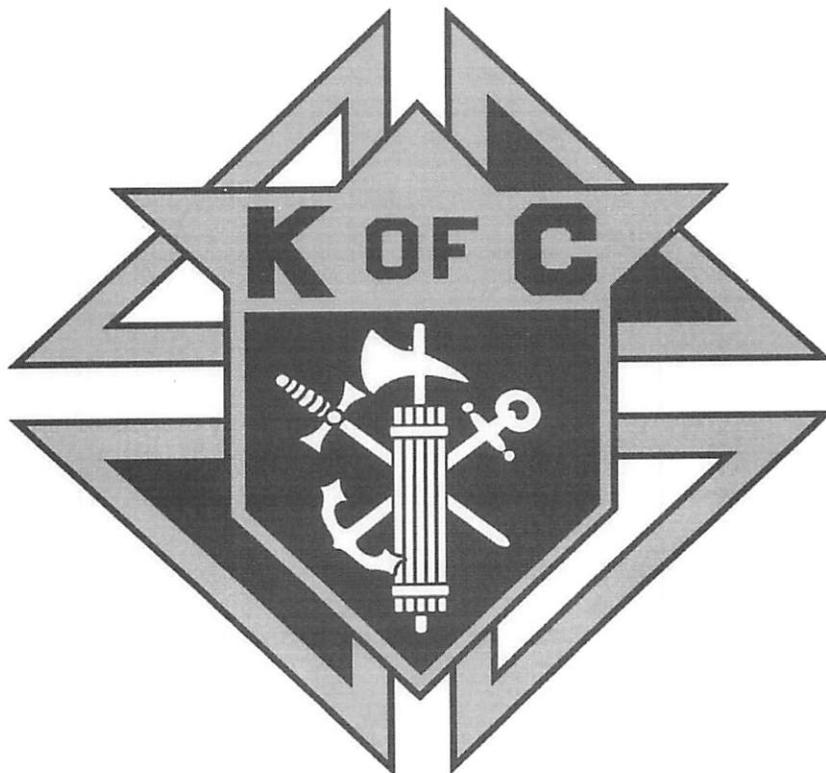


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USED BY ME IN LIEU OF A ROLL CALL. EACH STATE OFFICER AND PAST STATE DEPUTY WILL ANSWER FOR HIMSELF."

STATE OFFICERS

**STATE CHAPLAIN, FATHER DONALD GRZYSMSKI - PRESENT
STATE DEPUTY, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS - PRESENT
STATE SECRETARY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI - PRESENT
STATE TREASURER, JOHN F. WINFREY - PRESENT
STATE ADVOCATE, RONALD G. HASSAN - PRESENT
STATE WARDEN, THOMAS O. GREUL - PRESENT
IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO - PRESENT**

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

**JOSEPH A. SAURO - ABSENT
ANDREW C. BAUER - ABSENT
JAMES OLIVARRI - ABSENT
FRANCIS M. FEELEY - ABSENT
ROMEO GAUTHIER - PRESENT
RICHARD L. SHERBERT - ABSENT
RONALD B. WHITE - ABSENT
EDGAR D. HAYNES - PRESENT
RICHARD V. SIEJACK - ABSENT
STEPHEN J. ADAMCZYK - ABSENT
STEPHEN M. COHEN - PRESENT
DALE W. TROTT - PRESENT**

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY SUBMITTED THE ROLL OF ALL OTHERS.

MEETING OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

CHAIRMEN OF THE FOLLOWING CONVENTION COMMITTEES WERE CALLED UPON TO ANNOUNCE THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

STATE ADVOCATE, RONALD G. HASSAN, RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

MESSAGE FROM SUPREME KNIGHT

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED STATE SECRETARY SALVEMINI, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE VIDEO ADDRESS FROM SUPREME KNIGHT, PATRICK KELLY, BE PLAYED AT THIS TIME. THE SUPREME KNIGHT OFFERED GREETINGS TO ALL AND GAVE A REPORT ON THE ORDERS INSURANCE PROGRAM AND THE WORKS OF THE ORDER. THE SUPREME KNIGHT ALSO COMMENTED ON THE STATUS OF CURRENT INITIATIVES OF THE ORDER. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AND FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MANY CHARITIES. AND FINALLY, HE SOLICITED OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL INITIATIVES. AFTER THE SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE, THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED THE PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, CARL A. ANDERSON, TO CONVEY TO SUPREME KNIGHT KELLY, OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS MESSAGE.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

HAVING NO LATE COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESENT TO THE CONVENTION BODY, THE STATE DEPUTY RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR TO THE STATE SECRETARY WHO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY. "AS STATE SECRETARY, IT IS INDEED AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO INTRODUCE THE MAN WHO HAS GUIDED THIS JURISDICTION DURING THE PAST YEAR. I PRESENT TO THIS ASSEMBLED CONVENTION TO REPORT ON HIS STEWARDSHIP OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FOR THIS 2023-2024 FRATERNAL YEAR, OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS.

STATE DEPUTY'S ANNUAL REPORT

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAINS, REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT MASTERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, SUPREME COUNCIL INSURANCE DIRECTORS, GRAND KNIGHTS, DELEGATES, AND MY BROTHERS ALL;

MY BROTHERS, THE KNIGHTS OF THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION, SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE MANY SUCCESSES ACHIEVED THIS COLUMBIAN YEAR THROUGH YOUR DEDICATED EFFORTS.

OUR MAJOR STATE DIRECTORS AND THEIR TEAMS ADVANCED THE VISION OF OUR FOUNDER, BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY THROUGHOUT MARYLAND. YOUR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DEMONSTRATED CATHOLICISM IN ACTION. EACH EVENT SERVED TO ENGAGE, INSPIRE, AND MOBILIZE OUR MEMBERS TO LIVE THEIR FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE IN A WAY THAT CAPTURED THE INTEREST OF MANY CATHOLIC FAMILIES WHO CHOSE TO JOIN IN. IN SHORT, THESE EFFORTS DEMONSTRATED THAT CATHOLICISM REMAINS RELEVANT TO TODAY'S WORLD AND ENABLES A REWARDING AND ENJOYABLE LIFE THAT DRAWS US CLOSER TO CHRIST EACH DAY.

NECROLOGY: EVERY YEAR WE ARE SADDENED TO HAVE TO PUBLISH A LIST OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS IN THE CONVENTION BOOK OF REPORTS, THIS YEAR IS NO EXCEPTION. I WOULD LIKE IN PARTICULAR TO MENTION THAT DURING THIS PAST YEAR WE LOST:

FDD SHERMAN M. CASEY, FDD RICHARD N. BOEHM, JR., FDD MICHAEL D. LITTLE, SR., FDD CHARLES D. DORSEY, FDD JONATHAN B. BOYLE, FDD TIMOTHY G. MOORE, AND FDD JAMES M. RAGUSA. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.

LAST MONTH, WE CELEBRATED THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL. WE WERE HONORED TO HAVE OUR SUPREME CHAPLAIN AS THE PRINCIPLE CELEBRANT OF OUR ANNIVERSARY MASS, ALONG WITH BISHOP CAMPBELL REPRESENTING THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON WHILE CARDINAL GREGORY WAS IN ROME, STATE CHAPLAIN FATHER DONALD, AND 6 OTHER STATE & LOCAL COUNCIL CHAPLAINS. THE MASS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN EXCELLENT BANQUET AND EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP TO LAUNCH OUR MARYLAND JURISDICTION ON OUR NEXT 125 YEARS OF COLUMBIANISM. I ENCOURAGE ALL TO READ THE POSTED HISTORY OF OUR STATE COUNCIL THROUGH THE LINKS ON THE STATE COUNCIL WEBSITE RESOURCES. IT'S A POWERFUL AND INSPIRATIONAL HISTORY OF CATHOLICISM IN MARYLAND!

MEMBERSHIP – THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR ORDER: OUR COUNCIL GROWTH TEAM AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS EMPHASIZED THIS MESSAGE AND TRANSLATED IT INTO EFFECTIVE RECRUITING STRATEGIES RESULTING IN OUR CURRENT STATUS IN THE EYES OF OUR SUPREME COUNCIL. TODAY, YOU ARE ONLY 230 NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS FROM ACHIEVING THE GOAL SUPREME SET FOR US. ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH WILL CERTAINLY TAKE US BEYOND THIS GOAL IN THE COMING WEEKS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO GROW OUR ORDER BEYOND THE GOAL IN ORDER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TODAY'S TROUBLED WORLD.

BENEFITS AND INSURANCE BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY'S FOCUS ON PRESERVING AND GROWING IN OUR CATHOLICITY WAS FIRMLY FOUNDED IN PROTECTION OF THE FAMILIES AND THEIR FINANCIAL VIABILITY. IN MARYLAND, WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE MARLOWE, CALLAWAY, AND ABBATE AGENCIES TO HELP OUR MEMBERS ACHIEVE THIS ASPECT OF OUR FOUNDER'S VISION. I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT OUR MARYLAND RELATIONSHIP AND TEAMWORK BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SIDES OF THE KNIGHTS ARE VERY STRONG. IT IS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THESE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE FRATERNAL YEAR. THE GENERAL AGENTS AND THEIR TEAMS WORKDAY AND NIGHT DOING THE WORK OF THE ORDER; EXPANDING THE DREAM OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY.

THE MEMBERS OF THESE AGENCIES CONTRIBUTE YEARLY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO ENABLE FAMILIES TO KEEP CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. MARYLAND HAS \$3.3 BILLION OF INSURANCE IN FORCE OUT OF \$128 BILLION ORDERWIDE. ON A BITTERSWEET NOTE, ON JUNE 30TH, THE BOBS WILL

TRANSITION TO A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT AFTER 41 AND 28 YEARS RESPECTIVELY OF CARE FOR OUR FAMMILIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR NEW GENERAL AGENTS IN LATE JUNE, AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE STRONG FRATERNAL & INSURANCE RELATIONSHIP MARYLAND ENJOYS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.

IN A FEW MINUTES, YOU'LL HEAR A LIST OF MILLION DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS OF THESE AGENCIES. THIS IS A VIVID DEMONSTRATION OF THE TIME AND CARE THESE MEN TAKE TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF OUR FAMILIES!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE OUTSTANDING AGENTS.

PROGRAMS: UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR TOM REUMONT, OUR STATE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS AND THEIR TEAMS CONDUCTED VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS WHICH SUPPORTED OUR CHURCH, ENCOURAGED AND PROTECTED FAMILY AND LIFE VALUES, SERVED OUR COMMUNITIES, FACILITATED COUNCIL OPERATIONS, AND PROMOTED OUR ORDER. IN SHORT, THEY TRAINED THE GRAND KNIGHTS TO ENGAGE, INSPIRE, AND MOBILIZE!

TOGETHER WITH THESE NEW MEMBERS, THE UNOFFICIAL NUMBERS SHOW THAT YOUR CHARITABLE ACTIVITY INCLUDED JUST UNDER \$2.5 MILLION, A 31% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR (\$1,953,568.00) AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, OVER 415,000 HOURS OF CHARITABLE SERVICE.

YOUR GRAND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COUNCIL GROWTH AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES ARE SHARED THROUGH QUARTERLY REPORTS AS WELL AS SOCIAL MEDIA. THESE EFFORTS NOT ONLY HELP TO TRAIN AND INFORM OUR MEMBERS, BUT THEY ALSO INSPIRE THOSE WHO WITNESS YOUR ACTIONS TO GROW IN FAITH AND CHARITY.

THIS YEAR WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION INITIATIVE NOW CALLED THE COR GATHERING. UNDER TONY BOEHK'S LEADERSHIP, COUNCILS AROUND THE STATE STARTED THESE OPTIONAL MEETINGS OF PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAITH FORMATION. THIS FOCUS ON FAITH IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE VISION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY. IT WILL DRAW THE COUNCIL AND PARISH CLOSER TOGETHER, HELP MEN DRAW CLOSER TO CHRIST, AND ULTIMATELY GROW OUR ORDER AS MEN OF THE PARISH WITNESS THE KNIGHTS FOCUSING ON FAITH. THIS INITIATIVE STARTED SMALL BUT IS GROWING AS OUR KNIGHTS LEARN THE DETAILS. AN IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHT FROM TONY IS FEEDBACK FROM A COUNCIL THAT ADOPTED COR AND WITNESSED NEWFOUND SUPPORT FROM THE PASTOR AND GROWTH IN THIS FAILING COUNCIL AFTER 3 YEARS WITHOUT A NEW MEMBER! I CHALLENGE ALL GRAND KNIGHTS TO ACCEPT OUR WORTHY SUPREME KNIGHT'S CALL TO INCORPORATE COR IN EVERY MARYLAND COUNCIL. INCREDIBLE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO ENABLE EVERY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THIS CALL TO GROW IN OUR FAITH AND TO SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH THE MEN IN EVERY MARYLAND PARISH.

FAITH PROGRAMS: OUR FAITH PROGRAMS ENRICH OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND THOSE THEY INTERACT WITH IN THE QUEST FOR LIVING BETTER CATHOLIC LIVES. WE CONDUCTED HOLY HOURS AT STATE MEETINGS AND JOINED ARCHBISHOP LORI FOR MASS AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY'S DECEMBER 22ND ORDINATION. THE ST. JOSEPH ICON AND SILVER ROSE PROGRAMS ENABLE OUR MEMBERS TO HOST MEANINGFUL PRAYER SERVICES FOR THEIR PARISHES. MANY COUNCILS CONTINUE TO USE THE "INTO THE BREACH" PROGRAM FOR SMALL GROUP FAITH DEVELOPMENT. THE PROGRAMS, ALONG WITH THOSE EMPHASIZED BY THE PROGRAM TEAM EACH QUARTER STRENGTHENED AND ENLIVENED OUR FAMILIES AND PARISHES IN FAITH.

FAMILY: CLOSELY TIED TO OUR FAITH PROGRAMS, THE FAMILY PROGRAMS PROVIDE IDEAS AND RESOURCES TO ENABLE PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR FAMILY CENTERED ON CHRIST AND THE LIFE HE CALLS US TO LEAD. THE FAITH PROGRAMS WERE DESIGNED TO "STRENGTHEN THE BONDS" WITH ACTIVITIES LIKE CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY, "EQUIP WITH TOOLS" LIKE FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT, "HOLD UP EXAMPLES" WITH FAMILY OF THE MONTH & YEAR, "FEED THE FAMILIES" IN THE FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM, AND "FIGHT SECULARISM" WITH THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (CONDUCTED BY DOZENS OF COUNCILS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, INCLUDING A SECOND-PLACE WINNER AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL).

COMMUNITY: COATS FOR KIDS CONTINUED TO BE A POWERFUL COMMUNITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORT COUNCILS AND THE THREE CHAPTERS OF GRAND KNIGHTS. TEAMED WITH CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH, THE BOX OF JOY PROGRAM WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR WITH APPROXIMATELY 8,000 GIFTS TO NEEDY CHILDREN AND A GOAL OF DOUBLING AGAIN THIS COMING YEAR. MONTHLY STATEWIDE DRIVES TO DELIVER SUPPLIES TO THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IN ALL THREE DIOCESES CONTINUED THIS YEAR AND OFFER CRITICAL SUSTAINMENT TO THOSE IN THEIR CARE.

LIFE ACTIVITIES: DEFENSE OF LIFE REMAINS A CORE CALLING FOR ALL CATHOLICS; ESPECIALLY, THE KNIGHTS. MARYLAND KNIGHTS WERE VERY INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF BOTH THE MARYLAND AND NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFR, INCLUDING THE SISTERS OF LIFE RALLY PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL MARCH.

THREE ADDITIONAL ULTRASOUND MACHINES WERE DONATED THIS YEAR. BEYOND OUR LIFE SAVING PROGRAMS, MARYLAND IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE SUPREME'S NEW AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) INITIATIVE. COUNCIL DONATIONS PROVIDED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WITH PLANS FOR LARGE SCALE DONATIONS IN THE COMING YEAR. I REMIND YOU OF THE FLYER IN YOUR CONVENTION BAG. WE WILL REQUEST A COLLECTION DEDICATED TO ASAP TOMORROW, SO PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONS ASSISTS WITH CRITICAL NEED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. ALL MARYLAND SEMINARIANS ACROSS OUR 3 DIOCESES WERE SUPPORTED UNDER THE RSVP PROGRAM WITH PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL

DONATIONS FROM COUNCILS STATEWIDE. IN ADDITION, MARYLAND KNIGHTS SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL DISCERNMENT EVENT, QUO VADIS, IN BOTH MAJOR ARCHDIOCESES DEMONSTRATING OUR THANKS FOR THE FAITH JOURNEY.

FOURTH DEGREE - OUR PATRIOTIC ARM: HERE IN MARYLAND, WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO OUTSTANDING FOURTH DEGREE DISTRICTS. THE MARYLAND DISTRICT AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT, BOTH PART OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE. I WANT TO THANK DISTRICT MASTERS JOE FEAKES AND JIM DURYEE, ALONG WITH VICE SUPREME MASTER FRITZ LEACH OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT, FOR THEIR SUPERB LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST YEAR.

THIS YEAR IN MARYLAND, WE SAW 100 MEN ADVANCE TO THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE WITH ONE MORE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY PLANNED NEXT MONTH. WE CAN DO BETTER!

I CALL ON ALL 3RD DEGREE MEMBERS PRESENT TO ADVANCE TO THE 4TH DEGREE AT YOUR FIRST OPPORTUNITY, THEN PROUDLY PROGRESS TO THE COLOR CORPS, THE VISIBLE ARM OF OUR CATHOLIC ORDER! THE 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION ARMS US WITH THE POWERFUL HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE OF THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP OF CATHOLICS AND OUR FOUNDERS IN THE FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION! IT IS AN INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE THAT ALL CATHOLICS DESERVE TO HEAR!

THE COLOR CORPS MEMBERS OF BOTH DISTRICTS TURNED OUT FOR FREQUENT COUNCIL, ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT, AND PROVINCIAL EVENTS. THEY TRULY SHOW THAT THEY ARE THE VISIBLE RIGHT ARM. I NEED YOU TO JOIN ME AND GROW OUR VISIBLE NUMBERS! I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN UNIFORM TURNING OUT IN NYC FOR OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 22ND!

LADIES ACTIVITIES: WE THE MEN OF THIS HONORED ORDER, COULD NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES. THEY GIVE US SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE IN ALL THAT WE DO. IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT THESE LADIES ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES WITH THE SPONSORED ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR THEM. THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY WAYS WE SAY THANK YOU. MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE FIRST LADY AND HER LADIES ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

THEIR ACTIVITIES SPAN FROM EDUCATIONAL TO SPIRITUAL TO HISTORICAL TO FUN. CHARITY IS ALWAYS A MAJOR PART OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

THIS YEAR, I ESPECIALLY CHALLENGE YOU & DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WHICH WILL TRAVEL THROUGH MARYLAND AND DC ON JUNE 5-9. THE DETAILED DAILY PROGRESSION OF FR. MURPHY AND HIS PILGRIMAGE WILL BE SHARED SOON AND I CHALLENGE EVERY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THE DETAILS WITH THEIR PARISHES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'RE CHALLENGED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION THROUGHOUT BOTH ARCHDIOCESES IN OUR JURISDICTION. THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN THE FIRST-EVER NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION. FINALLY, I CHALLENGE YOU TO JOIN US IN INDIANAPOLIS FOR THE FIRST

EUCARISTIC CONGRESS SINCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER WW-II. I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN INDIANAPOLIS, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOPE YOU'LL SHARE IN THESE POWERFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE OUR FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE!

IN CONCLUSION: IT IS MY DISTINCT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS YOUR STATE DEPUTY THIS YEAR. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF ALL THAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR THIS YEAR AS YOU LIVE YOUR FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE. WE STILL HAVE LOTS TO DO IN THE REMAINING 2 MONTHS! YOUR VISIBLE LESSON WILL INSPIRE HUNDREDS OF CATHOLIC MEN TO BECOME KNIGHTS. FOLLOW UP YOUR INSPIRATIONAL ACTIONS WITH THE INVITATION TO BECOME A KNIGHT. WHERE YOU "CRY THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR LIFE!" YOU'LL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE NUMBER OF MEN AND FAMILIES WHO ARE READY TO JOIN YOU IN OUR LAY MINISTRY! IT'S VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD. YOUR DAILY ACTIONS TEACH THOSE YOU ENCOUNTER, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, SO IT REMAINS CRITICAL THAT YOU "CRY THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR LIFE!"

VIVAT JESUS,

REPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS
STATE DEPUTY
MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE STATE DEPUTY WAS GIVEN A STANDING OVATION FOR HIS EXCELLENT REPORT.

