



# ***FIA Programs Fall Meeting***

Alan Pultyniewicz  
Program Director

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# We are Making a Difference in Someone's Life

- 1,067 FIA Programs reported for the 1<sup>st</sup> Period
- 204 FIA Programs reported for 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

Sept. to Nov. Due 12/15/2024				
Faith	Family	Community	Life	
77	50	52	23	Complete
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# ***Congratulations DD's***

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- Districts with 100% Council FIA Programs Reported for First Period
  - DD6-Dan Greenwell
  - DD21-Herman Stewart
  - DD29-Christopher Woehrer



# FIA State Highlights

- Navy Football Game
- Blue Mass
- Columbus Day Ball & Columbus Day Activities
- Spiritual Retreat



# Cash Incentive Sweepstakes



- 113 councils participated (76%)
- Distributed 108,000 tickets

1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$7,000  
Carolyn Anderson  
Council #3960  
Sold by: Steve Roscher

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$2,000  
Silverio Bonilla  
Council #13463  
Sold by: Silverio Bonilla

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$1,000  
Frank Pisano  
Council #14011  
Sold by: Ed Makuch



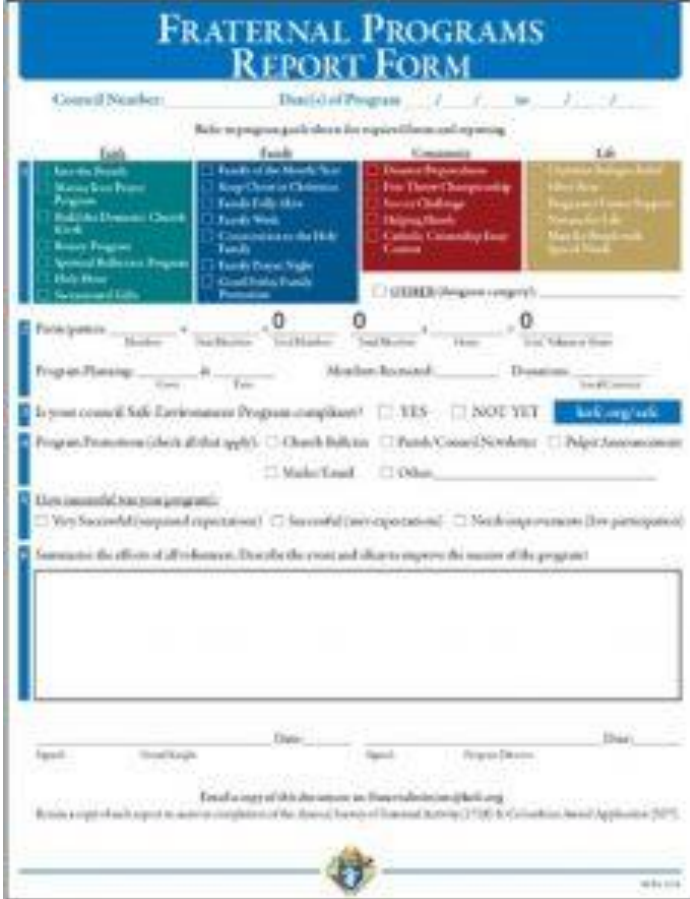
# ***Council and District Participation***

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- Memorial Mass – Sunday, November 10th at the Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City
  - Soccer Challenge – Saturday, November 16th at St. Jude’s School, Rockville
  - Family of the Month – increase Council participation (23 in July; 25 in August; 22 in September)
  - Food for Families – 11 councils have participated so far
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# FIA Report Reminder

- Make sure you are sent copies of the FIA reports
- GK must forward you copies of the report
- Check FIA tracking spreadsheet
- Notify state of discrepancies
- Check often – at least monthly



**FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM**

Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Make us program participants for registration and reporting.

Faith	Faith	Community	Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Live the Faith <input type="checkbox"/> Make Your Prayer Program <input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Work <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Program <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection Program <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith of the Month/Year <input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas <input type="checkbox"/> Faithfully Give <input type="checkbox"/> Family Work <input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to the Holy Family <input type="checkbox"/> Family Prayer Night <input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Penitential	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness <input type="checkbox"/> Free Theist Charismatic Prayer Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Community Care Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil

OTHER (Program category)

Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Planning: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your council Safe Environment Program compliant?  YES  NOT YET [See Council](#)

Program Promotion (check all that apply):  Church Bulletin  Faithful Council Newsletter  Paper Announcement  Mailer/Email  Other \_\_\_\_\_

How successful has your program?  
 Very Successful (exceeded expectations)  Successful (met expectations)  Needs improvement (low participation)

Summarize the efforts of all involved. Describe the cross and share to express the success of the program!

