsored several parish youth program teenagers who attended World Youth Day 2008 in Australia. The Council also organized and conducted fundraisers that directly supported the Resurrection Parish and the Resurrection St. Paul School – the annual Resurrection Golf Classic provided thousands of dollars of unrestricted funds for both the Parish and the RSPS every year. Council members also organized the annual 2nd Hand Treasures “Flea Market” during the annual Parish Fall Festival – the funds resulting from this event were directly transferred to the Resurrection Parish after the completion of the event. And during calendar year 2023, the Resurrection Council began supporting the BWI Airport USO by providing \$500 worth of hot lunches to deploying military service members who were heading overseas to Eastern Europe (in support of Ukraine), to the Middle East (in support of Israel), and to Sub-Saharan Africa; our Council's Knights were also on hand to personally distribute the lunches to these grateful military service members.

With respect to its support of families, the Council provided family cookouts, the annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt, Marriage Renewal Retreats, Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contests for RSPS children and religious education children, and even parish Valentine's Day Dances in Celebration of Catholic Marriages. And in the year 2016, our Council formed the Resurrection Knights Charities, Inc. – this 501(c)(3) organization provides 4-year RKCI scholarships to deserving 8th graders who are continuing their faith journey in a Baltimore area Catholic High School. Since 2017, eighteen superb boys and girls have been awarded 4-year RKCI Catholic High School Scholarships.

The Council's Faith Programs were especially focused on the children and youth of the parish – Rosary Rings were awarded to each First Communicant during their Dress Rehearsal (along with encouragement to pray the rosary with their parents). Confirmands were presented Knights of Columbus rosaries and cases along with written instructions describing how to Pray the Rosary – and a Council leader encouraged the Youth to pray the Rosary daily and to consider Confirmation as one step along the path of their faith journey (and not a final destination).

For the past 10 years, our Council's Knights have also been actively involved in the Church of the Resurrection ACTS Men's Retreat ministry. Knights have served as Retreat Directors, Retreat Co-Directors, Ministry Leaders, Team Members, and ACTS Retreat participants. 1 or 2 Men's Retreats

have been conducted annually. And for the past few years, Knights have served as Directors of the ACTS Core Team which provides oversight and support to both the Men's and Women's ACTS Retreats.

The Council demonstrated its unequivocal support for the Priesthood by monetarily supporting between 2 and 4 Archdiocese of Baltimore Seminarians each year with \$500 checks – and it also demonstrated its support to the Resurrection Parish's clergy by hosting informal Priest Appreciation Pot-Luck Suppers, and by hosting more formal Priest Appreciation Dinners and Clergy Appreciation Dinners that followed our annual Council Memorial Mass at the Bon Secours Conference Center in Marriottsville.

During routine weekend Masses, Knights could be seen joyfully filling the roles of Church of the Resurrection Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Choir Members, and even Altar Servers, when necessary. And on almost every Monday evening, Knights gathered in the Parish Chapel to lead Resurrection parishioners in the recitation of the most Holy Rosary, an event that was followed by Eucharistic Adoration and a benediction led by a Parish Deacon or Priest.

At the request of the Church of the Resurrection Pastor, Council members annually conducted Safe Parking Management in the Resurrection Church Parking Lot for the highly attended Christmas Eve Masses and for Easter Sunday Masses. Every year our Council erected the life size Creche and Nativity near the Pastoral Center – and this full color depiction of the birth of Jesus Christ was always a popular stop for parishioners and their families prior to and following weekend Masses.

Deserving of special recognition is the Resurrection Council Chaplain – although he experienced a couple of service breaks, Father Warren Tanghe faithfully served as the Resurrection Council Chaplain for the majority of the 21st Century (despite now being a "retired" Priest who also serves as the Chaplain for a Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor Community in Catonsville, MD).

The Resurrection Council demonstrated its dedicated commitment to Catholicity through its Life Programs. Knights routinely prayed the Rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic on Route 40 in Catonsville during 40 Days for Life events. They annually participated in the National Right to Life March, and they conducted an annual Ultrasound Collection after weekend Masses following the national RTL March – these funds were used to help purchase Ultrasound machines for Maryland's faith-based Crisis Pregnancy Centers. And during every 2nd weekend in May, Knights prepared and distributed Carnations and "Thank You's" to Moms, Grandmoms, and Great Grandmoms attending weekend Masses on Mother's Day Weekend (providing them with a special appreciation and acknowledgement for their decision[s] to say "yes" to life).

Although we did not meet membership goals every year, the Resurrection Council did receive Star Council recognition on numerous occasions between 2000-2023. More importantly, however, the Council was recognized for fulfilling its Faith in Action Program goals during each and every year of the 21st Century. And when the KofC Supreme Council created the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Ceremony, the Resurrection Council embraced the change and formed its own Ceremonial Team (and they have conducted at least 2 Exemplification Ceremonies annually ever since).

Council members also routinely enjoyed the fraternal aspects of Council membership. The Council hosted Christmas parties, complete with pictures taken with Santa for children and grandchildren. The Council also hosted Monday Night Football gatherings at local restaurants and an annual picnic with the local Catholic Daughters of America Court. One fraternal event even allowed Knights and Ladies to enjoy Axe Throwing in downtown Ellicott City. Several Grand Knights hosted Holiday receptions and parties, and every Council meeting was efficiently conducted so that members could enjoy at least 35-45 minutes of food, beverages, and fraternal fellowship.

Two significant events deserve special recognition in this historical accounting of Resurrection Council #11341 during the early 21st Century timeframe. When the COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in a near-total lock down of Maryland's population in March of 2020, the Resurrection Council quickly adopted virtual meeting technologies to keep our Knights engaged and connected; they continued meeting virtually until the summer of 2021 when COVID vaccines became readily available. During this same challenging worldwide event, our Council also created and hosted a weekly virtual rosary that was attended by Knights and parishioners alike.

The second significant event was the renovation of the Church of the Resurrection and the Resurrection Hall which began in September 2022. All church services, school lunches, school assemblies, after-school activities, and parish group activities (including our monthly Council Membership Meetings) were moved to a heated "circus" tent erected in the Pastoral Center Parking Lot. The Resurrection Knights embraced this challenging environment by ensuring Masses and activities could be routinely conducted in the tent with minimal fanfare – and when the Pastor decided he wanted parish organizations to take turns hosting a monthly Friday night social event in the tent, the Knights led the effort by hosting at least 5 events each year ranging from Chili Cookoffs to Trunk or Treats to Catered Dinners.

As can be seen in this historical narrative, the Resurrection Knights of Columbus demonstrated Father Michael McGivney's original vision for the Knights of Columbus – our early 21st Century efforts and our Knights' selfless service showed how the Resurrection Knights of Columbus Council became the "strong right arm" of the Church of the Resurrection Pastor, how Knights of Columbus became the visible and vibrant "face" of the Church of the Resurrection Parish, and how our Knights of Columbus Council was unwaveringly dedicated to our parishioners and to our surrounding Howard County community.

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE, NO.11372

Instituted: 5/3/1994, Membership 240

2000: Robert Hoguet, Grand Knight. The Council made a pledge of \$5,000 to the Heritage of Hope stewardship program for building a much-needed education building on the St. Francis de Sales (SFdS) parish campus. We hosted the Baltimore-area Living Rosary at the church. The Council supported the Lenten Mission of St. Francis, a three-night retreat for the parish held by Fr. Joe Breighner. The Council celebrated our 5-year anniversary in our new Hall. We received the Star Council Award. **2001:** Robert Hoguet, Grand Knight. This year's bingo proceeds, over \$30,000, were dedicated to the new religious education building at SFdS. The Council made a five-year pledge to the parish Heritage of Hope campaign. The Council also performed several maintenance projects-including extending the parking lot, repainting the parish social hall, and renovation of the parish offices. We received our sixth straight Star Council Award. **2002:** Frank Tumminello, Grand Knight. The Council sponsored a cellular phone collection event that re-programed used cell phones for the elderly so they could call 911 in case of emergency. We held a Bull and Oyster Roast fundraiser at the Richlin Ballroom for the religious education building at SFdS. **2003:** Michael Georgulas, Grand Knight. The Council continued to support the facilities upgrades at SFdS by completing many projects from painting, ceiling tile replacement, etc. The Council held a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for a new PA system in Kilduff Hall. Members of the Council and the Ladies Auxiliary assisted with a Senior Prom for the Alzheimer residents of the Brightview Assisted Living Center. The Council made a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Church and Monastery of the Holy Sepulcher in D.C. for a day of fellowship and spiritual enrichment. **2004:** Richard Sosna, Grand Knight. We celebrated our 10th Anniversary with a reception at the Bayou in Havre De Grace. The Council grew to over 200 members. We attained Star Council for the 10th straight year. Our Council's nomination for EMT of the year also won honors from the MD State Council at the State's Founder's Day Dinner held in Bowie. **2005:** Richard Sosna, Grand Knight. We conducted our First Annual Leo Burnt Memorial

Horseshoe Tournament, benefiting research for Parkinson Disease. The Council participated and assisted with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk fundraiser. We held a food drive to benefit the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Bank, we collected 113 bags of non-perishable food and 11 cases of food. Our brothers had the honor of marching in the Columbus Day Parade in downtown Baltimore. **2006:** Michael Mall, Grand Knight. This was an exciting year bringing in 20 new members and achieving Star Council. We also had many exciting programs for causes such as Juvenile Diabetes, Habitat for Humanity, and Haiti. We honored a departed brother with the Jerry Meany youth fishing trip. We overcame the challenges caused by the transfer of our pastor and continued to hold fundraisers to benefit SFdS. **2007:** Dan Samis, Grand Knight. This was a very challenging year for our Council, one of our brothers lost a son in Iraq. We helped the parish with security, parking, etc., for the funeral services. Knights from all over the state of MD joined our Council in this service. Despite the challenges, we were very active with our programs. We started a new tradition for Mother's Day by handing out marigolds after each mass to all mothers as a celebration of life and appreciation. **2008:** Dan Samis, Grand Knight. We carried on strong traditions in our charitable programs including the Memorial Mass, Childrens' Christmas Party, and supporting John Archer School for disabled students. The Knights supported our parish with various projects and manpower that were needed during the refurbishment of the Worship Center. New ideas and support of growing programs include the Family Ice Skating and a Youth Job Fair. **2009:** William O. Elliott, Grand Knight. This year we celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the Council and raised funds for the Scholarship program. In Lent, we attended Mass as a group on March 29th and Reconciliation together on March 31st. The Mass was followed by a social for members and families. A Food Drive to benefit Saint Vincent de Paul Society was held. We participated in the Polar Bear Plunge to raise funds for the MD Special Olympics and in the Light the Night Leukemia Walk. **2010:** Lee Eder, Grand Knight. Our Council conducted a blood drive for the Red Cross. We cooked and provided pit beef and pit ham sandwiches to all who donated blood and the workers. We also sold sandwiches and donated the proceeds to the Red Cross. Our Knights marched in the March for Life in D.C. Our Council supported the John Archer School, serving food and helping with the silent auctions. **2011:** Dan Trout, Grand Knight. Our Council launch of new strategies for communications and training proved successful, including an improved Council website, adding a Facebook page, and new and effective email announcements. We conducted a Pro Life Baby Shower to benefit Birthright Pregnancy Support Center of Bel Air. We held a Eucharistic Vigil that lasted for 12 hours and members were asked to offer up prayers for unborn and newborn babies as well as guidance for mothers and policy makers. We provided our community with a breakfast for the homeless and unemployed 4 times a year at The Welcome One Homeless Shelter in Riverside, MD. **2012:** Dan Trout, Grand Knight. We began the tradition of the Traveling Crucifix program that encourages our brother knights to return home with a crucifix and prayer book to pray with family 10-15 minutes a day. We had a pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the Courage Lion Program. We held a Parish Picnic in appreciation of the parishioners' support. We conducted a youth bingo fundraiser that provided roughly \$1000 to the fight against juvenile diabetes. **2013:** Keith Marchiano, Grand Knight. Conducted our 1st Annual Golf Tournament, proceeds went to the SFdS Capital Campaign and our scholarship program. We hosted the 1st visit of Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose; the ceremony was in both English and Spanish. A family movie night was held to provide a fun activity for the families of SFdS and as an example of living our faith. The Council hosted a Parkinson's disease Awareness Night to educate parishioners about Parkinson's. **2014:** Keith Marchiano, Grand Knight. Added 15 new members and obtained our 18th Star Council Award. The Council continued to support SFdS parish and other benefactors with our established programs and fundraisers to include Lenten Chowder sales, a Bull and Oyster Roast, Pancake Breakfasts, Bingo, Food Stand at Ravens Stadium, etc. This year we initiated activities supporting the Boy Scouts Pack 810. **2015:** Gregory J. Ward, Grand Knight. Conducted our 1st Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit SFdS. We provided over 75 veterans at the Baltimore VA hospital with a grilled lunch on the 4th of July. Provided the community with a free venue to dispose of electronics and recycle paper, the free-will donations were given to the John Archer School. We hosted a Halloween fun day for children and their families at Brad's Nursery. The Knights landscaped the gardens at SFdS. Once again, the Council joined forces with the pre-school staff in sponsoring "Touch-A-Truck"; over 750

parishioners, both young and old, attended this free activity. **2016:** Gregory J. Ward, Grand Knight. The Council received the Icon of the Blessed Mother from State and conducted an Immaculate Conception Marion Prayer Service. The Council gifted a Papal and US flag to SFdS for display in the Worship Center. The Council sponsored a luncheon for the Special Olympians and family members that participated in the tri-state Ice Skating competition. We sponsored a "Right to Life Mass". The Council delivered cooked turkey dinners to many needy families. **2017:** Larry Shanahan, Grand Knight. We started a new tradition, each month having 5 Sundays, the Knights Color Corp as well as our Council members attended Mass as a Council. We delivered food to 25 homeless people in the Aberdeen/Abingdon area. Conducted a new member recruitment and orientation program that generated 7 new members. The Council sponsored an Ice Cream Social for the residents of the Senior Housing Community. **2018:** John (Mike) Novak, Grand Knight. We sold Pit Beef, Ham and Turkey sandwiches to raise funds to purchase a new commercial refrigerator for the Parish Hall kitchen. Participated in the Coats for Kids program and distributed a total of 36 coats between ARC of Harford County and the Harford County Department of Health and Human Services. The Council participated in many events raising over \$1,800 for Food for Families through the Parish Outreach Program's Food pantry. **2019:** Keith M. Arndt, Grand Knight. Held our annual 4th of July BBQ for patients and staff at Loch Raven VA Hospital. A new activity this year was Blessing Bags; parishioners donated recommended items and bags were assembled to provide comfort items for the homeless and those in need. A men's Spirit Reflection Retreat was conducted in January. **2020:** J. Michael Walsh III, Grand Knight. The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary participated in the 5k Nun Run for the Little Sisters of the Poor where the parish was recognized as the #1 team in the medium size parishes while helping to raise funds for their cause. The Council supported the Youth of the Parish by donating funds to the NCYC trip so the young men and women of our parish families could attend the event and help to grow in their faith. This year the Council started to face the challenges the COVID pandemic brought to our lives and activities. **2021:** J. Michael Walsh III, Grand Knight. Most significantly, halfway through the year when the Archdioceses approved in person Mass again, we provided support to the four weekend masses by coordinating parking, serving as ushers, cantors, lectors, and sanitizing the pews and facilities. The Council still executed the program requirements for each of the four areas. We conducted the National Wreaths Across America in conjunction with the American Legion at our Parish cemetery, honoring the veterans. **2022:** Steven M. Herpel, Grand Knight. The Council was still caught up in COVID-19 protocols. Meetings were held off and on in a virtual atmosphere and some events were scaled back because of health precautions. This did not deter us from be an active council. The Council continued to conduct the annual Tootsie Roll drive bringing in over \$1,000 for John Archer School. We delivered new coats to children at the Boys and Girls Club in Havre de Grace, MD. Also, held the National Wreaths Across America. We participated at the Jonh Archer 50th Anniversary by serving food and managing the cafeteria. **2023:** Steven M. Herpel, Grand Knight. Our Council came out of COVID protocol strong. Not only did we achieve Star Council but also received numerous honors at the MD State Convention for outstanding programs. Our nomination for Family of the Year was selected and honored at the State level. Our biggest event of this year was our first annual Gala Fund Raiser, to support our Parish Outreach Program, Scholarships, and Harford Academy (formerly John Archer School). Among new programs, we introduced a Blessed Michael J. McGivney rosary and quarterly a 5th Sunday English and Spanish rosary.

JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR., NO.11422

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 of the Knights of Columbus was established at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Landover, Maryland on September 15, 1994. The local areas were subsequently named Largo, Maryland. The Council was named in honor of James C. Fletcher, Jr., a deceased parishioner who was a noted politician and humanitarian to the people of Glenolden and to Prince George's County. There are currently 189 Council members.

