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

Also, we invite Councils, Chapters, Assemblies, and Fourth Degree elements to submit highlights of their respective accomplishments to the Public Relations Director, Jeff Maynard, (jcmaynard@verizon.net) for posting on our social media platforms.



# State Chaplain's Message

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For the first half of April we will continue our observance of Lent, with the goal to be better prepared for Easter. As Palm Sunday and Holy Week unfold, we are urged to intensity those preparations, for the great day of Easter is drawing near. Then, at least liturgically, the Church pulls out all the stops to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 15, speaks about the resurrection, and Jesus' appearances after He rose. Paul is responding because some were already denying the actual resurrection, and giving it a symbolic meaning (which perhaps has never completely disappeared). Paul even writes (verse 14), "And if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith." He relates the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to imply "if you don't believe me, ask one of these people."

There is no question that the resurrection of Jesus is central to Christian belief, and indeed, makes (or should make) all the difference in our lives. From earliest times people had pondered the mystery of death, and many came to the conclusion that there is a life after death. But the resurrection of Jesus is not only affirming that there is life after death, but "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." (Nicene Creed) When we know what is promised us after earthly death, we can live our lives with a hope and joy that might not otherwise be possible.

For eight days the Church will celebrate the Octave of Easter, and then continue the Easter Season, through to the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and then on to Pentecost (this year on June 8th). Further, the Christian Sabbath is on Sunday, as that was the day of resurrection, and the Church reminds that every Sunday Eucharist is to be a "little Easter." With the arrival of spring, and the promises of our faith, we are invited to a new embrace of both life and discipleship. May the Knights and Ladies continue to be people of faith, of hope, and of charity for Jesus is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Fr. Donald*

## Liturgical Calendar

- 2 Apr**    **Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit**
- 4 Apr**    **Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- 6 Apr**    **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- 7 Apr**    **Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**
- 11 Apr**    **Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**
- 13 Apr**    **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
- 14 Apr**    **Monday of Holy Week**
- 15 Apr**    **Tuesday of Holy Week**
- 16 Apr**    **Wednesday of Holy Week**
- 17 Apr**    **Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**
- 18 Apr**    **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**
- 19 Apr**    **Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**
- 20 Apr**    **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
- 27 Apr**    **SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**
- 28 Apr**    **Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**
- 29 Apr**    **Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
- 30 Apr**    **Saint Pius V, Pope**



# State Deputy's Message

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As spring approaches, we find ourselves entering the final quarter of the fraternal year. Reflecting on our journey thus far, it's evident that we've made significant strides, particularly in our recruitment efforts. However, there remains more to be achieved to meet our ambitious goals.

For those councils that haven't yet conducted a Church Drive, I urge you to schedule one in the coming weeks. This initiative is crucial in extending an invitation to fellow Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus, offering them a chance to enrich their faith and make a profound difference in their lives.

For the councils that have already met their recruitment targets, I encourage you to double your efforts. By bringing more Catholic men into our order, we can collectively enhance our faith community and support each other in our spiritual journeys.

This year, the State Council has also put considerable effort into realigning our spending to direct more resources toward charitable giving. This shift not only reflects our commitment to making a financial difference in people's lives but also embodies the values espoused by our Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain. They have repeatedly emphasized that members of the Knights of Columbus must be "First in Faith and First in Charity." As a result of a very successful Sweepstakes drive and funds generated from the Christopher fund, we have, on your behalf, donated over \$80,000 to various charities and the education of seminarians in addition, to the high school scholarships granted this fraternal year.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Maryland Jurisdiction has also surpassed its target goal of \$50,000 for the Gabriel Network maternity home expansion. Thanks to the generous donations from Chapters, Councils, Brother Knights, and other individuals, we have raised \$68,180 this fraternal year.

The Gabriel Network is dedicated to supporting pregnant women and mothers in need. Their urgent call for help in expanding their maternity home has resonated deeply with us. This expansion will enable them to provide stable housing in a family-focused, Christian environment, saving lives from abortion and offering hope to single mothers.

The funds raised will significantly impact the lives of many women and children. By offering a safe haven and a supportive community, the Gabriel Network can help these mothers find hope and build a brighter future. This accomplishment is a testament to our collective commitment to charity and our faith in action.