THE STATE SECRETARY STATED THAT SPEAKING FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, "I CONGRATULATE OUR STATE DEPUTY FOR AN OUTSTANDING REPORT." IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY RESUMED THE CHAIR.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, STATE DIRECTORS AND CHAIMEN, AND GRAND KNIGHTS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE BOOK OF REPORTS WHICH WAS EMAILED TO YOU LAST WEEK. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

INSURANCE REPORT

SUPREME COUNCIL GENERAL AGENT ROBERT MARLOWE PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE FRATERNAL BENEFITS PROGRAM OF THE ORDER AND INTRODUCED THOSE FRATERNAL BENEFIT ADVISORS THAT WERE PRESENT

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, AND MY BROTHERS ALL. IT IS INDEED AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS WEEKEND.

ALLOW ME TO FIRST CONGRATULATE OUR STATE DEPUTY CHRIS POWERS AND HIS STATE OFFICERS FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING FRATERNAL YEAR. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR TEAM AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR ORDER'S INSURANCE PROGRAM AND FRATERNAL BENEFITS.

THE MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRATERNAL AND INSURANCE SIDES OF THE HOUSE ISN'T A NEW PHENOMENON IN MARYLAND - WE HAVE ENJOYED A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER - AND I'VE BEEN IN THE AGENCY FORCE FOR 41 YEARS.

WHILE THE SUPPORT AND TEAMWORK HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, THE REAL BENEFICIARIES OF THIS RELATIONSHIP ARE OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. OUR AGENTS ARE HARDWORKING, DEDICATED MEN WHO DEVOTE THEIR LIVES TO HELP CATHOLIC FAMILIES TAKE THE PROPER STEPS TO SECURE THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATIONS. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, YOU HAVE HELPED TO CREATE A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE THAT PAVES THE WAY FOR THEM TO MEET WITH OUR MEMBERS ON A VERY FAVORABLE BASIS.

AS MENTIONED, THE SUPPORT STARTS AT THE TOP WITH OUR STATE DEPUTY, BUT WE SEE THIS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT OUR FRATERNAL STRUCTURE IN MARYLAND - WITH OUR STATE FAMILY TEAM, DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DOF COURSE, OUR GRAND KNIGHTS.

I'M SURE NOT SURE IT'S NECESSARY TO RUN THROUGH ALL THE NUMBERS, BUT I MIGHT POINT OUT JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS THAT YOU'LL APPRECIATE. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAS 128 BILLION DOLLARS OF LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE AND 27 BILLION OF ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT. IN 2023 WE ISSUED ALMOST 8 BILLION DOLLARS OF LIFE INSURANCE ON OVER 42,000 CONTRACTS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE PAID OUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEATH BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DIVIDENDS TO OUR CURRENT POLICYHOLDERS. IN ADDITION TO OUR INSURANCE PRODUCTS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSET ADVISORS NOW MANAGES MORE THAN 2.3 BILLION IN ASSETS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, AND DIOCESES.

WHILE OUR INSURANCE PRODUCTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES FROM A FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE...WE DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. OUR ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. WE DO NOT INVEST IN COMPANIES THAT DEAL IN ABORTION, CONTRACEPTION, HUMAN CLONING, EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL RESEARCH, PORNOGRAPHY, OR FOR-PROFIT HEALTH CARE THAT PAY FOR ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED. CAN YOU IMAGINE THE FATE OF ANY OTHER FORTUNE 1000 COMPANY IF THEY PROUDLY TOUTED, THEY BELIEVED IN THE VALUES OF CHRISTIANITY AND REFUSED TO INVEST IN ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PRACTICES? GENTLEMEN, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS AN ORGANIZATION

WHERE YOU CAN ALIGN YOUR FINANCIAL DECISIONS WITH YOUR FAITH. WHAT WE HAVE IS DIFFERENT, AND THAT DIFFERENCE IS OUR STRENGTH.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE CONSIDER IT AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE WHEN WE MEET WITH A BROTHER KNIGHT AND HIS WIFE. WE GIVE YOU THE SAME ADVICE WE WOULD WANT YOU TO GIVE US IF WE TRADED PLACES. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR MARYLAND AGENTS AND ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD.

**MIKE DUFFY – MARLOWE AGENCY
SEAN FITZPATRICK – MARLOWE AGENCY
DAN GARRIGAN – CALLAWAY AGENCY
MIKE HURLEY – MARLOWE AGENCY
BOB MARLOWE, III – MARLOWE AGENCY
JAY MYERS – MARLOWE AGENCY
MATT O'HARE – CALLAWAY AGENCY
FRED REINECKE – MARLOWE AGENCY
HAROLD SIMS – CALLAWAY AGENCY
SAM STARK – MARLOWE AGENCY**

AT 109% OF QUOTA, ED O'KEEFE, ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT- MARLOWE AGENCY

AT 113% OF QUOTA, JON ROCK, ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT – MARLOWE AGENCY

AT 150% OF QUOTA, JERRY KANE – MARLOWE AGENCY

AT 291% OF QUOTA, TOP AGENT IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND IS ONE OF ONLY 7 AGENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER TO BECOME A “LIFETIME” MEMBER OF THE SUPREME KNIGHT’S CLUB – BRIAN GRAHAM, ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT – CALLAWAY AGENCY

**LET'S SHOW THESE MEN OUR APPRECIATION FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 7 WEEKS LEFT, 7 VERY IMPORTANT WEEKS FOR OUR COUNCILS, DISTRICTS, AND MARYLAND TO HIT ITD GOALS – KNOW THAT THE CALLAWAY AND MARLOWE AGENCIES ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU ANY WAY POSSIBLE COMING DOWN TO THE HOME STRETCH.

AS THE STATE DEPUTY MENTIONED, BOTH BOB CALLAWAY AND I ARE RETIRING EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST. WE HAVE TWO FANTASTIC MEN READY TO TAKE OVER – ED O'KEEF WHO IS AN ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT IN THE MARLOW AGENCY FOR MY AGENCY AND STEPHEN REGAN WHO IS AN ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT FROM THE SCHACHEL AGENCY IN TENNESSEE FOR THE CALLAWAY AGENCY. BOTH MEN ARE VERY EXPERIENCE AND EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED. I'M CONFIDENT THAT MARYLAND IS IN VERY GOOD SHAPE FOR YEARS TO COME WITH THESE TOW MEN AT THE HELM.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WILL MISS ALL OF YOU GUYS TREMENDOUSLY. OVER THE PAST 42 YEARS, I'VE WORKED WITH 21 STATE DEPUTIES, THEIR OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, AND GRAND KNIGHTS. SO MANY GOOD MEN, SO MANY WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIPS, SO MANY EXAMPLES OF HOW TO LIVE A GOOD CATHOLIC LIFE.

IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR FRATERNAL LEADERS; ESPECIALLY, THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND GRAND KNIGHTS. YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL PROGRAMS ALLOWS US TO DO WHAT WE DO.

I'D LIKE TO FINISH WITH A QUICK STORY AND THEN ASK BOB CALLAWAY OT COME TO THE PODIUM SO HE CAN SAY GOODBYE. THE FIRST DEGREE, WHILE WAITING IN LINE FOR THE MEAL THAT THE COUNCIL WAS SERVING

WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE ORDER IN 1983, I RECEIVED MY FIRST DEGREE AT FR. ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL IN SILVER SPRING. IMMEDIATELY AFTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST DEGREE, WHILE STANDING IN LINE FOR THE MEAL THAT THE COUNCIL WAS SERVING, A GENTLEMAN CAME UP TO ME AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF. THAT MAN WAS CHARLIE WEDLOCK, GOD REST HIS SOUL. CHARLIE SAID TO ME, "BOB, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING I TELL ALL THE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOIN OUR COUNCIL. IF I'M EVEN SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE MY SOUL SAVED, IT'S BECAUSE OF MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS."

AFTER 41 YEARS, I DON'T THINK THERE IS A MONTTH THAT GOES BY THAT I DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT. IT'S YOU GENTLEMEN THAT REMIND ME OF WHAT HE SAID THAT DAY. IT'S YOUR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ORDER AND HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIVES THAT CONTINUALLY MAKE HIS STATEMENT COME TO LIFE FOR ME.

YOU MEN HAVE BEEN MY ROLE MODEL THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS AND YOUR DEEDS. HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIVES AND HOW YOU GIVE OF YOURSELVES IS THE CATHOLIC MENTORSHIP OF FAITH THAT HAS SO DEEPLY AffECTED MY LIFE.

HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME? I ONLY HOPE THAT OUR PATHS WILL CROSS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE AND KNOW THAT YOUR ARE IN MY PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. [BOB CALLAWAY CAME TO THE PODIUM AND SPOKE BRIEFLY.]

**VIVAT JESUS!
RESPECTIFULLY SUBMITTED,
BOB MARLOWE
GENERAL AGENT**

STATE DEPUTY THANKED BROTHER MARLOWE FOR HIS REMARKS AND THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BY THE MARLOWE, CALLAWAY, AND ABBATE AGENCIES. THE STATE DEPUTY ALSO THANK BROTHERS MARLOWE AND CALLAWAY FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ORDER AND OFFERED HIS BEST WISHES ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL ON THE OCASSION OF THEIR RETIREMENT ON JULY 1, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE STATE DEPUTY MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1-THE FAITH IN ACTION, MEMBERSHIP, INSURANCE TOGETHER WITH OTHER AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW MORNING IN THE ARUNDEL BALLROOM. ALL GRAND KNIGHTS AND THEIR LADIES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE FAR SIDE OF THE CHAMBER, AND IN THE FAR SIDE OF THE LOBBY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE STATE DEPUTY, JEFF WILK AND STATE LECTURER, JIM COONEY AT 7:45 A.M. FOR THE GRAND KNIGHT'S MARCH AND INTRODUCTION. THE MARCH WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. SHARP. PLEASE BE ON TIME SO WE MAY BEGIN AS SCHEDULED.

2-FOLLOWING THE AWARDS SESSION, PLEASE QUICKLY VACATE THIS BALLROOM SO WE CAN RE-ENTER WITH A VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS. WE WILL START THE SECOND SESSION PROMPTLY AT 11:30 A.M.

3-PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY HOSPITALITY SITES ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED DURING ALL MASSES, CONVENTION SESSIONS AND THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET.

CLOSING PRAYER

BROTHERS, LET US STAND FOR THE CLOSING PRAYER AND THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE HAS BESTOWED UPON US. I WILL NOW ASK OUR WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CLOSING PRAYER THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED (8:43 P.M.).

SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND REPORT OF THE STATE WARDEN

STATE DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS CALLED THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONVENTION TO ORDER AT 11:30 A.M. STATE WARDEN THOMAS GREUL ASSURED THE STATE DEPUTY THAT ALL PRESENT WERE QUALIFIED THIRD-DEGREE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING,

OPENING PRAYER

THE STATE CHAPLAIN LED THE OPENING PRAYER AND ASKED GOD'S BLESSING UPON OUR DELIBERATIONS. THE STATE DEPUTY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON STATE SECRETARY SALVEMINI FOR THE ROLL CALL. THE STATE SECRETARY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING. A FORMAL ROLL CALL WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED. YOUR PRESENTATION AT THE WARDENS' TABLES PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CHAMBER FOR THIS SESSION HAS BEEN RECORDED. THAT RECORD TAKEN PRIOR TO EACH SESSION WILL BE USED BY ME IN LIEU OF THE ROLL CALLS PREVIOUSLY IMPLEMENTED. EACH STATE OFFICER AND PAST STATE DEPUTY WILL ANSWER FOR HIMSELF.

STATE OFFICERS

**STATE CHAPLAIN, FATHER DONALD GRZYSMSKI - PRESENT
STATE DEPUTY, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS - PRESENT
STATE SECRETARY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI - PRESENT
STATE TREASURER, JOHN F. WINFREY - PRESENT
STATE ADVOCATE, RONALD G. HASSAN - PRESENT
STATE WARDEN, THOMAS O. GREUL - PRESENT
IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO - PRESENT**

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

**JOSEPH A. SAURO - ABSENT
ANDREW C. BAUER - ABSENT
JAMES OLIVARRI - ABSENT
FRANCIS M. FEELEY - ABSENT
ROMEO GAUTHIER - PRESENT**

**RICHARD L. SHERBERT - ABSENT
RONALD B. WHITE - ABSENT
EDGAR D. HAYNES - PRESENT
RICHARD V. SIEJACK - ABSENT
STEPHEN J. ADAMCZYK - ABSENT
STEPHEN M. COHEN - PRESENT
DALE W. TROTT - PRESENT**

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY SUBMITTED THE ROLL OF ALL OTHERS.

NEW BUSINESS

THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS WOULD BE THE ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION. THE STATE DEPUTY REMINDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 11, SECTION 3, OF THE REVISED BY LAWS FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, NOMINATING SPEECHES SHALL BE LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER CANDIDATE.

THE CHAIR REQUESTED A MOTION TO ALLOW VOICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION SPEECH FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS:

**FDD DAVID R. WILSON, JR.
MASTER JAMES DURYEE
PSD DALE W. TROTT
FDD THOM PARTENOPE
FDD VERNON HAWKINS
FDD BOB SWEITZER
FDD STEVE LAW**

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE DEPUTY

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN RECOGNIZED FDD DAVID R. WILSON, JR. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES DELEGATES OF THE 126TH MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION, MY BROTHERS ALL,

TODAY, WE HAVE THE HONOR AND DUTY TO SELECT A BROTHER KNIGHT AS THE NEXT STATE DEPUTY OF OUR GREAT JURISDICTION.

I AM EXTREMELY HONORED TODAY TO PLACE IN NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY, THE IDEAL CANDIDATE, MY FRIEND, OUR CURRENT STATE SECRETARY – SIR KNIGHT ANTHONY SALVEMINI.

TONY IS AN ETHICAL, PROFESSIONAL, DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL; A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS WHO CONTINUES TO SERVE THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION. HE HAS BEEN SERVING IN A VARIETY OF ROLES FOR AND ON THE STATE TEAM FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. I COULD STAND HERE AND LIST THEM, BUT I AM NOT.

IS IT JUST ME OR HAS ANYONE NOTICED WITH EACH NEW POSITION, TONY SEEKS TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS A BIGGER CELEBRITY, OSTENTATIOUS AND DEMANDING IF YOU WILL? FOR EXAMPLE, AT MY COUNCIL, HE EXPECTS "HIS" PARKING SPOT TO BE RESERVED AND SPECIAL SEATING WHEN ATTENDING OUR EVENTS. THERE'S BEEN TIMES DURING EXEMPLIFICATIONS, WHERE HE FEELS THE NEEDS TO HEAR HIMSELF SO, HE SPEAKS YOUR NEXT LINE WHILE YOU ARE PAUSING FOR EFFECT.

BUT SERIOUSLY, TONY'S LIFE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF OUR CHURCH, OUR COUNTRY, THE ORDER, AND THE COMMUNITY. HE HAS EARNED COUNTLESS HONORS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS DURING HIS TIME WITH THE KNIGHTS. PROBABLY, TONY'S BIGGEST ACCOLADES ARE THAT HE WON THE SUPREME KNIGHT'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND UNDER HIS GUIDANCE AS STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION EARNED THE CIRCLE OF HONOR.

TONY IS MARRIED TO THE LOVELY AND TALENTED DR. KATHRYN SALVEMINI. LADY KATHY'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR ALL JOBS TONY HAS HELD AND HER WORK BEHIND THE SCENES FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LED TO THREE FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING TONY'S WORK IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LADY KATHY IS CURRENTLY AN EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR TO YOUNG WOMEN ATTENDING THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IN BALTIMORE AND DOES PRO BONO WORK AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WITH DISABLED CHILDREN.

TONY BELIEVES YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING. HE BELIEVES THAT YOU SHOULD ALWAYS SPEAK WITH HONESTY, THINK WITH SINCERITY, AND ACT WITH INTEGRITY, TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS....IT'S YOUR ACTIONS NOT WORDS THAT MATTER.

DURING THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, TONY HAS MORE THAN DEMONSTRATED, WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND PROFESSIONALISM, HIS LEADERSHIP ABILITIES. HE HAS PERFORMED ALL HIS DUTIES AS A STATE OFFICER IN AN EXCEPTIONAL MANNER.

ONE LAST THOUGHT, IN THE YEAR OF THE OCTOGENARIANS RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY, SHOULD WE NOT HAVE A SEPTUAGENARIAN LEADING THE GREAT MARYLAND JURISDICTION TO NEW HEIGHTS PROVIDED HE CAN STAY AWAKE AND

REFRAIN FROM NONSENSICAL TEXTS?

TONY IS A PROVEN LEADER. I AM PROUD TO SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT FOR HIS ELECTION AS STATE DEPUTY AND RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND CONTINUED SUPPORT ON TONY'S JOOURNEY AS YOUR STATE DEPUTY.

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE SECRETARY

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN RECOGNIZED MASTER JAMES DURYEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION

REVEREND FATHER, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, MY BROTHERS ALL,

I AM HERE TO NOMINATE SK JOHN WINFREY FOR THE POSITION OF STATE SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL.

I AM HERE TO NOMINATE SINCE JOINING THE ORDER, JOHN HAS HELD MOST EVERY POSITION IN BOTH HIS COUNCIL AND HIS ASSEMBLY. DUE TO HIS DEDICATION, HE HAS SERVED AS MASTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT OF THE FOUTH DEGREE.OF THE FOUTH DEGREE. HE HAS SERVED THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL AS STATE WARDEN, ADVOCATE AND TREASURER. HE HAS SERVED THESE OFFICES WITH DISTINCTION.

THEREFORE, I ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF BROTHER SIR KNIGHT JOHN WINFREY FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL.

MAY GOD BLESS THE ORDER AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. VIVAT JESUS!

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER JOHN F. WINFREY HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE TREASURER

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN RECOGNIZED PAST STATE DEPUTY DALE W. TROTT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, STATE OFFICERS, MY BROTHERS ALL,

I AM PROUD TO NOMINATE A BROTHER KNIGHT WHO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF PROVEN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE TO BE THE NEXT STATE TREASURER.

BROTHER RON HASSAN JOINED THE ORDER IN 1997 AND HAS SPENT THE LAST 27 YEARS SERVING HIS COMMUNITY, HIS PARISH, HIS COUNCIL, AND THE STATE COUNCIL AS A VERY ACTIVE KNIGHT.

IN EVERY POSITION RON HAS HELD, HE HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO GROWING OUR ORDER (I SHOULD KNOW AS HE WAS MY MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND DID AN EXCELLENT JOB) TO ENSURE WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES AND PARISHES AS NO OTHER ORGANIZATION CAN.

RON IS A MEMBER OF ST BERNADETTE PARISH IN SEVERNA PARK, ST. BERNADETTE COUNCIL, NO. 11214.

RON IS MARRIED TO LADY YOLANDA WHO IS HIS BIGGEST FAN AND HIS PARTNER IN EVERYTHING HE DOES. TOGETHER, RON AND YOLANDA ARE PROUD OF THEIR THREE CHILDREN WHO ARE SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES AND OUR WORLD AS ADULTS.

AS PART OF THE STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM, RON HAS HELPED TO GUIDE THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. AS STATE TREASURER, HE WILL CONTINUE THAT DEDICATION, WORKING WITH THE STATE TEAM TO ENSURE THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT RON HASSAN HAS LED A LIFE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS THROUGH HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND DECADES' LONG COMMITMENT TO THE ORDER. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP ABILITY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ORDER.

I AM PROUD TO PLACE INTO NOMINATION THE NAME OF MY FRIEND, RONALD HASSAN, AS THE NEXT STATE TREASURER AND I KINDLY SOLICIT YOUR VOTE FOR HIM.

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER JOHN F. WINFREY HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE ADVOCATE

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY THOM PARTENOPE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

WHEN TOM GREUL ASKED ME IF I WOULD BE HIS NOMINATOR THIS TIME FOR THE POSITION OF STATE ADVOCATE, IT TOOK ME ONLY A FEW SECONDS TO RESPOND THAT IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO NOMINATE HIM.

I WAS TOM'S SPONSOR BRINGING HIM INTO THE KNIGHTS AND I HAVE WATCHED HIM GROW.

I ASKED, WHY DOES HE WANT THE JOB OF STATE ADVOCATE? SOME LEADERS DO IT FOR THE POWER – NOT TOM GREUL! TOM WILL ALWAYS BE THE FIRST ONE THERE TO HELP HIS BROTHER KNIGHTS SET UP FOR AN EVENT. I SAW HIM SWEATING OVER THE PIT BEEF COOKING ALL DAY FOR CHARITY EVENTS IN THE AUGUST HEAT. HE IS A MAN WHO WILL LEAD HIS MEN FORWARD, GOING ARM IN ARM WITH HIS BROTHERS. HE WILL NEVER SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR OTHERS TO SERVE HIM.