Report: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print a copy of this document on [fraternal@kcof.org](mailto:fraternal@kcof.org)  
 Retain a copy of each report to ensure compliance of the Annual Survey of Council Activity (ASCA) & Columbia Award Application (CA).



# **FIA Reporting Due Dates for 2024-2025**

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- **2<sup>nd</sup> Period due Dec. 15, 2024**
    - Programs held between Sept. 1, 2024 through Nov. 30, 2024
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Period due March 7, 2025**
    - Programs held between Dec. 1, 2024 through Feb. 28, 2025
  - **State "Best of the Best" FIA Reports due March 7, 2025**
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# ***FAITH – Michael Watson***

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- Mark Your Calendars....
    - RSVP
    - Pilgrim Icon
    - Memorial Mass
    - Anniversary McGivney Ordination
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# Refund Support Vocations Program

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- Featured Supreme Program - counts as two credits for the Columbian Award
  - Supreme Council refunds \$100 to the Council for every \$500 given to a Seminarian ([Form #2863](#))
    - “Pool Your Resources”
  - Councils “adopt” a Seminarian with not only monetary support but also moral, prayer and engagement support
  - **This Years Goal: 3 Councils for every Seminarian**
  - Coordinate through your Archdiocese lead:
    - Baltimore - Nick Clemens
    - Washington - Mike Davenport
    - Wilmington - Joe Lazari
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# ***Pilgrim Icon***

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- New Pilgrim Icon for 2025 - **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
  - 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque receiving her visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1674
  - Pope Francis is writing a new document — a reflection on the Sacred Heart — that will be released soon
  - Icon will be released in early 2025
  - District schedule will be released once date is confirmed
  - Report Council participation with the Pilgrim Icon at the new [survey link](#) and be sure to forward to your DD and [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org)
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# ***Memorial Mass/Anniversary of Blessed Michael McGivney Ordination***

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- **Memorial Mass** – Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m.
    - All DDs report at 2:30pm
    - DDs will read the names of our deceased Brothers in their District
    - Please have your Councils submit the names to be read by Nov. 1 to Mike Dunn
  
  - **Blessed Michael McGivney Ordination Anniversary Mass** – Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.
    - Baltimore Basilica
    - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori
    - Let's fill the pews!!!
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# ***FAMILY – Greg McClain***

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- Mark Your Calendars....
    - Family of the Month
    - Keep Christ in Christmas
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# ***Family of the Month***

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- Promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families
- Each Council establishes a committee to recognize a deserving FOM
  - Council member or parishioner
  - Model Christian family values
  - Visibly lives them every day
- Coordinate with Pastor for recognition/certificate presentation at Mass
- Include announcement/photos in church bulletin, council newsletter and email to members
- Complete and submit FIA Report Form 10784 for one family/month before the 15th of the following month



*“We Are  
Family”*

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# Family of the Month

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- Choosing a Family of the Month is easy!
- See what parish family is active from the parish website, parish bulletin, and other communication within the parish,
- Talk with your pastor, parish staff, and other parishioners.
- The Husband/Dad can be a Knight. You know many!
- The Husband/Dad does not have to be a Knight. That man can be recruited, just ask!
- If you come up with more than one deserving family, pick one and save the other(s) for future months.



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# Keep Christ in Christmas

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- Keep Christ in Christmas
    - Grades K – 8
    - Set submission/decision deadline; order supplies from Supplies online
    - Contact parishes and Catholic schools by Nov. 1 to get information in newsletters and bulletins
    - Publicize on social media and websites
    - Submission of 1st place winners to State office by Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - State winners announced at Mid-Year meeting on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>
    - For info: [www.KofC.org/Christmas](http://www.KofC.org/Christmas) and MD State Newsletter for rules, forms, and more
    - Chairman: Tim Fitzmaurice; [Fitzmauricemd@aol.com](mailto:Fitzmauricemd@aol.com)
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# ***COMMUNITY – Walter Leskuski***

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- Mark Your Calendars....
    - Helping Persons with Special Needs
    - Coats for Kids
    - State Soccer Challenge
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# Helping Persons with Special Needs

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- Council [Turn-In Report Forms](#) with funds collected by December 1, 2024
  - Submit checks payable to Maryland State Council
  - Note on checks for “People with Special Needs Program”
  - Provide names of recipients’ agencies and breakdown to State
  - Indicate dates of presentations to the agencies
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# Coats for Kids



## Coats for Kids

Since 2009, Knights of Columbus has given away over 1 million coats to children in need through the Coats for Kids program.