As we move forward, let's continue to uphold the principles of charity and faith that define the Knights of Columbus. Our efforts in recruitment and charitable giving have already made a significant difference, and with your continued dedication, we can achieve even greater heights.

April 20th is Easter Sunday; a day all Catholics celebrate the risen Christ and is a time of renewal and hope. It's an opportunity for us to reflect on our achievements and set our sights on the goals ahead. Let's use this time to strengthen our bonds as Brother Knights and recommit ourselves to our mission.

In conclusion, Kathy and I extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your hard work and dedication. Together, we've accomplished so much, and I have no doubt that we will continue to make a positive impact on our communities. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey, and let's look forward to a successful final quarter of the fraternal year. May God Bless your families and both Kathy and I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and prayerful Easter.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



**Greetings from  
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Hello Maryland Ladies!

Happy Spring! This is my favorite time of year when the weather is getting warmer, the flowers are starting to bloom, and the leaves are a bright, new green. I always think of spring as a period of new beginnings and hope, and I feel uplifted. It sets a beautiful stage for the coming of Easter in a few weeks!

In March, the Maryland State Jurisdiction held its Spring Meeting for State and District leaders in Easton, MD. I chose the Baywater Women's Clinic (formerly Choices Pregnancy Center) as our charity. As always, I am overwhelmed by our women and their generosity as they gave an amazing amount of baby supplies including diapers, wipes, and clothing. A big thank you to everyone who participated in this Baby Shower! I've included a couple of pictures from this event.

Thank you to the auxiliaries who submitted reports last month. Our auxiliaries held many creative, well-planned events for their councils, parishes, and communities during this fraternal year! They created a big challenge for the judges who reviewed the reports and selected the winners in each division. The awards will be presented at the State Convention during the awards ceremony on May 3, 2025.

Tony and I wish you and your family a blessed Easter. As always, thank you for everything you do for your loved ones and the Knights of Columbus to *Make a Difference in Someone's Life!*

**Kathy**





# Training Message

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Worthy Brother Knights and Sons of the Ancient Church, on which end of the training continuum do you sit? Are you like Admiral David Glasgow Farragut who said, "Damn the torpedoes. . . full speed ahead! Or are you less likely to let the chips fall where they may, preferring instead to chart a deliberative course using tried and true methods. No need to do any deep soul searching, it's all right here. See below for various topical insights.

## Training Can Make a Difference in Someone's Life!

### ONLINE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at [kofc.org/training](http://kofc.org/training).

#### Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)

##### **English Training:**

- April 1, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Advertising Council Events](#)
- April 2, 2025 10:00 PM.....[Preparing for and Conducting Council Elections](#)
- April 3, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Managing the Safe Environment Program](#)
- April 29, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Grand Knight Training: Part One](#)

##### **Formation en français :**

- 23 avril 2025, 19 h.....[Les Élections du Conseil](#)

##### **Capacitación en español:**

- 2 de abril de 2025 8:00 PM.....[Completar el Formulario SP-7 para el Premio Colón](#)
- 22 de abril de 2025 8:00 PM.....[¿Cómo completar los informes \(#185-S\) y \(#365-S\)?](#)
- 30 de abril de 2025 8:00 PM.....[Planeación de Programas de Fe en Acción Exitosos](#)

Vivat Jesus,

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## Membership



Worthy Brothers All,

I'm a pretty positive guy and always get a thrill at building any organization that I'm part of, whether it was my former employer or the Knights of Columbus. In fact, whenever I see a new member join a council, I know that the welcoming council stands a good chance of enjoying many years of continued success! They have that "culture of invitation" we often speak of.

Not to be the "Debbie Downer" of this newsletter, but I also recently have seen the consequences of councils that failed to recruit. This year we have felt the sadness of watching six Maryland councils flame out, many after decades of service to their communities and parishes. And they all had a lot in common- zero recruitment, zero men willing to step into leadership roles, sporadic or no program activity. I suppose it's a miracle that these councils survived as long as they did.