The current council Officers are:

Grand Knight: Ashiboe Ben Mensah
Chancellor: Hector Lawrence
Warden: Stephen Joy
Recorder: Chike Agbazue
Advocate: Efrain Anderson
Treasurer: John Isokpehi
Lecturer: Mike Akpan
Deputy Grand Knight: Jerome Swann
Inside Guard: Sunday Achim
Outside Guard: Dubem Eze
1 year Trustee: Peter Methodious
2nd year Trustee: Harold Countee
3rd Year Trustee: Chidubem-Michael Oparaoji
1st Delegate: Ben Mensah
2nd Delegate: Chidubem-Michael Oparaoji
Alternates: Fidelis Ajudua and Harold Countee

A list of Past Grand Knights of the Council from 1999 to date are as follows:

James A. Barnes 1999 – 2000
Carlton Williams 2000 – 2001
Floyd Duckett 2001 – 2002
Joseph Marshall 2002 – 2003
Vernon Hawkins, Jr. 2003 – 2004
Kenneth Hinton 2004 – 2005
John Adeleye 2005 - 2006
Michael P. Davenport 2006 – 2007
Michael Patrick Akpan 2007 – 2008
Kermit Gresham 2008 – 2009
James Brown 2009 - 2010
Anthony Fidelis 2010 – 2011
Charles Okpah 2011 – 2012
G. Emeka Onwezi 2012 – 2013
John Huntley 2013 – 2014
Thomas Matthews 2014 – 2015
Ikechukwu R. Agbim 2015 – 2016
Alan Davis 2016 – 2017
Bernard Broadus 2017 – 2018
Michael Younger 2018 – 2019
Fidelis Ajudua 2019 – 2020
Peter Methodius-Ngwodo 2020 – 2021
Harold Countee 2021 – 2022
Chidubem M. Oparaoji 2022 – 2023
Ashiboe Mensah 2023 - 2024

Council Meetings:

Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Rosemont Room of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, Maryland 20774. For more information call (301) 773-4838.

Milestones since 1999 - 2023

SEP 1999 The Tootsie Roll program started
FEB 2000 First Mardi Gras Party
NOV 2001 Christmas Tree sale Started
MAY 2003 Star Council award
JAN 2004 First "Silent" Auction event
JAN 2005 Youth Talent Show initiated
MAY 2006 Fletcher Council cemetery of the innocent started
OCT 2006 first Halloween party hosted
JUN 2007 First Soccer shoot out
JUN 2008 First Free throw context contest
SEP 2009 The Tootsie Roll program started
JAN 2012 Coats for Kids Program started
MAR 2015 CUP JOE
OCT 2015 First Silver Rose Program
JAN 2014 First "Silent" Auction event
MAY 2016 Fletcher Council Charity program created
JUN 2018 first Free Throw Context event
APR 2019 Holy Family program
MAR 2020 FOOD Distribution with ST Vincent de Paul Society
JUN 2020 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the James C. Fletcher Council
SEP 2021 First Community Shred Event
FEB 2022 Star Council awards
NOV 2023 First Hallows Eve Ever hosted

The James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422 has been extremely supportive of Saint Joseph's Church, both monetarily and in the numerous man hours given by the members in projects such as maintenance of church facilities, grounds, construction of the Bell Tower and storage shed. The council is currently in the process of assisting the KC Ladies Auxiliary in the construction of a Memorial Brick Garden in front of the church, restoring a statue in front of the church rectory along with two benches on the side of the church by the memorial wall.

Although the council is very active in the community, we also have ongoing social activities for members and their families held each year. This include: picnics, dinner/dances, children's parties, annual flea markets, trips, and lots more fun. The James C. Fletcher, Jr., Council 11422 has proven to be a welcomed entity in the St. Joseph community. It is truly 'Working Together For Better Catholic Families.' Talk to a member about us and come join us in our endeavors.

HOLY GHOST, NO.11484

Instituted: 1/17/1995, Membership 70

MOST HOLY ROSARY, NO.11511

Instituted: 2/27/1995, Membership 36

ST. ANDREW BY THE BAY, NO.11552

Instituted: 4/20/1995, Membership 162

FATHER A. LEO ABENDSCHOEN, NO.11615

Instituted: 6/28/1995, Membership 99

FATHER EDMUND JULIEN, NO.11616

Instituted: 6/20/1995, Membership 62

ST. JOHN NEUMANN, NO.11618

Instituted: 6/27/1995, Membership 152

St. John Neumann Council #11618 – Council History: 2000-2024 The St. John Neumann Council was founded in 1995 and serves the Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine (CCASTA) in Elkridge and Halethorpe, MD.

In the early 2000s we added a Shrove Tuesday dinner to our usual three Lenten fish fries, sponsored a picnic to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church building, and arranged a 9/11 remembrance service attended by first responders. We also began hosting our popular Red Cross blood drives, instituted Tootsie Roll drives for persons with intellectual disabilities, and began providing parking support at Christmas and Easter Masses.

As we moved into the late 2000s, we instituted an annual bull roast to raise money and provide a night of fun and fellowship for parishioners. During this period, we also began our annual mulch drive, which continues to be one of our most profitable fundraisers. At the start of the next decade, we ramped up our community service, collecting welcome-home kits for troops returning from Afghanistan and distributing food baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving. We also began parking assistance for the parish's religious education program.

The beginning of the 2010s marked a sea change in our parish with the arrival of Pastor and Chaplain Father John Williamson, who was tasked with combining St. Augustine Church and Ascension Church into a single parish – CCASTA. The Knights were instrumental in helping him effect changes throughout the parish. To this day, many of these same brothers continue to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, and choristers. At this time, we also built a Nativity creche for display on the St. Augustine plaza.

In the mid-teens, we continued our focus on the recently combined parish as we purchased supplies and provided tech support for the school. Several brothers also served on our newly formed pastoral council. We began hosting Doughnut Sundays and distributing baby bottles to raise money for local pregnancy centers. In the late teens, we began touring historic churches in the area and helped the Elkridge VFD with pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, and food drives. We provided two motorized wheelchairs to the MD State Council and started a program to gather items for the homeless in local motels. We supported our parish's annual ministries fair and instituted the popular Veteran's Day flag retirement. We began supporting the Little Sisters of the Poor, prepared a Holy Week luncheon, and delivered food boxes to needy members of our community. Much of this activity was put on hold in 2020 with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. But GK, DW and future DD Nathaniel Tablante was undeterred, safely conducting virtual meetings and charitable events. Despite the pandemic, we worked with the parish to distribute over 11,000 thirty-pound boxes of fresh food to needy families. Pandemic restrictions prompted council members to develop innovative fundraising activities. We held a successful Christmas ornament sale and started our popular Super Bowl Squares fundraiser. Even though our Lenten fish fries had to be ordered online for curbside pickup, we sold more than 250 dinners during each of our three fish fries in 2021.

We've recently welcomed new Pastor and Chaplain Father Dale icarella to CCASTA. Post-pandemic membership has boomed to over 160 members for the first time, and we have started a Coats for Kids program, raising \$4935 and providing 54 new coats to needy children. We also treated widows of deceased council members and their guests to dinner at a local restaurant.

The future is bright for the St. John Neumann Council as we move into the second quarter of the 21st century. Membership has increased from 70 Knights in 2003 to 162 Knights in 2023. Engagement is more robust than ever, with increasing opportunity to display Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to our parish, families, and community.

DEACON JOHN LYNN, NO.11619

Instituted: 6/26/1995, Membership 63

Our membership has grown to 61 at the time of this report. Our members participate in many activities.

We are very active in St. Nicholas parish. We lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday and continue to lead the Holy Rosary every Sunday. We serve as ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, lectors, choir members and more. We usher at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC monthly and for special events.

We serve Lenten soup suppers each Friday evening following Stations of the Cross and Benediction. We also offer First Friday Supper each month after the evening Mass. On the fourth Saturday of each month, we host "dinner and a movie" following the Vigil Mass. Movies are Catholic or Christian themed. Homemad entrees are created and served for our meals. We host a "watch party" on Super Bowl Sunday featuring "tailgate food." We hold a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for the children. We celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

We celebrate Mother's Day and life by giving Mothers marigolds. We celebrate Father's Day and life by giving Fathers "St. Joseph, Defender of Life" prayer cards.

We are active in our community. We participate in the Little Sisters of the Poor program collecting requested items donated by our generous parishioners. We are a sponsor-level financial supporter to the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Service (LARS) Turkey Trot annual fundraiser. We continue to volunteer once a month at Elizabeth House making bag lunches and preparing the evening meal. We participate in the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Feast Day Food Packing event hosted by the Bishop McNamara Chapter.

Our fundraising includes the annual Knights of Columbus cash raffle and working at the Knights of Columbus concession stand at the University of Maryland football and basketball games.

Deacon John Lynn Council continues to build on its proud history!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY, NO.11703

Instituted: 12/6/1995, Membership 177

OUR LADY OF VIETNAM, NO.11769

Instituted: 4/28/1996, Membership 86

In August 1995, about 25 members of Our Lady of Viet Nam Parish joined the Knights of Columbus, St. John the Baptist Council 11106 at the encouragement of Fr. Peter Long Nguyen. During the first

several months, the participation of these Knights was not very good due to language problems, and due to new concept of joining an American organization with many complicated protocols. The Knights of Columbus is the first American organization that was established in this parish. In February 1996, the Vietnamese members in Council 11106 numbered around 30. At the suggestion of Past Grand Knight Joe Denson, and due to the persistence of Fr. Peter Long to have a Council at Our Lady Of Viet Nam Parish, Our Lady Of Viet Nam Council 11769 was instituted by Former District Deputy Nick Muratore. Thus, April 28, 1996 was the birthday of Council 11769. The bylaws of the Council was adopted on February 2, 1997, and was approved by Supreme Council on July 28, 1997. The membership of this council is very diverse. It represented the people of North, Central and South Viet Nam who immigrated to this country after the war ended in 1975. They all share the common faith in our Lord Jesus, and a love for freedom. We speak the same language but with many different accents. Some of the members are former high ranking officers in the South Vietnamese Army prior to 1975. Some are former POWs, and some are too young to remember the war in detail. Some are former seminarians. But we here with one purpose to serve the Holy Church and to help one another. Today, Council 11769 has 80 members. We conduct meetings in Vietnamese. Over the past 27 years, we have participated in many church, community, and youth programs in this parish. We have members in many organizations of the parish: from parish council to youth organization, from Sunday choirs to CCD and Vietnamese language programs, from Cursilo to CYO, the participation of the Knights of Our Lady Of Viet Nam Council is visible. We meet Third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. at our Parish's office, located at 11812 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 208904.

ST. MATTHEW'S INTERNATIONAL, NO.11787

Instituted: 4/30/1996, Membership 101

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, NO.11815

Instituted: 6/10/1996, Membership 168

ST. LOUIS THE KING, NO.11898

Instituted: 11/25/1996, Membership 261

Our council was founded on 25 November 1996, with 25 members taking their first degree and 14 transfer members. The previous history noted that by March 1998 the council had grown to almost 80 men. In 2023, we now number over 250 men, and have grown from a small but active council to a larger and active council, and in the past 5 years, to an even more active council, expanding the number of activities we support.

Our first meetings were held at the old Clarksville Fire Station when we moved to the nearby Shrine of Saint Anthony, where we've remained for over 25 years. Our chaplain at the time, Father Francis Lombardo, was able to offer us space there when he learned that we would be displaced from the firehouse. This began a significant relationship that benefitted the council, the Shrine, and the community. As the property changes, we've moved to holding our monthly meetings in the Shrine, first having mass said in the chapel before dinner in the dining room. We've also been able to use an outbuilding on the property as a Knights shed.

This relationship means that we have a venue for some events outside the parish, most notably the 20 years we've held a 5k/10k race on Labor Day weekend at the Shrine and surrounding area. This event served as our primary charity fundraiser for many years and continues to this day. More recently, we've been able to host a regional Little Sisters of the Poor monthly drop off at the shed on the Shrine grounds, as well as having held a number of events there over the years. We also have supported the Shrine over the years both financially and by providing manpower for many of their special events,

especially providing parking assistance. This is in addition to the work we do for our home parish Saint Louis, where the council provided support requested by our longtime pastor Monsignor Luca and continues to work with our current pastor Father Michael DeAscanis.

Our council has been active in the district and at the state level, with many of our Grand Knights having served at the state level, especially supporting the Faith in Action areas of Life and Faith (providing state Life and Faith chairs, multiple activity chairs, and the Lead Prolife couple). Of course, the most notable of these is Past State Deputy Vince Grauso, who remained an active member of the council, volunteering for local council activities every year he served in state office. Our council has also won numerous awards, many star council awards (and one double star council), and we've had two state families of the year. Much of this is due to the active roles our members play in the life of the council, the parish, and the community, and example provided by many of our past grand knights as they continue to be active after serving as Grand Knight.

Early days of our council note a free throw contest, a mulch sale, concessions at University of Maryland for charity (predating our race), a living rosary done with the respect life group, seminarian support, tootsie roll campaign, and parish Christmas and Easter parking. Most of these have continued for the past 25 years, with the concession stand replaced by other charitable fundraising (the past 5 years have included Ravens concessions), and the tootsie roll campaign replaced in recent years by other efforts that still support those with special needs. Over the years, we added the race mentioned earlier, fall and spring charity bingos, and support to a variety of events at the parish and at the Shrine, often changing from year to year.

After adding the Ravens effort allowed us a broader financial and charitable base, in 2019 and 2020, we started to add a few more activities. These included a crab raffle for seminarian support, expanded and consistent support to Coats for Kids, and work with our parish Respect Life committee to support the baby bottle campaign for the Columbia Pregnancy Center and to support efforts for the March for Life and the Maryland March for Life. When COVID hit, our council stayed active, supporting the parish, providing support for 50 weeks of parking lot confessions, helping with the monthly food collection (which moved to the parish maintenance shed permanently), adding a second monthly food collection which also benefits the Little Sisters of the Poor (the last three years, almost 150 tons of food was collected). We went to Baltimore to clear out a church basement that now houses the Archdiocesan Grief Ministry, and we have cleared out garages at Mary's Home maternity home for several years now.

We've supported many other events at the parish and the school, covering all the Faith in Action pillars, and have expanded our work with several parish ministries (including our Respect Life group and our Food Collection group) as well as our brother Knights at Saint Francis, the other parish in our pastorate. We're developing a partnership with Mary's Land Farm to help them and raise funds for council activities, which in turn allows us to provide more ad hoc support to various parish and community efforts. Of particular note is that our increased charitable efforts are allowing us to increase support to the ASAP program-last year we supported 5 organizations and should be able to again this fraternal year. We continue to pray for all of our deceased Knights each year, support our widows, and support those with special needs. Our council looks forward to the challenges and opportunities that the future holds.

Grand Knights: Galante (96-98), Baker (98-00), Grauso (00-02), Stephan (02-04), Sniezek (04-06), Leumas (06-08), Curran (08-09), Enright (09-11), Staudmeister(11-13), Garippa (13-15), Opatick (15-17), Tavary (17-19), Stewart (19-21), Knight (21-23), Arlinghaus (23-).

REVEREND DR. DAVID W. SHAUM, NO.11975

Instituted: 5/2/1997, Membership 64

ST. JOAN OF ARC, NO.12054
Instituted: 7/9/1997, Membership 110

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, NO.12127
Instituted: 12/18/1997, Membership 140

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council No. 12127 serves the St. John Neumann parish community in Gaithersburg, MD and was chartered in December 1997. Since its inception 27 years ago, OLOG council has conducted over 400 programs, contributed over 28,000 volunteer hours, and donated over \$125,000 in support of various organizations, the parish, and the local community.

Grand Knights serving the council throughout its history have included James Wozniak, John Loesch, Gil Giuliani, Dr. Henry Ramirez, Gene Wyatt, Thomas Johnson, Jerry Henrico, Tom Firestone, Mike Sharp, Michael May, Jim Barr, Terry Waters, Ron Bauer, Robert Nyikos, Steve Rhodes, Mike Donnellan, Emmanuel Dayao, Mike York, Gary Guy, Mike Gladu, Thomas Whippen, Dan Cipra, and Brian Hiles. Tom Firestone, Terry Waters, Mike Donnellan, and Gary Guy later served as District Deputies.

Charter Leadership included: Grand Knight: James Wozniak, District Deputy: John Kopinski State Deputy: John Albright

Of the numerous programs that OLOG council has activated over the years, some of its most memorable ones have focused on:

Special Olympics Box of Joy

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Coats for Kids

March for Life-hosting students from Texas Basketball Free Throw Event

RSVP- seminarians Halloween and Easter celebrations

Breakfast with St. Nick Food for Families

Chili Cookoff Living Rosary

The council has continually supported Special Olympics through its sponsorship of Terry Waters as a Polar Bear Plunger, Volunteerism at the annual Gold Qualifier, and its fund-raising via the "Tootsie Roll" program.

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center has enjoyed a strong partnership with our council and in 2023 Grand Knight Brian Hiles led a district-wide campaign to raise funds towards the purchase of an ultrasound unit.

Our council has served children and families well over the years, with the breakfast with St. Nick, Halloween party, and Easter Egg Hunt being among the most popular activities.

Community activities have been impactful as we collected and donated thousands of pounds of food for the St. Martins' and St. John Neuman food pantries. In addition, our council has donated winter coats to hundreds of children, through the Coats for Kids program, as well.

Deeping our Catholic faith has always been a priority for our council, and we have activated the Silver Rose, Holy Hour, and Spiritual Reflection programs. We also often pray the rosary together before council meetings.

Note that OLOG Council has earned the Star Council Award many years during our existence, and we are proud of our efforts to continually make a meaningful difference in the lives of our members, our parish, and our community.

OLOG Council is an active member of Archbishop Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Assembly No. 2443, in addition to the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights.