# Soccer Challenge

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- Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>
- St. Jude Catholic School  
12701 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville
- Registration open from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Competition begins at 12:30 p.m.
- All ties will be broken by 1:00 p.m. with Awards Ceremony following

Maryland State Council  
**Knights of Columbus**



## ***Soccer Shoot-Out***



**2024**

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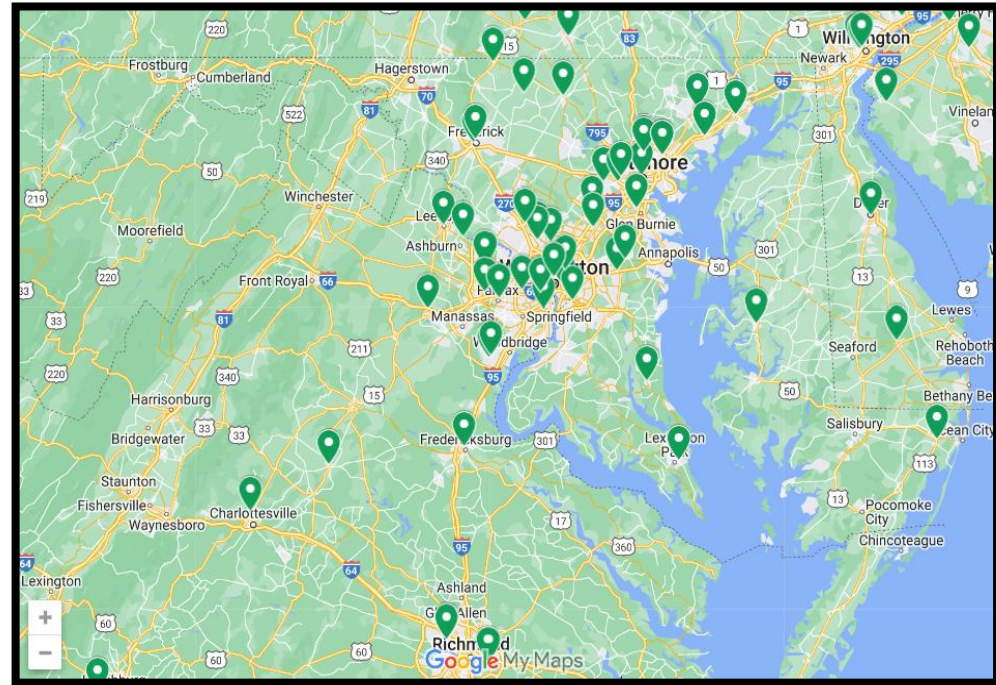
# ***LIFE – Rick Casazza***

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- Be a Part of the Solution
    - Gabriel House Project (ASAP)
    - Special Olympics
    - Silver Rose
    - Reproductive Freedom Amendment
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# Aid and Support After Pregnancy

- Maryland Gabriel Network House, Bowie, MD
  - Need to raise \$50,000 and have participation of 25 councils to get Supreme donation of \$10,000
- Supremes' Map of Pre-approved Pregnancy Centers



[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1pqckgTpGvLM0odKljuQgBSreRGWI\\_IoA&hl=en&femb=1&ll=38.165718251017935%2C-96.92078876139283&z=3](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1pqckgTpGvLM0odKljuQgBSreRGWI_IoA&hl=en&femb=1&ll=38.165718251017935%2C-96.92078876139283&z=3)



# Special Olympics

## 24 Hour Super Plunge

- January 24-25<sup>th</sup>
- Sandy Point State Park

## Maryland Plunge

- February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sandy Point State Park

To signup for either event visit "PlungeMD.Com"





# Silver Rose

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- Chairman Romeo Paternoster
- Cell: 301-509-0236
- [romeopaternoster@yahoo.com](mailto:romeopaternoster@yahoo.com)





# ***Right to Life***

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- Right to Reproductive Freedom  
Amendment November 5, 2024
  - Forming Consciences for Faithful  
Citizenship
    - Our Call as Catholic Citizens
    - Making Moral Choices and Applying  
our Principles
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# **Reminder--Your State FIA Team is Here to Support You**

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**Program Director:** Alan Pultyniewicz

**Faith:**

- Michael Watson

**Community:**

- Walter Leskuski

**Family:**

- Greg McClain

**Life:**

- Rick Casazza
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