I share this because so many good men, families, parishes, and communities have lost something when a council fails. Our mission as Knights, when carried out with a purpose and passion, can make an incredible difference in the lives of all who experience it. You know it when you see it.

Let's be the "kingdom builders" of our councils, the Knights who commit to inviting men to join us on our great mission! There is no magic or elaborate plan needed. It only takes each of us to demonstrate some moments of courage to extend the offer. And sometimes that's the stark difference between success and failure for a council.

Speaking of success, congratulations to these Grand Knights who have already achieved the membership component of the Star Council Award:

Fr. Michael Kidd 14455- Romero Cobo  
 Prince Georges 2809- John Foley  
 St. Bernadette 11214- Bob Welenc  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe 12127- Luis Gorres  
 St. Rose of Lima 14297- Paul Mehraban  
 Immaculate Conception 8159- Mearland Rusaw  
 Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom 11259- John Weaver  
 St. Jerome 5564- John Wells  
 San Juan Neumann de Baltimore- Omar Ordóñez  
 San Jose Custodio de Columbia- Jairo Neira  
 St. John the Evangelist 11171- Andy Harris  
 Bishop Becker 2427- Kevin O' Donnell  
 Rock Creek 2797- Alex Lieb

St. Terre D'Accueil 18156- Isidore Sobgo  
 St. Joseph Comyns 9638-Michael Harrison  
 St. Francis of Assisi 12524- Anthony Gigioli  
 St. Alphonsus Rodriguez 13294- Barry Frederick  
 Ocean City 9053- Ken Hidenfelter  
 Fr. Edmund Julien 11616- Frank Bussink  
 William Baldwin, Sr. 17990- Pat Brady  
 Mason-Dixon 10100- Venis Knight  
 St. Vincent Pallotti 14535- Frank Corrazza  
 Our Lady of Vietnam 11769- Khoa Le  
 Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore 205- Christopher Williams  
 All 5 councils in DD 33 Matt Hollister's district!

See you next month at the Maryland State Convention!

*Vivat Jesus,  
 Terry*

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# State Programs

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## Faith In Action – Make A Difference in Someone’s Life



My Brothers All,

We know that your councils have been busy during Lent with conducting fish fries, Stations of the Cross, Cor, and more. Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are also busy times for our councils and many councils are finalizing plans for Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Remember to submit your Faith in Action Program Form 10784 after your council programs. As a reminder, programs conducted from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> fulfil your 4th quarter requirement for Supreme reporting and count towards your 1<sup>st</sup> period program requirements for the Maryland State Council. Be sure to forward copies of your 10784 to [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org) and your District Deputy. Also, please complete and submit your Columbian Award Form SP-7 to Supreme (with a copy to [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org) and your DD) as soon as possible. Please, don’t wait until June 30<sup>th</sup> to submit the report. If you submit the report early and Supreme sends it back to you, then you will have time to revise the form and resubmit it. Remember, Form SP-7 is a requirement for Star Council.

A special thanks to Walt Williams and Brian Trott, State Sports Co-Chairs for planning, coordinating, and running a successful State Basketball Free Throw Competition on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel. There were well over one hundred participants and family members from across the state in attendance. Thank you to all the state officers, activity directors, and brothers who volunteered and assisted with scoring and rebounding. A great team effort by all!

The Maryland State Council is proud to announce the names of three individuals, sponsored by councils in Maryland, who have been recognized by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus for their outstanding achievement at the international level of the “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest. Accordingly, the Maryland State Council congratulates:

- Abby Rosenberger, sponsored by St. John Neumann Council #11618 in Elkridge, MD, being named the international winner in the 7th-8th grade division
- JoJo Mellott, sponsored by Resurrection Council #11341 in Ellicott City, MD, being named the international runner-up in the 3rd- 4th grade division
- Owen Mellott, sponsored by Resurrection Council #11341 in Ellicott City, MD, being named the international runner-up in the 1st- 2nd grade division.

The “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. It encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. Congratulations to all the participants.