MAURICE J. McDONOUGH, NO.12128

Instituted: 1/7/1998, Membership 85

List of past activities:

Taps Across America
Wreaths Across America
Tootsie Roll fundraiser for Special Olympics
Breakfasts for the Parish
Dinners for the Parish
Fish Fry Dinners for the Parish
Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinners for the Parish
Prepared food for Bingo and various church events
Angie Houtz Scholarship fund
Donation for Ultrasounds for the Catherine Foundation
Donations to Catherine Foundation
Donations to Health Partners
Christmas in April
Spring and Fall Grounds Clean-up and Flower planting
Repair of various electrical, carpentry, air conditioning, etc.
Grass cutting the church grounds
Assisted disabled and elderly people
Tap out Cancer donation
Handicapped supplies
Office Christmas gift cards
Donation to the food pantry Easter and Christmas or when needed
Ladies Auxiliary Convention donation
Mother's Day Flowers
Mount Carmel of Port Tobacco – annual donation to the sisters
Clean up the yard, etc. at Mount Carmel monastery
Lead the rosary before Sunday Masses
Youth group support
Keep Christ in Christmas program
Middle school dances
Donations to Seminaries
Host for Chapter of Grand Knights
Host for Fraternity programs night
Women/Men shelter Christmas gifts collection – 26 years
Raffle tickets
Donations for church purchases i.e., monstrance, stations with benches around cemetery, trees, custom floor mosaic grounds security.

FATHER BERNARD HARDING, NO.12180

Instituted: 3/19/1998, Membership 74

FATHER PETER C. BOYLE, NO.12254

Instituted: 6/15/1998, Membership 92

ST. TIMOTHY, NO.12255

Instituted: 6/7/1998, Membership 74

St. Timothy Council No. 12255 was instituted on June 7, 1998 by District Deputy Robert W. Jack. Our first Grand Knight was SK Gregory E. Loss. The council meets at St. Timothy's Lystra Hall in Walkersville and began with 45 members. So, in addition to celebrating the Maryland State Council 125th anniversary we co-celebrate our 25th. Our small number of dedicated Knights grew within a short span of time to over 80 members in our small parish. Over this period our council participated in multiple programs from roadside cleanup of MD 26, yearly Ash Wednesday dinner fund raisers, multiple youth ministry projects, support for CareNet of Frederick county including baby bottle campaigns and money raising for an ultrasound machine. The annual state car raffle for the scholarship program was always our most successful fund raiser. Until recently our council guarded the monthly First Friday Eucharistic adoration. Our charitable corporation was able to raise funds and contributed \$14,000 to the completion of a kitchen in Lystra Hall.

A number of council members went on to support the state in various offices. Dirk Griffin PGK, PFN, was elevated to the District Deputy position with Brian Woerner PGK as his District Warden. Dirk also worked with former DD Robert Jack of St. John Council (Frederick) in state leadership of youth programs. James Johnson PGK was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in October of 2023. John Szarnicki PGK currently serves as District 25 Warden and is to serve as District Deputy for the 2024 – 2026 leadership of Anthony Salvemini.

We are proud of our achievements and look forward to the next 25 years of Columbianism.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, NO.12524

Instituted: 5/24/1999, Membership 90

MONSIGNOR THOMAS M. WELLS, NO.13008

Instituted: 9/30/2001, Membership 106

Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council was started in 2001 at St. Andrew Apostle Parish with about 50 charter members. The first Grand Knight was Olean Dangerfield, Past Grand Knight at Father Rosensteel Council. The first Chaplain was Father Joseph Kennedy. The council was named after Monsignor Thomas M. Wells, and Archdiocese of Washington priest who was murdered shortly before the founding of the council. The council recognized Monsignor Wells as an inspirational priest to his parishioners and to the many seminarians and new priests he mentored. The council is located at St. Andrew Apostle Parish in the Kemp Mill section of Silver Spring, and the vast majority of the current 100 plus Knights are from this parish. We have had a consistent history of growth and activities centered on our parish.

In the 20 plus years of its existence, Monsignor Wells Council has sponsored many seminarians through the Knights' RSVP Program. Currently we are supporting parish education through support of seminarians, the students at St. Andrew Apostle School and the parish Faith Formation Program. Our council has been very active in support of organizations such as The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County, Red Wiggler Farm, local pregnancy centers, and other groups. We have also consistently run programs such as the Free Throw Competition, the Soccer Shootout, Adopt A Road, and many more. For the past 12 years, we have run a Parish Breakfast to build parish community.

We have provided a great way for our Knights to contribute to the causes of Life, Family, Community, and Faith, in addition to forming lasting bonds as Catholic men and families.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, NO.13069

Instituted: 1/3/2002, Membership 32

FATHER SEBASTIEN DE ROSE, NO.13091

Instituted: 12/4/2001, Membership 67

On December 4, 2001, Father Sebastien De Rose Council was instituted as a military council in a ceremony held in Saint Nicholas Chapel aboard the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Lexington Park, Maryland, where Fr. Paul Evers became the first Council Chaplain and Jim Cooney served as the Charter Grand Knight. The council's namesake is in honor of Father Sebastien De Rose, a Capuchin Priest who came to the United States while accompanying French General Marquis Lafayette during the Revolutionary War. He was the first full-time pastor of the parish at St. Nicholas.

The council grew slowly and generally mirrored the activities associated with most other councils. Two of their unique accomplishments included seeking monetary donations by handing out Tootsie Rolls at the Navy Exchange and Commissary to benefit the Mentally Handicapped through support of Special Olympics. The council established the Stuff the Bus Food Drive where Commissary patrons were encouraged to buy groceries to fill the seats of a small school bus by donating non-perishable staples which supplemented four local food pantries to help feed the poor of St. Mary's County. This program has also spurred the Commissary to use the Fr. DeRose Council as a Food Distribution point of contact for items within the store that are approaching expiration dates. In this way, the council is on call when the Commissary has items that can be distributed to those four local food pantries on the same day as they are picked up before they expire.

Early in the year of 2015, the Archdiocese of the Military Services (AMS) announced they could no longer provide a Catholic priest for the base, and the council sought ideas on where it could relocate or whether to combine with another council in the local area surrounding the Air Station. There were many Catholic Churches to consider during the course of this search, especially since St. Mary's County is the birthplace of Catholicism in the United States.

Father Paul Nguyen and his predecessor Monsignor Karl Chimiak of St. George Roman Catholic Church in Valley Lee, each acted as the Fr. De Rose Council Chaplain during a time when the shortage of priests from the AMS became critical. Fr. Paul invited the council to consider St. George as a possibility for their new home. After the last Catholic Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was held at St. Nichols Chapel on June 14, 2015, the council moved to and was warmly welcomed by the church and its parishioners.

The move meant the council would no longer be a Military Council, and Supreme assigned them the name of St. George Council #16251. The council still had many ties with the base and were allowed to continue utilizing the Navy Exchange and Commissary storefronts for council programs, so not wanting to lose their identity with the military, St. George Council was dissolved and became Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council once again, albeit a civilian parish-based council this time.

During the past eight years, Fr. De Rose Council has enjoyed being an integral part of St. George Parish and the Valley Lee community. The council embraced and supplemented programs that were established there many years ago. They provided additional manpower for events like the Christmas Bazaar, the annual Parish Church Dinner, assisting with and supplementing teachers for the RCIA and CCD programs, as well as starting or introducing new endeavors such as Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, monthly Pancake Breakfasts, the Box of Joy program, and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Youth activities like the Soccer Shoot Out, Basketball Free Throw, and Family Movie Night have blossomed as families with young children are joining the parish.

Most recently, the parish has enjoyed a resurgence in spiritual renewal, utilizing the “Into the Breech” short-film series and in concentrated bible studies, where Knights are teaching and leading discussion groups. Religious pilgrimages before and after the Covid-19 Pandemic to Fatima, Lourdes, and Rome have also brought the parish back to our Catholic roots. Our Chaplain has asked the Knights to lead the congregation in reciting the Rosary before each weekend Mass, which has resulted in a more solemn and respectful prelude to the Mass.

Although relatively small in size, the council has benefitted from the strong work ethic employed by its Knights and their families to accomplish the numerous projects and programs which on the surface would require many more hours or many more people. The council stays actively engaged in activities and events aimed at strengthening the family and the faith.

It is evident that Fr. De Rose Council, in its short 22-year history, has been instrumental in providing support to our parish Priests, church, and community, just as our founder, Father Michael McGivney, intended.

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE, NO.13290

Instituted: 3/6/2003, Membership 194

ST. ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ, NO.13294

Instituted: 12/6/2002, Membership 78

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council No. 13294 was chartered December 2002 when thirty men participated in their first degree. The council was founded by Grand Knight Allen Czolba and Father Joseph P. Lacey, SJ with assistance by then District Deputy, and future State Deputy, Vincent Grauso.

The new council was comprised of men who, up until that time, did not know each other. It has grown into a fraternal family of well over one hundred, thirty-five of whom have died in our short history of a little over twenty years. Current Grand Knight Barry Frederick continues the council tradition of strong leadership through faith, prayer and encouragement. No history of the council would be complete without mentioning Edward Pelsinsky, Brother Knight extraordinaire, a man every Grand Knight and every brother has relied on since the council's inception.

The council hit the ground running in support of Father Lacey, our parish, and community. Twenty years ago this year, St Alphonsus Council started Lazarus Caucus, Inc., a non-profit affiliation of over ten churches that has provided housing, clothing, food, bus tokens, counseling and other resources to thousands of residents at the Westside Homeless Shelter in Catonsville. For sixteen years St. Alphonsus Council has provided yearly tuition for students at Rerua, India, children who likely would not receive an education without the council's aid. These charities and many others continue today.

Though impressive, these successes pale in comparison to what brothers of the council have done for one another. We pray together, share our faith and encourage others in their faith journey. We are there for one another. This writer recalls visiting Past Grand Knight Allen Czolba at Walter Reed Army Hospital with four brothers. Al was nearing the end of life as we took our leave, each one of the brothers leaning down to kiss Al's forehead with a tenderness and compassion that exemplifies Jesus Christ's love for us.

The Knights of Columbus has been a catalyst for men of this council and their families in developing deeper faith and living the gospel through acts of corporal mercy for people in our community, nation and around the world. This council encourages Catholic men looking to serve our Lord to join the

Knights of Columbus to share their skills, faith, hope and love with other Catholic men, and therefore, become beacons for others.

SEDES SAPIENTIAE, NO.13295

Instituted: 3/12/2003, Membership 75

SAN JUAN DIEGO, NO.13463

Instituted: 3/6/2004, Membership 57

POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT, NO.13859

Instituted: 6/14/2005, Membership 166

Pope John Paul the Great No. 13859 was formally instituted on June 14, 2005 to serve the Middle River area of Baltimore County and, specifically, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Parish. Their first meeting place was in the basement of the rectory at the Our Lady Queen of Peace parish until moving into the main hall a short time later.

The first slate of Officers was Father Jason Worley, Chaplain, Tom O'Hara, Grand Knight, Joe Noppinger, Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Pastorelli, Chancellor, Tony Crews Recorder, Mike Kahl, Treasurer, Richard Malinski, Advocate & James Dickinson, Warden.

The officers and members voted to name their new council in honor of Pope John Paul II for his numerous accomplishments in moving the Catholic church forward. Like many new councils in the Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul the Great Council began as a relatively small group of men numbering 28. Since its inception, the Council has grown to a membership of over 150. This steady growth can be attributed to a generalized awareness within our Parish community of the financial and sweat equity support provided by the council to the Parish, its fund-raising activities within the Parish as well as extending to the community at large, individual members being active in vital committees, councils and ministerial roles as well as fulfilling ad hoc needs whenever they arise. All of which is augmented by an active recruiting program seeking OLQP men of like interests and a willingness to get involved.

Our first programs consisted of Sunday parish breakfasts, monthly bingos and our famous Breakfast w/Santa and Breakfast w/Easter Bunny. These programs continue to this day.

Over the years, we have expanded to include numerous other programs which have earned us Star Council for the past three years. Our best and most anticipated event is our annual parish and community crab feast! It is a huge event with 250 people, bushels of steamed crabs, crab soup, pit beef and ham and lots of sides. It is the largest fund-raising event for the parish. We will continue to conduct these and as many programs as our community needs and as our volunteers can manage. We, the Officers and members of Pope John Paul the Great Council No. 13859 are extremely proud of our accomplishments during the years of our existence and are determined to move forward and do even better in the future. With a deep commitment to the growing parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace and

community of Middle River, we plan to continue to support the needed efforts and to demonstrate by leadership and example the value of a group of Catholic gentlemen working for the common good.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, NO.14011

Instituted: 3/18/2006, Membership 179

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, NO.14099

Instituted: 6/26/2006, Membership 60

Over the past 17 years, Resurrection of Our Lord (RoOL) Council has served Resurrection of Our Lord Parish and the Greater Laurel Area with a variety of religious, charitable, civic, educational, and family activities. In all its undertakings, it has continually been guided by the Knights of Columbus guiding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

RoOL's Knights have always been incredibly active in parish and community service. The Charter members of our Council were already actively engaged in all aspects of parish and community activities. Many were actively involved at other Councils and served in key positions at the District and State levels. We were honored to include the MD State Right-to-Life couple.

In recognition of its program successes, RoOL Council earned multiple Columbian Awards, recognizing excellence in Council programming, State Council awards across most categories; and continues to earn kudos for many of our annual activities. Our monthly Ice Cream Socials and our Annual Polka Mass and Dance have been hits since their kick-offs. We host the Mothers' Day Breakfast and St Nicholas Children's Christmas Party.

Our efforts beyond the parish have included support of Catholic Relief Services programs at Our Daily Bread and Sarah's House. Our Brother Knight's, parishioners, and parish youth have supported our regular activities and many of the special events at the RoOL and St Lawrence the Martyr Parishes.

Our Lady's Angles, Ladies Auxiliary is critical to all of our programs and activities. They continue to support our Council's activities and events. They ensure that we enjoy successes each and every year. The Council's accomplishments since our inception, 17 years ago could not have happened without the support of many Brother Knights, Our Lady's Angels, the clergy and staff, and the parishioners of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish. Any and all successes that we can claim, are dependent on those that went before us and those that continue to support our efforts.

STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, NO.14102

Instituted: 6/27/2006, Membership 35

Saints Philip & James (SSPJ) Council was founded June 27, 2006 and has been a relatively small but active council since its inception. Some notable founders and early members were Jim Anthony, Terry Boyer, Mike Cook, Barry and Garry Farley, Dave Jenkins, Peter Kimura, John McGuire, Mike McKenzie, Ron Meyers, Ken Moore, Bill Scarborough, Joe Sullivan, and Frank Taylor. Some of these men served as Grand Knights at one point in the council's early days, and some also earned their 4th Degree.

Some events in the early years of the council were the Big Band/Jazz Nights, Crab Feasts, the Car Raffle, and a longstanding tradition was begun of a BBQ Cookout for Johns Hopkins students. The Hopkins connection served the parish and council well as men with a connection to Johns Hopkins

either as students or alumni made notable contributions to the council in the 2010's and beyond. Among these were Grand Knights Dan Schlattman, Simon Orozco, and Mike Pollard. These men continued the Hopkins BBQ tradition to this day in 2023 with the help of younger Hopkins men like Nick Adams, Matt Gorman, Jaime Martinez, Alex Moreau, Trevor Schwehr, and Noah Wichrowski.

A program to pick up bread from Panera for the food pantry at SSPJ was begun years ago, headed up recently by Mike Cook with strong contributions from Tim Maxwell, Dan Schlattman, Nick Adams, Mike Pollard, and Marshall Schmidt. The Knights also still lead a rosary before 10:30am mass every Sunday and Ron Meyers, Mike Pollard, Joe Sullivan, and Noah Wichrowski have been important in this program.

Tim Maxwell served as Grand Knight during the difficult days of COVID-19 but the council stayed together, despite having to meet by Zoom on the computer some months.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the Hampden neighborhood of Baltimore, the other parish assigned to the council along with SSPJ parish, has made an outsized contribution to the council despite being a smaller parish. Past Grand Knight Mike McKenzie, Recorder Mike Cook, FS Dave Jenkins, and Harry Romano were very active members.

John Wroblewski has been an active member for years and is an altar server alongside Jim Anthony and Matt Gorman at SSPJ.

Marshall Schmidt serves as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore and has continued to be active despite moving away from the SSPJ vicinity and starting a family.

John White, also a member of the Knights of Malta, has done a great deal of work for Saints Philip & James parish by heading up the Finance Committee; he has organized many volunteer events to improve the building and grounds around the SSPJ parish, and along with his wife Roxane has contributed greatly to the hospitality committee for meals and parties.

Unfortunately a few members have passed, and some have moved away for retirement, but early members like Jim Anthony, Barry Farley, Ron Meyers, and Ken Moore continue to contribute to the SSPJ parish, some as members of the Lay Dominicans, and others just participating in programs like Ron Meyers' work with the Franciscan Center in Baltimore.

JOHN JAKOB RASKOB, NO.14189
Instituted: 11/30/2006, Membership 60

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, NO.14297
Instituted: 5/19/2007, Membership 69

FATHER MICHAEL C. KIDD, NO.14455
Instituted: 2/4/2008, Membership 86

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY, NO.14534
Instituted: 4/20/2008, Membership 32

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI, NO.14535
Instituted: 4/6/2008, Membership 87

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, NO.14572
Instituted: 6/19/2008, Membership 83

ST. PHILIP NERI, NO.14612
Instituted: 7/28/2008, Membership 136

Saint Philip Neri Council 14612 chartered in Linthicum, Maryland on July 28, 2008, started with 36 founding members. In 2023, the council celebrated its 15-year anniversary. Reaching our 15th council anniversary was a significant milestone. The council has continued to grow and support the parish despite the COVID pandemic. Saint Philip Neri is a strong and resilient council with over 130 members in 2023.