WHILE TOM HAS BEEN A STATE OFFICER, HE CONTINUES TO TAKE CARE OF THE HISTORIC ELLSWORT, BLACKS ONLY, CEMETERY WHERE HE AND HIS TEAM HAVE IDENTIFIED 182 UNMARKED GRAVES. ELEVEN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS NOW HAVE OFFICIAL MILITARY HEADSTONES THAT THEY NEVER HAD. HIS TEAM HAS FOUND FOUR MORE VETERANS, LEAVING NINE MORE VETERANS THAT NEED A HEADSTONE. HE CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO BRING THE CEMETERY TO THE FORE FRONT OF EVERYONE'S MIND. THE CEMETERY HAS NOW BEEN MOVED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, RIGHTING A WRONG AND GUARANTEEING IT WILL NEVER GO NEGLECTED AGAIN.

TOM TOLD ME, "WE MUST LOOK TO OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES AND THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN IN THEM TO HELP US BUILD UNDERSTANDING AND DESIRE TO BE PART OF THE MISSION. OUR FAMILIES ARE OUR GREATEST SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND CAN HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF OUR ORDER IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND PARISHES. OUR WIVES ARE THE ORDER'S UNDER-UTILIZED RECRUITERS. I KNOW LADY HEATHER, AKA PRINCESS HEATHER, HAS BROUGHT IN A FEW KNIGHTS HERSELF. OUR WIVES' ABILITY TO NETWORK WITH OTHER WIVES AND FAMILIES IS SECOND TO NONE AND SHOULD BE PART OF EVERY COUNCIL'S GROWTH PLAN. FINALLY, TOM WANTS TO FOCUS ON GETTING THINGS DONE. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE – DO IT! DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED OR EXPECT TO BE THANKSED. JUST DO IT! IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP, STEP UP AND HELP. I BELIEVE THIS BUILDS ON THE ORDER'S FOUR PILLARS OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY AND PATRIOTISM. WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TO

COMPLETE A COMMON GOAL, ONLY GOOD THINGS CAN COME FROM IT.

AND THAT IS HOW TOM GREUL WILL LEAD. HE WILL SEEK OUT MEMBERS' INPUT AND STRONGLY CONSIDER THE INFORMATION WHEN MAKING HIS DECISIONS. HE WILL ENCOURAGE GRAND KNIGHTS TO DO THE SAME WITHIN THEIR COUNCILS. THAT IS THE SIGN OF A TRUE LEADER.

SO, I ASK YOU TO VOTE TOM GREUL AS OUR NEXT STATE ADVOCATE.

VIVAT JESUS!

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER THOMAS O. GREUL HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ADVOCATE FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2024- 2025.

NOMINATION SPEECHES FOR STATE WARDEN

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY VERNON HAWKINS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, DIGNITARIES, BROTHERS ALL.

I STAND BEFORE YOU WITH GREAT HONOR TO NOMINATE A SIR KNIGHT, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND FAMILY PATRIARCH. I AM DELIGHTS TO SUPPORT HIM AS HIS LONG-TIME MENTOR AND ADVOCATE OF HIS PRINCIPLES, CHARACTER, AND FAITH. HIS KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY IS KNOWN BY MANY, FROM HIS HOME COUNCIL, THE JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. COUNCIL TO THE COUNCILS THAT HE MENTORED AND BROUGHT TO STAR DISTRICT DURING HIS DAYS AS DISTRICT DEPUTY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO IMPART TO YOU SOE BACKGROUND OF THIS SIR KNIGHT SEATED BEFORE YOU KNOWIN, THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS NOMINATION AND VOTE, HE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE HIS ALL, IN SUPPORT OF OUR ORDER. FROM INSIDE GUARD TO STATE WARDEN ELECT, HIS 26 YEAR JOURNEY IS A TESTIMONY OF HIS FAITH. EVEN AMONG THE RANKS OF OUR SUPREME COUNCIL, HE WAS NOTICED AS THE FACE OF THE FOURTH DEGREE. HIS IMAGE WAS DISPLAYED ALONGSIDE THE IMAGE OF A SIR KNIGHT FROM THE 1800S IN A TWO-STORY POSTER THAT HUNG ON THE SIDE OF THE NEW HAVE CONNECTICUT MUSEUM IN HONOR OF THE 149TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. IN THAT POSTER, HE STOOD TALL, A PRESENT-DAY SIR KNIGHT IN UNIFORM FACING A SIR KNIGHT FROM THE PAST IN REPRESENTATION OF THE FOURTH DEGREE. MICHAEL DAVENPORT, WE CAN ALL AGREE, IT IS A VERY

INTERESTING FELLOW, TO SAY THE LEAST, WITH HIS MANY TALENTS GROWN AND SHARED WITH HIS FAMILY OF KNIGHTS ACROSS THE STATE OF MARYLAND THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. BUT WHAT MAKES HIM TICK? HE IS A NATIVE WASHINGTONIAN AND ATTENDED A BRITISH BOARDING SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF 13 COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL, GRADUATING, AND MOVING ON TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, HOME OF PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON. HE ACHIEVED HIS BACHELOR'S IN ARCHITECTURE AND CHARTERED THE GREEK SERVICE FRATERNITY, GAMMA NU PSI, WHO'S PURPOSE WAS TO ARBITRATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OTHER MINORITY GREEK ORGANIZATIONS. IT WAS ALSO CHARTERED TO BRIDGE THE COLOR BARRIER BETWEEN THE PRDOMINANT GREEK AND MINORITY GREEK ORGANIZATIONS. HE PRACTICED ARCHITECTURE FOR 15 YEARS IN WASHINGTON, DC, BUT FOUND THE BEST CULTIVATION OF SPIRITUAL AND FAMILY GROWTH IN THE SOILS OF MARYLAND STATE WITH LIKEMINDED IN FAITH AND PRINCIPLES, KNIGHT BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS HE HAS BEEN AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE AS A PHYSICAL SECURITY SPECIALIST WITH COLLATERAL DUTIES AS A LOGISTICS CHIEF FOR THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM. IT ISN'T A WONDER WHY HE HAS TOUCHED THE HEARTS ACROSS THE STATE OF MARYLAND. HIS CAPACITY TO TALK TO AND IDENTIFY WITH ANYONE AT ANY LEVEL OF ECONOMIC OR INTELLECTUAL POSITION AS PARAMOUNT TO EVENTUALLY BEING A STATE DEPUTY BRIDGING AND RESOLVING DIFFERENCES ADVOCATING, MAINTAINING, AND GROWING RELATIONSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP. HIS ALLEGIANCE TO THE ORIGINAL BASIC PRINCIPLE OF OUR ORDER, TAKING CARE OF OUR WIDOWS, HAS BEEN CONTINUOSLY DEMONSTRATED BY HIS INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIONS. HIS PROTECTION AND LOVE OF CHILDREN, BORN AND UNBORN, NOT ONLY STEMS FROM A FAMILY OF SCHOOL OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS, BUT ALSO CORLATES TO THE FAMILY NAME DAVENPORT. HE IS A DESCENDANT OF PASTORS AND TEACHERS, CRAFTSMEN. AS PROTECTORS THEY WERE ALSO HIRED BY NOBILITY AND JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER OF POACHERS ON LANDS OF KINGS AND QUEENS IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND. AND NOW THIS GENERATION THERE IS A SIR KNIGHT DAVENPORT. THIS SIR KNIGHT BELIEVES THAT THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OFFICERSTHIS SIR KNIGHT BELIEVES THAT THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OFFICERSSET US UP FOR THE GIVING OF OUR BEST THROUGH CHARITABLE DEEDS AND OFFERS FRATERNAL OUTREACH TO HELP US ALL TO STRENGTHEN OUR RANKS TO DO GOD'S WORK. CHANGE IS COMING, CHANGE IS HERE, CHANGE IS THE FUTURE. THE SUCCESS OF CHANGE BASED ON THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPLES OF ORDER IS A POWERFUL FORCE WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH A STRONG, TIME PROVEN, DIVERSE ENTREPRENEUR AND PIONEER, BRIDGING GAPS FOR UNDERSTANDING, SPIRITUALISM AND CULTURE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR FAMILIES AND OUR ORDER. I PROUDLY, BUT HUMBLY NOMINATE MICHAEL PHILIP DAVENPORT, SR. WARDEN OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS .

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY BOB SWEITZER FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORHTY SUPREME OFFICER, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, BROTHER KNIGHTS.

A BIT OF HISTORY, AND SOME OF US ARE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER IT. IN THE 1992 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, JOHN STOCKDALE WAS ROSS PEROT'S RUNNING MATE. ALTHOUGH A HIGHLY DECORATED NAVY PILOT AND WAR HERO, MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW HIM, SO HE FAMOUSLY INTRODUCED HIMSELF AT THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE WITH "WHO AM I? - WHY AM I HERE?"

SO...WHO AN I? I AM BOB SWEITZER, I'M A 20-YEAR-MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. I'M A PAST GRAND KNIGHT OF FROSTBURG COUNCIL, AND I'M A FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY, SERVING UNDER DALE TROTT. I'M A PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR OF BISHOP WALSH ASSEMBLY AND A PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE SETON CHAPTER. I PRESEWNTLY SERVE AS A CHAIRMAN ON THE STATE COUNCIL GROWTH TEAM...CREDENTIALS THAT MANY OF US HOLD IN THIS ROOM, BUT IT HELPS TO ANSWER THE "WHO AN I" QUESTION AND WHY I'M COMMITTED TO GUS GUSMAN.

NOW..."WHY AM I HERE?"

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, LATE ON A SATURDAY NIGHT, WHEN I GOT HOME, MY WIFE TOLD ME THAT SOMEONE FROM THE K OF C HAD CALLED, HAD AN EMERGENCY, AND NEEDED ME TO CALL THEM BACK TONIGHT. IT WAS 11:00PM, BUT I CALLED THE NUMBER SHE GAVE ME. IT WAS GUS GUSMAN ON THE OTHER END OF THE LINE. A GROUP OF THEM WERE AT DEEP CREEK LAKE, IN WESTERN MD FOR THE WEEKEND. THEY WERE PLANNING ON GOING TO CHURCH IN THE MORNING, BUT ONE THEIR PARTY WAS SERIOUSLY ILL. HE ASKED FOR HELP IN BRINGING THE EUCHARIST BACK TO HER, ASSURING ME THAT HE WAS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER. THIS WAS MY PARISH, AND I GAVE HIME FATHER'S NAME AND TO LET HIM KNOW THE HE COULD USE MY NAME TO REASSURE FATHER ED. I WENT TO BED KNOWING THAT I HAD HELPED A STRANGER, BUT A BROTHER KNIGHT.

I MET HIM LATE AT ONE OF THE STATE EVENTS. HE TOLD ME THAT HE REMEMBERED THAT CONVERATION, AND THE HELP AND COMFORT THAT WAS PROVIDED BY A BROTHER KNIGHT. HE ALSO REMEMBERED THAT HE WENT TO MASS AT DEVINE MERCY PARISH ON DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

SINCE THEN, LIZ AND I HAVE BECOME FAST FRIENDS, GOOD FRIENDS, WITH GUS AND RUTH. WE LOOK FORARD TO KNIGHTS EVENTS WHERE WE CAN SPEND TIME WITH EACH OTHER. WE GET TOGETHER WHEN THEY COME TO WESTERN MD AND HAVE COME TO KNOW THEM WE.

WE, IN THE MD STATE COUNCIL, ARE BLESSED AND FORTUNATE TO HAVE THREE

HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS RUNNING FOR STATE WARDEN. SO, WHAT DIFFERENTIATES GUS FROM THE OTHER? WHAT SETS HIM APART? I'VE BEEN ATTENDING THIS CONVENTION FOR 20 YEARS, AND SEEN MANY CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE, SOME SUCCESSFUL, SOME NOT SO.

HERE'S WHY I SUPPORT GUS:

HE'S PASSIONATEW – BOTH GUS AND RUTH HAVE A DEEP LOVE FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, THE BORTHER KNIGHTS, THEIR WIVES AND FAMILIES. HE'LL TELL YOU THAT HE'S IN AWE OF THE GOOD WORKS THAT WE DO. HOW ONE PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION, VOMBINED WITH THOSE OF HIS BROTHER KNIGHTS, CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THIS WORLD. THE VOLUNTEER WORK WE DO INSPIRES HIM AND FILLS HIM WITH PRIDE. GUS AND RUTH MAKE A GREAT TEAM, SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING EACH OTHER IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

HE'S EXPERIENCED – GUS WORKED 'THROUGH THE CHAIRS' TO BECOME THE GRAND KNIGHT OF ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL, ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNCILS IN MD, WITH OVER 1,000 MEMBERS AND A \$60,000 ANNUAL BUDGET. HE HAS OWNED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR 30 YEARS, SO HE KNOWS FISCAL AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, LOGISTICS AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS. ALL VALUABLE QUALITIES THAT HE BRINGD TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

HE'S A GREAT LEADER – SINCE THAT SATURDAY EVENING PHONE CALL, I'VE COME TO KNOW GUS AND RUTH GUSMAN. THEY ALSO KNOW US AND OUR COUNCIL, IN FAR WESTERN MARYLAND. GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, HE WILL KNOW YOU AND YOUR COUNCIL ALSO. GUS AND RUTH LEAD BY EXAMPLE. THEY ARE HARD WORKING, FILLED WITH THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH, INSPIRITIONAL, AND EFFECTIVE. THEY INSPIRE OTHERS TO BECOME THEIR BEST. HIS LOVE AND PASSION FOR OUR ORDER, HIS SUCCESS AND EXPERIENCE AT THE COUNCIL, DISTRICT, AND STATE LEVELS, AND HIS BUSINESS SUCCESS AND EXPERIENCE, ALONG WITH THE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF HIS WIFE RUTH, MAKES GUS GUSMAN UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO BE YOUR NEXT STATE WARDEN.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, I NOMINATE MARTIN "GUS" GUSMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN. BROTHER KNIGHTS, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR VOTE.

VIVAT JESUS!

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY STEVE LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT MASTERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, AND WORTHY COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES AT ALL LEVELS.

EVERY TWO YEARS, WE HAVE THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY TO ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP TO HELP LEAD THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION OVER THE COURSE OF THE FOLLOWING DECADE. WE SEEK TO FIND THE RIGHT CANDIDATE TO PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION, GROW OUR ORDER, AND TO MENTOR NEW LEADERS FOR OUR MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, OUR DISTRICTS, AND OUR LOCAL COUNCILS.

YOUR CHOICE IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AND THAT IS WHY I STAND HERE TODAY.

MY NAME IS STEVE LAW AND I HAVE THE HONOR OF SERVING AS THE STATE COMMUNITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR, THE PROVINCIAL MARSHAL OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS, FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY, PAST GRAND KNIGHT, AND PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR.

BROTHERS, IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY TO NOMINATE AN EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS ELECTION. MIKE LYNCH IS NOT JUST ANY CANDIDATE; HE IS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN, A COMMITTED KNIGHT, AND A VISIONARY LEADER. WITH OVER 15 YEARS OF REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MIKE IS POISED TO BRING HIS DEDICATION, INNOVATION, AND STRONG LEADERSHIP TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION. BEING THE YOUNGEST CANDIDATE ALSO PROVIDES HIM A UNIQUE ADVANTAGE TO RELATE TO YOUNGER PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, INFUSING THE ORDER WITH FRESH PERSPECTIVES AND IDEAS OF HOW THE ORDER CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AND SERVE OVER THE NEXT 142 YEARS, AND BEYOND.

I FIRST MET MIKE WHEN HE WAS THE ADW DISTRICT MARSHAL AT ONE OF OUR MANY EVENTS AT THE BASILICA IN DC. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS ALWAYS STRUCK ME IS HIS LEADERSHIP, AND ABILITY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, CREATING A SENSE OF UNITY IN PURPOSE. I'VE SINCE HAD THE HONOR TO WORK ALONG SIDE HIM IN THE BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER AND SERVING ON THE TEAM OF OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, CHRIS POWERS.

MIKE'S COMMITMENT TO HIS FAMILY IS A TESTAMENT TO HIS CHARACTER. HIS FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE FOR AMY AND HIS CHILDREN ARE UNWAVERING, AND IT IS THESE FAMILY VALUES THAT HE HAS EXEMPLIFIED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AS OUR STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS A DISTRICT DEPUTY, DISTRICT WARDEN, CHAPTER OFFICER, GRAND KNIGHT, DISTRICT MARSHAL, AND FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND HIS TIME IN THE U.S. NAVY. HIS FOCUS ON SERVICE ABOVE SELF IS EVIDENT IN ALL THAT HE DOES.

MIKE'S OPENNESS TO FRESH PERSPECTIVES AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE HAVE MADE HIM A RESPECTED FIGURE AMONG HIS PEERS, AND HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP STYLE WOULD BE A FANTASTIC COMPLEMENT TO THE STATE OFFICERS YOU SEE ON THE STAGE. HE IS A PROBLEM SOLVER WHO

LISTENS CAREFULLY TO THE CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THOSE AROUND HIM, AND HE TAKES ACTION TO CREATE SOLUTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

IN CONCLUSION, MIKE IS THE CANDIDATE MARYLAND NEEDS — ONE WHO EMBODIES OUR VALUES OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM. HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO SERVING OUR ORDER, AND HIS HEART FOR SERVICE, WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE STATE. LET'S COME TOGETHER AND SUPPORT MIKE IN THIS ELECTION. BY VOTING FOR MIKE, YOU ARE CHOOSING A LEADER WHO WILL WORK TIRELESSLY TO CREATE A STRONGER, AND MORE VIBRANT MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL.

I LIKE MIKE.....AND I KNOW YOU WILL TOO!

IT IS MY HONOR TO PLACE INTO NOMINATION, THE NAME OF MICK LYNCH, FOR MARYLAND STATE WARDEN.

THANK YOU, GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND VIVAT JESUS!

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION

THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION WERE NOW IN ORDER. THERE WILL BE NO NOMINATION SPEECHES FOR THESE POSITIONS, SIMPLY MENTION THE CANDIDATE'S NAME. EIGHT DELEGATES AND TEN ALTERNATES ARE TO BE ELECTED.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS WERE NOMINATED FOR DELEGATE:

**REV. DONALD GRZYMSKI
JOHN F. WINFREY
RONALD G. HASSAN
DALE W. TROTT, PSD
JACK GIACALONE
JAMES COONEY
JEFFREY KOSCHO
WILLIAM NEWBROUGH**

A MOTION WAS MADE THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. IT WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED. THE CHAIR DECLARED THAT THE EIGHT MEN NOMINATED HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS WERE NOMINATED FOR ALTERNATE:

ARMANDO FERNANDEZ
JEFFREY MAYNARD
TONY BOEHK
ERWIN LACANIETA
MICKEY DILLOW
CALVIN ANTHONY
DEACON DAVID LUDWIKOSKI
LARRY PERKINS
TOM PLUNKETT
CHRISTOPHER MCGRATH

A MOTION WAS CLOSE NOMINATIONS. IT WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED. THE CHAIR DECLARED THAT THE TEN MEN NOMINATED HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN INSTUCTED THE STATE SECRETARY TO CAST ONE BALLOTT FOR ALL THE UNCONTESTED STATE OFFICES.

WE SHALL HAVE THE ELECTION FOR STATE WARDEN AT TOMORROW'S SESSION. BALLOTTING WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 9:30AM TOMORROW MORNING AND AT 9:30AM, THE DOORS TO THIS CHAMBER WILL BE CLOSED. ALL BROTHERS INTENDING TO VOTE MUST COMPLETE THEIR BALLOT ACROSS THE HALL IN THE MONTGOMERY ROOM, THEN BE PRESENT IN THIS CHAMBER BEFORE THE DOORS ARE CLOSED.

THE ELECTION TELLERS WILL BE:

PSD ROMEO GAUTHIER
PSD STEVE COHEN
STATE COUNCIL GROWTH DIRECTOR, JEFF KOSCHO

THE ELECTION TELLERS WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE WARDEN'S COMMITTEE TO DIRECT MEMBERS WITH ROUTING TO ACCOMMODATE THE ELECTION BOOTH ACROSS THE HALL. PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR FULL COOPERATION TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE PROCESS.

THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS WOULD BE THE REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. STATE ADVOCATE, RONALD G. HASSAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, WILL EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THIS BODY.