On March 23, the Maryland State Council celebrated the 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Founder’s Day with the Founder’s Day Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fullerton and the Founder’s Day Awards Dinner at Columbus Gardens. The Maryland State Council recognized the contributions of our community members who exemplify our State Deputy’s motto “Make a Difference in Someone’s Life. Congratulations to:

**EMT of the Year:** John Jacobson

**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year:** Det. Zachery Farrell

**Healthcare Worker of the Year:** Dr. Ikechukwu (Ike) Mbonu

**Faith Formation Catechist of the Year:** Sr. Jane Mary Duke, IHM

**Catholic Teacher of the Year:** Meagan Kimm

**Citizen of the Year:** Alan Davis

**Family of the Year:** G. Emeka Onwezi and Family



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## Faith In Action – Make A Difference in Someone’s Life

### State Programs (Continued)



Thank you to Fr. Donald Grzymski, Mike Dunn - Founders Day Chairman, Jim Siedleck - Founders Day Co-Chair, Michael Watson – Faith Activities Director, Walter Leskuski – Community Activities Director, Rick Casazza – Life Activities Director, Vernon Hawkins – Family of the Year Coordinator, and all of the councils that submitted nominations.

One of our important responsibilities as brother Knights is to support the seminarians and religious in their formation. If your council has not already done so, please contact our RSVP Program Co-Chairs to get the name of a seminarian who needs our support. Our goal is to support 100% of all seminarians. If you have already supported a seminarian, please submit your RSVP Refund Application as soon as possible to get your \$100 rebate for each \$500 provided to a seminarian or religious.

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon continues to travel across Maryland. Check out the schedule on our website to see when the Icon will be in your district. Please contact Icon Chairman John (Mike) Novak for details or questions.

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 11th. MaryGold Chairman, Thom Stevenson is ready to accept your order and payments for live marigolds this year. It’s been six years since we had live flowers to give to the women of our parishes to promote life. Order forms and payment are due by April 25th. Please contact Thom Stevenson for more information at: [tnpstevenson@verizon.net](mailto:tnpstevenson@verizon.net).

Mark your calendar for the Maryland State Council Family Picnic on Saturday, May 17th at Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of food, drinks, activities, fun, and fraternity. Details will be posted on the state website. Why not bring a friend who is not a Knight? Wouldn’t it be great if they joined as an online member at the picnic after talking with brother Knights from across the state?

Many councils submitted State Council Program Award forms for their best Faith in Action programs during the past year. Your activity directors have been busy reviewing and scoring all the reports. The winners will be announced at the State Convention in Annapolis next month. Best of luck to everyone!

Councils across the state are making a difference in someone’s life. Don’t take your foot off the gas. Let’s finish the last few months of this fraternal year with outstanding Faith in Action programs.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Alan Pultyniewicz*



# Founder's Day

## Program Award Winners



**Family of the Year—G. Emeka Onwezi Family**



**Healthcare Worker of the Year—Dr Ikechukwu Mbonu**



**Faith Formation Catechist of the Year**  
Sr Jane Mary Duke, IHM



**EMT of the Year**  
John Jacobson



**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**  
Det Zachery Farrell



**Citizen of the Year—Alan Davis**



**Catholic Teacher of the Year—Megan Kimm**





# State Programs

## Featured Programs

April 2025



On Mother's Day May 11, 2025, the State Council is encouraging all councils to participate in the Mother's Day Marigold Program.

Now is the time florists plan and begin to grow marigolds for the spring. Now is the time to plan your council's marigold program. Moms will appreciate the effort you put into celebrating her on Mother's Day! Contact me if you need suggestions on where to obtain flowers.

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## Food for Families Program



"Making a Difference in Someone's Life" is the focus of the Maryland State Council. An important part of this initiative is providing food for needy families.

Dozens of councils and assemblies across the State are involved in the collection and distribution of food. Here is a reminder of a side benefit for these efforts. There are two ways provided for your council or assembly to make a difference.

The first is to make a \$500 donation to the food bank of your choice, the second is a donation of 1000 pounds of food to a single organization. Either qualifies your council or assembly for a \$100 rebate from Supreme.

It is very important that the proper forms be completed correctly and submitted on time. The deadline is June 30, 2025, for each submittal. No more than 5 refunds can be earned during any one year.