From this beginning the Council actively engaged in parish efforts and community service. Knights supported parish picnics with culinary expertise, social events such as a reception for one of our brothers after his Ordination to the priesthood and worked to serve parish needs through our Coats for Kids drive. Through the years, the council organized and supported Food Drives for the local food bank, Keep Christ in Christmas, National March for Life, Good Friday events, as well as supported youth activities such as the Soccer Challenge and the Free Throw Contest. Our founding members helped organize Donut Sunday aka Fellowship Sunday which is the principal event at Saint Philip Neri Church event each month. During the Fellowship Sunday members of the parish come together to fellowship and socialize over a donut and a cup of coffee. Brother Knights, over years, have served thousands of donuts and several thousand gallons of coffee and juice. To raise funds for council and parish charitable initiatives, the council hosted an annual Shrimp Feast and sold Crab cakes at the local Linthicum Fair as well as other activities such as Pancake Breakfast fund raiser.

Since its establishment in 2008, our council has had leaders from the council to the MD state level. Sir Knight Edward Huelsenbeck was the council's first Grand Knight. Brother Knights have served on the parish Pastoral and the Financial Councils. Our council has had two members sit on the board of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland which hosts an annual conference to bring together men from Baltimore and the surrounding area. Our council is the home council of Vice Supreme Master of the Calvert Province Sir Knight Francis "Fritz" D. Leach, who served as the council's Grand Knight from 2010 to 2011.

The council meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall of St Philip Neri Church in Linthicum Maryland. Our 2nd Wednesday meeting is our Social Meeting while the 4th Wednesday meeting is our Business Meeting. Our Officers' Planning Meetings is usually the 3rd Wednesday of the Month, as needed to plan for the business meeting.

JESUS THE DIVINE WORD, NO.14775
Instituted: 6/13/2009, Membership 129

Jesus the Divine Word Council 14775 was instituted on June 13, 2009. We currently have 129 members. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Doran Hall of Jesus the Divine Word Parish, 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 7:30 p.m. on the Monday preceding our Council Meeting.

A summary of our Council's activities over the past fourteen years include:

- Host monthly Community Breakfasts on 2nd Sunday of the Month, raises money for charitable causes.
- Mother's Day Flowers handed to mothers by Knights after Mass on Mother's Day.
- Father's Day prayer cards handed to fathers by Knights after Mass on Father's Day.

- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Cards, Ornaments, and Puzzle sales raised money for charitable causes.
- Christmas in April, Knights assisted in fixing a home for a needy family.
- Tootsie Roll program, funds raised sent to charities.
- Hosted Spaghetti Dinner for runners during Run for Vocations, all donations to support run for vocations.
- Host Restaurant Fundraising Nights to raise money for Scholarships to parishioners heading for college.
- Award Scholarships to two or three parishioners heading for college.
- Seminarian support by donations to seminarians, up to three per year.
- Host Parish Chili Cook-Off, any money raised for charitable causes.
- Host Parish Lenten Fish Fry, any money raised for charitable causes.
- Host Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, any money raised is split half with parish youth ministry and half for charitable causes.
- Host council monthly potluck social held on the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Friday Adoration sign-up and attendance.
- Lead 5th Sunday Family Rosary held after Masses.
- Host yearly Parish Christmas Craft Fair, any money raised for charitable causes.
- Host yearly Parish Yard Sale, any money raised for charitable causes.
- Host yearly potluck Christmas Party with Ladies of Sodality.
- Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup two to three times each year.
- Host yearly blood drive.
- Cook for the yearly Parish Picnic.
- Host Soccer Challenge during yearly Parish Picnic.
- Host Parish Easter Egg Hunt.
- Worked Relay for Life as parking guides.
- Participate in March for Life.
- Provided meals at our parish for March for Life attendees.
- Hosted Pro-Life Mass with Speaker and Dinner.
- Host yearly Cemetery of Innocents.
- Purchased and installed Memorial for Unborn for parish.
- Purchased and replaced parish American Flag when needed.
- Purchased and installed parish display cabinets.
- Purchased and installed parish kitchen equipment as needed.
- Purchased deacon dalmatics for new deacons.
- Financial support to priests.
- Constructed addition to parish storage shed.
- Assist with bi-yearly parish cleanup of grounds and church.
- Purchase and supply prayer cards and reading material for parish kiosk.
- Donated to Boy Scout projects.

- Donated to Sisters of Charity.
- Donated to Birthright of Calvert.
- Donated to Christians at Risk.
- Donated to Project Echo.
- Donated to St. John Vianney Food Pantry.
- Donated to Care Net of Southern Maryland.
- Donated to Special Olympics of Calvert County.
- Hosted Silver Rose Program.
- Power-washed playground equipment for parish pre-school.
- Participated in Box of Joy Program.
- Participated in Honor Flight Program for Veterans.

Our Past Grand Knights are:

Larry Clark 2009 - 10	Dennis Haspert 2015 - 16
Andy Hollomon 2010 - 11	Eric Byrd 2016 – 17
Jim McGrory 2011 - 12	Bruce Evartt 2017 - 19
Francis Pilkerton 2012 - 13	Bruce Mrowca 2019 - 20
Kevin Philbin 2013 - 14	Edwin Spicka 2020 - 22
Ron Nahas 2014 - 15	

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND, NO.15000

Instituted: 2/19/2023, Membership 20

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, NO.15084

Instituted: 5/11/2010, Membership 60

St. Michael the Archangel Council 15084 was instituted on May 11, 2010. The Council is small but mighty with approximately 60 active members. Since its inception, Council 15084 has been blessed to have the spiritual leadership of its Chaplain and Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Church, Monsignor Eddie Tolentino. The Council has served its parish and community well under the direction of Grand Knights Charles Hayes, James Robertson, Stephen Holowenzak, Antonio Calaro, Noddie Barrion, Alfonso DeJesus, Michael Spraggins, and David Bludis.

Some of the Council's featured activities include our all-you-can-eat crab and oyster feasts, as well as Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage dinners. The Council annually participates in the Coats for Kids program and donate the coats to the Colesville Council of Community Congregations (C-4). Since 2021, the Council has participated in the Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy program and collected over 50 boxes from the St. Michael's community each year.

The Council also hosts and participates in many activities promoting our pro-life message. Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM, Brother Gregory McFadden and other members of the Council pray all 20 mysteries of the Holy Rosary for women facing a crisis pregnancy at a local abortuary. Brother Gregory also leads our Council's participation in the annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. In addition, Brother Gregory helps to coordinate volunteers for the Montgomery County Right to Life booth at the annual Montgomery County Fair. In September 2022, the Council hosted a shrimp feast for the parish and donated the \$500 proceeds to the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County in support of the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. The Gabriel Project set up a crib in the vestibule of the church to raise awareness for the program and to receive donated items from

parishioners. The Council coordinates with the Sodality of Mary at St. Michael the Archangel Church to help deliver donated items to the Gabriel Project coordinators.

In February 2022, the Council coordinated with Monsignor Tolentino to arrange a special collection for then seminarian, Vincent Vu, who was assigned to St. Michael the Archangel Church during the summer of 2021. The parish generously donated \$1,000, and Grand Knight David Bludis presented a check to Vincent at the conclusion of the 10:00 AM Mass on May 22, 2022. The Council hosted a chili feast in February 2022 and decided to donate the \$1,000 proceeds to Seminarian Alan De Almeida Barreto through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Grand Knight David Bludis and Brother Allen Mayo treated Alan to dinner and presented him with a check on May 19, 2022.

Some of our most rewarding work has been in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Missionaries of Charity in Washington, D.C. For several years, the Council has provided donated bread from Great Harvest Bread Company in Rockville to the Little Sisters on a weekly basis. In addition, we host a pancake breakfast as well as a bingo activity with the Little Sisters on a monthly basis. We also support the monthly collection for the Little Sisters at Father Rosensteel Council 2169. Beginning in 2021, the Council hosted a barbecue with the Missionaries of Charity to celebrate the feast day of their founder, St. Teresa of Calcutta, on September 5.

While singing Christmas carols for the Missionaries of Charity in December 2020, Mother Superior, M. Lizen, MC, asked if we could help them procure chalices and patens for their missionary chapels in Canada, Cuba, Mexico, and the United States. Grand Knight Michael Spraggins coordinated with the other three councils in Maryland District 11, and each Council pledged their full support. The chalices were blessed on February 5, 2021, during the noon Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church by Monsignor Eddie Tolentino. On February 20, 2021, Mother Superior M. Lizen, MC, joyfully received the sacred gift sets presented by Grand Knight Michael Spraggins and PGK Stephen Holowenzak.

Two months later, in April 2021, PGK Stephen Holowenzak suffered a severe stroke that paralyzed the right side of his body. He was in a rehabilitation facility for several months before moving to Marian Assisted Living in Brookeville, Maryland. On Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the conclusion of the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Past State Deputy of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus, Dale W. Trott, presented an Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians to the parish. This icon was presented to the parish as a token of appreciation for all of the efforts of PGK Stephen and the Council to support persecuted Christians around the world. The Council was delighted to have PGK Stephen in attendance, as it was the first time he returned to the parish since his stroke. The Council continues to celebrate the Icon each year around the anniversary of its dedication.

Starting in December 2021, the Council began hosting a Christmas caroling activity with PGK Stephen and the residents of Marian Assisted Living. A few days prior to the activity in December 2023, PGK Stephen was hospitalized and unable to attend in person, but Grand Knight David Bludis set up a Google Meet for Brother Stephen to participate virtually from his hospital room.

Soon after PGK Stephen's stroke in April 2021, PGKs James Robertson and Charles Hayes and their wives helped to clear out Stephen's apartment and move it to a storage facility. PGK James was instrumental in coordinating PGK Stephen's affairs and finances in addition to his daily responsibilities to open the church and prepare for Masses. Grand Knight David Bludis awarded PGK James with a Family of the Year award during a reception for the Installation of Council Officers in August 2022.

In the summer of 2023, the rent at the storage facility became too expensive, so PGK James decided to build a shed in his backyard to store PGK Stephen's belongings. Several brothers worked together over the course of a week to build the shed and clear out the storage facility soon after. In the fall of 2023, PGK Stephen was in need of a new manual wheelchair, but was unable to afford it on his own. Grand

Knight David Bludis discussed an opportunity to jointly fund the wheelchair with Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly 386 Faithful Navigator, Daniel Ward, and with concurrence from the Assembly and the Council, they split the \$500 cost. Grand Knight David Bludis presented PGK Stephen with the new wheelchair in late October 2023.

BALTIMORE BASILICA, NO.15768

Instituted: 7/18/2013, Membership 22

Ironically, the church where Blessed Fr Michael McGivney was ordained did not have a KofC council until 2013. This was corrected by our then Pastor, Monsignor Art Valenzano

We are a small council serving a parish of about 350 families. In the past we had been doing programs recommended by Supreme such as coats for kids and other similar programs.

However, since the pandemic, we have been working with our new Pastor, Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald. Our programs are now tailored to the parish and the surrounding neighborhood the parish serves. We have a number of homeless people downtown so instead of coats for kids, we have just completed a socks for soul's drive. Preliminary results we should have over three hundred pairs of new socks for the Source of all Hope mission and Sisters of the Poor Jesus Christ to distribute as winter approaches.

For Advent we have started a blanket drive for the homeless, collecting new or used blankets, we also ask for cash donations to purchase blankets, to be distributed by the missionaries mentioned above.

For Lent in 2024 we will again have a drive for the local pregnancy center. Food is donated by the parishioners and Knights pack it and deliver it to Assisi house.

Most of our members are either altar servers, ushers, or lectors for the Sunday masses and some of us are signed up as adorers either weekly or monthly to our 24-hour adoration chapel. We have also supported the Eucharistic revival through a generous contribution from a member by distributing Bishop Robert Barron's book. "This is My Body."

We are small but 100% of our effort supports our parish, The National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHARLES CARROLL, NO.15985

Instituted: 6/14/2014, Membership 118

Council 15985 was instituted one month after the consecration of our new parish church St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor (SJCM) in Frederick, MD on Saturday June 14, 2014. We were one of several local area councils which separated from St. John Council 1622. Our council was honored to take the name of Charles Carroll, whose family was instrumental in the development of our parish.

We began as a round table and grew Council 1622 membership to 34 new members that had attended SJCM. In the days leading up to the birth of Council 15985, we took applications from an additional 34 candidates. Council 15985 held a first / second-degree ceremony leading to a strong start of 68 members. Charter Grand Knight Jose Rector chaired our council's Installation of Officers ceremony that was attended by Pastor Emeritus Lawrence Frazier, Deacon Greg Raush, State Deputy William Kuchmas, PSD Peter Davio and District Deputy Dick Tymoch. Archbishop William Lori shared his congratulations for our celebration.

Right out of the gate, our council held a fund raiser to begin our financial legacy and completed a service project for a parishioner where 31 volunteers were in attendance. The parishioner was amazed as were her neighbors and others in the community for our efforts to mobilize so many men to band together in service. Over the course of the years, we have performed countless projects in service to our parish and community. We have honed our culinary skills with our annual Lenten Fish Dinner which regularly serves over 270 dinners per night. In addition, all first responders received a great meal at a discounted price in recognition of their community service. Four times per year, Council 15985 hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive.

We are grateful for the community's generous volunteer donors. An annual Breakfast with Santa breakfast was treasured by our parishioners and their family members. Annual food drives for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons continue to be held in support of area schools, the ARC, Centro Hispano and SOAR. Both the St. Joseph Church and LaPointe Hall were brought to life during the holiday season with meal preparations and facility decorations facilitated by our council. To date our council has donated over \$54,000 in various charitable endeavors to include community, parish, seminarians and other parish/community support.

In our first 9 years, we have grown to 122 members and were awarded Star and Double Star Council achievements. We thank St. Joseph Church, pastors, parishioners, and brother knights for their continued dedication to helping others in need. We anticipate our next decade to flourish as a newly formed Grand Knight and Officers succession plan is in play.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, NO.16104

Instituted: 12/4/2014, Membership 57

ST. CLEMENT 1, NO.16304

Instituted: 9/21/2015, Membership 45

ST. JOHN FISHER, NO.16499

Instituted: 6/1/2016, Membership 30

SAN JUAN NUemann de BALTIMORE, NO.16611

Instituted: 12/18/2016, Membership 97

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, NO.16634

Instituted: 2/5/2017, Membership 35

St. Maximilian Kolbe Council #16634 was instituted on 5 February 2017 at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. That day saw twenty men take their first degrees into this new council. The Council's first Grand Knight elected was GK John Armstrong. The first regular meeting of the council took place on 3 March 2017. The major decision made at this meeting was the enactment of the Council's Bylaws and Charter. With few resources, little time, and few brothers, the Council, inspired by Br Andy Michaels, began to become a visible presence within the parish and Knights of Columbus order. From its inception, the enthusiasm by these founding Brothers displayed validated why the Council's presence was needed in the Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish and local community. On 10 June 2017, the Council elected the first full slate of Council Officers. By March of 2019 membership was approaching thirty-five men.

Our first full year, 2018, was busy from the outset and the pace continued throughout the year. On February 1, 2018, a day several of our new members took their third degrees, we began several

liturgical activities in support of initiatives requested by the Pastor. While council dues and gifts got us started, we set off immediately to raise money to support our programs.

By April 2022, Knights were standing guard at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday and assisted with the Procession on the Easter Sunday Morning Mass. That June, Knights participated in the outdoor Corpus Christi Procession on the Parish grounds. Knights also were present and assisted with several Parish picnics and social events. On September 18, 2022, the Knights participated in a procession with the Relic of St. Padre Pio. Also, Knights participate in various annual events scheduled on November 11th, honoring both Polish Constitution Day and the US Veterans Day. Additionally, Knights participated on March 5, 2023, in honor of remembering the Cursed Soldiers.

Weekly Faith Activities for the council include, participating as ad hoc Altar servers by ringing of the bells during Mass. Lighting of the Altar Candles before the Masses and the extinguishing of them at the completion of Mass. Lastly, Brother Knights participate in the Mass services performing the duties of Ushers. During the Pandemic, this also included sanitizing the interior of the Parish and monitoring/controlling the number of parishioners that attended each Mass.

Under the Community Activities, the council is an avid supporter of the Little Sisters of the Poor monthly donation drives. During the period of the Pandemic, the Little Sisters' were in critical need of items to support their monthly needs and St. Maximilian Kolbe Council continued to come through with needed supplies for their cause. The Council also participated in several Winter Coat drives. Coats are crucial in keeping the needy in Maryland and the DMV area healthy and warm. We learned that more work is needed in the pursuit of this and plan to continue our efforts in providing coats. The brothers of Council 16634 have been both assisting and providing food for families in Maryland and to our military members that are food insecure. On a global community scale, the war in Ukraine resulted in Ukrainian families facing food insecurities have reached an all-time high. The brothers from Council 16634 donated funding to the Dominican Sisters of Warsaw who are taking care of over five hundred war refugees from Ukraine.

Under the Life Activities, Knights served at 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 also participated in the Maryland March for Life to the Maryland State Capitol in Annapolis, Maryland on 27 February 2023. Members continue to participate in various Pro-Life events each year.

Under the Family Activities, the council annually participates in collecting and donating over 1,700 pounds of fresh bread and bakery goods for distribution to local food pantries and soup kitchens for the disadvantaged. Additionally, the Council participated in the Cross Catholic Outreach food packaging events aimed at providing nourishment for children in dire need in developing countries. In addition, in the preparation of 4,000 mac-n-cheese meals that are donated to local pantries in Maryland to feed local children.