THE STATE DEPUTY FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14, OF THE REVISED BYLAWS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, THAT SPEECHES AND/OR REMARKS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF A

RESOLUTION SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF THREE (3) MINUTES IN LENGTH FOR ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL. NO MEMBER SHALL SPEAK MORE THAN ONCE UPON ANY QUESTION UNTIL ALL OTHERS WHO DESIRE TO SPEAK HAVE SPOKEN.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
126TH ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION

MAY 4, 2024

<<<<NOTE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS (1-94) AND FULL VERSIONS OF RESOLUTIONS 95, 96, 97 AND 98 CAN BE FOUND UNDER APPENDIX 1>>>>

**REVEREND FATHERS
WORTHY SUPREME DIRECTOR
WORTHY STATE DEPUTY
WORTHY STATE OFFICERS
WORTHY MASTERS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE
WORTHY PAST STATE DEPUTIES
WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTIES
WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS
DELEGATES AND BROTHERS**

ON JANUARY 2, 2024, NOTICE WAS SENT BOTH ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL GRAND KNIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, ADVISING THEM THAT RESOLUTIONS FOR THIS, THE 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, WERE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ADVOCATE BY MARCH 1, 2024.

ON MARCH 18, 2024, THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MET VIA ZOOM TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL CONGRATULATORY, HONORIFIC, AND CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS PREPARED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH RESOLUTION SUBMITTED.

A SUMMARY OF A TOTAL OF 96 RESOLUTIONS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, WAS MAILED TO THE STATE OFFICERS, ALL PAST STATE DEPUTIES, EACH DISTRICT DEPUTY, AND THE GRAND KNIGHT OF EACH SUBORDINATE COUNCIL ON APRIL 1, 2024, WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY READ THE RESOLUTIONS TO THEIR COUNCILS AND NOTIFY THE STATE ADVOCATE, IN WRITING, IF A COUNCIL HAD ANY OBJECTIONS OR PROPOSED CORRECTIONS BY APRIL 23, 2024. TWO ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS WERE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT. THUS, WE HAVE 98 RESOLUTIONS TO CONSIDER THIS MORNING.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MET AGAIN LAST EVENING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION.

THE WARDENS HAVE DISTRIBUTED A SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

WE ARE NOW READY TO PRESENT THESE RESOLUTIONS TO YOU FOR YOUR FINAL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION. THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH RESOLUTION IS EXPRESSED BY ADOPTION, REJECTION OR NO ACTION. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE RECOMMENDATION "NO ACTION" DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS FOUND TO BE WITHOUT MERIT. RATHER, A "NO ACTION" RECOMMENDATION MEANS THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE TIME FOR THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OR THAT THE IDEA EXPRESSED IN THE RESOLUTION OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED AS A LAW OR PROGRAM OF THE ORDER AT THIS TIME.

I SHALL READ THE SUMMARY OF EACH RESOLUTION IN THE ORDER LISTED IN THE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS, EXCEPT FOR THE 94 LAUDATORY, CONGRATULATORY, AND CONSOLATORY RESOLUTIONS. IF ANY MEMBER OF THIS BODY WOULD LIKE A RESOLUTION READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, I WILL BE HAPPY TO DO SO IN ITS TURN. AFTER EACH RESOLUTION AND THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS READ, THERE WILL BE A PAUSE AND, IF NO OBJECTION IS MADE, THE WORTHY STATE DEPUTY WILL SIGNIFY THAT THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL.

BEFORE READING THE RESOLUTIONS, I WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SOME PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED AND STATE THE GROUND RULES FOR THIS SESSION.

THE STATE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF YOU - THE SEATED GRAND KNIGHTS AND DELEGATES, THE STATE OFFICERS, AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY WITH VOICE AND VOTE, AS WELL AS PAST STATE DEPUTIES WITH VOICE BUT NO VOTE.

THE STATE COUNCIL MUST MEET ANNUALLY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE COUNCIL BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 - AND THAT IS THIS MEETING KNOWN AS THE STATE CONVENTION.

I REQUESTED RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS IN JANUARY TO SUPPORT CONVENING THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE CONVENTION AND FORWARDING THE SUMMARIES BACK TO THE STATE OFFICERS AND COUNCILS ALONG WITH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONVENTION - THIS TO COMPLY WITH STATE BY-LAWS ARTICLE I, SECTION 13.

THIS BYLAW IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS STATE COUNCIL BODY TO ENSURE THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS ARE COLLECTED, RESEARCHED, AND RECONCILED IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING - GIVING THE VOTING BODY SUFFICIENT TIME TO BECOME CLEARLY AND FULLY INFORMED OF THESE MATTERS SO THAT AS THEY COME UP ON THE FLOOR, THEY CAN BE SWIFTLY DISPENSED WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT THIS PORTION OF CONVENTION BUSINESS. THERE IS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE STATE OFFICERS TO "RAILROAD" RESOLUTIONS OR ANY OTHER ACTIONS.

THE REASON FOR WHAT MAY SEEM LIKE A QUICK GAVEL IS JUST AN ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT ALL THE NECESSARY BUSINESS IN AN ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT MANNER. SO, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE BE READY TO SPEAK UP AS SOON AS THE RESOLUTION AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS READ. WHEN RISING TO SPEAK, ADDRESS THE CHAIR AND, WHEN RECOGNIZED, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND COUNCL.

SOME COUNCILS MAY HAVE PASSED MOTIONS OR RESOLUTIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BIND THEIR GRAND KNIGHT AND DELEGATE TO A SPECIFIC POSITION ON AN ISSUE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS (ARTICLE 1, SECTION 13): "NO INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES BY SUBORDINATE COUNCILS SHALL BE BINDING ON THOSE DELEGATES IN SESSION AT THE STATE CONVENTION." CERTAINLY, THE MEMBERSHIP OF A COUNCIL MAY INDICATE THEIR POSITION ON AN ISSUE BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM AT THAT TIME. IT IS JUST AS RIGHT AND REASONABLE TO ALLOW THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO CAST THEIR VOTE BASED ON THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM AT THE STATE CONVENTION OR BASED ON A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF AN ISSUE GAINED SUBSEQUENT TO THE COUNCIL VOTE OR AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

DURING DISCUSSION ON ANY RESOLUTION, EACH DELEGATE REQUESTING TO SPEAK WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ONCE BEFORE ANY ARE PERMITTED TO SPEAK A SECOND TIME. ALL REMARKS WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIR, NOT TO ANY OTHER SPEAKER, DELEGATE OR OBSERVER.

THE CHAIR SHALL ANSWER QUESTIONS OR SHALL DIRECT THE QUESTIONS TO SOMEONE WHO CAN ANSWER IT. REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR MUST BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1, SECTION 16 OF THE STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, RESOLUTIONS 1-94 ARE CONGRATULATORY, LAUDATORY OR CONSOLATORY IN NATURE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL FOR ALL. BEFORE PROCEEDING, I WILL DEFER TO THE STATE DEPUTY FOR THE READING RESOLUTION 3. I NOW DEFER TO THE STATE SECRETARY FOR THE READING OF RESOLUTION 5. THE CHAIR WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION THAT THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESOLUTIONS 1-94 BE ADOPTED.

I WILL NOW READ RESOLUTIONS 95-98 AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE. THE CHAIR WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION AFTER THE READING OF EACH RESOLUTION, RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION.

95) CHANGE ARTICLE IV; SECTION 9 OF MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS

WHEREAS: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS; ARTICLE IV; SECTION 9 DENIES REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING TO ANY COUNCIL OWING MONEY TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL, STATE COUNCIL, OR THEIR

RESPECTIVE CHAPTER; AND,

WHEREAS: THE CHARTER, CONSTITUION, AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESTRICTS COUNCILS FAILING TO PAY CHAPTER ASSESSMENTS ONLY FROM REPRESENTATION IN THE CHAPTER AND NOT THE STATE COUNCIL; AND,

WHEREAS: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION OF CHAPTER ASSESSMENTS ON COUNCILS,

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN ITS 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2024, PROPOSE THAT SECTION THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS, ARTICLE I; SECTION 9 IS AMENDED TO DELETE "OS THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAPTER" AND IS REVISED TO "COUNCILS NOT HAVING PAID INDEBTEDNESS OWNED TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL OR THE STATE COUNCIL WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING."

SUBMITTED BY:

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

ADOPTION

96) CHANGE ARTICLE IV; SECTION 8 OF MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS

WHEREAS: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS; ARTICLE I; SECTION 10 IDENTIFIES THE COMMITTEES FOR OPERATION DURING THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING; AND,

WHEREAS: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS; ARTICLE I; SECTION 8 CHARGES THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS TO ADDRESS CONTESTS FOR A SEAT AT THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING; AND,

WHEREAS: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEEDS FOR MEETING COMMITTEES HAS CHANGED; AND,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS COLUMBUS IN ITS 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2024, THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 8 IS AMENDED TO CHANGE THE LIST OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR OPERATION DURING THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING IS REVISED TO "A. RESOLUTIONS B. WARDEN'S," AND

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS, ARTICLE I; SECTION 8 IS AMENDED TO REMOVE THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND CHARGE THE STATE SECRETARY WITH MAKING A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONTESTED SEAT AT THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING.

SUBMITTED BY:

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

ADOPTION

97) CHANGE ARTICLE I; SECTION 6 OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS.

WHEREAS: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS; ARTICLE 1; SECTION 6 REQUIRES THAT SUBORDINATE COUNCILS SUBMIT THE NAMES AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS OF THE GRAND KNIGHT, DELEGATE, 1ST ALTERNATE AND 2ND ALTERNATE TO THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING TO THE STATE SECRETARY; AND,

WHEREAS: THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTED STATE OFFICERS HAVE CHANGED; AND,

WHEREAS: THE STATE ADVOCATE DUTIES ARE MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THE REPRESENTATION TO THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING AND ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS AT THE MEETING.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN ITS 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2024, THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS, ARTICLE I; SECTION 6 IS AMENDED TO CHANGE SUBMISSION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING TO THE STATE ADVOCATE. DELETE ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS AND THE SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS BE RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.

SUBMITTED BY:

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

ADOPTION

98) CHANGE SECTION 135 OF SUPREME BYLAWS.

WHEREAS: SECTION 135 OF THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION, AND BYLAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DETAILS THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY; AND,

WHEREAS: THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF MEMBERSHIP AND MAKE NOTIFICATIONS TO THE SUPREME SECRETARY OF ANY CHANGES IN A MEMBER'S STATUS TO INCLUDE INITIATION, SUSPENSION, AND DEATH, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND,

WHEREAS: IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE GENERAL AGENT AND FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR ASSIGNED TO A COUNCIL TO BE AWARE OF THE DEATH OF A COUNCIL MEMBER.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN ITS 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2024, PROPOSE THAT SECTION 135 OF THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION, AND BYLAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BE AMENDED TO ADD: "10. NOTIFY PROMPTLY THE ASSIGNED GENERAL AGENT AND FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR OF NAMES OF MEMBERS DECEASED."

**SUBMITTED BY:
MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL**

ADOPTION

CONCLUSION

GENTLEMEN, THAT COMPLETES OUR RESOLUTIONS FOR THIS SESSION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND INTEREST DURING YOUR DELIBERATIONS ON THESE RESOLUTIONS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE TIME AND CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT THAT THEY PUT INTO THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THESE RESOLUTIONS AT OUR MEETING.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE THE MEMBERS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. [NOTE: LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS LOCATED IN APPENDIX 5.]

GENTLEMEN, YOUR APPLAUSE PLEASE.

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY WILL PASS OUT THE HARD COPY RESOLUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTY. THE DISTRICT DEPUTY WILL ENSURE THAT HIS COUNCILS RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE THE RESOLUTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTY.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

AFTER THANKING THE STATE ADVOCATE FOR HIS REPORT, THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON THE STATE TREASURER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR HIS REPORT.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

>>> A COPY OF THE BUDGET CAN BE FOUND AT APPENDIX 2. <<<

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME ADVOCATE, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS, WORTHY DELEGATES, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES AT ALL LEVELS;

THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONTINUES IN ITS EFFORTS OF FISCAL AND FUDICIARY RESPONSIBILITY WHILE PURSUING THE MISSION OF OUR ORDER.

EACH YEAR, REVIEWS AND AUDITS ARE PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. THE AUDIT RESULTS EILL BE PRESENTED SEPERATELY, BUT THIS REVIEW ALSO IDENTIFIES ANY UPDATES TO OUR CONTROLS AND PROCESSES WHICH ENHANCE OUR STATE COUNCIL'S OPERATION.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE TREASURER, AND EACH STATE OFFICER PARTICIPATES IN THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO DEVELOP AN EFFICIENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL TO EXECUTE IN THE COMING FRATERNAL YEAR WITH AN EYE TO OUR LONG-TERM NEEDS.

WITH THIS FRAMEWORK, THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES MET, REVIEWED, AND DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING FRATERNAL YEAR. A COPY OF THIS BUDGET IS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY THE WARDEN'S COMMITTEE FOR YOUR REVIEW. THE PROPOSED BUDGET PROJECTS INCOME AND EXPENSES OF \$278,000 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, AND \$700,000 FOR RESTRICTED FUNDS.

I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL. I THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED BE APPROVED BY THE DELEGATES OF THIS 126TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION. REQUEST THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, PLEASE CALL FOR APPROVAL.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JOHN F. WINFREY, TREASURER MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REPORT BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.
THE MOTION CARRIED**

AFTER THANKING THE STATE TREASURER FOR HIS REPORT, THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

>>> A COPY OF THE AUDIT CAN BE FOUND AT APPENDIX 3. <<<

REVEREND FATHER, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, CONVENTION DELEGATES, MY BROTHERS ALL,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STATE DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER POWERS FOR APPOINTING ME AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FOR THE FRATERNAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND JUNE 30, 2023.

MR TERRY REINHART, CPA, WAS SELECTED TO CONDUCT THE ANUUAL AUDIT OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. THE AUDITS WERE CONDUCTED BY MR. REINHART, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON DECEMBER 31, 2023, MR REINHART ISSUED AN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT STATING THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENT FAIRLY, IN ALL MATERIALS RESPECTS, THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023, AND ITS SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CASH BASIS OF ACCOUNTING.

PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF MR. REINHART, THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CHANGED THEIR TAX YEAR FROM A CALENDAR REPORTING PERIOD TO A FISCAL YEAR REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR. THIS NEW FISCAL PERIOD WILL NOW COINCIDE WITH THE FRATERNAL YEAR AND BUDGETING PERIOD. THEREFORE, THIS AUDIT REPORT WAS THE FIRST AUDIT THAT WAS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR AUDIT.

AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARYLAND STATE OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MR. REINHART, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
VINCENT GRAUSO, IPSD AUDIT
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AUDIT REPORT BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

AFTER THANKING THE IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY VINCENT GRAUSO FOR HIS REPORT, THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON STATE LECTURER, JAMES COONEY FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTIES, WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS, AND MY BROTHER ALL,

BOTH CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE GOOD OF THE ORDER PORTION OF COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETINGS, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE COUNCIL'S LECTURER PROGRAM, OCCURRED WITH GRAND KNIGHTS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, AND ON OCCASION WITH COUNCIL LECTURERS THEMSELVES, DURING PROGRAM

SEMINARS, FALL MID-TERM, AND SPRING MEETINGS, AND AT VARIOUS OTHER STATE FUNCTIONS OR CELEBRATIONS. THE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE A VERY ACTIVE AND VIABLE RESOURCE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS WHILE THE COUNCIL CONDUCTS AND TENDS TO OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS. CONSIDERING THAT THE LECTURER'S ALLOCATED TIME TO INTRODUCE AND EXPLORE ANY NUMBER OF TOPICS IS UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER, MOST NOTABLY THE GRAND KNIGHT. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT GRAND KNIGHTS REGULARLY MAKE THE TIME AVAILABLE TO THE LECTURER TO EDIFY THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. AS IS THE CASE MOST OFTEN NOTED, THE LECTURER IS ALLOWED TO GO BEYOND SUGGESTED OR ALLOTTED TIME LIMITS, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE WORTHWHILE SUBJECT MATTER BROUGHT FORTH.

THE GENERAL GUIDANCE A LECTURER SHOULD BE GIVING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER WHILE PREPARING HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL IS THREEFOLD:

- 1) IT SHOULD EXPOUND ON THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH;**
- 2) IT SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH;**
- 3) IT SHOULD SHOWCASE HOW WE CAN BECOME BETTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

BASED ON THE FEEDBACK I HAVE RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THESE DISCUSSIONS; I CAN ASSURE YOU THE GOAL OF EDIFICATION WITHIN THOSE GUIDELINES CONTINUES AND HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGHOUT THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JAMES J. COONEY, JR.
STATE LECTURER

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE GOOD OF THE ORDER REPORT BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CONVENTION MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH. WE WILL BE JOINING THE PARISH FOR THEIR VIGIL MASS.

EVERYONE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION MASS IS TO BE SEATED IAW THE PROTOCOL HANDBOOK BY 3:30 P.M. SHARP, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE STATE DEPUTY, JACK GIACALONE AND STATE LECTURER JIM COONEY. PLEASE LOOK TO THE SCREENS FOR A REMINDER OF THE PROTOCOL FOR SEATING FOR MASS. DV PROCESSION AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS WILL FOLLOW TO ENABLE CELEBRATION OF THE CONVENTION MASS PROMPTLY AT 4:00 P.M. THE

CONVENTION MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY OUR SUPREME CHAPLAIN, THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. LORI, ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE.

STATE OFFICERS, MASTERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, EXECUTIVE STAFF AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES ARE TO WEAR BLACK TUXEDOS AND THEIR JEWEL OF OFFICE.

DISTRICT MASTER DURYEE REQUESTS THAT ALL COLOR CORPS MEMBERS REPORT AT 3:00 P.M.

FOLLOWING THIS SESSION, PLEASE EXPEDITIOUSLY CLEAR THE CHAMBER SO THE CROWNE PLAZA TEAM CAN RECONFIGURE THIS ROOM FOR OUR BANQUET. THE CONVENTION BANQUET IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M., HERE IN THE ARUNDEL BALLROOM WHERE WE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR CONVENTION HONOREE, PAST STATE DEPUTY ROMEO GAUTHIER AND LADY PAT. [State Deputy's Banquet Speech located in Appendix 6.]

A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 6:15 P.M. DOORS TO THE BALLROOM WILL OPEN AT 6:45 P.M. GRAND KNIGHTS ARE DIRECTED TO REMIND YOUR DELEGATION ATTENDING THE BANQUET TO REMAIN TO ITS CONCLUSION. AGAIN, ANY HOSPITALITY SITES WILL REMAIN CLOSED DURING THIS EVENING'S BANQUET.

FOLLOWING THE BANQUET, ALL ARE INVITED TO THE HOSPITALITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE EVENING.

HOTEL CHECKOUT IS AT 11:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY MORNING. YOU MAY STORE YOUR BAGS IN A SPECIAL ROOM ON THE 1ST FLOOR. PLEASE INFORM YOUR FAMILIES.

BROTHERS, IF THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THIS BODY, WE WILL NOW CLOSE THIS SESSION WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE HAS BESTOWED UPON US. I NOW ASK OUR STATE CHAPLAIN TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CLOSING PRAYER THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECOND SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED (12:43 P.M.).

CLOSING SESSION
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND REPORT OF THE STATE WARDEN

STATE DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS CALLED THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONVENTION TO ORDER AT 9:30A.M. STATE WARDEN THOMAS GREUL ASSURED THE STATE DEPUTY THAT ALL PRESENT WERE QUALIFIED THIRD-DEGREE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

OPENING PRAYER

THE STATE CHAPLAIN LED THE OPENING PRAYER AND ASKED GOD'S BLESSING UPON OUR DELIBERATIONS. THE STATE DEPUTY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON STATE SECRETARY ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI FOR THE ROLL CALL. HE ANNOUNCED THAT EACH STATE OFFICER AND PAST STATE DEPUTY WILL ANSWER FOR HIMSELF.

STATE OFFICERS

**STATE CHAPLAIN, FATHER DONALD GRZYSMSKI - PRESENT
STATE DEPUTY, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS - PRESENT
STATE SECRETARY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI - PRESENT
STATE TREASURER, JOHN F. WINFREY - PRESENT
STATE ADVOCATE, RONALD G. HASSAN - PRESENT
STATE WARDEN, - THOMAS O. GREUL - PRESENT
IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO - PRESENT**

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

**JOSEPH A. SAURO - ABSENT
ANDREW C. BAUER - ABSENT
JAMES OLIVARRI - ABSENT
FRANCIS M. FEELEY - ABSENT
ROMEO GAUTHIER - ABSENT
RICHARD L. SHERBERT - ABSENT
RONALD B. WHITE - ABSENT
EDGAR D. HAYNES - PRESENT**

RICHARD V. SIEJACK - ABSENT
STEPHEN J. ADAMCZYK - ABSENT
STEPHEN N. COHEN - PRESENT
DALE W. TROTT - PRESENT

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY SUBMITTED THE ROLL OF ALL OTHERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON.