One additional requirement is that a council or assembly devote at least 100-man hours towards each activity.

Any information can be found at [kofc.org/food](http://kofc.org/food) or contact Joe Feakes, Co-Chairman of Food for Families at: [josephfeakes@aol.com](mailto:josephfeakes@aol.com)

## ASAP Program Update

Thank you to all the councils and members that contributed to the Maryland State Council initiative to build a live-in addition to the Gabriel Network Maternity Home in Bowie. We reached the State goal and received the ASAP Matching funds from Supreme. The video in this link is Tiffany Farley, Gabriel Network Executive Director, walking through the addition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcMLGsIiLsU>.

The video also shows the condition of the existing house, and work needed to make it suitable for women to move back in. Work has begun on this renovation, but they are approximately \$9k short of the goal to complete the work. If you would like to assist in Phase 2 of this project, please send your ASAP contribution directly to "Gabriel Network", 2137 Defense Hwy, Crofton, MD 21114 with the note that it is for the "Phase 2 home renovation". If including a cover letter, please also specifically state that it is for the renovation of the original maternity home.

Other pregnancy and maternity centers still need our assistance, and the ASAP Program provides a grant from Supreme of \$100 for every \$500 donated in cash or goods, up to \$2000 per council per center. A council can donate to multiple centers and the Supreme grant applies to each center donated. For example, if a council donates \$2000 each to three pregnancy centers, Supreme will provide a \$400 grant to each of the three pregnancy centers.

The ASAP Grants from Supreme work on the Columbian Year. We have until 30 June to make the donation and submit the grant application. 1 July, everything is reset and our councils can contribute to the same centers and apply for the grant.

The Grant application is online. The form is self-explanatory. You will need the EIN number for the organization (Contact me if you need assistance with this). Needed supporting documentation is either a copy of the cancelled check, or a signed ASAP Donation Receipt Letter (11418 Aid and Support Donation Receipt). If the center is listed on the map on the Supreme ASAP website (ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) | The Knights of Columbus), no W-9 is needed. If it is not listed, you will need to obtain a W-9 from the center.

If you have any questions or concerns about the ASAP program and/or applying for the grants from Supreme, please contact me.

**Vivat Jesus,**

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# Hispanic Activities

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¡Hola Hermanos Caballeros! Ruego que ustedes y sus familias estén bien.

“Hagamos una diferencia en la vida de alguien”

Continuamos con la historia de Caballeros de Colón desde su fundación hasta el día de hoy, (vea el bulletin de Julio 2024 donde empezamos esta historia).

## 1979-1999 una familia cristiana

Los Caballeros de Colón promovieron varias iniciativas en materia de educación católica: apoyo a las escuelas católicas, fondos de becas para seminarios y universidades católicas, y la creación de un campus en América del Norte del Pontificio Instituto Juan Pablo II para Estudios sobre el Matrimonio y la Familia.

Además de celebrar el quinto centenario de la evangelización del Nuevo Mundo, la Orden también honró los modelos contemporáneos de santidad. El Caballero Supremo Dechant entregó a la Madre Teresa el premio inaugural Gaudium et Spes en 1992, y la Arquidiócesis de Hartford abrió oficialmente la causa de canonización del Padre McGivney, con el apoyo de los Caballeros, en 1997.

1979: En cooperación con los obispos de EE. UU., la Orden asegura la filmación de la primera visita pastoral del Papa Juan Pablo II a EE. UU.

1979: Los Caballeros crean el Fondo Padre Michael J. McGivney de un millón de dólares para Nuevas Iniciativas en la Educación Católica que será administrado por la National Catholic Educational Association. Las ganancias anuales se usan hasta hoy para financiar programas que promueven las escuelas católicas.

1981: La Orden comienza una restauración de cuatro años de la Iglesia de Santa María, el lugar de nacimiento de los Caballeros. Las renovaciones incluyen trabajos en el órgano, el piso, los bancos, los techos, las estatuas, entre otras cosas. El proyecto se culmina con la colocación de un campanario de 55 metros en la parte superior de la iglesia.