We are thankful to our Pastor, Father Jerzy Frydrych, for supporting the establishment of the council; to District Deputy Gus Gusman, District Warden Franklin Morton for their spiritual guidance as our Council continues to flourish; and to seminarian intern Maximillian Korzan for his prayerful support. We look ahead to continued growth in our council and to the added support that growth will allow us to provide for the Silver Springs Community. Our Church is blessed to have a home in the historic old St. Johns Parish. In response, our Council has made a dedicated effort to make a significant contribution to the Our Lady Queen of Poland parish, in consultation with our Parish Priest on the specific needs of the faithful.

As a parish-based council, we are focused on serving the needs of our church and both our surrounding and Poland communities. Like when the Knights of Columbus was started in 1882 when Father Michael McGivney and a small group of men founded a society designed to provide some security for widows and orphans of Catholic parishioners, the St. Maximilian Kolbe Council Knights strives to continue in this pursuit.

At present, St. Maximilian Kolbe Council, backed by an outstanding group of members, Officers and the Council's own elected District 11 District Warden, is in great financial condition. Despite being a small council that has members traveling from a wide geographical area within the DMV, it has constantly been recognized for the good work achieved in the community from which it serves. We are dedicated to Crying the Gospel with our Lives, while Living our lives in the Public Square!

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE, NO.16986

Instituted: 4/3/2018, Membership 26

Council 16986 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The hall is Loretto Hall, located in Chaptico, Md.

We celebrated our installation of Officers on August 27, 2023 following the 11:00am mass. Our installation was followed by a light social gathering with the officers, their families and a few parishioners in attendance. This was a good social time.

Program Director- SK James Dorsey, GK

FAITH ACTIVITIES- JAMES SUMMERS

There have been numerous activities that has been performed thru this program. James became Deacon in June 2023 and assigned to our parish. James has been assigned to work with the special needs community. James also serves at a number of our masses. We have also participated with the Living Rosary which are held at numerous schools. We also participate in Holy Hour that is held at our parish. Some members participated with manning a rest stop when the rides for vocations were held on September 30, 2023.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – RONALD PHETTEPLACE

Our council has performed numerous activities, coffee and donuts for our parishioners. We have also held donut sales, pulled pork barbecue drive thru and breakfast with Santa for the Christmas season. We assisted with the other parish events that were held for the year. Our council handed out Carnations to moms on Mother's Day which was May 14, 2023.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES- ERICK HOFFMAN

Our council has participated in several activities that has been held at our parish where families are gathered to partake in the events that is fun for all. Our Installation of Officers was event for the entire family to be a witness and to share in the gathering. CCD is another event that there are family gatherings during the Holidays. Members of our council assisted our Ladies Auxiliary members with delivering items collected during the care net drive.

LIFE ACTIVITIES- STEVE ESTEVEZ

Members of our council along their families are supportive of each other's families and will come together assist in any way they can. We also support our parish priest. We also come together and say prayers for families in need of prayer and for the sick and suffering.

Grand Knight James Dorsey would like to thank each of the council officers and each member for a good and productive year. Thank you for supporting our community and parish priest. A thank you also go out to our Ladies Auxiliary for their help and support. We are looking for another good year.

SAN BERNADINO de SIENA, NO.17545

Instituted: 7/18/2020, Membership 28

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY, NO.17759

Instituted: 6/29/2021, Membership 28

WILLIAM E. BALDWIN, SR., NO.17990

Instituted: 3/22/2022, Membership 95

In December 2021, Fr. Jack Ward, pastor of Our Lady of the Fields Parish, asked that we start a new KofC council directly associated with OLF. With the guidance of Maryland State Deputy, Vince Grauso, the William E. Baldwin, Sr. Council was granted a charter by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus on March 20,2022. The Charter Grand Knight was Patrick Brady, with a charter membership roster of 74 of which 53 were brand new Knights, including the Grand Knight. With the exception of the Financial Secretary and Warden, the Leadership Team was comprised of new knights.

The council was named after William E. Baldwin, Sr. because in 1909 he donated the land to Our Lady of the fields and, in doing do, established the Baldwin family legacy of caring for the Parish and providing for its needs. One of our charter members, Jake Ash, is the Great Grandson of William Baldwin, Sr. and he has filled the role of program director in an exemplary fashion.

From the start, the men of the council hit the ground running in living the promises made at their Exemplification to live as Catholic gentlemen and disciples of Jesus Christ. In response to a suggestion that we find ways to help members of our parish and surrounding community who are vulnerable and in need, the council established a *Knight's Hotline*, as a mechanism for people to ask for assistance. Our pledge is to reply to each requested by voice within 48 hrs. and to try to fill the request, when feasible, within 2 weeks. In the 20 months since the establishment of its charter, the Baldwin council has received 26 requests for assistance and, of those requests, 8 were deemed beyond our abilities and 10 have been completed with 8 projects pending. The majority of the requests received have been from friends or relatives of an elderly family member who is a widow or widower living alone, that needs help in maintaining their home. The projects range from minor repair work in the home to cleaning up a neglected exterior. One request involved helping an elderly single woman who was evicted from her home of 20 years. Our men put her possessions in POD storage unit that the council financed, helped her find temporary shelter and then helped her move in to a smaller, affordable apartment.

One project of the council projects was highlighted in the Columbian Magazine when we raised Twenty Thousand Dollars to purchase diapers for women in need at various shelters.

In the first full fraternal year the Baldwin Council was awarded Triple Star Council Status.

Beginning at the March 2023 Maryland March for Life in Annapolis, the Baldwin council has committed to provide the leadership and manpower for marshalling the annual March. As part of the ASAP program, the OLF Knights have worked closely with the Gabriel Network which houses and supports mothers after the baby is born. In addition to building a privacy fence at one of the Gabriel Network homes, the Knights have been called on to provide maintenance work for the homes. Currently, plans are underway for building an apartment on site of one of the homes to permanently house a supervising couple. To that end, a Knight from the Baldwin has volunteered to function as general contractor for the project.

In support of the Pastor and the parish, Baldwin Knights have built a new altar on which the tabernacle sits and freestanding oak handrails in the sanctuary. They have also built custom bookshelves for the pastor's office. In support of Christmas and Easter, the knights handle parking and traffic flow as well as supplement the regular usher manpower. When there was a change in parish leadership the Baldwin council help the outgoing pastor move to his new living quarters and have help the incoming pastor get settled in the rectory. In general, the Baldwin Council functions as the go to support group for the Pastor.

Most notable is the level of activity of our members regarding ongoing faith formation. The parish has an adoration chapel and 8 of the hourly time slots are filled by Knights as guardians. In the Parish **That Man is You** program, of the 45 regularly in attendance, 20 are members of the Council. The Knights have had a weekly virtual Rosary, via Zoom, since the inception of the Council. Knights gather on Wednesday evenings twice a month following the general guidelines of the Core program. The Council leads the parish in First Friday adoration services and has taken the lead in the Eucharistic Revival efforts of the parish and will be sending men to the Eucharist Congress in July, 2024. Before every monthly business meeting there is either a Mass or Rosary depending on the availability of a celebrant. The Baldwin council hosted the St. Joseph icon in 2022 and 2023. In the October 40 Days for Life initiative, which included a weekly parish wide rosary for life, the council led that rosary 2 out of the 4 weeks of the program. As part of the second monthly meeting program, the Council has hosted guest speakers to speak about Eucharistic Adoration and Marian Devotion and have lined up a speaker and exhibit of the Shroud of Tourin.

The challenge before us as we approach the end of our second full year is to ensure we maintain the culture of service and momentum when we undergo a turnover in council leadership. To that end we rely on the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.

SAINTE TERRE D'ACCUEIL, NO.18156

Instituted: 2/20/2023, Membership 34

The new Council 18156, Sainte Terre D'Accueil, was established on February 20, 2022. The Council is made up of 37 active members from the DC, Maryland, and Virginia areas.

During the ceremony of Institution 13, the 3rd-degree exemplification is performed. The particularity of the Council is that it is French speaking. The materials used and the meetings are in French. The Council temporarily has its headquarters at the PG Council and meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Currently, the Council is working on administrative matters. The Council approved its budget for the three fiscal months. The Council is receiving support and assistance from the District team. The Council made two visits to the parishes of Saint Martin in Gaithersburg and Saint Luke in Washington, DC. These visits are made as a membership drive to make themselves known and recruit

new members.

Faith

The members of the Council provide RCIA catechesis, reception and usher services, training and the supervision of Altar servers. The members of the council supervised the Stations of the Cross organizing on the roads on Good Friday

Family

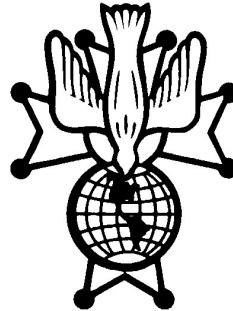
Introducing Knight Insurance to Members and Families

Community

The Council organized a picnic for the families and to fraternize

SAN JOSE CUSTODIO de COLUMBIA, NO.18170

Instituted: 3/19/2023, Membership 21



VICE SUPREME MASTERS

1998-2002 Francis M. Feeley, PSD

2019-2023 Michael Thumm

2023-Present Francis D. (Fritz) Leach

MASTERS

MARYLAND

2000-2004	Philip L. Asplen
2004-2008	Carl P. Roberts
2008-2010	E. Paul Jones
2010-2014	R. Steven Thomas
2014-2018	Thomas Gruel
2018-2022	Francis D. Leach
2022-present	James Duryee

AWD

2000-2004	Caesar B. Martinez
2004-2008	Joseph E. Murtha
2008-2012	Charles H. Smallwood
2012-2016	John F. Winfrey
2016-2020	Michael W. Thumm
2020-present	Joseph Feakes

ASSEMBLIES MARYLAND DISTRICT

CHARLES CARROLL OF CARROLLTON 375

Instituted: 12/16/1910

BISHOP JAMES E. WALSH 376

Instituted: 2/8/1914

FATHER ANDREW WHITE No. 377

Instituted 6/30/1951

Serving the communities of Southern Maryland, our Assembly is comprised of 264 Patriotic Catholic Gentleman from the following councils: Saint Mary's #1470, Saint Michael's #2065, Holy Face #3849, Saint John Francis Regis #7914, Immaculate Conception #8159, Immaculate Heart of Mary #9968, Saint Francis Xavier #10957, Father Sebastien De Rose #13091, Our Lady of the Wayside #16986

Our Past Faithful Navigators:

2022 – 2023 SK James Bernerd PGK PFN
2021 – 2022 SK William Waldron PGK PFN FDD
2020 – 2021 SK Robert Bowles, Sr. PGK PFN, FDD
2019 – 2020 SK David Adams PGK PFN FDD
2018 – 2019 SK Nicolis Powers PFN
2017 – 2018 SK Charles Tennyson PGK PFN
2016 – 2017 SK Paul Zimmerman PGK PFN FDD
2015 – 2016 SK Brian Werring PGK PFN FDD PCP
2014 – 2015 SK Thomas Santangelo PGK PFN
2013 – 2014 SK Thomas Chayka PGK PFN
2012 – 2013 SK Christopher L Powers PGK PFN FDD
2011 – 2012 SK Gerald T Hicks PGK PFN FDD
2010 – 2011 SK Michael W Thumm PGK PFN FDD
2009 – 2010 SK Charles E Widmayer Sr. PGK PFN

Under the leadership of the aforementioned PFN's, we continued to grow and serve our community. Specifically, our Color Corps participates in the Leonardtown Veterans Day Parade, Veterans of Helen Memorial celebration, Flag Day Ceremony, Blessing of the Fleet, Casket Watch, and Chalice Ceremonies for our departed members.

Our Living Rosary Team remains very active engaging the community through an interactive performance of the Holy Rosary. Some of the locations include Saint Georges Church, Saint Peters School, Saint Joseph's Church, Mother Catherine Academy, Archbishop Neal School, and the Saint Mary's Youth Memorial. Each of the events is well attended by students and community members and all enjoy the spiritual reflection and complement our team on the respectful and reverent manner they conduct themselves and the event.

We also support the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home with donations and outreach programs where we collect and deliver donations, help decorate for Christmas and have donated iPads for the residents.

We received the Star Assembly Award under the leadership of PGK PFN FDD Chris Powers and again during the tenure of PGK PFN FDD Robert Bowles, Sr. We are also proud to be the recipient of the Patriot Award and the Civic Award, every year since 2016.

MSGR. EDWARD MICKLE 378

Instituted: 11/14/1954

JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS 379

Instituted: 5/4/1952

2000-23 Annually the Assembly has collected old and worn flags to be retired. Its primary purpose being to promote the spirit of patriotism through the promotion of responsible citizenship and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in Fourth Degree Assemblies.

In recent years Assembly 379 has increased its Color Corp (CC) numbers and participated in many new programs at Saint John's Pastorate. These include Blue Masses, school programs at Saint John's Catholic School on proper care of flags, their folding and display for different events.

2021-22 Faithful Navigator Dennis Ford was honored for his leadership during the months of COVID in maintaining contact with the assembly membership by way of videoconferencing. Minutes of the meetings were taken and made for archival.

Annually, Assembly 379 has continued its Patriot's Dinners program. Candidate individuals or groups are reviewed for nomination recognizing to determine the best patriotic programs during a given fraternal year. Candidate submissions will be passed on to the district and provincial levels of the Fourth Degree for review and consideration.

2022 We have been sending Christmas cards to the troops since 2014. We continued sending cards till the Christmas of 2022. In total we sent 12,500 cards all around the globe.

Our assembly has been collecting a full range of personal articles for our troops overseas. We have been sending these Christmas packages to our troops since 2016. In the last 7 years we have sent over 500 packages containing items to make for a better Christmas away from home during the holidays.

2016-17 Sir Knight of the year nominations were presented, and Sir Knight Samuel Collins of Assembly 379 was selected for his leadership and promoting Third- and fourth-Degree ideals, thus assisting both council and assembly recruitment.

2013-14 The assembly was made aware of the deteriorating Civil War military cemetery outside the City of Westminster for black soldiers since the Civil War. Members of the assembly started to care for the Ellsworth cemetery. Members of Saint Bartholomew parish followed by members of Westminster and Fulton Sheen councils. The Assembly has posted the colors since 2014 each Veteran's day.

To determine the true number of grave sites the assembly was able to secure the use of ground penetrating radar to locate any unmarked graves, resulting in 180 unmarked graves. To date we have been able to put eleven new Civil War headstones on eleven unmarked Civil War Veteran's graves. In addition, we have received assistance from local youth groups and the Boy Scouts involved in the maintenance of the cemetery so that the cemetery will never be forgotten or neglected.

Finally, we have moved the cemetery into the city limits and hope to start providing everyone laid to rest in Ellsworth with a headstone.

2007-2009 The Maryland district held Color Corps (CC) competition in 2007, 08 and 2009. All assemblies were asked to participate. James Cardinal Gibbons members participated with the Maryland Drill Team which won 1st place in all three years. Many of the members of the team were

from our assembly. Maryland won all three years. The province hosted CC competitions for Arlington Washington District, Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware.

April 25th 2009 the assembly congratulated Westminster Council 1393 on the council's 100th anniversary.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER 380

Instituted: 5/28/1958

ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. BENSON, U.S.N. 381

Instituted: 6/1/1919

Originally called the Annapolis Assembly was instituted on July 1, 1919, and became very active under Dan Murphy, Tony Davis, and William F. McWilliams. However, after a few years, it was disbanded due primarily to lack of interest. A renewed desire for a revival continued and on November 12, 1957, the unit was reactivated by Walter Gies, a past grand knight of the Annapolis Council and member of Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly under the tutelage of the Master of the 4th Degree. James Costello was elected Faithful Navigator.

The subsequent heads of the newly activated organization were John Martin, J.P. Brock, T.T. Pantaleo, Joseph Leary, Albert Riley, and Walter Gies who, by now, had transferred to the Annapolis Assembly. Frank G. Wiegard, the next in line, realized that many of the members were Navy personnel and eventually would be transferred into councils around the country. Because they retained their membership in this chapter, thereby giving it a naval aspect, application was made and approval granted to change the name from Annapolis assembly to Admiral S. Benson, USN Assembly.

Admiral Benson was the first Chief of Naval Operations from 1915-1919. As a member of the faith, he was the first Catholic to hold this high position. He also belonged to the Annapolis council. He completed his studies at the Naval Academy in 1877 and later was on active service in 1919 at the age of 64. As a convert, he became a devout member of the Church and was the first President of the National Council of Catholic Men, 1921-1925. During these 25 years, we celebrated our 100th anniversary in 2019 and its 65th anniversary of being reestablished in 2022.

We draw our membership from seven councils, namely, Archbishop Francis P. Keough #5263, Father Michael J. McGivney #7025, South County #8251, Our Lady of the Chesapeake #10881, Saint Bernadette Council #11214, Saint Andrew by the Bay #11552, and Commodore Barry #14534. Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at alternate councils in Glen Burnie, Annapolis, and Odenton. Then it went to five, losing #10881 and #14534. Our assembly does not have a permanent location to meet, thus we alternate between the five councils.

We have an active Color Corps that appears at installations of officers of the various councils in the Assembly, as well as affairs held by churches under our jurisdiction such as processions and other seasonal functions as requested, along with community and military events. Our group also performs casket watches and funeral masses for deceased members.

Besides this display of colorful Knighthood embellishing any affair of their participation, our assembly has engaged in opposing any legislation promoting the culture of death that includes abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and any other social evil that has plagued our society. We likewise have opposed attempts to desecrate our flag under the shameful misinterpretation that it is a constitutional right granted by the freedom of speech amendment. In addition to this, we have defended the Church

dogma and many of our priest against attacks by the media or any organization which promotes slanderous assaults in pursuit of their anti-Catholic prejudices.