NEW BUSINESS

THE FIRST ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS WILL BE THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES STATE SECRETARY SALVEMINI TO GIVE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES

THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR THE 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

SUPREME KNIGHT - 0

STATE OFFICERS - 6

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY - 1

GRAND KNIGHTS - 116

DELEGATES - 113

TOTAL - 237

(EACH COUNCIL ALSO HAS A 1ST AND 2ND ALTERNATE WHO, IF PRESENT, WILL BE SEATED AND HAVE A VOICE AND VOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE GRAND KNIGHT AND/OR DELEGATE.)

HAVING A VOICE ONLY:

PAST STATE DEPUTIES - 1

THE EXCEPTION IS THAT 1 PAST STATE DEPUTY IS EITHER A GRAND KNIGHT OR A DELEGATE AND HAS A VOTE

DISTRICT DEPUTIES - 10

THE EXCEPTION IS THAT 10 DISTRICT DEPUTIES ARE DELEGATES AND HAVE A VOTE.

ALL 3RD DEGREE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION ARE THE FOLLOWING HAVING A VOICE AND VOTE

SUPREME KNIGHT - 0

STATE OFFICERS - 6

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY - 1

GRAND KNIGHTS - 56

DELEGATES - 54

ALTERNATES - 52

TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTES - 169

REPORT - RESULTS OF FIRST BALLOT

MICHAEL DAVENPORT.....17 VOTES

MARTIN GUSMAN.....46 VOTES

MICHAEL LYNCH.....104 VOTES

THIS REPORT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI, STATE SECRETARY, MD STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. [NOTE: DELEGATES ROLL CALL LOCATED IN APPENDIX 4]

THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER MICHAEL E. LYNCH HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025.

NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS WAS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE CHAIR. THEREFORE, THE STATE DEPUTY CALL FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPORT OF THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

REVEREND FATHER, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, STATE OFFICERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL, IT IS MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE, AS MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, TO PRESENT THIS REPORT FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2023 - 2024.

THE STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE STATE DEPUTY AND PAST STATE DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY THE STATE DEPUTY. MY THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR TIME AND DUE DILIGENCE IN SELECTING THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS. ALSO, MY THANKS TO THE STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR AND THE STATE WEB MASTER, FOR UPDATING THE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND PLACING THE APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS ON THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL WEB PAGE.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONSIDER THIS APPOINTMENT AN HONOR. THIS YEAR WE DECIDED TO FOREGO THE "IN-PERSON" INTERVIEWS FOR THIS YEAR'S APPLICANTS. THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED EACH CANDIDATE'S

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS, THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHURCH, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES; INCLUDING ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS, AND THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS. THE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH THE STATE COUNCIL'S PROGRAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, JR. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: THREE GRANTS OF \$1,500 PER YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS. GRANTS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND FINANCIAL NEED.

THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: THREE GRANTS OF \$1,500 EACH YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS. FATHER OR GRANDFATHER OF THE APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN GOOD STANDING. GRANTS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND FINANCIAL NEED.

THE ANDY GLEESON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: ONE GRANT OF \$1,500 PER YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS. TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE STUDENT'S FATHER MUST BE AN INSURANCE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. THE CRITERIA OF THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN SCHOLARSHIP ARE USED FOR THIS GRANT.

IN NOVEMBER 2023, WORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON AND DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGES WERE PROVIDED AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY TO HIGH SCHOOLS AND PARISHES. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS WERE PROVIDED AND DETAILS OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP WERE INCLUDED. THE RECIPIENTS WERE THE PASTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH PARISH IN THE STATE; PRINCIPAL OF EVERY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; THE PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND STUDENT COUNSELOR OF EVERY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE. THE STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, AND GRAND KNIGHTS IN MARYLAND JURISDICTION WERE NOTIFIED VIA THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL'S IO GROUP. APPLICATIONS COULD BE OBTAINED BY DOWNLOADING FROM OUR WEB SITE, AND, AS NECESSARY, IN RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE REQUESTS AND REQUESTS BY MAIL. WE RECEIVED 85 APPLICATIONS; 20 FOR THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN AND 75 FOR THE WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN.

THE APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE STATE OFFICE AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED AND EVALUATED. THIS REVIEW AND EVALUATION RESULTED IN THE PRESENTATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE THE NAMES OF THE TEN (10) OR ELEVEN (11) FINALISTS IN EACH OF THE TWO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES. AGAIN, IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS WERE NOT CONDUCTED THIS YEAR. EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER RECEIVED AND EVALUATED EACH OF THE FINALIST'S APPLICATIONS. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THEN RATED EACH OF THE TEN FINALISTS PER CATEGORY AND SUBMITTED THAT INFORMATION TO THE CHAIRMAN. ONCE ALL SELECTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THEY WERE TABULATED, AND THE WINNERS DETERMINED. SINCE THERE WERE FIVE (5) COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AS THE

CHAIRMAN, I ABSTAINED FROM ANY DECISION MAKING OR VOTING EXCEPT TO BREAK ANY TIES.

THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SELECTED ARE:

FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

SUSANA LOPEZ-CHAVARRIAGA - HER FATHER IS A MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH MANYANET COUNCIL #5567

MARIANNA TELLEZ-LEON - HER FATHER IS A MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH MANYANET COUNCIL #5567

MAXIMO TODE - HIS FATHER IS A MEMBER OF FR. HORACE MCKENNA COUNCIL #11024

THE ANDY GLEESON MEMORIAL INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

PETRINA MAXIMIANO - HER FATHER IS AN INSURANCE MEMBER OF KNIGHTS OF FATIMA COUNCIL #10137

WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

**ESTABAN GRIJALBA
JACKSON MILLER
MAEVE FAHEY**

MY SINCERE THANKS GO TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION TO THE TASK OF SELECTING THE BEST OF THE BEST. SERVING WITH ME WERE STATE DEPUTY CHRIS POWERS, AND PAST STATE DEPUTIES ROMEO GAUTHIER, RONALD WHITE, EDGAR HAYNES, AND STEPHEN COHEN.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MARLOWE AND CANTER AGENCIES FOR THEIR CONTINUED DONATIONS TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND THROUGHOUT THE COLUMBIAN YEAR.

AND FINALLY, A HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, FOR ACCORDING ME THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF SERVING ON THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
VINCENT GRAUSO, IPSD
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORT BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN CALLED FOR THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE. REPORT

STATE CONVENTON COMMITTEE REPORT

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, MY BROTHERS ALL:

THE COMMITTEE SPENT MANY HOURS PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL 126TH K OF C MD STATE CONVENTION. I'D LIKE TO THANK SQUIRE FRED FOR ONCE AGAIN JOINING US TO GIVE A PROCLAMATION TO OPEN OUR CONVENTION ON FRIDAY EVENING! WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR TIME IN ANNAPOLIS, AND FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SUNSET CRUISE, THE RECEPTION AT THE MIDDLETON TAVERN AND BEAUTIFUL WEATHER THURSDAY EVENING. WE CONTINUE TO REFINE OUR HOSPITALITY EVENT THIS YEAR AND ENJOYABLE FOR YOU. ONCE AGAIN SO MANY DISTRICTS, COUNCILS, AND CHAPTERS VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, TALENT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY YOUR TREASURES! WITHOUT YOUR FINANCIAL AND FRATERNAL SUPPORT, THIS YEAR'S HOSPITALITY EVENT SIMPLY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBL! ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CONVENTION TEAM, WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL!

THERE WILL BE TWO BRIEF REPORTS FROM MY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMEN: E. PAUL JONES ON THE GRAND KNIGHT OLYMPIC WINNERS AND I WILL REPORTON THE GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS ON BEHALF OF A. PAUL WEBER ON THE GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS. ON BEHALF OF RAY CILENTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAM BOOK, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK OUR OR SOLD AN AD IN THE BOOKLET.

THERE WERE ALMOST 502 PRE-CONVENTION AND WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS. 279 KNIGHTS AND GUESTS REGISTERED FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT CONVENTION BANQUET.

THIS WAS MY SECOND YEAR AS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, AND I WAS FORTUNATE TO WORK WITH A VERY SEASONED COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR MANY YEARS. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SHERMAN CASEY, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE AS THE BANQUET CHAIRMAN. SHERMAN WAS TRULY MISSED THIS YEAR! I'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING BROTHER KNIGHTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS: RICK AND RAPLH ASKINS FOR COORDINATING AND MANAGING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS; A. PAUL WEBER FOR VOLUNTEERING TO ASSUME SHERMAN'S DUTIES IN ORGANIZING AND MANAGING THE BANQUET; E. PAUL JONES FOR CONDUCTING THE GRAND KNIGHT OLYMPICS AND ASSISTING

WITH THE CONVENTION BANQUET; RAY CILENTO FOR COORDINATING THE CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK; A. PAUL WEBER FOR HOSTING AN OUTSTANDING GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE PRESERVE AT EISENHOWER WITH 79 GOLFERS; JEFFREY WILK FOR SERVING AS CONVENTION TREASER; MICKEY DILLOW, AND TOM PLUNKETT FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH HOSPITALITY; ANDY MICHAELS FOR COORDINATING THE RECEPTION AND SUNSET CRUISE; AND, FINALLY TO BRO. KNIGHT BILLY COX FOR SUPPLYING THE CONVENTION SHIRTS; TO ALL OUR LADIES: PATTY ASKINS, MARY WEBER, SANDY JONES, LINDA WILK, AND MY WIFE, JOAN FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE REGISTRATION ROOM AND MUCH MORE.

I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPREME CHAPLAIN, ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI AND STATE CHAPLAIN FR. DONALD GRZYSMSKI, AND ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH HOSTING US FOR THE BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF THE MASS ON SATURDAY.

I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF CROWNE PLAZA FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB HELPING TO MAKE SURE OUR CONVENTION WAS SUCCESSFUL AND EVERYONE'S STAY WAS A PLEASANT ONE. THANKS TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DALE TROTT AND HIS CREW FOR THEIR HELP IN COPYING VARIOUS FORMS AND REMINDERS.

THE CONVENTION TEAM CONTINUED OUR WORK THAT STARTED LAST YEAR TO MODERNIZE AND IMPROVE THE REGISTRATION AND DISSEMINATION OF CONVENTION INFORMATION ON THE CONVENTION WEB PAGE. UNFORTUNATELY, A DIFFICULT DECISION HAD TO BE MADE TO OUR DISCONTINUED YOUTH PROGRAM DUE TO THIS YEAR'S LOW REGISTRATION AND LOW PARTICIPATION LAST YEAR.

AS I CONCLUDE MY ROLE AS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AND WISH YOU A HEATFELT FAREWELL, I'D LIKE TO THANK STATE DEPUTY, CHRIS POWERS AND ALL OF THE STATE OFFICERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND OF COURSE MY FELLOW CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AS WE TRANSITIONED TO ANNAPOLIS LAST YEAR AFTER 31 YEARS IN OCEAN CITY. I'M PROUD OF LAST YEAR'S SMOOTH TRANSITION AND ALL THE WORK BY THE COMMITTEE TO MODERNIZE AND IMPROVE REGISTRATION. I'D LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO OFFERED KIND WORDS OF SUPPORT AS WE RE-ENVISIONED OUR CONVENTION IN THIS NEW VENUE. TO THOSE WHO OFFERED CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM ABOUT THIS VENUE OR THE FUTURE OF THE CONVENTION IN ANNAPOLIS, PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH THE INCOMING STATE DEPUTY OR ANY STATE OFFICER.

TO THE STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, GRAND KNIGHTS, DELEGATES,

MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND CHILDREN, YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE AND HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU HAD AN ENJOYABLE TIME.

**VIVAT JESUS!
CURIS J. PHILLIPS
CONVENTION CHAIRMAN**

CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT FOR 2024

ON THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 2ND, THE ANNUAL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS HELD AT THE PRESERVE AT EISENHOWER GOLF COURSE IN CROWNSVILLE. THERE WERE 79 PARTICIPANTS. A DELICIOUS BUFFET WAS SERVED FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT.

THE WINNERS ARE:

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES:

CLOSEST TO THE PIN: DOUG WALLS – COUNCIL #1393

LONGEST DRIVE: CHRIS PHILLIPS – COUNCIL #8736

TEAM PRIZES:

THIRD PLACE:

DUVALL, PHILLIPS, OLIN & BECKER – COUNCIL #8736

SECOND PLACE:

KLINER, ST. MARIE, BROWN & JOHNSON – COUNCIL #2279

1ST PLACE:

DUFFY, MARLOWE, MARLOWE & STARK – MARLOWE AGENCY

THANKS TO RAY CILENTO FOR HIS ASSISTANCE AT THE GOLF COURSE AND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR ON MAY 1, 2025. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY AT THE MID-TERM MEETING.

**RESPECTFLY SUBMITTED,
PAUL WEBER
CONVENTION GOLF CHAIRMAN**

GRAND KNIGHTS OLYMPIC
GAMES REPORT
05/03/2024



The 126th Grand Knight Olympics was held on May 3, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Parking Lot in Annapolis, Maryland. The weather was great. There were plenty spectators to watch their favorite districts compete

The games this year were basketball free throw, corn hole, horseshoes, slap shot, and soccer. The Knights were up for the challenge. Twenty-five of the active thirty-three districts participated. I am proud to report another year with no injuries.

Congratulations to the winning districts and the charities that will benefit from their efforts:

1st Place – District 3 – Harold Sanders, DD
Designated Charity: Forestville Pregnancy Center - \$500.00

2nd Place – District 12 – Larry Perkins, DD
Designated Charity: Catherine Foundation - \$300.00

3rd Place – District 1 – Mickey Dillow, DD
Designated Charity: Care Net Pregnancy Center of So MD - \$200.00

I thank State Deputy, Christopher Powers, for the opportunity to serve the Maryland State Council. Thanks to the District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights and Council Members for their participation. A special thanks to the judges and the set up and tear down Brother Knights.

**Fraternally,
E. Paul Jones, Sr.
Grand Knight Olympics Chairman**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORTS BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE SD THEN CALLED FOR THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS, DELEGATES, AND MY BROTHERS ALL:

THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE OF THE 126TH ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION RECOMMENDS THAT THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST, TO GOD THE FATHER AND CREATOR OF ALL, TO GOD THE SON, OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR, AND TO GOD THE SPIRIT, GIVER OF LIFE, AND TO MARY, OUR MOTHER WHO INTERCEDES FOR US.

FOR OUR CHURCH, HER BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND ALL RELIGIOUS, THOSE WHO TEACH, LEAD, AND MINISTER TO US.

TO BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY, WHO WE PRAY IS SOON ELEVATED TO SAINTHOOD, WHOSE CONCERN FOR THE POOR, ORPHANED, AND WIDOWED, INSPIRED THE FORMATION OF OUR GREAT ORDER, AND WHO CONTINUES TO GUIDE US NOW IN OUR PATH TO FULL KNIGHTHOOD.

TO THE BISHOP OF ROME, SUPREME PONTIFF, VICAR OF CHRIST, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, A MAN WHO HUMBLES HIMSELF BEFORE GOD AND HIS FELLOW MAN.

TO THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. LORI, 16TH ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE AND SUPREME CHAPLAIN OF OUR ORDER, THE MOST REVEREND WILTON D. GREGORY, ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON, D.C., THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. KOENIG, BISHOP OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO, ARCHBISHOP OF MILITARY SERVICES, AND ALL OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ORDER.

TO REVEREND DONALD GRZYSKI, OFM, OUR WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, FOR HIS SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

TO OUR ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS: REV. JOSE D. OPALDA, JR., REV. JOSEPH JENKINS, REV. JASON WORLEY, REV. MILTON JORDAN REV. MONSIGNOR MARTIN FEILD, REV. JAMES BOCCABELLA, , REV. JOSEPH SIMMONS, AND REV. DAVID W. BEAUBIEN, FOR THEIR CONTINUED PROMOTION OF THE SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING OF THE ORDER.

TO OUR ASSISTANTS TO THE STATE CHAPLAIN: DEACON DAVID LUDWIKOSKI DEACON JAMES DOMINIC, AND DEACON STEPHEN ROSCHER FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR STATE CHAPLAIN AND ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS.

TO THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, REV. JOSE OPALDA, McNAMARA CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, REV. JAMES BOCCABELLA, AND ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAPLAIN DEACON DOUGLAS NATHAN, AND TO EACH COUNCIL CHAPLAIN, ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS, AND DEACONS.

TO OUR WORTHY SUPREME KNIGHT, PATRICK E. KELLY, FOR THE DEDICATED LEADERSHIP HE PROVIDES DAILY TO THE ORDER AND HIS COMMITMENT TO OUR FAITH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TO OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS, WHOSE ENTHUSIASM AND HOPES FOR THE JURISDICTION AND THE ORDER, HAS PROVIDED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TO THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER IN OUR STATE, ENCOURAGING ALL TO CRY THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR LIFE.

TO OUR WORTHY SUPREME MASTER, MICHAEL MCCUSTER, AND TO THE VICE SUPREME MASTER OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE, FRANCIS "FRITZ" LEACH, AND TO THE MASTER OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT, JAMES DURYEE, AND MASTER OF THE WASHINGTON D.C. DISTRICT, JOSEPH M. FEAKES, AND ALL OF THE DISTRICT MARSHALS, WARDENS, NAVIGATORS, AND ASSEMBLY OFFICERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED PROMOTION OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE, THE VISIBLE ARM OF THE ORDER.

TO ALL OF THE PAST STATE DEPUTIES OF MARYLAND, FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AND FOR THEIR PRESENCE AT THIS YEAR'S STATE CONVENTION.

TO FIRST LADY, ANNIE POWERS, LOVING WIFE OF OUR STATE DEPUTY, FOR THE CARE AND SUPPORT SHE PROVIDES TO HER FAMILY AND THE KNIGHTS.

TO THE WIVES AND FAMILIES OF ALL OUR MEMBERS, FOR THEIR IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, KINDNESS, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING, AND THE MANY SACRAFICES THAT THEY ENDURE -- WE ARE FOREVER IN THEIR DEBT.

TO THE LADIES ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIRLADIES LINDA TROTT, VICKI COHEN, PHYLLIS GIACALONE, CECILIA COONEY, MARY BURNESTON AND MIKA KOSCHO, WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE EVERY LADIES ACTIVITY SPECIAL AND TO ALWAYS MAKE US FEEL WELCOME.

TO THE 126TH STATE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, CURTIS PHILLIPS AND HIS CONVENTION STAFF, AND CONVENTION BOOK CHAIRMAN, RAY CILENTO, FOR THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THEY HANDLED ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THIS CONVENTION.

TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE STATE COUNCIL AND PAST STATE DEPUTY, DALE W. TROTT, SECRETARY TO THE STATE DEPUTY, JACK GIACALONE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND STATE LECTURER, JAMES J. COONEY, JR., FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND MANY HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE DEPUTY AND THE STATE COUNCIL.

TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND THEIR WARDENS, FOR CONDUCTING THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, LEADING THEIR COUNCILS IN THE EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FORMATION DEGREE, AND FOR TAKING THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE STATE DEPUTY'S IMPORTANT PROGRAMS.

TO THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY, FOR THEIR DILIGENT EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MANY STATE LITURGIES, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS.

TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL GENERAL AGENTS, ROBERT MARLOWE, JR, ROBERT CALLAWAY, AND ROBERT ABBATE, AND THEIR AGENTS FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

TO OUR SUPREME TERRITORIL GROWTH DIRECTOR, RALPH ROSSI, PSD, AND THE SUPREME ASSOCIATE REGIONAL GROWTH & TRAINING DIRECTOR, KEN LATHAM, FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND GUIDANCE.

TO OUR STATE GROWTH DIRECTOR, JEFFREY T. KOSCHO, ONLINE GROWTH DIRECTOR BILL NEWBROUGH, COUNCIL GROWTH STATISTICIAN & PARISH ROUNDTABLE CO-ORDINATOR BILL MCMAHON, AND COUNCIL GROWTH CHAIRMEN AT-LARGE, FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE, LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

TO THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TOM REUMONT, FOR HIS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO THE STATE DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN WITH THEIR PROGRAMS.