1982 (imagen izquierda): Los Caballeros de Colón celebran su centenario. El Presidente Ronald Reagan asiste a la 100<sup>a</sup> Convención Suprema, así como el Cardenal Agostino Casaroli, enviado por el Papa Juan Pablo II como su enviado personal.

1982: La Orden crea varios fondos para ayudar a financiar estudios para sacerdotes y seminaristas en Roma en colegios pontificios. Estos fondos se han incrementado a lo largo de los años para apoyar a los seminaristas y sacerdotes de los Estados Unidos, Canadá, México y Filipinas.

1984: En reconocimiento al servicio voluntario de la Orden, el Presidente Ronald Reagan otorga a los Caballeros el Premio de Acción Voluntaria del Presidente en una ceremonia en la Casa Blanca.

1985: La Orden acuerda financiar la restauración de la fachada de 6000 metros cuadrados de la Basílica de San Pedro, la primera vez que se restaura en más de 350 años. Varios proyectos posteriores se han llevado a cabo en San Pedro, incluyendo la restauración de las capillas y de la Puerta del Año Santo.

1988: La Madre Teresa visita la oficina del Consejo Supremo. La Orden acepta imprimir copias de las Constituciones de las Misioneras de la Caridad, tarjetas de oración y otros artículos religiosos, un proyecto que continúa en la actualidad.

1988: El Pontificio Instituto Juan Pablo II para Estudios sobre el Matrimonio y la Familia abre una sucursal norteamericana en Washington, D.C., con fondos de los Caballeros. Carl A. Anderson es el primer vicerrector y decano del instituto.

1989: Se crea el Fondo del Bicentenario de la Jerarquía de EE. UU. por un monto de 2 millones de dólares a beneficio de la Universidad Católica de América. Las ganancias del fondo pagan los proyectos de la universidad cada año.

1992: La Madre Teresa recibe el primer premio Gaudium et Spes de la Orden en la 110<sup>a</sup> Convención Suprema de Nueva York. El premio “Joy and Hope” reconoce sus contribuciones a la Iglesia y al mundo.

1995: La Orden copatrocina con la Diócesis de Brooklyn, N.Y., la misa del Papa Juan Pablo II en el Aqueduct Racetrack durante la visita pastoral del Papa a los Estados Unidos.





# Hispanic Activities

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## Hispanic Activities (Continued)

**1997:** La Arquidiócesis de Hartford abre oficialmente la causa de canonización del Padre Michael J. McGivney con el apoyo de los Caballeros de Colón. Se crea el Concejo del Padre McGivney para promover su causa.

**"Felicitaciones a los Nuevos caballeros de Colon ejemplificados el 23 de marzo de 2025"**



Vivat Jesus,

Armando Fernandez



# Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Spring is just around the corner! As we look forward to new beginnings, we want to encourage new growth in our Auxiliaries. We need to invite new ladies into our membership! Look for those new ladies moving into your area seeking to meet people and make new friends. Take a fresh look at women in your parish who are not members. Annette took the initiative to invite a widow to some activities; she was lonely and needed company. She did not join the auxiliary immediately, but after being included a few times, she felt she had found a home and joined! We challenge you to look for the ones who need us as much as we need them. Our State Deputy has made his theme, "Make a difference in someone's life!" It is the little things that we do that make the difference.

April is the month you should present your 2025-2026 slate to your members for May elections. We included suggestions for filling in your slate in the March Newsletter. If you are having any difficulties with your slate, please remember to contact one of us for help.

Thank you to each auxiliary who sent in reports for awards. We appreciate everything you are doing to help your parish and communities. We were all so proud to read about your accomplishments! You set a difficult task for the judges involved with scoring your reports! Remember to register for the convention to attend the awards ceremony at the Crowne Plaza in Annapolis on May 3, 2025. We hope to see you there!

We have received good news that a struggling Auxiliary is interested in reorganizing and starting over again. Last year, we helped to revitalize several auxiliaries and started a new auxiliary. We are here to help and answer questions. We love to hear from you whether you have questions or want to share exciting things happening in your auxiliary. Please reach out to us!