Over and above these projects, our assembly has an impressive record of contributing to many worthwhile charitable causes and programs associated either directly or indirectly with the Church.

Faithful Navigators:

Joseph F. Hundley (5263) (DECEASED)	2000-2001
Louis T. Lyons, II (1384)	2001-2002
Kevin J. Bailey, PGK (5263)	2002-2003
Andrew Srebroski, PGK (7025)	2003-2004
Gil Boisvert, PGK, FDD (1384)	2004-2005
Mike Quirk, PGK (5263) (DECEASED)	2005-2006
Robert "Bob" Welenc, PGK (11214)	2006-2007
Charles R. Fink, PGK (8251)	2007-2008
D.J. Birner, PGK, FDD (5263)	2008-2009
Michael Conlon, PGK (7025)	2009-2010
Michael P. Dunn, PGK (10966)	2010-2011
Michael Thompson, PGK (11214)	2011-2012
Roger Donnelly, PGK, FDD (5263)	2012-2013
Jeffrey Wilk, PGK (8251)	2013-2014
John Strawbridge, PGK (7025)	2014-2015
R.C. Fisher, PGK (5263)	2015-2016
Louis Diaz, PGK (5263)	2016-2017
Bryan Koepl (5263)	2017-2018
Rafael (Ralph) I. Rufino, PGK (8251)	2018-2019
Matthew "Tom" Newcomb, PGK (5263)	2019-2020
Jonathan "Jay" Igoe, PGK (11214)	2020-2021
Godwin E. Ilonoh, PGK (7025)	2021-2022
Larry E. South, PGK, FDD (11552)	2022-2023
James "Jim" Capasso (5263)	2023-2024

BISHOP McNAMARA 384

Instituted: 1/16/1916

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS P. KEOUGH 385

Instituted: 6/12/1962

PANGBORN 387

Instituted: 4/22/1917

Pangborn Assembly, #387, has faithfully maintained its support of the local parishes, community and Patriotic Degree members. To update our history, I submit a list of programs that we have participated in since the year of our Lord 2000 through 2024.

Invite the Council members to our by-monthly social potlucks to promote growth.

Give our local parishes (St. Joseph's Hagerstown, St. Ann's Hagerstown, St. Mary's Hagerstown, St. Augustine Williamsport, St. James Boonsboro and St. Michael's Clear Spring) the opportunity to dedicate a flag to the veteran or first responder when flags are displayed at their churches on Veterans Day. The proceeds are dedicated to a local homeless shelter for veterans (North Point Veterans Home).

We invite veterans from North Point Veterans Home to attend our Assembly Picnic Social during our Flag retirement ceremony.

We display flags at 5 of our Parishes starting on Veterans Day.

Every Memorial and Veterans Day our Assembly lays Wreaths at the County Courthouse in honor of our fallen veterans and first responders two times a year.

Donate to the Wreath across America program.

Color Corps stand vigil over our fallen Knights at viewings and participate as Pallbearers when the Families need our assistance.

Conduct a Chicken and Rib BBQ annually to support our programs.

Donate \$100 to any Knight that commits to acquiring a Color Corps uniform.

Have paid for members' dues that were unable to do so.

Conduct a Christmas gift exchange social to promote fraternity.

Converted the Santa Claus costume to a Saint Nicholas Costume, complete with staff and MITRE.

Provide drivers to drive Veterans from Hagerstown Maryland to Martinsburg West Virginia three days a week.

Yearly support to the USO

Color Corps participates in the Corpus Christi Procession through downtown Hagerstown annually.

We build and display a Faith based float at the Mummers Parade through Downtown Hagerstown

Provide coffee and doughnuts at 4 of our churches in Western Maryland upon request.

Provide a supportive workforce for bingo game fund raisers at Saint Joseph's Parish in Hagerstown.

These are the programs Assembly 387 has taken care of every year since the year of our Lord 2000. The more recent additions, in the last 5 years, are numbers 1,2,3,4,8,9, 12 and 16.

This completes the list of historic events that Assembly 387 has participated in since the year 2000.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON 1620

Instituted: 1/23/1973

Since 2000 membership has increased to 192 Sir Knight members from at least 7 local third degree councils.

During that time the Assembly has provided monetary support for vocations by sponsoring an up and coming priest attending a seminary in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Assembly has also sponsored an up and coming nun for a handful of years; the nun is a daughter of one of the Assembly members.

For the past several years, the Assembly has supported the Wreaths Across America program with monetary donations and with actual laying of wreaths on the graves of veterans at local national cemeteries.

For the past several years, the Assembly has supported the Maryland State Council Ultrasound Program with a portion of the proceeds from the Assembly's summer crab raffle.

In Jan 2023 the Assembly celebrated its 50th anniversary with a throwback dinner and various presentations. Members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces were honored with a homemade quilt donated by a Quilts of Valor organization. The quilts designated what branch of the Armed Services in which the members served.

Other Sir Knights activities that are ongoing include:

Visiting members who are hospitalized or homebound.

Providing casket watches for deceased members.

Honoring war veterans at Honor Flight celebrations at county fire departments.

Assist with meal preparations at a local men's shelter.
Hosting occasional flag retirement ceremonies (next one in May 2024).

FATHER JOSEPH MOSLEY 1929

Instituted: 2/5/1983

Father Joseph Mosely Assembly was started on February 5, 1983. The Assembly was named after the Jesuit Priest from Old Bohemia Church, who assigned to start a mission church in 1765. This mission church is still an active parish in Cordova, Md. After serving there for 22 years, Father Joseph Mosley wrote of the possibility of starting a new church in Easton, Md. Which he did, Saints Peter and Paul. This is the church where our Assembly holds its monthly meetings.

Dan Tuel is our current Faithful Navigator, Since July 2022. We have to date 97 members. Fifteen of those are life members and two honorary members. We have grown from 78 members in 1999 to present number of 97. Unfortunately, due to an aging membership we lost 8 members last year (2022) and so far, 6 members this year to God in Heaven. We continue to be strong and growing when we can. Most of our members come from two feeder councils. St. Joan of Arc Council #12054 in Ridgely, Md. and Regina Coeli Council #2274 in Easton, Md.

Our Assembly stays very active in the community when we can. For the love of Patriotism, we for many years in the past and currently replace flags on veterans' graves twice a year at parish cemeteries in Easton and Ridgely, Md. We have for many years worked with the USO at Dover Airforce Base. Assisting them by taking 2 - 4hour shifts a month. There we greet military folks as they fly in from overseas or those that are departing to fly overseas. We also will sit with the families that are waiting for their loved ones (live and deceased) to be flown into Dover Air Base. Our Assembly also drives veterans from Cambridge VA hospital to Perry Point and back for appointments, checkups, follow ups, screenings, etc. This is done once a week or as needed by the VA hospital in Cambridge, Md.

Our Color Corp is very active here on the Shore. Lead by Color Corp Commander, Jim Jennings. They participate in a large number of funerals and casket watches, far too many. They are also present in uniform at our flag exchange ceremonies. The Color Corp has also participated in Veterans Day ceremonies at Saints Peter and Paul Schools in Easton. Most recently our Color Corp presented the flags at the local pregnancy center (Choices) annual fund raiser dinner. Very well received! Our Corp also is present as escorts at Corpus Christi mass and procession at St. Benedict's Church in Ridgely, Md. We also stand guard doing Adorations at both churches. We have been present at St. Benedict's annual BLUE mass as escorts. We at Father Joseph Assembly are very proud to say the least of our Color Corp

Our Assembly yearly has a chalice program. We select a priest to present the chalice and patten to, which we engrave the names our Assembly Knights that have passed in the last year. As stated earlier, we have been putting far too many names on the chalice in the recent years.

Our Assembly has been supporting our seminarians for years. We are very proud that this year we are supporting 3 seminarians, all from St. Benedict's Church in Ridgely.

Father Joseph Mosley Assembly #1929 is now just over 40 years old. There are only a few of our chartered members left. We are a very active and moving Assembly. We do a lot for both of the churches that support us, Saints Peter and Paul (Father Nash) in Easton and St. Benedict's (Father Coffey) in Ridgely and we are thankful for both. Father Joseph Mosley Assembly is the premiere Assembly on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. We truly exhume patriotism and show it in all that we do. God Bless our Assembly and all!

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS 2272

Instituted: 5/28/1992

POPE SAINT PAUL VI 2367

Instituted: 2/15/1995

ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL 2378

Instituted: 6/15/1995

POPE JOHN PAUL II 2454

Instituted: 8/14/1996

Annual Patriotic Events

- Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies are conducted after the 9AM Mass at St Luke Church to pray and honor our veterans. Ceremonies take place around the Flagpole and in the front of the church. Small American flags are placed in the ground in front of the Assembly Banner. Members of the clergy support the ceremony.
- The Assembly has participated in Wreaths across America in each of the 23 years.
- Flag Day celebrations are held outside of the Knight's Hall after the 9AM Mass.
- Our Color Guard has supported SK and Knight wakes, funerals and special church events when asked to serve. Our color guard leads the Blessing of the Waters procession from Holy Savior Church to the beach where the Bishop or his appointee celebrates the ceremony.

Visits to War Memorials in our area by the Senior Knights

- Visited Dover Air Force Base for a guided tour
- Visited Fort Miles, an historic WW II site in Lewes, DE.
- Visited the Ocean Pines, Md. War memorial with a docent lead tour.

Presentations to the Assembly 2454 Pope John Paul II

- Chris Russell, author of the Battle of Turkey Thicket, presented the story and background of his book about a young man growing up in Washington, DC and the eastern shore. He joined the army and served in Korea until losing his life early in the war.
- One of our Senior Knights, Bill Taylor, spoke of his experiences in World War II. Senior Knight Chris Cikanovich talked about his Navy Air Force experiences in Vietnam.
- Faithful Navigator Jim Salzman who was a Colonel in the Army in the Vietnam war introduced all Senior Knights who served in the military at one of our monthly meetings He then spoke of his experiences in Vietnam.

Other Accomplishments

- Our Color Guard has led our Council and Assembly in the annual St Patricks Day parade. We have also participated a few times in the Ocean City Christmas parade.
- This year we sent 500 Christmas cards to our military stationed overseas. These were signed with personal notes by our Senior Knights.
- For three years the Assembly worked with a local restaurant to provide a luncheon for several veterans from Home of the Brave. The restaurant provided the food and our Senior Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members provide small gifts.
- Our Senior Knights built picnic tables and delivered them to Home of the Brave. We finished the evening with a Pizza party.
- Seize the Day is a Veterans organization that provides a week of beach vacation to several veteran families. On Friday they parade from Bethany, Delaware to Fenwick Delaware for a Dinner . Our Assembly Senior Knights meet on a corner of Rt 54 with Flags and our Banner to cheer them as they travel with police and Fire leading them on their way. We contribute to Seize the Day through our Charity committee.

Our Assembly Senior Knights have supported Council and Assembly money raising events on the Boardwalk over many years. This money provides support to the Assembly, The Council 9053 and our Columbus Club as well as additional money for our many Charities.

A new bulletin board cabinet was constructed by one of our highly skilled Knights as a permanent 4th degree display case. We use it for displaying memorabilia, special Flags and Swords donated to our Assembly by former members

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY 2595

Instituted: 9/30/1999

FATHER JAMES WILLARD LUTZ 2702

Instituted: 6/3/2001

Over the past many years our assembly has done many regular programs. We have provided Caket Watch with our Color Corps when and where necessary. Participated in the Centreville Town Christmas Parade with a float.

LIFE

We annually support Choices Pregnancy Center, Easton, MD. One of our Brothers assisted Choices by inspecting their new building before their purchase. Another Brother spent several days demoing several rooms in their new building in preparation of rebuilding. We have and still do, organize and manage" the annual March for Life Bus Trip for District #26. .

FAITH

We support 1 seminarian annually. We have provided Color Corps for the Bishop during his visits to the parishes in our area; Saint Christophers parish, Our Mother of Sorrows/Saint Peter the Apostle parish & Sacred Heart parish.

PATRIOIC

About 7 years ago we were awarded Star Assembly and received "Masters Challenge Award", as one of our Brothers, annually takes Wounded Warriors and Veterans Waterfowl Hunting every year. This year we supported "Tunnels to Towers", "Wreaths Across America" with a dozen Wreaths for Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville. 3 years ago, we began an annual clothing drive for low income and Vets in need. Men, women, boys and girls; clothing, toys and toiletries. We have been collecting between \$3,500 and \$6,000 worth of clothes annually.

FAMILY

We support Choices Pregnancy Center "Boys2Men" events. Boys2Men provides a weekend for boys aged 13 - 18 with no male role model in their family. Including fishing, boating, different sports and adult men to talk to and seek advice with different challenges in growing up.

COMMUNITY

Several of our Brothers work in food drives and other ways to care for those in need in our community.

CHAPLAIN VINCENT R. CAPODANNO 3162

Instituted: 2/26/2009

Assembly 3162 was instituted February 26, 2009 and was named after Fr. Vincent Capodanno, a member of the Maryknoll religious order, was a U.S. Navy chaplain who served in the Vietnam War with U.S. Marines. Enlisted Marines are informally known as "grunts," and he acquired the moniker "the grunt padre." We chose Fr. Capodanno because of his service to our Lord and the men he served while in uniform. A fitting namesake for the Patriotic Degree.

Notable charitable and community events have been accomplished in our short time as an assembly. Our notable and flag ship event is the Field of Honor (FOH) held every Memorial Day weekend. We place over 600 U.S Flags on the grounds of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Ljamsville Maryland. Each posted in remembrance of active duty, retired, or deceased military members, and first responders.

These flags are

sponsored, and the funds raised are distributed to various Veterans or First-responder charities. To date, the assembly has donated over \$55,000 to these groups.

While the Field of Honor has become our assembly's signature event, it is by no means our only patriotic event of the year. Other events include our Assembly's Annual Memorial Mass, a special Rosary service on 9/11, a Military Rosary making event, a picnic with Veterans from the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital and their families, a flag retirement service held jointly with Boy Scout Troop 796, Christmas gift distribution at the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital, Memorial Day recognition and flag placement at St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor's Cemetery, hosting a widow and widowers luncheon for our assembly and council's members, participation in Wreaths Across America, and many Color Corps turnouts.

Assembly 3162 has a strong and active Color Corps. We participate in many events in our communities and the district. Turnouts our assembly has participated include casket watches and funerals, installation of our Priests, Arch Diocese of Baltimore Ordination Masses, the Assembly and State Memorial Masses, District 31 Silver Rose Ceremony, the Annual Fr. Capodanno Memorial Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Mass at Mount St. Mary's presided by Archbishop William Lori, Maryland and West Virginia KofC Installation of State Officers, Assembly FOH, and posting the colors at St. John Regional Catholic High School football games.

Assembly 3162 has been selected as Assembly of the year a few times and notably in 2021-2022. The Father Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly, 3162 distinguished itself by receiving the Patriotism Award from Supreme.

Per State, only three Assemblies in the world received this level of award.

Past Faithful Navigators: Chris Frasier, Dick Tymoch, Anthony Margiotta, Glenn Wienhoff, Ben Willens, Steve Scoppa, Mike Able, Jose Rector, Larry Cornelius, Dave Spuck, Matthew Lenz, Michael Kalmar (Current)

COLONEL ANTHONY F. NAPLES, U.S.A 3245

Instituted: 6/30/2010

OUR LADY OF VICTORY 3389

Instituted: 1/29/2013

ST JOSEPH'S 3502

Instituted: 9/18/2014

SAN ALFONSO MARÍA DE LIGORIO 3769

Instituted: 9/18/2014

ASSEMBLIES ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT

WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY NO. 151

Instituted: 151 4/1/1912

In recognition of Maryland State Council 125th Anniversary, it is an honor indeed to share with you the progress, accomplishments, and achievements of Washington Assembly No. 151 through the years 2000 to 2024.

Under the leadership of Faithful Navigator James "Eddie" Oxford Jr, Washington Assembly No. 151 Color Corps participated in "the huge K of C millennial pilgrimage to the National Shrine on April 1, 2000, when Cardinal Hickey received the prestigious "Gaudium et Spes" award from the Order. And under the astute leadership of Faithful Navigator James "Eddie" Oxford Jr, who also rose in prominence in later years to the position of District Marshall of the Archdiocese of Washington District, the Knights of Columbus experienced a day of "memorial observance at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception," in which hundreds of Sir knights from assemblies throughout the Washington-metropolitan areas, participated in the first anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks against our nation."

Faithful Navigator Frank Shaw in 2002, who later became State Deputy, watched Washington Assembly experience membership growth and recognition for Color Corps involvement. In 2003, under the direction of Faithful Navigator John Purnell, the Assembly was again recognized by the Archdiocese of Washington for Color Corps support.

In the following year of 2005, Faithful Navigator Lawrence B. West continued promoting the Columbus Day Celebrations, the Little Sisters of the Poor "Annual Pound Party," and many civic and social gatherings.

Faithful Navigator Venantius Chief Okey Onunaku encouraged the outpouring of Washington Assembly No. 151 Color Corps at the “dedication of the K of C donation of \$1 million for the “Incarnation Dome” at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on November 16, 2006.

Each time there was an AWD event in the nation’s capital, Washington Assembly No. 151 lived up to being the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, “ the Color Corps.” This was exhibited under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Ernest T. Boykin Jr, at “the dedication of the McGivney Building on the campus of Catholic University of America on September 8, 2008, which attracted an overflowing crowd, who witnessed the Washington Assembly No. 151 Color Corps throughout the event. What a spectacular event for our brother knights and their families!