TO THE STATE ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS, STEVEM L. LAW, THOM PARTENOPE, MICHAEL E. LYNCH, AND JOSE R. RIVERA AND THEIR CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRLADIES, FOR THE OUTSTANDING MANNER IN WHICH THEY EXECUTED THEIR DUTIES.

TO THE EVANGRLIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION TEAM, TONY BOEHK, STEVE ENDRES, DR. PAUL SCHRATZ, AND DEACON MIKE BAXTER, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING GUIDANCE AND ENTHUSIASTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF COR.

TO THE STATE COUNCIL CHARITY FUND DIRECTORS, JIM SEIDLECK, GIL BOISVERT, AND ERIC KLEZER FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN MANAGING THE STATE CHARITY FUND.

TO THE COLUMBUS DAY GENERAL CHAIRMAN, STEVE UPTON, AND ALL WHO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE, FOR AN OUTSTANDING CELEBRATION OF OUR NAMESAKE.

TO OUR PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR, VERN HAWKINS, STATE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, MICHAEL FOREHAND, STATE WEBMASTER, JEFFREY S. WILK, AND OUR STATE PHOTOGRAPHERS, JOHN FOX, BILL MCMAHON, RICK ASKINS, AND WALTER LESKUSKI, JR., SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIRMAN JOSEPH MASSIMINI, AND THE MAN BEHIND THE ROBOCALLER - STATE ADVOCATE RONALD G. HASSAN, FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF COLUMBIAN JOURNALISM AND THEIR TIMELY ISSUANCE OF ALL CURRENT NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STATE COUNCIL.

TO THE CEREMONIALS CHAIRMAN, VINCENT GRAUSO, IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT CEREMONIALS CHAIRMAN, FRANCIS "FRITZ" LEACH, AND DEGREE CHAIRMEN, DEGREE CAPTAINS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DEGREE TEAMS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES OF THE ORDER.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, VINCENT GAUSO, IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, AND HIS TEAM OF JUDGES, ROMEO GAUTHIER, PSD, RONALD B. WHITE, PSD, EDGAR D. HAYNES, PSD, STEPHEN M. COHEN, PSD, AND CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS, STATE DEPUTY, FOR THEIR SUPERB EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS ATTENDING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

TO OUR PARLIMENTARIAN, EDGAR D. HAYNES, PAST STATE DEPUTY AND FORMER MASTER, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND EFFORT THIS YEAR, ENSURING THAT STATE MEETINGS WERE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH

ROBET'S RULES OF ORDER.

TO BALTIMORE CHAPTER PRESIDENT, AUGUST "BUZZY" STOCKMAN, MCNAMARA CHAPTER PRESIDENT, TERRY REINHART, AND ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER PRESIDENT, LARRY SMITH, AND THEIR OFFICERS, FOR THEIR DEDICATION, COOPERATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN STATE ACTIVITIES.

TO THE STATE HONOREES: PAST STATE DEPUTY ROMEO GAUTHIER AND LADY PAT, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR ORDER AND OUR FAITH.

TO MY BROTHER GRAND KNIGHTS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND LADIES AUXILIARIES, FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THEIR COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS.

TO THE HONORABLE GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS, MD, AND THE CITY OFFICIALS, POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL, FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDLINESS.

TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN ANNAPOLIS, MD, WHO SERVED THE 126TH MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION.

WILL THE MEMBERS OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED?

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES OUR REPORT.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JUSTIN MEEDER
CHAIRMAN**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORTS BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN CALLED FOR THE WARDENS COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE WARDENS COMMITTEE

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAINS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME ADVOCATE, MY BROTHER STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITATIES AND BROTHER KNIGHTS,

WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THE FOLLOWING BROTHER KNIGHTS WERE APPOINTED TO THE WARDEN'S

COMMITTEE FOR THE 126TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. I ASK THEM TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. [NOTE: SEE APPENDIX 4 FOR LIST OF WARDEN'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS.]

EACH OF THESE MEN GAVE UNSELFISHLY OF THEIR TIME AND PERFORMED THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS WITH TACT AND DISTINCTION. TO EACH OF THEM, I EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS AND THE THANKS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FOR THEIR FRATERNAL SUPPORT.

I ALSO THANK THE STAFF OF THE CROWNE PLAZA FOR THEIR UNTIRING ASSISTANCE TO THE WARDENS COMMITTEE THROUGHOUT THIS WEEKEND.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

**RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,
THOMAS O. GREUL
MD STATE COUNCIL WARDEN**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORTS BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

REPORT OF THE MASTERS AND CHAPTER PRESIDENT

MASTER OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

IN 1968 I WAS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. THERE WAS A DAY WHEN MY ENTRANCE TO A CLASSROOM BUILDING WAS BLOCKED BY A "PROTESTER" TELLING ME I COULD NOT ENTER. AFTER A SHORT "DISCUSSION" THE PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED.

I PROCEEDED TO CLASS AND EVENTUALLY ACHIEVED MY DIPLOMA. IT WASN'T UNTIL SEVERAL YEARS LATER DID, I FULLY APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES AND SUPPORT THAT HAD BEEN OFFERED TO ME SO THAT I COULD BECOME THE FIRST PERSON IN MY FAMILY TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE DEGREE.

THIS APPRECIATION GREW AS I GREW OLDER AND BECAME ESPECIALLY APPARENT AS I BECAME MORE AND MORE ACTIVE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

I BELIEVE IT CULMINATED WITH MY INVOLVEMENT IN THE FOURTH DEGREE. IT WAS THROUGH MANY EXPERIENCES THAT I BECAME EVEN MORE AWARE OF THE IMPACT THAT PAST COMMITMENTS AND SACRIFICES MADE BY THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO LIVED BEFORE ME HAD PROVIDED ME WITH THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND

OPPORTUNITIES I NOW ENJOY.

THIS REALIZATION CREATED IN ME THE ATTITUDE THAT SO MANY MEN AND WOMEN HAVE GIVEN ALL THIS TO ME, NO ONE WILL DENY ME WHAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED. TO THAT END, I ENCOURAGE ALL IN ATTENDANCE TO JOIN THE 9,000 MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND MARYLAND DISTRICTS AND INVITE ALL CATHOLIC AMERICAN CITIZENS TO JOIN IN PROTECTING THESE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES FROM THOSE WHO SAY, "YOU CAN'T HAVE THAT" OR "YOU CAN'T DO THAT".

THEY WERE GIVEN TO ME, AND NOBODY IS GOING TO TAKE THEM AWAY.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS THESE UNITES STATES OF AMERICA.

FRATERNALLY SUBMITTED,

**JOSEPH M. FEAKES
MASTER, ARCHDIOCESE OF**

REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED ON TERRY REINHART, PRESIDENT OF THE BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER FOR A REPORT ON THE THREE CHAPTERS, BUT NO REPORT WAS GIVEN.

PAST STATE DEPUTIES REMARKS

THE PAST STATE DEPUTIES WERE RECOGNIZED. EACH MADE BRIEF REMARKS CONGRATULATING THE STATE DEPUTY ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND CONVENTION. THEY CONGRATULATED THE NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS AND WISHED THEM WELL IN THE UPCOMING FRATERNAL YEAR.

NEXT YEARS CONVENTION

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON THE STATE SECRETARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE FOLLOWING MOTION.

THAT THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BE HELD AT THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND THE WEEKEND OF MAY 2, 3, AND 4, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN CALLED ON EACH OF THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED THE ELECTED STATE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES THAT THEY MUST SEE THE STATE SECRETARY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION AND PROVIDE HIM WITH THEIR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, INSURANCE OR ASSOCIATE STATUS AND THEIR COUNCIL'S NAME AND NUMBER.

STATE WARDEN ELECT – MICHAEL E. LYNCH

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORHTY STATE DEPUTY-ELECT, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY VICE SUPREME MASTER, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, WORTHY DISTRICT MASTER(S), WORTHY PAST STATE DEPUTIES, AND WORTHY COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES AT ALL LEVELS:

FIRST LET US START BY THANKING GOD. LORD, IT IS SO GOOD THAT YOU HAVE GATHERED THIS FAMILY HERE TO CELEBRATE, COLLABORATE, AND WORK ON SERVING YOU BETTER. HELP US CONTINUE TO BRING YOU TO THE LIVES OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. AMEN.

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR ME, I THANK YOU FOR THAT TRUST YOU'VE PLACED IN ME, AND I PROMISE TO WORK TO CONTINUEE TO MERIT THAT TRUST. IN A SPECIAL WAY, I WANT THE TWELVE WHO WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP ME BE HERE, AND IN PARTICULAR, MY BROTHER STEVE LAW FOR YOUR NOMINATION SPEECH.

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO DID NOT CAST YOUR VOTE FOR ME, I PROMISE YOU TO WORK HARD TO MAKE UP THAT GAP BETWEEN WHERE I AM, AND WHO I AM, AND THE CANDIDATE YOU DID VOTE FOR. I HOPE AND ENCOURAGE ANY OF YOU TO SHARE THOSE THOUGHTS WITH ME WHEN YOU ARE READY.

TO MY BROTHERS, GUS AND MIKE, I THANK YOU ALL FOR RUNNING A GOOD FRATERNAL CAMPAIGN, AND I SINCERELY HOPE TO INTEGRATE YOUR INSPIRING MESSAGES FROM THIS CAMPAIGN INTO THE WORK THAT IS TO COME. WE BEGAN AS FRIENDS AND BROTHER KNIGHTS, I HOPE THAT CONTINUES LONG INTO THE FUTURE.

TO THE MEN ON THIS DAIS, AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE SAT HERE BEFORE, I HUMBLY THANK YOU AOO FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP OVER THE YEARS, AND I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO LEAN ON YOUR STRENGTHS TO HELP ME TO CONTINUE TO GROW.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, WHEN WE MET AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE, WE TALKED ABOUT THE OBLIGATIONS OF LEADERSHIP IN OUR ORDER. I HAD PARAPHRASED TO YOU SOMETHING THAT WAS ON THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S PAGES FOR A PROSPECTIVE NEW KNIGHT, AND THAT MESSAGE WAS, "ARE YOU HELPING YOUR PARISH AND YOUR COUNCIL BUILD THEIR FAMILIES ON SOLID GROUND?" THIS WEEKEND HAS BEEN TESTAMENT THAT ALL OF YOU ARE DOING THAT WORK, AND THAT IS SO GOOD. GREAT PROGRAMS, WHICH HAVE HELPED US GROW, (WHICH WE CAN STILL CONTINUE TO GROW THIS YEAR!!!) ARE PLANTING THOSE GOOD SEEDS, ON THE GOOD FERTILE SOIL, BUT OUR WORK IS NOT OVER.

- WE MUST CONTINUE TO WATER THESE SEEDS AND NURTURE THIS WORK.
- WE MUST CONTINUE TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE MEN OF OUR COUNCILS, AND I THINK WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE TO FOSTER AND TEACH THOSE LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO THEM.
- WE MUST CONTINUE TO STAND FOR OUR CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES AND NEVER COMPROMISE TO THE WINDS OF A SOCIETY THAT WOULD RATHER SCATTER OUR SEEDS ELSEWHERE.
- WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE WARRIORS FOR THE CAUSE OF LIFE, IN HOW WE PRAY, IN HOW WE SPEAK, IN HOW WE ACT, BOTH IN OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES.
- WE MUST CONTINUE TO SHARE OUR ORDER'S GOOD NEWS. THAT IT MAGNIFIES THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR GOD. WE OWE IT TO EVERY CATHOLIC MAN, AND HIS FAMILY (IF HE IS SO CALLED), TO INVITE THEM TO BECOME ONE OF US.

WE MUST NURTURE AND CARE FOR HIS WORK, AND THIS ORDER. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ALONGSIDE YOU, IN THIS GREAT WORK, AND I INVITE YOU TO JOIN THIS MISSION.

THE HARVEST IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW. OUR MISSION IS TO BRING MORE LABORERS TO THE HARVEST.

LASTLY, I MUST THANK MY FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT. MANY OF YOU HAVE WATCHED MY FAMILY GROW UP IN THE KNIGHTS AND EXPAND TO WHO WE ARE TODAY. IT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME THAT MY DAUGHTERS WERE ABLE TO BREAK FROM ALL THE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN THEIR LIVES TO BE HERE AND SUPPORT YOUR OLD MAN. AND MY DEAREST AMY, TIME WON'T PERMIT ALL THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO SAY, IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ME. YOU HAVE ALSO LET ME BE A PART OF YOUR BUILDING AND CHASING OF DREAMS, AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS TWELVE-YEAR RIDE. AS THE LYRICS IN THAT CODY JOHNSON SONG TELL US, "IF YOU'VE GOT A DREAM, CHASE IT, 'CAUSE A DREAM WON'T CHASE YOU BACK." THANK YOU FOR BEING MY CHASE PARTNER. I LOVE YOU, AND I THANK GOD

FOR PUTTING YOU IN MY LIFE, AND FOR LETTING ME OUTKICK MY COVERAGE.

AS OUR IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY TOLD US, "WE ARE SERVANT LEADERS," AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING YOUR SERVANT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILIES, THIS GREAT COUNTRY, AND THIS ORDER. VIVAT JESUS!

STATE ADVOCATE ELECT- THOMAS O. GREUL

FIRST, I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR USING ME TO DO SO MANY THINGS IN HIS NAME!

THANK YOU, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY AND ALL OF THE OFFICERS WHO HAVE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH OVER THE YEARS.

THANK YOU TO MY SPONSOR, MY MENTOR, MY NOMINATOR AND MY FRIEND, THOM PARTENOPE!

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING LEADERS FOR GOD THROUGH OUR BELOVED ORDER.

FINALLY, THANK YOU TO MY THREE GIRLS AS ESPECIALLY MY BONNIE LASS, PRINCESS HEATHER. I WOULD BE NOTHING WITHOUT HER. HER LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT HAVE HELPED ME THROUGH MANY STRUGGLES AND VICTORIES. SHE IS MY ROCK, MY PARTNER, MY BEST FRIEND AND THE LOVE OF MY LIFE. HEATHER, I LOVE YOU!

STATE TREASURER ELECT- ONALD G. HASSAN

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY PAST SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL.

THANKS, FIRST TO GOD WHO HAS BLESSED ME TO BE STANDING HERE TODAY.

THANKS TO YOU, MY BROTHERS, WHO SAW FIT TO ELECT ME AS THE STATE TREASURER. I AM TRULY HUMBLED BY YOUR TRUST AND SUPPORT.

TO MY FELLOW STATE OFFICERS WHO HAVE GUIDED ME, I TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME.

TO MY FRIEND AND NOMINATOR, PAST STATE DEPUTY DALE TROTT, I APPRECIATE YOU, MY FRIEND,

FINALLY, TO MY WIFE YOLANDA, MY ROCK, MY PARTNER, AND MY BIGGEST CHEERLEADER, I COULDN'T DO ANY OF THIS WITHOUT YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU AND I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.

STATE SECRETARY ELECT – JOHN F. WINFREY

IT IS WITH DEEP GRATITUDE I ACCEPT THE POSITION OF MARYLAND STATE SECRETARY. I AM HUMBLED BY THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE SHOWN IN ME TO CONTINUE AS YOUR STATE OFFICER. WHEN I STOOD HERE A NEWLY ELECTED STATE WARDEN, I SAID IN EVERY POSITION I TAKE AND EVERY DECISION I MAKE, MY GUIDING THOUGHT WILL BE THE BETTERMENT OF YOUR COUNCILS AND THE MEMBERS WITHIN. I SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT THIS IS THE SAME GUIDE I WILL USE AS STATE SECRETARY. I BELIEVE WE EARN THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS A STATE OFFICER EVERY YEAR. IT IS OUR JOB TO EARN THAT PRIVILEGE EVERY SINGLE DAY THROUGH OUR ACTIONS.

I WANT TO THANK A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ACTED AS A GUIDE AND MENTOR TO ME THROUGHOUT MY KNIGHT'S CAREER. STARTING WITH JOE MURTHA, BILL MCMAHON, ROMEO GAUTHIER, AND OF COURSE DALE TROTT. EACH OF THESE BROTHERS PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN SHAPING ME AS A KNIGHT AND A MAN YOU SEE TODAY. I OF COURSE WANT TO SINGLE OUT AND THANK MY NOMINATOR AND CLOSE FRIEND CHARLES SMALLWOOD. CHARLES HAS IN MANY WAYS STOOD IN AS A FATHER FIGURE, AND I AM DEEPLY GRATIFIED BY HIS ASSISTANCE AND MOST OF ALL HIS FRIENDSHIP.

I WOULD BE REMISED IF I DID NOT THANK MY FELLOW STATE OFFICERS. THEY ARE ONE OF THE FINEST GROUPS OF MEN I HAVE EVER HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING WITH. EACH OF THEM BRINGS A PARTICULAR SET OF SKILLS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT THE ONE THING THAT EACH SHARE IS A DRIVING SENSE OF LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR ORDER. I AM PROUD TO STAND WITH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

OF COURSE, I WANT TO WELCOME AND CONGRATULATE THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR STATE OFFICER'S FAMILY. YOU SIR HAVE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AND GREAT RESPONSIBILITY IN FRONT OF YOU TO HELP CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES. I KNOW YOU ARE UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

IN CLOSING LET ME SAY I BELIEVE YOU AND I AS KNIGHTS OF THIS GREAT ORDER HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY – “NO CHECK THAT A DUTY” – IN FRAMING OUR WORLD AND MAKING IT A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE. I INVITE YOU TO STAND NEXT TO US IN THIS GREAT MISSION.

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“RESOLUTIONS”

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

2024 Resolutions Summary

A Report of the Resolutions Committee, 126th Annual Maryland State Council Convention

Resolutions 1 through 20 are honorific, congratulatory or resolutions that are generally repeated each year:

Submitted by the Maryland State Council

- 1) Honors Pope Francis
- 2) Honors the Ordinaries of the Archdiocese & Diocese
- 3) Honors Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D.
- 4) Honors Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- 5) Honors State Chaplain Rev. Donald Grzymski, OFM Conv.
- 6) Honors our Supreme Board of Directors, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Daughters of Isabella.
- 7) Honors the Diocesan Newspapers
- 8) Recommends that Maryland members of the Knights display our flag of this United States.
- 9) Honors the men and women in military service to our country
- 10) Congratulates the Associate Chaplains for the Maryland State Council
- 11) Culture of Life
- 12) In Support of the National Eucharistic Revival
- 13) Religious Freedom
- 14) Solidarity with Ukraine
- 15) Congratulates the Master of the 4th Degree, Maryland District, PFN, James Duryee
- 16) Congratulates the Master of the 4th Degree, Archdiocese of Washington District, PFN, Joseph Feakes.
- 17) Congratulates Vice Supreme Master FM Frances Leach
- 18) Congratulates Honoree Romeo Gauthier, PSD, FDD, PGK, PFN
- 19) Congratulates State Deputy and First Lady
- 20) Recommends State Deputy for election as Supreme Director

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Recommend Approval

Resolutions 20 - 81 are congratulatory

21) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	70 years	State Council
22) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	65 years	State Council
23) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	65 years	State Council
24) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	60 years	State Council
25) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	60 years	State Council
26) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	55 years	State Council
27) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	55 years	State Council
28) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Wilmington	50 years	State Council
29) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	50 years	State Council
30) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	50 years	State Council
31) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	45 years	State Council

32)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	45 years	State Council
33)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	40 years	State Council
34)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	40 years	State Council
35)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	35 years	State Council
36)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	35 years	State Council
37)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	30 years	State Council
38)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	30 years	State Council
39)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	25 years	State Council
40)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	25 years	State Council
41)	St. Patrick Council #370	125 years	State Council
42)	Pangborn Council #1365	115 years	State Council
43)	Annapolis Council #1384	115 years	State Council
44)	Westminster Council #1393	115 years	State Council
45)	Frostburg Council #1442	115 years	State Council
46)	Oakland Council #1771	110 years	State Council
47)	Mt. St. Mary's University Council #1965	105 years	State Council
48)	Patapsco Council #1960	105 years	State Council
49)	Havre de Grace Council #2002	105 years	State Council
50)	Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521	100 years	State Council
51)	Prince George's Council #2809	85 years	State Council
52)	Notre Dame Council #2901	80 years	State Council
53)	Bel Air Council #4714	65 years	State Council
54)	John F. Kennedy Council #5482	60 years	State Council
55)	Woodlawn Council#5466	60 years	State Council
56)	Holy Family Council #5547	60 years	State Council
57)	St. Joseph Manyanet Council #5567	60 years	State Council
58)	St. Jerome Council #5564	60 years	State Council
59)	Corpus Christi Council #6188	55 years	State Council
60)	Long Green Valley Council #8736	40 years	State Council
61)	St. Mary's of Landover Hills Council #10046	35 years	State Council
62)	Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #9968	35 years	State Council
63)	Mason Dixon Council #10100	35 years	State Council
64)	Knights of Fatima Council #10137	35 years	State Council
65)	Father George Bradford Council #11248	35 years	State Council
66)	Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council #11372	35 years	State Council
67)	James C. Fletcher Council #11422	30 years	State Council
68)	Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council #11259	30 years	State Council
69)	Resurrection Council #11341	30 years	State Council
70)	St. Bernadette Council #11214	30 years	State Council
71)	St. John the Evangelist Council #11171	30 years	State Council
72)	St. Francis of Assisi Council #12524	25 years	State Council
73)	St. Mary's Parish, Newport	350 years	State Council
74)	St. Charles Borromeo Parish	175 years	State Council
75)	Sacred Heart Glyndon Parish	150 years	State Council
76)	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish	150 years	State Council
77)	St. Ann's Parish	150 years	State Council
78)	Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish	75 years	State Council

79)	Archbishop Broglio Recognition	Council 11171
80)	Fr. Timothy Leary Recognition	Council 11171
81)	Sr. Jane Mary Duke Recognition	Council 11171

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Recommend Approval

Resolutions 82 - 94 are Resolutions of Condolences

82)	Rev. Frederick MacIntyre	State Council
83)	Rev. James Gelson, S.J.	State Council
84)	Rev. Andrew Carr, C.Ss.R.	State Council
85)	Rev. John Cunningham	State Council
86)	Rev. James O'Brien, S.J.	State Council
87)	Rev. Msgr. John Fitzgerald	State Council
88)	Rev. Msgr. William Collins	State Council
89)	Rev. Leonard J. Down	State Council
90)	Rev. Robert C. Richardson	State Council
91)	Rev. George Wilkinson	State Council
92)	Rev. Robert Guillen	State Council
93)	Rev. Roderick McKee	State Council
94)	Rev. Gerard Trancone	State Council

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Recommend Approval

95) Change Article IV; Section 9 of Maryland State Council Bylaws

WHEREAS: The Maryland State Council Bylaws; Article IV; Section 9 denies representation at the Annual State Council Meeting to any council owing money to the Supreme Council, State Council, or their respective Chapter; and

WHEREAS: The Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus restricts councils failing to pay Chapter assessments only from representation in the Chapter and not the State Council; and

WHEREAS: The Maryland State Council is not responsible for the collection of Chapter assessments on councils.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that:

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in its 126th Annual Convention assembled at Annapolis, Maryland this 4th day of May 2024, the Maryland State Council Bylaws, Article I, Section 9 is amended to delete “or their respective Chapter” and is revised to “Councils not having paid indebtedness owed to the Supreme Council or the State Council within the time required by law shall not be entitled to representation at the Annual State Council Meeting.”