**Ruth, Juana, and Annette**





# Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares



¡La primavera está a la vuelta de la esquina! Mientras esperamos nuevos comienzos, queremos fomentar el crecimiento de nuestros grupos Auxiliares. ¡Necesitamos invitar a nuevas damas a nuestros grupos! Estén atentas a las nuevas damas que se mudan a su área y buscan conocer gente y hacer nuevas amistades. Observen con nuevos ojos a las mujeres de su parroquia que no son miembros. Annette tomó la iniciativa de invitar a una viuda a algunas actividades; se sentía sola y necesitaba compañía. No se unió al grupo Auxiliar de inmediato, pero después de ser incluida varias veces, sintió que había encontrado un hogar y se unió. Los retamos a buscar a quienes nos necesitan tanto como nosotras a ellas. Nuestro Diputado de Estado ha elegido como lema: "¡Hagamos una diferencia en la vida de alguien!". Son las pequeñas cosas que hacemos las que marcan la diferencia.

Abril es el mes en el que debes presentar tu lista de candidatos 2025-2026 para las elecciones de mayo. En el boletín de marzo incluimos sugerencias para completar la lista. Si tienes alguna dificultad con tu lista, por favor recuerda contactar a una de nosotras para que te ayudemos.

Gracias a todos los grupos auxiliares que enviaron informes para los premios. Apreciamos todo lo que están haciendo para ayudar a su parroquia y comunidades. Nos sentimos muy orgullosos de leer sus logros. Le pusieron una tarea difícil a los jueces que calificaron sus informes. Recuerden de registrarse a la convención para asistir a la ceremonia de entrega de premios en el Crowne Plaza de Annapolis el 3 de mayo de 2025. ¡Esperamos veros allí!

Hemos recibido buenas noticias de que un grupo auxiliar en dificultades está interesado en reorganizarse y empezar de nuevo. El año pasado ayudamos a revitalizar varios grupos auxiliares y pusimos en marcha un grupo nuevo. Estamos aquí para ayudar y responder preguntas. Nos encantaría saber de usted si tiene preguntas o quiere compartir cosas emocionantes que están sucediendo en su grupo auxiliar. Ponte en contacto con nosotras.

**Sus copresidentas,**

**Ruth, Juana, Annette**



# General Agent Message



My Brothers All,

It feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in March! Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list? Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance. If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make adjustments? Now is the time to check.

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. Our Agency can connect you with one of our team members that is registered to offer you investment options through KoCAA. It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances! I'd love to sit down with you, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please contact me and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you

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Brother Knight,

I hope all is well for you. I wanted to let you know I am currently interviewing for successful Catholic men to improve our service in our area for the Knights of Columbus. The gentlemen I am seeking is a Brother Knight (or eligible to become one) that may be called to serve Catholic families through a full-time position with the financial arm of the Knights of Columbus.

No prior experience is necessary as full training, continued education and a full benefits package are available. If you know of anyone that might be a fit, please let me know.

For more information, please visit [Find Out More | Regan Agency](#).

Fraternally,  
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# Maryland Knights In Action



Maryland State Deputy and First Lady with the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Organization of American States, Monsignor Juan Antonio Cruz Serrano (left) and the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, His Eminence Cardinal Christophe Pierre (center) at the celebration of His Holiness Pope Francis' 12th Anniversary of Election held at the Vatican Embassy, Washington D. C.

**Council 14455 Fish Fry**



**Council 10966 First Aid Training**



**Council 2797 Food Collection**



**Council 1622 Lenten Dinner**



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# Annual Conference

## "STANDING STRONG"

### April 5, 2025 | St. Joseph, Fullerton

The featured speakers will be Matt Birk and Mark Hartfiel. Matt is a retired Baltimore Raven, six-time Pro Bowl selection, and Super Bowl Champion. He has a very successful public speaking career in the corporate world and is active in philanthropy and the Catholic pro-life movement. Mark Hartfiel is VP at the men's leadership organization Paradisus Dei. He serves as National Program Director of "That Man Is You," the men's group movement that is active in 900 parishes across 42 states, including the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The day will include time for fellowship and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with many priests in attendance. Archbishop Lori will celebrate the daily Saturday Mass with traditional music to conclude the conference.