Also, Sir Knight Ernest T. Boykin Jr soon after, achieved the position of State Deputy of the District of Columbia State Council, where he faithfully served! We are very proud of our Faithful Navigators, who continue to be a bridge between the Archdiocese of Washington District and the parish communities we serve.

Under the direction of Faithful Navigator Gervase Anamelechi, Washington Assembly No. 151 was highly visible at “the celebration of the special traditional Latin High Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on April 24, 2010. This event attracted an overflowing crowd and where high numbers of Sir Knights, including those from Washington Assembly No. 151 were highly visible. Faithful Navigator Gervase Anamelechi was again in a leadership position as head of Washington Assembly No. 151 when the visit of Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 and the papal Mass at National’s Stadium brought hundreds of Knights and Sir Knights to the nation’s capital. Faithful Navigator Gervase Anamelechi encouraged the members of Washington Assembly No. 151 to join in this newsworthy celebration!

In preparation of the 100th Anniversary of Washington Assembly No.151, on Saturday, May 18, 2013 (Chartered April 1, 1912) and under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Derrick A. Lucas 2011-2013, the celebration was recognized throughout the Washington-metropolitan areas with letters of congratulations, commendations, blessings and praise from the Archbishop of Washington and the Bishops from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Archdiocese for the Miliary Services, Supreme Knight, D.C. State Council, local Councils, and the Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia with many dignitaries in attendance at the Navy Yard NDW, Catering & Conference Center.

During the 2013-2014 tenure of Faithful Navigator Amado C. Alvarez Jr, emphasis was placed on recruitment, especially for members to join Washington Assembly 151.

Moreover, his leadership skills led the way to his achievement in being elected as State Deputy of the D.C. State Council. Faithful Navigator David I. Merriwether who served as State Council Membership Director, was also Faithful Navigator from 2014-2016, initiated the Memorial Day ceremony at the African American Civil War Statue, support of the Basilica of the National Shrine, Dept. of Veteran Affairs, and Washington Assembly No. 151 honoring the life of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney at a special Mass at his parish.

Faithful Navigator Charles M. Coleman Jr took over the helm and served from 2016-2018, while promoting support of the Archdiocese of Washington through Color Corps support, providing warm blankets to homeless veterans, thus leading the way for Washington Assembly to receive the “2018 Master’s Citation as the Assembly of the Year!” And in continuation under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Thomas L. Jones, 2018-2020, the assembly received the “Civic Award” for outstanding implementation of patriotic programming.

Faithful Navigator Amado C. Alvarez Jr (2020-2021) instituted Wreaths Across America" at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, while Faithful Navigator Venantius Chief Onunaku 2021-2023, helped start Divine Mercy African Council 17611 in Nigeria by recruiting more than 45 Knights, who became Sir Knights. This was a record year in recruitment!

In 2023 Faithful Navigator Joseph Njoku, who also serves as District Deputy, assumed the leadership of Washington Assembly No. 151, infused commitment, inspiration, and a new mission for the assembly. He engages the Color Corps through his commanding leadership, while bringing cohesiveness and involvement to assembly events by revitalizing our role as "the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus." Washington Assembly No. 151 shall continue to "Lift High the Sword," through membership in the Color Corps. Faithful Navigator Joseph Njoku is ready to move forward and give a new meaning to Washington Assembly No. 151. Vivate Jesus!

SAINT THOMAS MANOR 382

Instituted: 12/10/1957

St. Thomas Manor Assembly was instituted on December 10, 1957 and will celebrate its 66th Anniversary on December 10, 2023. The name which came from the Manor House of the first Jesuit Fathers used to establish themselves in the State of Maryland, under the leadership of Father Andrew White, S.J. The Manor House and St. Ignatius Church is a State Historical Site which lies at the convergence of the Potomac and Port Tobacco Rivers near Chapel Point.

The Assembly is part of the Calvert Province and has four Councils located in Charles County, Maryland. They are considered feeder Councils from where it is able to draw its membership. The Councils include: *Archbishop Neale Council # 2279* serving Sacred Heart Parish, St. Ignatius Parish Chapel Point, St. Ignatius Parish Hilltop and also St. Catherine Parish McConchie, *Dr. John Henry Griffin Council #2293* serving St. Mary's Bryantown Parish, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish and St. Peter's Parish both located in Waldorf, *Holy Ghost Council #11484* serving Holy Ghost Parish and St. Mary's Newport Parish and also *Maurice McDonough Council #12128* serving St. Joseph's Parish located in Pomfret. In this area, are also included Mt. Carmel (Carmelite) Monastery located in La Plata and Loyola on the Potomac, at Jesuit Retreat House located in Faulkner.

St. Thomas Manor Assembly from its formation, in the early years met at the St. Ignatius Church and St. Thomas Manor House Community Center. Most of its activities and meetings were held at this historic Church location. However, as Charles County grew, the Assembly found that membership was largely being drawn from other areas that were becoming more populous. As time evolved, it became noticeable that in order to remain viable and being able to continue serving the needs of the Councils while continuing to attract Council membership for its members, the Assembly needed to look for a more beneficial home.

Recognizing the need to consider a new location, the Officers made the decision in early 2013 to relocate the Assembly to St. Joseph's Church, in Pomfret, MD, a place which could serve as a more central location to Council members for meetings. St. Joseph's, through the ensuing years, has served the Assembly well and, as a result, the Assembly has enjoyed a good relationship with the Pastor, Church Parish at large, and also with the Maurice McDonough Council #12128.

Throughout its history, St. Thomas Assembly has provided volunteer man hours visiting and assisting with activities, and raising funds to support the wish-lists of the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home located in Charlotte Hall, MD. Several years in the past, the Assembly has helped to provide for bus trips to visit the World War II Memorial (October 2015) and also to the Korean War Memorial (November 2016). Such trips included Assembly membership assisting with residents and also included medical assistants to go along with the Veterans. Each time, lunches were also provided. Throughout the years, Assembly volunteers have also assisted in putting up Christmas decorations, tree-lighting, wrapping presents and serving at the Veteran's holiday social functions. In addition, the Assembly has raised money by selling car raffle and Redskin tickets, holding crab raffles and hosting cookouts; all the while earmarking the proceeds to meet the annual funding requests received from the Veteran's Home. Annually, the Assembly helps in purchasing snacks and sodas that proved to be especially needed during Covid.

Annually, the Assembly helps to fund the purchase of wreaths that are placed on the graves of Veterans buried at the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. This is a national venture which seeks to place up to 14,000 wreaths and is a part of the program called 'Wraths across America.' Several years in a row, the Assembly has participated in not only placing the wreaths on graves, but also in removing them when needed.

The St. Thomas Manor Assembly Color Corp., a very integral part of the 4th Degree, has served the District in providing men who have given of their time to bear honor at casket watches, funerals, serving as honor guards at Council and Assembly Installations, Memorial Masses, Priest Ordinations, Veteran's Masses, Relic Viewings, Living Rosaries and Crownings of the Blessed Mother. In addition, annually, the Assembly Color Corp. is called on to serve as honor guards at Archdiocese Military Service Masses, the Father Vincent Capdonna Masses, the Red Masses, and Founders Day Masses. Additionally, it's Color Corp. have presented colors at opening day Ceremonies for the Special Olympics and also the Blue Crabs. Wherever the Color Corp. is requested, they have made a diligent effort to serve. Currently (2023), the Color Corp. sits at 9 active members, consistently reporting for duty inspired by their desire to serve and being identified as a visible arm of the order; men of Christian Catholic faith in the service of their Church and its leaders.

Much of Assembly's Color Corp. success and growth has been greatly inspired over the years by the Assembly's Color Corp Commanders. As recently as October 2022, the Assembly Color Commander, SK Walter Sarafin was recognized by the District Master for the Washington Archdiocese being named '2021 Color Corpsman of the Year.' Such recognition to the Assembly's leaders was also noted in September 2022 when the Assembly's Color Corp. Commander SK Steve L. Law, PFN was selected Provincial Marshall serving under the Supreme Master for the Calvert Province. It is also noteworthy that a recent transfer (July 2023) into the Assembly includes the current District Marshall, SK Stephen C. Coker.

The dedication and service shown by the members and leadership of the St. Thomas Manor Assembly were additionally rewarded in April 2022 at the Bi-Annual meeting when it was announced the Assembly was awarded the 'District Star Assembly for 2020/2021.' In October 2022, the Assembly was also recognized by the District Master as the 'Assembly of the Year' for the District. The same year it also earned the 'Civic Award' for the outstanding implementation of its Patriotic activities. However, the most prestigious award in the history of the Assembly was awarded by Supreme when it was selected 'Star Assembly of the Year,' having been the only Assembly to be selected for 2021/2022.

Throughout the years, the Assembly has been proud of the distinguished service its membership has provided. In particular, the Assembly has had a couple of noted members that are important to remember. Dedicated to the service of our Order, Dr. John Henry Griffin PFN served as the

Assembly's first Faithful Navigator and then also served as the State Deputy, Deputy Supreme Knight and Supreme Physician. With his foresight and inspired service, the Assembly owes its existence. The Assembly also most notably recognizes each of its members for the service they have provided whether to the Order, or in other ways - in life, and especially those who have died; most notably remembering Capt. John D. Yamnick, Sr., USN retired and fellow Sir Knight who lost his life on Flight 77 when it crashed into the Pentagon on 9/11/2001.

The membership of the Assembly is most proud of its service to the Catholic Community at large, to the Churches and clergy it serves and the Veterans it endeavors to honor for their service. Whether it is assisting boy scouts with an Eagle Scout project, retiring American flags, collecting Coats for Kids, or providing monetary support for those in need, with its service, the Assembly promises to be of continued service in the honored Order of the Knights of Columbus.

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. CURLEY 383

Instituted: 7/10/1960

Curley Assembly #383 has supported various charities over the decade such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Laurel Pregnancy Center, local Veterans Homes and hospitals, the Military Archdiocese of Washington, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, and the American Heritage Girls.

In 2011 we reinstated a Chalice Program and ceremony. The names of deceased Sir Knights are engraved on a chalice, which is eventually presented a seminarian, priest, or parish for their use. We started a Perpetual Prayer Book to retain all intentions for the sick and deceased. The Assembly has also backed the Silver Rose program, members have marched in Washington, DC and Annapolis pro-life events, and have lobbied state lawmakers on numerous pro-life and pro-family causes.

The high water mark of our charitable efforts to date was the "Pass the Helmet" campaign in 2016-2017, raising \$10,083 for the Archdiocese of the Military Services' Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund. This occurred during the first year that we earned Star Assembly, under the guidance of FN Jimmy Williams and his team.

Color Corps has been the visible arm of the Curley Assembly in Council installations and local Masses, as well as in parades in Burtonsville, Greenbelt, and Laurel, MD. We provided support at Masses at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC, the Red Mass (opening of the U.S. Supreme Court), support at the 121st Supreme Convention and other major events of the Order, and the dedication of Father McGivney Hall at Catholic University of America in 2008. Its proudest moment was in 2007, standing with other Sir Knights from around the nation honoring Pope Benedict XVI in his visit to our nation's capital.

We sponsor outings to Bowie Baysox baseball games, host/cohost potlucks, and picnics. Christmas parties were held with German, Italian, Baltic, and Hispanic ethnic themes. One renewal of obligations attended by Worthy Master Charles Smallwood and our own Worthy Marshal (and future Worthy Master) John Winfrey also featured a simple supper befitting one that a parishioner could have given Father McGivney.

Patriotism efforts included visits to the DC Armed Forces Retirement Home, making comfort kits for veterans, sponsoring patriotic essay contests with local Catholic schools, participating in Wreaths Across America program, Korean War Memorial and Columbus Circle DC cleanups, a flag Stars for Veterans collection and distribution effort, trips to Fort McHenry, and education on flag courtesy and protocols.

A Sir Knight once told our Faithful Pilot, “I come for the meetings, but I *stay* for your Good of the Order talks”. History, Columbian meeting procedures, flag protocol and much more are the highlights of most meetings. Faithful Captains, Pilots, and members all contributed their personal stories and in-depth research to enlighten us.

The COVID-19 years caused declining activities, meeting attendance and member interest, and FN Dick Stevick’s untimely death in September 2022 left our future in doubt. FN Gary Patishnock began the 2023-2024 fraternal year with the motto “We choose to go to the Moon and reach for the stars”, with objectives of exceeding membership intake goals, purchasing twelve color corps uniforms, and reinvigorating our programs and ourselves using our past achievements as a guide for the future.

CARDINAL PATRICK A. O'BOYLE 386

Instituted: 12/16/1962

The Cardinal Patrick A. O’Boyle Assembly was instituted on December 16, 1962.

In the beginning, the Assembly encompassed all of Montgomery County, Maryland. Today, Montgomery County is comprised of 19 Councils and is the largest demographic area in the State of Maryland. As a result of this growth, it became necessary to establish several other Assemblies within Montgomery County. Today our Assembly has 275 active members that serve eight Councils: Father Rosensteel Council #2169, Rock Creek Council #2797, Holy Family Council #5547, St. John the Baptist Council #11106, Our Lady of Vietnam Council #11769, Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council #13008, St. Michael the Archangel Council #15084, and St. Maximilian Kolbe Council #16634.

Our Assembly remains an active participant in Archdiocesan programs. Service to the Church, our Councils, Community, Country and veterans remains our focus. Here are a few of the activities that we have had the pleasure to support:

- “Leave No Man Behind, a program in which the Assembly funded the funeral of a veteran and Br. Sir Knight that passed away with no financial resources.
- We provided a wheelchair to a Br. Sir Knight that became paralyzed due to a massive stroke and gave financial support to a Br. Knight who became seriously ill and had responsibilities he was not prepared for.
- We have supported pro-life activities by implementing a program called “Diaper Cakes” for the Gabriel Cluster project which contained necessary items for babies in need.
- We held dances to support sending a fallen soldier’s child to a summer camp.
- We have “Washed the Wall” of the Vietnam Memorial.
- We have participated in multiple veterans activities to include laying wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, laying wreaths at Arlington Cemetery through the Wreaths Across America program, placing flags in local cemeteries during the Memorial Day weekend, raising the flag at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Memorial Day, processing with the clergy to include presenting

the flag at the Mass for the deceased at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, providing volunteer support to the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, just to name a few.

- We supported Fr. Michael Briese in his ministry to feed and clothe the homeless in Southern Maryland both financially and with clothing and food drives.
- We developed a CD recounting the history of the American Flag.
- Lastly, and most importantly, we financially support no less than two seminarians per year and provide a newly ordained priest with his engraved chalice. Currently, one of the seminarians that we have supported for the past several years, writes a column that is posted on our webpage of his journey.

This past year our Assembly moved our meeting location from Fr. Rosensteel Council to Rock Creek Council. In appreciation for Rock Creek Council's support of the Assembly, several Sir Knights and their wives traveled to Shanksville, PA to the site of the flight 93 tragedy on 9/11. We obtained a flag that was flown over the Memorial, placed it in a suitable display case, had it engraved and presented it to the Grand Knight of Rock Creek Council during their annual Memorial Mass. It is now on display in their Council home so that those 40 heroes that gave their lives will never be forgotten.

In rebounding from the pandemic, we found ourselves busier than ever. This past year, our Color Corps answered the call for their presence no less than 40 times. It is a new challenge for our Color Corps as we now stand at a casket watch for any Knight and his immediate family. Wakes at funeral homes are rare and most viewings are on the same day as the funeral which means to meet the challenge, we need retired men to represent the Knights. I must recognize the Color Corps of the Sullivan Brothers Assembly who have assisted us in this challenge. The Unity and Fraternity from their Assembly (our neighboring Assembly) to ours is most appreciated and we enjoy the Fraternity that we share with them, We work together much like that fiber in the Second Degree We are one.

BISHOP JAMES E. WALSH 1548

Instituted: 10/17/1970

Background

The Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly #1548 was formed for our namesake in 1970. Bishop James E. Walsh was a celebrated Maryknoll Missionary Priest from Cumberland, Maryland. Above all, Bishop Walsh was the dedicated missioner, deep of faith, full of humor, independent of manner. Perhaps he will be remembered mostly by others as the Bishop who spent twelve years in a Chinese prison. He will, however, be remembered more by Maryknollers as the Bishop who never uttered an unkind word about his captors. "The highest dream that can stir the heart of man is to squander it in the Charity of Christ for the souls of brother men."

The Assembly is currently located at Holy Family Catholic Church, 12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD 2072. The Assembly moved from its previous location at the St. Pius X Council Hall at 3611 Stewart Road, Forestville, MD. in mid-year 2021. Holy Family has been ably pastored by Reverend Fr. Joseph since 2007. Fr. Joe is also the Faithful Friar for the Assembly.

Current State

The Assembly is comprised of 238 Active Members, 5 Honorary Members, 38 Honorary Life Members. The Assembly is comprised of nine (9) Councils including approximately 14 parishes. We are honored to count among our members, one that is 96 years of age, active, engaged, and vital. The Assembly is also blessed with an extensive and active Color Corps. The Assembly has amongst its members and

excellent newsletter editor who provides a first class, professional monthly newsletter circulated to the entire Assembly membership.

The Bishop James E. Walsh supports many charitable and religious affiliations with its annual budgeting and Assembly events such as;

- Pregnancy Center of Forestville, MD
- Widows Appreciation Activities
- Nun's Appreciation Dinner
- Relief Fund for Assembly Members
- Toys for Joy

Calendar year 2023 has been a busy one for the Assembly. We celebrated our 53rd anniversary as well as honoring Fr. Joe Jenkins for his extraordinary career and unwavering support of the Assembly. The Assembly was also the host for the 63rd Exemplification Ceremony for the Archdiocese of Washington.