Submitted by: Maryland State Council

Recommend Approval

96) Change Article IV; Sections 8 and 10 of Maryland State Council Bylaws

WHEREAS: The Maryland State Council Bylaws; Article I; Section 10 identifies the committees for operation during the Annual State Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Maryland State Council Bylaws; Article I; Section 8 charges the Committee on Credentials to address contests for a seat at the Annual State Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Maryland State Council needs for meeting committees has changed; and

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Be it further **RESOLVED** that:

The Maryland State Council Bylaws, Article I, Section 8 is amended to remove the Committee on Credentials and charge the State Secretary with making a recommendation for the contested seat at the Annual State Council Meeting.

Submitted by: Maryland State Council

Recommend Approval

97) Change to Article I, Section 6 of the Maryland State Council Bylaws

WHEREAS: The Maryland State Council Bylaws; Article I; Section 6 requires that subordinate councils submit the names and membership numbers of the Grand Knight, Delegate, 1st Alternate, and 2nd Alternate to the Annual State Meeting to the State Secretary; and

WHEREAS: The duties and responsibilities of the elected state officers have changed; and

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Submitted by: Maryland State Council

Recommend Approval

98) Change Section 135 of Supreme Bylaws

WHEREAS: Section 135 of the Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws of the Knights of Columbus details the duties and responsibilities of the Financial Secretary; and

WHEREAS: The Financial Secretary is responsible to maintain records of membership and make notifications to the Supreme Secretary of any changes in a member's status to include initiation, suspension, and death, among other things; and

WHEREAS: It is important for the General Agent and Fraternal Benefits Advisor assigned to a council to be aware of the death of a council member.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that:

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in its 126th Annual Convention assembled at Annapolis, Maryland this 4th day of May 2024, propose that Section 135 of the Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws of the Knights of Columbus be amended to add: "10. Notify promptly the assigned General Agent and Fraternal Benefits Advisor of names of members deceased."

Submitted by: Maryland State Council

Recommend Approval

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus

RESOLUTION

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Submitted by the Maryland State Council.

ATTEST



Christopher L. Powers
State Deputy

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Knights of Columbus

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Submitted by the Maryland State Council.

ATTEST



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State Deputy

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus

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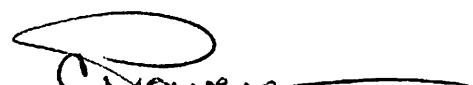
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ATTEST



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State Deputy

APPENDIX 2

“BUDGET REPORT”

Maryland State Council Proposed Budget
Summary Presentation for the 126th State Convention

General Funds

	Income	Expenses	Difference
State Per Capita	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00
State Pins	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,800.00)	\$ 200.00
State Shirts	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ -
Office	\$ -	\$ (21,830.00)	\$ (21,830.00)
Auditing Services	\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (2,500.00)
Insurance (Liability & Bonding)	\$ -	\$ (400.00)	\$ (400.00)
State Name Badges	\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ (3,000.00)
Office Equipment - Service	\$ -	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (6,000.00)
Executive Secretary Salary	\$ -	\$ (14,400.00)	\$ (14,400.00)
Exec Sec. Taxes & Unemployment	\$ -	\$ (3,350.00)	\$ (3,350.00)
State Deputy Expenses	\$ -	\$ (5,500.00)	\$ (5,500.00)
State Officers/Staff Expenses (Excluding State Deputy)	\$ -	\$ (5,600.00)	\$ (5,600.00)
Leadership Seminar	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (15,200.00)	\$ (9,700.00)
Installation of State Officers	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (13,975.00)	\$ (7,975.00)
Supreme Convention	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (10,550.00)	\$ (8,550.00)
Program Seminars (3)	\$ -	\$ (1,800.00)	\$ (1,800.00)
Fall Meeting	\$ -	\$ (13,950.00)	\$ (13,950.00)
DD Meeting/State Christmas Party/Star Knight	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (9,675.00)	\$ (7,675.00)
Term Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (3,000.00)
Spring Meeting	\$ -	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ (13,000.00)
State Convention	\$ 80,000.00	\$ (85,200.00)	\$ (5,200.00)
Jewels (Council/State Officers)	\$ -	\$ (820.00)	\$ (820.00)
Memorial Mass & Reception	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Founders Day Mass & Dinner	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (5,900.00)	\$ (2,400.00)
Columbus Day Ball	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (18,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00
Columbus Program Book	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 3,900.00
Columbus Day Celebration (DC)	\$ -	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)
Fraternal Activities	\$ -	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (3,500.00)
MaryGold Program	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -
Widows Program	\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (2,500.00)
State Sponsored Family picnic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,250.00)	\$ (250.00)
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Soccer Shootout Program	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Basketball Free Throw Program	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Supreme Membership Incentive Program	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -
State Membership Incentive Program	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ -
Misc Expense & Management Reserve	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 278,000.00	\$ (278,000.00)	\$ -

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Sweetstakes Program	\$ 600,000.00	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ 587,000.00
Distribution of Sweetstakes Proceeds:			\$
State Scholarship Program	\$ -	\$ (36,000.00)	\$ (36,000.00)
Coats for Kids	\$ -	\$ (16,300.00)	\$ (16,300.00)
Archbishop's Annual Fundraising Gala	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
Little Sisters	\$ -	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (15,000.00)
Other Charitable Distributions selected by the SD	\$ -	\$ (514,700.00)	\$ (514,700.00)
Helping People with Special Needs (Tootsie Roll)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ -
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 700,000.00	\$ (700,000.00)	\$ -

APPENDIX 3

“AUDIT REPORT”

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2024

To the State Officers
Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus (the Organization), a not-for-profit organization, which comprise the cash basis statements of assets, liabilities and net assets as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus as of June 30, 2024 and its support, revenue and expenses for the twelve months then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information which includes the cash basis Statement of Program Revenue and Expenses for the twelve months ended June 30, 2024 and June, 30, 2023 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Terry M. Reinhart, CPA, CFP

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS – CASH BASIS

As of June 30

ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Unrestricted Accounts	\$309,724	\$298,013
Restricted Accounts	513,197	188,805
Convention Accounts:		
Checking, Money Market & PayPal	<u>9,639</u>	<u>15,496</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$832,560</u>	<u>502,314</u>
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>		
Office equipment	34,340	34,340
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(34,340)</u>	<u>(34,340)</u>
Net furniture and equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$832,560</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Equity</i>		
Unrestricted Equity	309,724	298,013
Restricted Equity – Note 2	<u>522,836</u>	<u>204,301</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$832,560</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES – CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Support, revenues and expenses</i>			
Membership per capita tax	\$137,196	\$ 0	\$137,196
Interest	0	471	471
Program Revenue [see page 10 for detail]	<u>32,740</u>	<u>256,227</u>	<u>288,967</u>
Total support and revenues	169,936	256,698	426,634
<i>Expenses</i>			
Program expenses [see page 10 for detail]	(38,345)	(271,587)	(309,932)
Management and general [see Note 3 for detail]	<u>(92,502)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(92,502)</u>
Total expenses	(130,847)	(271,587)	(402,434)
Decrease in Convention accounts	N/A	(5,857)	(5,857)
Change in net assets	39,089	(20,746)	18,343
Net assets – beginning of year	<u>298,013</u>	<u>204,301</u>	<u>502,314</u>
Net assets – end of year	<u>\$337,102</u>	<u>\$183,555</u>	<u>\$520,657</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES – CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Support, revenues and expenses</i>			
Membership per capita tax	\$144,943	\$ 0	\$144,943
Interest	(15)	298	283
Programs [see page 11 for detail]	<u>27,379</u>	<u>318,143</u>	<u>345,522</u>
— Total support and revenues	<u>172,307</u>	<u>318,441</u>	<u>490,748</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
Program expenses [see page 11 for detail]	(27,408)	(285,589)	(312,997)
Management and general [see Note 3 for detail]	<u>(142,385)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(142,385)</u>
Total expenses	<u>(169,793)</u>	<u>(285,589)</u>	<u>(455,382)</u>
Decrease in convention accounts	<u>N/A</u>	<u>(7,903)</u>	<u>(7,903)</u>
Change in net assets	2,514	24,949	27,463
Net assets – beginning of period	<u>295,499</u>	<u>179,352</u>	<u>474,851</u>
Net assets – end of period	<u>\$298,013</u>	<u>\$204,301</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Business

The Organization was formed on March 2, 1899, to function as a legislative body, transmitting through its representatives, the wishes of the subordinate Maryland Councils to the Supreme Council, particularly with reference to the modification of the laws and rules. During the early days, each Council developed its own programs of action in the fields of charity, religious, social and patriotic activities. The State Council, through its State Deputy and officers and his District Deputies prevail upon the Councils to follow the course of action decided at the annual meetings of the State Council.

The Order of the Knights of Columbus was established for the purpose of developing a practical Catholicity among its members, and to promote Catholic education and charity and furnish temporary financial aid to member families.

Principles of Accounting

The Organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, revenues are recognized when received rather than earned and expenses are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Assets are capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives using IRS guidelines.

Income Taxes

The Organization is a subordinate unit of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus which is a fraternal benefit society under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (8). The State Council is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (8) provided its employer identification number is listed with the Supreme Advocate.

The Organization's Form 990 [Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax] for the six-month period ending June 30, 2021, and the twelve month periods ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023 are reviewable by the Internal Revenue Service.

Cash and cash equivalents

For purpose of the statements of assets, liabilities and net assets, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

Furniture and Equipment

Office Equipment has been capitalized and is depreciated over seven years under the straight-line method of depreciation.

Note 2. Restricted Assets

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the amount of restricted assets were \$513,197 and \$204,301.

Net proceeds of the incentive raffle are used only for State Council programs such as donations for Catholic education, scholarships, and other programs approved by the State Deputy and his officers.

Note 3. Management and General Expenses

	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>
Auditing	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Insurance	255	263
Equipment rental & Service	7,161	6,621
Payroll	14,400	14,400
Payroll Taxes	1,904	2,973
Dues and subscriptions	254	254
Printing and postage	4,163	4,275
Seminars, Meetings & Convention	29,555	85,305
Rent – Note 6	9,600	9,600
Supreme Convention	6,909	-0-
State Officers expenses	2,338	9,468
Office Supplies	11,517	3,888
Telephone and internet	1,946	2,411
Miscellaneous	0	427
Total management and general expenses	<u>\$92,502</u>	<u>\$142,385</u>

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

Note 4. State Convention Revenues and Expenses

The Organization's annual convention revenues and expenses are recorded in a separate accounting system maintained by the convention committee. For the twelve months ending June 30, 2024, convention expenses exceeded revenue by \$9,148 [\$65,920 v. \$56,772] which was nearly offset by the \$8,645 net revenue from the golf tournament.

Note 5. Lease Commitments

On September 4, 2019, the Organization entered into an agreement to lease office space at 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, Maryland, 20715 with occupancy to begin March 1, 2020. The rent is \$800 per month. The lease ends on March 1, 2030.

On August 10, 2021, the Organization entered into a 4-year contract with DC Hotels Annapolis, LLC dba Crowne Plaza Annapolis Hotel for its 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 annual conventions.

Note 6. Scholarship Program

Effective July 1, 2012, the Organization transferred its Scholarship Program to the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc. (Charity Fund), a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified by the Internal Revenue Service as “Other than a Private Foundation”.

Note 7. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through December 31, 2024, the date which the audited financial statements were available to be issued. As of December 31, 2024, the Maryland State Council stated that it has no knowledge of any subsequent events that would significantly affect these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Unrestricted Programs		
Church & Faith	\$ 0	\$3,799
Columbus Day Ball (net= \$7,600)	24,270	\$ 16,670
Council; Fraternal Activities	0	1,062
Family	0	247
Youth	0	1,472
Founder's Day Mass	3,899	7,048
Ladies Activities and meetings	73	
Sales – Shirts, Pins, Ties, Vests	2,472	809
Star Knight	<u>2,026</u>	<u>7,238</u>
Total unrestricted programs [Net = \$5,605]	<u><u>\$32,740</u></u>	<u><u>\$38,345</u></u>
Restricted Programs		
Auto tags	\$ 420	\$ 300
Box of Joy	0	575
Coats for Kids (net=\$3,528)	7,979	11,507
Council Programs	94,078	94,065
Incentive Raffle Revenue [net = \$35,167]	41,685	6,518
Incentive Raffle Prizes		10,000
Raffle proceeds transferred to charity fund	0	61,054
Raffle proceeds transferred to State	0	4,600
Mentally Challenged Program	0	100,071
Scholarship Fund [net expense= \$16,875)	13,750	30,625
Tootsie Roll Program	4,339	4,565
Ultrasound Program [net = \$10,599]	41,964	52,563
Perpetual Memorial Society	358	0
Program Ads	0	3,475
Other State Programs; ARC, Special Olympics	316	0
Wheelchair Foundation	1,650	0
Net Charity Fund Support	<u>49,688</u>	<u>59,920</u>
Total restricted programs [Net = \$15,360]	<u><u>\$256,227</u></u>	<u><u>\$271,587</u></u>

accompanying notes to financial statements

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING June 30, 2023

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Unrestricted Programs		
Church & Faith	\$ 0	\$ 2,906
Community	4,016	0
Columbus Day Ball (net = \$4,867)	21,075	16,208
Council	0	1,239
Culture of Life	0	111
Family	0	207
Membership	1,763	15
Sales – Shirts, Pins, Ties, Vests (net = \$4,808)	525	5,333
Youth	0	<u>1,389</u>
Total unrestricted programs	<u>\$27,379</u>	<u>\$27,408</u>
 Restricted Programs		
Box of Joy	0	575
Coats for Kids (net = \$10,925)	2,220	13,145
Mentally Challenged Program	104,906	100,071
Incentive Raffle [net = \$46,554)	54,946	8,392
Incentive raffle prizes	0	24,500
Perpetual Memorial Society	911	0
Raffle Proceeds transferred Charity Fund	0	61,054
Raffle proceeds transferred to State	0	4,600
Scholarship Fund (net = \$29,549)	61,144	31,595
Ultrasound Program (net = \$36,165)	74,347	38,182
Other Activities	71	0
Program Ads		3,475
Wheelchair Foundation	800	0
Net Charity Fund Support	<u>18,798</u>	<u>0</u>
Total restricted programs	<u>\$318,143</u>	<u>\$285,589</u>

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2024

To the State Officers
Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus (the Organization), a not-for-profit organization, which comprise the cash basis statements of assets, liabilities and net assets as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus as of June 30, 2024 and its support, revenue and expenses for the twelve months then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information which includes the cash basis Statement of Program Revenue and Expenses for the twelve months ended June 30, 2024 and June, 30, 2023 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Terry M. Reinhart, CPA, CFP

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS – CASH BASIS

As of June 30

ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Unrestricted Accounts	\$309,724	\$298,013
Restricted Accounts	513,197	188,805
Convention Accounts:		
Checking, Money Market & PayPal	<u>9,639</u>	<u>15,496</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$832,560</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>		
Office equipment	34,340	34,340
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(34,340)</u>	<u>(34,340)</u>
Net furniture and equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$832,560</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Equity</i>		
Unrestricted Equity	309,724	298,013
Restricted Equity – Note 2	<u>522,836</u>	<u>204,301</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$832,560</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES – CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Support, revenues and expenses</i>			
Membership per capita tax	\$137,196	\$ 0	\$137,196
Interest	0	471	471
Program Revenue [see page 10 for detail]	<u>32,740</u>	<u>256,227</u>	<u>288,967</u>
Total support and revenues	169,936	256,698	426,634
<i>Expenses</i>			
Program expenses [see page 10 for detail]	(38,345)	(271,587)	(309,932)
Management and general [see Note 3 for detail]	<u>(92,502)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(92,502)</u>
Total expenses	(130,847)	(271,587)	(402,434)
Decrease in Convention accounts	N/A	(5,857)	(5,857)
Change in net assets	39,089	(20,746)	18,343
Net assets – beginning of year	<u>298,013</u>	<u>204,301</u>	<u>502,314</u>
Net assets – end of year	<u>\$337,102</u>	<u>\$183,555</u>	<u>\$520,657</u>

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES – CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Support, revenues and expenses</i>			
Membership per capita tax	\$144,943	\$ 0	\$144,943
Interest	(15)	298	283
Programs [see page 11 for detail]	<u>27,379</u>	<u>318,143</u>	<u>345,522</u>
— Total support and revenues	<u>172,307</u>	<u>318,441</u>	<u>490,748</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
Program expenses [see page 11 for detail]	(27,408)	(285,589)	(312,997)
Management and general [see Note 3 for detail]	<u>(142,385)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(142,385)</u>
Total expenses	<u>(169,793)</u>	<u>(285,589)</u>	<u>(455,382)</u>
Decrease in convention accounts	<u>N/A</u>	<u>(7,903)</u>	<u>(7,903)</u>
Change in net assets	2,514	24,949	27,463
Net assets – beginning of period	<u>295,499</u>	<u>179,352</u>	<u>474,851</u>
Net assets – end of period	<u>\$298,013</u>	<u>\$204,301</u>	<u>\$502,314</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Business

The Organization was formed on March 2, 1899, to function as a legislative body, transmitting through its representatives, the wishes of the subordinate Maryland Councils to the Supreme Council, particularly with reference to the modification of the laws and rules. During the early days, each Council developed its own programs of action in the fields of charity, religious, social and patriotic activities. The State Council, through its State Deputy and officers and his District Deputies prevail upon the Councils to follow the course of action decided at the annual meetings of the State Council.

The Order of the Knights of Columbus was established for the purpose of developing a practical Catholicity among its members, and to promote Catholic education and charity and furnish temporary financial aid to member families.

Principles of Accounting

The Organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, revenues are recognized when received rather than earned and expenses are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Assets are capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives using IRS guidelines.

Income Taxes

The Organization is a subordinate unit of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus which is a fraternal benefit society under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (8). The State Council is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (8) provided its employer identification number is listed with the Supreme Advocate.

The Organization's Form 990 [Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax] for the six-month period ending June 30, 2021, and the twelve month periods ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023 are reviewable by the Internal Revenue Service.