Further details will be provided in the weeks and months ahead. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this dynamic and uplifting conference. Registration is open now at [catholicmensfellowship.com](http://catholicmensfellowship.com).

#### Featured Speakers



**Matt Birk**  
Superbowl Champion  
Retired Baltimore Raven



**Mark Hartfiel**  
VP Paradisus Dei  
Program Director "That Man Is You"



# State Convention News

## April 2025

Greetings from your convention team.

We are days away from opening registration for the 127<sup>th</sup> convention.

Please take note of the changes for the upcoming convention:

Registration opened on **December 1, 2024**, for **everyone**. We encourage Grand Knights and Delegates to register as soon as possible.

The cutoff date for room reservations was March 1, 2025. However, if rooms are available after the cutoff date, they can be reserved at the convention rate.

There **will not** be a Knights sponsored Annapolis Sunset Cruise on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The cruise is available for anyone who wants to take part on their own.

There will not be any convention gift this year as a cost savings measure.

The hospitality room will be a combined State, District and Council function with a DJ (provided by the convention), finger food and a cash bar provided by the Crowne Plaza. We are asking districts and councils to donate funds to offset the cost. Your generosity is most appreciated. Make checks payable to KofC MD State Convention and mail to Joe Massimini, Convention Treasurer, 4409 Holmehurst Way, Bowie, MD 20720.

The link for online convention registration will be on the MD State Council Web Site. For more information, please visit <https://kofc-md.org/md-state-convention-2025> or email [convention@kofc-md.org](mailto:convention@kofc-md.org). There is also a section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Your convention team is here to serve you!

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**E. Paul Jones, Sr., (Sandy), Convention Chairman**  
**[Epj54@comcast.net](mailto:Epj54@comcast.net)**





# Convention Golf Tournament

**Bowie Golf Club**

**7420 Laurel Bowie Rd**

**Bowie, Md. 20715**

**Thursday May 1, 2025**

**8:00am Registration 9:00 am Shotgun Start**

**\$105 per golfer includes: Green Fees,  
Cart, Lunch, Beverages & Prizes**

**Any Questions, call Paul Weber 410 879-0558  
or email [apaulweber@verizon.net](mailto:apaulweber@verizon.net)**

Foursomes are limited. Reservations and payment must be made no later than April 17th. Send check payable to: Maryland State Council Convention Fund. Mail to Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Dr. Fallston Md. 21047

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Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_



# 2024-2025

## State Planning Calendar

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MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 2025	4/5	CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	ST. JOSEPH, FULLERTON	VINCENT GRAUSO, PSD
	4/20	EASTER		
	4/23	PROGRAMS & GROWTH ZOOM CALL	ZOOM CALL	ALAN PULTYNIEWICZ TERRY WATERS
	TBD	FAMILY FUN DAY AT HERSHEY PARK		DIRECT RESPONSE
MAY 2025	5/2	STATE CONVENTION 5/2-5/4	CROWNE PLAZA ANNAPOLIS	E. PAUL JONES
	5/17	STATEWIDE FAMILY PICNIC	SENECA CREEK STATE PARK GAITHERSBURG, MD	TBD
	5/31	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	BOSWELL HALL	GUS GUSMAN
JUN 2025	TBD	SD MEETING AT SUPREME	NEW HAVEN, CT	TONY SALVEMINI
	6/13-14	LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH DAVIDSONVILLE, MD	JEFFREY WILK
	6/14	STATE OFFICERS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY INSTALLATION	HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH DAVIDSONVILLE, MD	TONY SALVEMINI
	6/27-29	STATE CAMPING TRIP	HOMESTEAD CAMPGROUND	TOM REUMONT
	6/30	COLUMBIAN AWARD (FORM SP-7)		



# 2024-2025

## State Planning Calendar

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MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
JUN 2025	6/30	RSVP PROGRAM REFUND APPLICATION		
JUL 2025	TBD	PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	TBD	ALAN PULTYNIEWICZ TERRY WATERS
	7/10	QUO VADIS	ST MARY'S SEMINARY BALTIMORE, MD	STATE OFFICERS