The Exemplification inducted 44 new Sir Knights of the 4th Degree. Our Color Corps is and has been very active in supporting Archdiocesan requests, Mass requests, and member requests. Of note, was the Color Corps recent support for a member parish's veneration and Celebration of St. Pade Pio.

For the past five years and its historical past, the Bishop James E. Walsh has been active and engaged with its underlying Councils, parishes, communities, charities, and support organizations. During the Covid pandemic, the Assembly also remained active using Zoom conferencing technologies.

Examples of the Assembly's continued, active engagement are demonstrated with annual and ongoing activities and events such as the following. Many of these are recurring year over year.

2000 - 2019

- Development and launch of the Knight Times newsletter. A first class, professional grade monthly publication for the entire Assembly Membership.
- Annual Color Corps presence at the Maryland State, K of C, Annual Convention.
- Annual Corps presence at the Washington, DC, K of C, Annual Convention.
- Priests-Nuns Appreciation dinners - dinner program honoring nuns and priests around the local area.
- Wreaths Across America - Assembly purchased a wreath for one of our deceased officers and military veterans.
- Comfort Kits for veterans at the VA medical Center (kits contained toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, deodorant and mouthwash)
- Removal of old worn flags at various churches around area
- School supplies to 2 needy elementary schools around the area
- Instrumental in providing wheelchairs to the Veterans Hospital of Washington, DC.
 - Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) at Veterans Hospitals.
 - Past Faithful Navigator Appreciation Dinner.
 - Color Corps Support for Archdiocese of Washington Events.
 - Usher support for services at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception
- Usher support for services at Mary's House.
 - Boy Scouts of America Annual Retreat – Scouting Awards Presentation.
 - Casket Watches

Conclusion/Summary

The Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly #1548 is a robust and active assembly of Sir Knights supporting all of its attendant parishes and Councils along with its local communities. The Assembly supports a wide range of programs and activities focused on those in need, charities, clergy, and Knights of

Columbus members. The Assembly is ably led year to year and has a vital membership engaged with the Assembly sustainability and its programs.

SAINT JOHN N. NEUMANN 1763

Instituted: 8/12/1978

The turn of the century saw the St. John Neumann Assembly #1763 prepared and ready under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Frank Evans. By now, a spate of activities had become a standard of assembly participation. These included Color Corps callouts; the Wagon of Cheer fundraiser; the Patriotic Breakfast; wreath-laying in area cemeteries (and especially the old Bowie Veterans Park); and the \$1000 raffle. In addition, the Christmas Black Tie Gala and Renewal of Obligation were regularly celebrated.

Significant during the Millennium Year celebrations were Color Corps participation at the Spirit of America 2000 event at the MC I Center. Following this pattern of events, the Assembly hosted the 19th Annual Christmas Ball. This black-tie event attracted over 390 people. The Assembly in 2001 figure prominently in the 31st Annual Exemplification of the 4th degree at the University of Maryland University College, as they brought in 10 of the 90 new Sir Knights exemplified that day. Towards the end of the 2001 fraternal year, the Assembly conducted its annual Donald J Sabin Oratorical Contest and Breakfast.

Significant among the initiatives in the 2002 fraternal year the Assembly provided the Council the bronze wall plaques denoting the passing of fallen members. The Assembly held true to its public persona with participation in numerous casket watches and honor ceremonies including Columbus Day festivities at Union Station in the District of Columbia and at the Maryland State Convention. During 2003, Faithful Navigator Dell Billings organized a highly successful fraternal trip to the National Shrine of Saint John Neumann in Philadelphia. The Color Corps was highly commended for its service at the Bowie Veterans Park and the posting of colors at the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. During the Fall of 2005, Faithful Navigator Pat Springmann and spearheaded the purchase of a memorial Chalice set and presented it to former Associate Friar Tom Woods--who was later ordained. It was the Color Corps of the St John Neumann Assembly that took the lead in the final honors accorded to past State Deputy Michael Sierco, a member of the Assembly. Later in 2005, a Ford Windstar minivan was awarded to the Assembly for use at the Virginia Veterans VA Medical Center to ferry patients to medical appointments and shopping ventures.

As Faithful Navigator Jim Killough took control in the 2006 fraternal year, the assembly received national KOC recognition for the "Serving Those Who Serve" program. This was a first ever Knights of Columbus sponsored DAV Transportation Network initiative. The fraternal year was replete with a spate of previously mentioned pre-planned patriotic activities and numerous charitable outreaches. The assembly logged over 500 hours of service at the VA Medical Center in Washington DC.

The next decade of leadership remained true to assembly ideals of patriotism and service. The Color Corps grew in strength to 13 Sir Knights and stood honors for His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI's arrival in Washington, DC to celebrate Mass at the newly dedicated Nationals Stadium. As the Council and Assembly were jointly hemorrhaging about 15 members a year due to death, Casket Watch honors were a near common occurrence.

Moving into the 2015 - 2020 time period, the assembly strength varied between 120 and 140 Sir Knights. However, by maintaining a full complement of chair officers and fair amount of committee chairman, the Assembly made significant donations to the Military Chaplain Scholarship fund; the Coats for kids' program; placed wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery; and provided funds for four local Boy

Scout troops and the Archdiocesan Scouting program. A highlight of 2018 Color Corps participation was support of the National Knights of Columbus convention in Baltimore, MD.

As January 2020 dawned, an unprecedented halt to almost all fraternal activities occurred due to the COVID-19 outbreak. With fundraising being seriously impacted, only a few charitable donations are made, including a \$700 payment to the Bowie food pantry. In-person meetings were suspended. However striking the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was, the Assembly's shift to virtual meetings was equally swift. However, it wasn't until the middle of 2022, when Faithful Navigator Rob Van Rite took command, that the Assembly once again attained a firm financial, fraternal, and patriotic footing.

The assembly was now at a strength of 123 Sir Knights and conducting in-person meetings. It managed to substantially donate to the Ukrainian and Maui relief efforts. Still a staple of patriotism after 20 years, the Assembly conducted a very successful Patriotic Breakfast event.

The Color Corps while devastated by the pandemic, is experiencing a rebirth. During the 2023 fraternal year, the Assembly in conjunction with Sacred Heart Council formed the Veterans Committee which is an outreach to veterans in the local area. The Assembly has also added five new Sir Knights during his fraternal year. While some battle damage from the pandemic remains, the assembly continues as a bulwark of patriotism in the Calvert province.

Past Faithful Navigators

2011-2012 John Lyons.
2010-2011 Paul Mendez
2009-2010 Jonathan Tallmadge
2008-2009 Don Tallmadge
2007-2008 Rich Boehm
2006-2007 Alan Cecilio
2005-2006 Jim Killough
2004-2005 Pat Springmann
2003-2004 Jim Hannon.
2002-2003 Del Billings.
2001-2002 Ralph Savagno
2000-2001 Frank Evans
2023-2024 Rob Van Rite
2022-2023 Bill Saper
2021-2022 Matt Wareheim
2020-2021 Mike Mitchell
2019-2020 Bill Saper
2018-2019 Rob Van Rite
2017-2018 Rob Van Rite
2016-2017 Ed Fox
2015-2016 Joe Massimini
2014-2015 Tom Torrell
2013-2014 Ray DeVous
2012-2013 Fred Raggazone

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN 2443

Instituted: 6/14/1996

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Assembly No. 2443 was instituted on Flag Day, June 14, 1996 by Master Philip L. Nelson. The charter Faithful Navigator was Peter R. Davio. There were 33 Charter members.

The Assembly is comprised of Fourth Degree knights from Our Lady of Fatima Council 6901, Fr Horace B McKenna S. J. Council 11024, St Paul Council 11105, Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 12127, San Juan Diego, Council 13463 and St Rose of Lima Council 14297.

Since the Assembly's inception, twenty-eight Sir Knights proudly served as Faithful Navigator leading the Assembly in numerous Patriotic activities.

1996-1997 Peter Davio (D)
1997-1998 Stephen Adamczyk
1998-1999 Leo McDonald
1999-2000 Robert Pavlick, Sr
2000-2001 John Phipps
2001-2002 Austin Tony; Pirrone (D)
2002-2003 James Parshall
2003-2004 Thomas Irwin
2004-2005 John Loesch (D)
2005-2006 Stephen Ransdell
2006-2007 Robert Wesley (D)
2007-2008 Michael Burgett (D)
2008-2009 Thaddeus Dmuchowski
2009-2010 Thomas Firestone
2010-2011 Michael Lynch
2011-2012 Dante Preciado
2012-2013 Michael Janus
2013-2014 Anthony Durso (D)
2014-2015 Patrick Furey
2016 Dante Preciado
2016-2017 Stephen Rhodes
2017-2018 Emmanuel Dayao
2018-2019 Michael York
2019 - 2020 Gary Guy
2020 - 2021 Michael Donnellan
2021 - 2022 Owen Otilio
2022 - 2023 Stephen Rhodes
2023 - 2024 Michael York

The Assembly's Color Corp participates in the Annual Poolesville Day Parade, Memorial Day Mass at All Soul's Cemetery and Veteran's Day Ceremony at Mother of God School. The Color Corp also participates in Council Installations, funeral Masses of departed Sir Knights and special events requested by Church pastors. In 2018 the Assembly presented Quilts of Valor to Assembly and Council members who had served in the Military. Master of the Fourth Degree Michael Thumm was also presented with a quilt.

LORD BALTIMORE 2470

Instituted: 11/11/1996

Our 4th degree Exemplifications have been supported by Larry Smialek and Dave Wilson, Jr. of Lord Baltimore Assembly (LBA) #2470 with leading ceremonial roles twice a year; both also served as ceremonial team captains. At least six Sir Knights have sung with J Kemp Cook AWD choir under the

direction of Charles Smallwood, FM, PGK, PFN. Also, we were happy that one member of our Assembly, Charles Smallwood, was Master of Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD) 2008-2012.

A summary of our Assembly's activities follows:

- Memorial Day and Veterans Day flag ceremonies at Chesapeake Beach Veterans Memorial Park
- Our Lady of Guadeloupe procession
- Wreathes Across America at Arlington National Cemetery and Cheltenham State Veteran cemetery
- Placing flags on veteran and brother Knight's graves and Columbarium niches at Jesus the Good Shepherd and St John Vianney cemeteries
- Support for Charlotte Hall State Veterans Home events
- Host 4th Degree Exemplifications
- Present a Chalice to a missionary priest in honor of each deceased member of the assembly
- Donations to Archdiocese of Washington District to help to buy turkeys for an Assisted Living Home in Laurel that cooks them and provides turkey dinners to those in need on Thanksgiving
- Financial support of
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - Tunnel to Towers
 - Archdiocese for the Military Services
- Support of all the Pastors in each parish in the assembly
- Assisted Color Corps at Pat Carpenter Holiday parade in North Beach
- Served as Honor Guards at Burial Services for Knights

We achieved Star District Awards during John E. Weaver, Jr's term as Faithful Navigator (2016-2017), Dennis J. Haspert's 2 nd term (2018-2019) and Ronald G. Nahas' term (2019-2020).

The Color Corp has participated in:

- Parade of athletes at Calvert County Special Olympics
- Pat Carpenter Holiday parade in North Beach at Christmas time
- Southern Maryland Christian Softball League All Star game
- Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD) parade in Solomons
- Silver Rose Ceremony
- Coverage at wakes, funeral masses, internments, First Communions, flagpole raising ceremonies, Memorial Day cemetery masses and visits to cemeteries in Calvert County
- Flagpole installation and flag replacement, disposal and etiquette programs
- Served as row guards and Color guards for 4th degree Exemplifications District/Provincial Color Corps call outs include:

Columbus Day celebration at Union Station.

Basilica Masses include:

- Father Vincent Capodanno Mass
- Archdiocese for the Military Services Mass
- World Youth Day Mass
- Red Mass
- Ordination Mass

List of Past Faithful Navigators 2000-2024:

Laurence M. Donnelly 2000-2001

Charles H. Smallwood 2001-2002

David R. Wilson, Sr. 2002-2003

John P. Lahane 2003-2004

Lawrence J. Smialek 2004-2005

Edward C Waskiewicz, Sr. 2005-2006

Jose A. Baca 2006-2007

Eugene J. Gonzales 2007-2008
David R Wilson, Jr. 2008-2009
Anthony E. Graziosi 2009-2010
Earl S. Thorne 2010-2011
Brian W. Keefe 2011-2012
Stephen J. Bayliff 2012-2013
Douglas C. Wood 2013-2014
Charton A. Cortes 2014-2015
James M. Huse 2015-2016
John E. Weaver, Jr. 2016-2017
Dennis J. Haspert 2017-2019
Ronald G. Nahas 2019-2020
Stephen C. Coker 2020-2021
Thomas M. Tereshinski 2021-2023
Edwin J. Spicka 2023-2024

JAMES CARDINAL HICKEY 2534

Instituted: 6/15/1998

THE SULLIVAN BROTHERS 2861

Instituted: 8/27/2004

The Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 was founded in 2004 to serve the councils in the center portion of Montgomery County, namely, Montgomery Council 2323, Saint Joseph Manyanet Council 5567, Peter Paul Maher Council 6793, Mater Dei Council 9774 and Saint Elizabeth Council 12796. The Saint Elizabeth Council 12796 was disbanded this year. The entire membership transferred to Mater Dei Council 9774.

Our Assembly was named after the five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa who all lost their lives when the cruiser USS Juneau was sunk in the battle of Guadalcanal in November 1942. The motto of the Sullivan brothers was "We Stick Together". We have adopted it as our motto as well. As one of our activities, we established a relationship with USS The Sullivan's. We contribute to the morale and welfare fund of the ship, and we were invited to visit the ship at their homeport in Florida. Several members of the Assembly visited and we obtained several flags which had flown over the ship. We presented these flags to the councils we support. We also have undertaken a program to supply athletic socks, exercise ware and a variety of items to the wounded heroes at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. We have a keen interest in our nation's history. We have held trips to Fort McHenry, Gettysburg, Antietam, the Monacacy battlefields and the Marine Corps Museum.

FR. JOHN T. DEWAN 3047

Instituted: 6/14/2000

Father John T. Dewan was a beloved pastor at St. Columba Catholic Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Fr. John T. Dewan Assembly 3047 was chartered in Fort Washington, Maryland and moved to our current home in 2017.

Dewan Assembly has five feeder councils, serving nine Parishes & Catholic Communities, and three Catholic Elementary Schools. They are:

St. Columcille Council 5317

- St. Columba Catholic Church, Fort Washington, MD
 - o St. Columba Elementary School

John F. Kennedy Council 5348

- St. Mary's Piscataway Catholic Church, Clinton, MD
 - o St. Mary's Piscataway Elementary School
- Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Indian Head, MD

St. John the Evangelist Council 11171

- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Clinton, MD
 - o St. John the Evangelist Elementary School
- Joint Base Andrews Catholic Community, Joint Base Andrews, MD

Most Holy Rosary Council 11511

- Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Upper Marlboro, MD
- St. Michaels, Baden, MD

St. John Fisher Council 16499

- St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Oxon Hill, MD
- St. Luke's Congregation, Ordinate of the Chair of St. Peter

Fr. John T. Dewan Assembly 3047, part of the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus, established a history of supporting our Veterans. This support includes donating sweat suits for our veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. Along with the sweat suits, donations included socks, blankets, beanie caps, and toiletries. These donations typically occur towards the beginning of November, in advance of Veterans Day. The donations are made available in the "store" free of charge to the residents.

Also, at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, during the COVID Pandemic, the vendor that filled the vending machines refused to travel to the home to fill the machines. The Dewan Assembly stepped in to provide snacks and drinks for the residents for the duration of the pandemic.

In honor of the United States flag, Members of the Dewan Assembly noticed worn and frayed American flags at our Catholic Schools and other institutions. Fr. Joh T. Dewan Assembly 3047 arranged to have an American flag flown above the United States Capitol in honor of Catholic Education for these schools:

- St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Clinton, MD
- St. Columba Catholic School, Fort Washington, MD
- St. Mary's Piscataway Catholic School, Clinton, MD

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In addition, Fr. John T. Dewan Assembly 3047 provided a new flag, again flown over the United States Capitol building, for the Prince George's County Police Department Barracks V, in Clinton. Members of the Dewan Assembly noticed the flag in front of the barracks in a frayed condition while serving as Color Corps supporting a council's Rosary with the Police effort.

Consistent with the Patriotic Degree mandate, Members of the Fr. John T. Dewan Assembly 3047 Color Supported Masses officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (AMS), at the Base Chapel at Joint Base Andrews.

Color Corps Support included Annual Memorial Masses for our feeder councils, Annual AMS Memorial Masses at the Basilica of the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Also at the Basilica, The Dewan Color Corps supported the celebration Mass of 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. Color Corps support also includes masses at our Parishes including the Santo Nino Masses, Solemnity of Christ the King, St. Mary's Piscataway 475 anniversary Celebration, and various Masses officiated by Archdiocese of Washington's Cardinal and Bishops. Color Corps support, most importantly, includes Casket Watch for our members that have gone home to our Lord.

Fr. John T. Dewan Assembly also supports Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Washington Seminaries through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Fr. John T. Dewan Assembly also actively participates in the Coats for Kids program, supplying coats for Parishes supported by the Assembly. Coats purchased by the Dewan Assembly also were donated to the Archdiocese of Washington Coats program.