Cash and cash equivalents

For purpose of the statements of assets, liabilities and net assets, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

Furniture and Equipment

Office Equipment has been capitalized and is depreciated over seven years under the straight-line method of depreciation.

Note 2. Restricted Assets

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the amount of restricted assets were \$513,197 and \$204,301.

Net proceeds of the incentive raffle are used only for State Council programs such as donations for Catholic education, scholarships, and other programs approved by the State Deputy and his officers.

Note 3. Management and General Expenses

	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>
Auditing	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Insurance	255	263
Equipment rental & Service	7,161	6,621
Payroll	14,400	14,400
Payroll Taxes	1,904	2,973
Dues and subscriptions	254	254
Printing and postage	4,163	4,275
Seminars, Meetings & Convention	29,555	85,305
Rent – Note 6	9,600	9,600
Supreme Convention	6,909	-0-
State Officers expenses	2,338	9,468
Office Supplies	11,517	3,888
Telephone and internet	1,946	2,411
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>	<u>427</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>\$92,502</u>	<u>\$142,385</u>

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

Note 4. State Convention Revenues and Expenses

The Organization's annual convention revenues and expenses are recorded in a separate accounting system maintained by the convention committee. For the twelve months ending June 30, 2024, convention expenses exceeded revenue by \$9,148 [\$65,920 v. \$56,772] which was nearly offset by the \$8,645 net revenue from the golf tournament.

Note 5. Lease Commitments

On September 4, 2019, the Organization entered into an agreement to lease office space at 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, Maryland, 20715 with occupancy to begin March 1, 2020. The rent is \$800 per month. The lease ends on March 1, 2030.

On August 10, 2021, the Organization entered into a 4-year contract with DC Hotels Annapolis, LLC dba Crowne Plaza Annapolis Hotel for its 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 annual conventions.

Note 6. Scholarship Program

Effective July 1, 2012, the Organization transferred its Scholarship Program to the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc. (Charity Fund), a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified by the Internal Revenue Service as "Other than a Private Foundation".

Note 7. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through December 31, 2024, the date which the audited financial statements were available to be issued. As of December 31, 2024, the Maryland State Council stated that it has no knowledge of any subsequent events that would significantly affect these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Unrestricted Programs		
Church & Faith	\$ 0	\$ 3,799
Columbus Day Ball (net= \$7,600)	24,270	\$ 16,670
Council; Fraternal Activities	0	1,062
Family	0	247
Youth	0	1,472
Founder's Day Mass	3,899	7,048
Ladies Activities and meetings	73	
Sales – Shirts, Pins, Ties, Vests	2,472	809
Star Knight	2,026	7,238
Total unrestricted programs [Net = \$5,605]	<u>\$32,740</u>	<u>\$38,345</u>
Restricted Programs		
Auto tags	\$ 420	\$ 300
Box of Joy	0	575
Coats for Kids (net=\$3,528)	7,979	11,507
Council Programs	94,078	94,065
Incentive Raffle Revenue [net = \$35,167]	41,685	6,518
Incentive Raffle Prizes		10,000
Raffle proceeds transferred to charity fund	0	61,054
Raffle proceeds transferred to State	0	4,600
Mentally Challenged Program	0	100,071
Scholarship Fund [net expense= \$16,875)	13,750	30,625
Tootsie Roll Program	4,339	4,565
Ultrasound Program [net = \$10,599]	41,964	52,563
Perpetual Memorial Society	358	0
Program Ads	0	3,475
Other State Programs; ARC, Special Olympics	316	0
Wheelchair Foundation	1,650	0
Net Charity Fund Support	49,688	59,920
Total restricted programs [Net = \$15,360]	<u>\$256,227</u>	<u>\$271,587</u>

accompanying notes to financial statements

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING June 30, 2023

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Unrestricted Programs		
Church & Faith	\$ 0	\$ 2,906
Community	4,016	0
Columbus Day Ball (net = \$4,867)	21,075	16,208
Council	0	1,239
Culture of Life	0	111
Family	0	207
Membership	1,763	15
Sales – Shirts, Pins, Ties, Vests (net = \$4,808)	525	5,333
Youth	<u>0</u>	<u>1,389</u>
Total unrestricted programs	<u><u>\$27,379</u></u>	<u><u>\$27,408</u></u>

Restricted Programs		
Box of Joy	0	575
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APPENDIX 4

“OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS ROLL CALL”

MARYLAND CREDENTIAL MANAGER

Delegate Roll Call

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
1 Mickey Dillow				
1470 ST. MARY'S	Steven Tomaszeski 5004864	Gordon Stellway 4025413	Brian Abell 3266478	James W. Mattingly, Jr. 3969508
7914 ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS SJ	Dorian A Tavarez 4907135	George Greenwell 4706975	Jerry Hicks 4016296	Robert Newell 4333237
8159 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	NOT DOCUMENTED			
10957 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER	Mark A Coontz, Jr. 5116719	Herbert W. Male 4987175	Robert E. Bowles Sr. 4396179	Michael DeManss 3811707
16986 OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE	James Dorsey 5006684	William Mattingly 3323977	Paul Callanan 4575436	Stephen Wright 5006704
2 Matthew Warehime				
2577 SACRED HEART	Timothy Fitzmaurice 2455147	Michael Mitchell 4927435	Donald Tallmadge 2640913	Romeo C. Paternoster 4195128
9302 ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION	David L. Boon 5139107	Daniel Hall 4935941	Dale W Trott 2618204	John Vassallo, Jr 2618203
12254 FR. PETER C. BOYLE	Karl Caton 4303293	Stafford Williams 5039859	Stephen J. Kemp 3015325	David Willett 2834334
14455 FR. MICHAEL C. KIDD	Ansu S Momoh 5108878	Larnell Johnson 4974716	Terry Reinhart 3512449	Michael J. Turner 4487066

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
3 Harold Sanders				
2809 PRINCE GEORGES	Paul Wood 4715374	Timothy J Keifline 4491829	Richard A. Bissell 3547639	Stephen M Adamczyk, PS 3107142
5381 MOTHER SETON	Kenneth Osuji 4441017	Emmanuel S. Ajayi 4512889	Joseph Ngu 4894502	Aneurin M. M'Carthy 4528987
10046 ST. MARY'S OF LANDOVER HILLS	NOT DOCUMENTED			
10885 ST. HUGH	Brian Mangino 4622360	David Pitts 4622361	Jerome Smallwood 4569567	
11422 JAMES C. FLETCHER JR.	Ashiboe (Ben) Mensah 5107246	Chidubem M Oparaoji 4873481	Harold M Countee 4919037	Fidelis K Ajudua 4818681
18156 SAINTE TERRE D'ACCUEIL	Frank Boccovi 4877551	Isidore Sobgo 4826007	Robert Ndibi Meka 4877553	Herve Kossi Segbaya 5347134

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
4	Richard J. Przybylski			
7025 FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY	William J Penkala 2942654	Armando Fernandez, DD 5010361	Godwin Ilonoh 3708872	
10881 OUR LADY OF THE CHESAPEAKE	Joshua Frank 5240178			
10966 MSGR. RAYMOND P. KELLY	David I Gonzales 3737035	Steven P. Quigley 4822327	Michael D. Little 3361845	Richard J. Przybylski, DD 4427414
11214 ST. BERNADETTE	Julian Christie 5257773	James Kilbride 3933934	John Ohmer 2749050	Robert J. Welenc 2350413
14612 ST. PHILIP NERI	Alvin L. Jordan 4202261	Chris Figueroa 4892100	Francis "Fritz" Leach 387059	Bill Copes 462558
5	Chris McGrath			
1393 WESTMINSTER	Roger A. Cooper 2814517	Deacon Mark Ripper 3478852	Dan Lech 5016778	Chris McGrath, DD 3950285
3960 ST. CHARLES BORROMEY	E.Paul Jones, Sr. 3242121	Thomas Feulner 4709867	Adewale Obanla 5153229	Michael Alegieunu 5090952
5208 IMMACULATE LADY	Tom Harwell 3489433	David Clement 4833713	Joseph Maher, Jr. 2663137	Mike Ford 4845677
7612 ARCHBISHOP FULTON J SHEEN	Joshua Flatley 5257890	Eric Horne 3641400	Alan Grasley 4074694	David Dolinsky 4988364
9127 ST. BARTHOLOMEW	Henry Ruhlman 3575825	Michael Kelbaugh 5046375	Matthew Morley 3751561	Charles Kohler 4279919

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
6 Herman Stewart				
9638 FR. JOSEPH J. COMYNS	Michael Harrison 5047489	Stephen Lucas 3977444	Robert G Mayer 4466837	Steven Liberatore 3481232
11341 RESURRECTION	James (Greg) Jolissaint 3682127	Bradley Weiss 4654161	Roy A Harris 4246748	Andrew "Drew" Scurachio 3666685
11898 ST. LOUIS THE KING	Frank Arlinghaus 2865605	Joe Knight 3822940	John Sniezek 3100637	Bryan Teague 4941794
13294 ST. ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ	Barry Frederick 4271684	Walter B. Chahanovich 4376240	Luke Browning 3853616	Scott L. Walker 4007381

7 Buzzy Stockman

2452 OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL	NOT DOCUMENTED			
2605 BETHLEHEM	James E. Blasio 4135805	Buzzy Stockman, DD 4609446	Francis Seman, Sr. 1846940	
2942 DUNDALK	John Farruggio, Jr. 4680500	Gerald F Novak 586307	Ian F. Budny 5240178	William B. Ames 2707608
10137 KNIGHTS OF FATIMA	NOT DOCUMENTED	James M. Bocklage 3398983	Kevin Wise 4172344	Ronald Tassi 4663599

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
8 John C. Navarro				
1365 PANGBORN	Jason Knode 5162469	Paul Leatherman 393018	Joseph Wolfensberger 4946871	Frederick A. Nugent 4018564
11703 OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY	William Traube 2081655	Thomas Robinson 4303813	William Turner 4257870	Paul Zummo 4180838
11715 ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL	NOT DOCUMENTED			
14011 ST. KATHARINE DREXEL	Jonas Rebeiro 4955544	Bruce Blatchley 4963976	Brian Woerner 3681101	Walter Leskuski, Jr. 4405628
9 Thomas Tereshinski				
7870 CALVERT	David Gallegos 4969094	Wallace Wormack, Sr 4811891	Bryan Rager 4745551	William de la Cerda 5059979
11259 OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM	Stephen G. Kupka 5219972	Charles Crisman 4667745	Jerome L. Cleveland Jr. 2764466	Glen W. Rauner 3213904
14572 JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Chris Lindsey 4255984	Kevin Bissell 4255964	Thomas Tereshinski, DD 4336240	Edward Reilly 4763075
14775 JESUS THE DIVINE WORD	Knight Jeff 3221890	Edwin J Spicka 4894031	Eric T. Byrd 4371667	W. Bruce Evartt 4329076

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
10 Jimmy Williams				
2203 PATUXENT	Patrick Onyekweli 3303956	Stephen Hubbard 3156172	Jimmy Williams, DD 4498616	Bill McMahon 1575875
5564 ST. JEROME	Fabrice Mukoko 4255697	Eric Daniels 4939365	Herb Hille 4109071	J. Kevin Keating 4107689
9808 MSGR JOHN R PENNINGTON	Ronald Hopkins 5106056			
11619 DEACON JOHN LYNN	Tom Deramo 5192059	Michael Goerling 4169514	Michael L Woodruff 4337981	Richard Rekus 4107008
14099 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	Michael McNally 5284271	Ray Szyperski 1000435	Stephen Kaisler 4936361	Gregory Strzempek 4870229
11 Martin (Gus) Gusman				
2169 FATHER ROSENSTEEL	Michael Maddox 4363096	Timothy Stocker 3664976	Paul T. Girolami 2126359	James Mannion 4659420
5547 HOLY FAMILY	Patrick J. Fitzgerald 2718960	Robert Monagan 2311416	Christopher F Lynch 1959680	Mario Lopez 5043219
15084 ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL	David F Bludis 4137677	Alfonso De Jesus 4774632	Amanuel Abraha 4902983	Michael Spraggins 4761017
16634 ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE	Stefan Witczak 4935509	Franklin Morton 5089985	David Birely 4916205	Robert Dowlut 5152914

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
12 Larry Perkins				
2279 ARCHBISHOP NEALE	Justin Meeder 4712383	Michael Mickey 4913849	Perry M Giovacchini 4612601	Gerricho Brosco 2172462
2293 DR. JOHN H. GRIFFIN	Michael R Gonzales 4626325	Anthony McGrath 4954050	Steve Law 4674575	
5482 JOHN F. KENNEDY	Daniel Coughlon 4714772	Thomas W Birmingham Jr 2550032	Chad Gerstman 4645456	Donald Ramsey, Sr. 4785243
11484 HOLY GHOST	Frank Wathen 3658225	Joseph Hayden 3245455	Joseph Troy 4472617	Thomas Mayer 3834860
12128 MAURICE J. McDONOUGH	NOT DOCUMENTED			

13 Calvin Anthony

370 ST. PATRICK	Paul W. Brennan, Jr. 2745515	Gregory Lynch, DD 3967577	Joseph Maurer 3311876	
2521 CARDINAL GIBBONS	David Price 5127632	Thomas W Flynn 2994041	Timothy Burdyek 3050764	Robert (Chris) Daigle 3960322
6021 FR. BURGGRAFF	John Mulcahy 4959302	Robert Medeiros 3935023	Calvin Anthony, DD 3178189	William Lane 5138026
13859 POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT	Joe Mizell 4822846	Thomas O'Hara 4032916	Richard Shown 4638077	Joe McGeeney 3629095

<i>District</i>	<i>Grand Knight Name</i>	<i>Delegate Name</i>	<i>1st Alternate Name</i>	<i>2nd Alternate Name</i>
14 Armando Fernandez				
16611 SAN JUAN NEUMANN de BALTIMORE	NOT DOCUMENTED			
17192 SAN OSCAR ARNULFO ROMEO	Eduardo Chicas 1959680	Ruben Garcia 4413894	Juan Manuel Romero-Esp 5092100	Julio C. Aragon 5062343
17545 SAN BERNARDINO DE SIENA	NOT DOCUMENTED			
18170 SAN JOSE CUSTODIO DE COLUMBIA	Jhon Neira 5291361	Miguel Velasquez 5291340	Juan Jose Barraza 5291354	Jaime Turcios 5291336
15 Michael Maxey				
4076 ST. PIUS X	Robert White 3143904	J. Stephen Jacobs 3603160	Mark Richardson 2844047	
5317 ST. COLUMCILLE	NOT DOCUMENTED			
11171 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST	John A (Andy) Harris 5135978	Christopher J Page 4551107	Jeffrey Koscho 4127033	Paul Bauer 3857161
11511 MOST HOLY ROSARY	Jean Chery 5321356	Marco N. De Cesaris 2661254	Dave C. DesMarais 4643633	Ernest S. Washington 3647140
16499 ST. JOHN FISCHER	NOT DOCUMENTED			

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16 Brian Ulmen				
2002 HAVRE DE GRACE	Steve Elburn 4449488	John Marley 4764445	Donald Kern 3960664	Hinton Paul 4829898
2427 BISHOP BECKER	Kevin O'Donnall 3863970	Dr Thomas F. Podlesak 3597858	Joseph Zammit 4737959	John Koval 4024724
4714 BEL AIR	Stephen Michael 3009096	Eric Tiso 4483980	John Knapstein 2476145	Kevin McNamara 3170528
6188 CORPUS CHRISTI	Thomas O'Hara 2767085	Richard Blasdell 4100324	John Dittus 5170210	
9729 ST. IGNATIUS	NOT DOCUMENTED			

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17 John Journell				
1960 PATAPSCO	NOT DOCUMENTED			
4449 ST. AGNES	David Reed 4596056	Chris Vandewinkel 4791558	Roger Andreas 4975650	Christopher D Wills 4969523
5466 WOODLAWN	Edward Randel 3300752	T. Gregory (Greg) Crist 1578132	Sherman M. Casey 171963	Gerard Dauer 3281205
10648 ST. BENEDICT	NOT DOCUMENTED			
13069 OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS	NOT DOCUMENTED			
16104 OUR LADY OF VICTORY	NOT DOCUMENTED			

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18 Michael Watson				
2797 ROCK CREEK	Alex Lieb 3668591	Jon Schneider 4486179	Patrick Corkery 5250052	Mark McAndrews 5247709
5567 SAINT JOSEPH MANYANET	Stephen York 4603956	Roger Szabo 3949915	William Newbrough 4560518	Paul Lindkugal 2428730
9774 MATER DEI	Matthew W Hoyle 2907032	Michael Watson, DD 4674239	John T Kent 4074919	Rafael Ramirez 4848253
12796 ST. ELIZABETH'S OF ROCKVILLE	NOT DOCUMENTED			
13008 MSGR. THOMAS M. WELLS	William Bolin 3752769	Dennis L. Gorres 2787154	Wilfrid J. Amisial 3941168	John O'Donnell 3898743
19 Gregory Lynch				
2901 NOTRE DAME	Thomas Welzant 3644576	Albert Peters 4744006	Greg Leftwich 4485915	
4011 FR. O'NEILL	John Meredith 4832552	George J. Hogan 1114004	W. Glenn Thuman 4133319	William McCarthy, III 4980170
14102 STS. PHILIP AND JAMES	Mike Pollard 4835352	David R Jenkins 4371812	Daniel K Schlattman 4459665	Timothy J Maxwell 4863676
16304 ST. CLEMENT I	NOT DOCUMENTED			

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20 Frank Bishop				
586 CUMBERLAND	Louis Lindner 4424367	Aaron Clark 4620290	Craig W. Leasure 4620293	John R. Hershberger 4572986
1442 FROSTBURG	Danny Scott 1579619	Robert J. Sweitzer 4036260	Nicholas J Costello 5326702	Edward C. (Chuck) Durne 3148045
1771 OAKLAND	Daniel Clark 2240911	Michael Saunders 3751538	Thomas W Briggs 2656374	George Landers 4605610
21 Gary Guy				
6901 OUR LADY OF FATIMA	Thomas McCartin 3596203	Dave Bivans 4964198	Timothy Flynn 4837304	Joseph E. Murtha, FM 2838200
11024 FR. HORACE B. MCKENNA	Frank Uyakonwu 4953043	Sean Mack 4425743	Dante Preciado 3962274	Donald H. Kinler 3320628
11105 ST. PAUL	George Hassan 4575144	Owen R Otilio 4260387	James P Gallagher 1730056	Daniel P. Thorpe 4070663
12127 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	Michael York 4319228	Brian C Hiles 3127735	Daniel Cipra 4457410	Luis M Gorres 5108261
14297 ST. ROSE OF LIMA	Michael D. Williams 4477481	Paul (Farhad) Mehraban 5099954	Rene L Sorra 4131775	Justin A Sorra 5033774

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22 Joseph Gangi				
3489 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES	NOT DOCUMENTED			
9053 OCEAN CITY	NOT DOCUMENTED			
11616 FATHER EDMOND JULIEN	NOT DOCUMENTED			
23 Frank Attard				
7559 COLUMBIA	Dr. Boniface Nwugwo 4331308	Marcus Obeng 4472954	Alan Pultyniewicz 4589707	Tim Lynch 3382404
11618 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN	Paul Peyla 4906498	Thomas Devlin 3278946	Frantis (Frank) Stanitski 2933518	James King 4455503
12180 FATHER BERNARD HARDING	NOT DOCUMENTED			
12524 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI	Anthony Gigioli 3490796	Richard Tucci 3836997	Jeremy S. Alexander 4424318	

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24 Jeffrey C. Maynard				
1384 ANNAPOLIS	John Paraschak 4802251		Mike Wilson 4738625	David Rahn 3145763
3413 HOLY TRINITY	Shane McCarthy 4943855	Bradley Zell 3244382	Larry R. Brundin 3384395	Ron Cook 2793485
5263 ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS P. KEOUGH	NOT DOCUMENTED			
8251 SOUTH COUNTY	Frank V. Klein 3641238	Kevin Burgess 4946731	David W. Mutschler 3736049	Tom Weigand 5135523
11552 ST. ANDREWS BY THE BAY	Christian Dietz 4988970	Richard Allison 3266920	Joseph D Walker 4672790	Tom Denn 3509111
17990 William E. Baldwin, Jr.	Patrick Brady 5251250	John Strawbridge 2412310	Gerard (Jerry) Kane 2627842	William Bumford 2362510
25 Tom Plunkett				
1622 ST. JOHN'S	Rick Babbitt 3747251	Lee Ericksen 3878768	Tom Plunkett, DD 4238393	Sean McFarland 5133373
1860 BRUTE	William (BJ) Troxell 5030754	Patrick A. Joy 4378501	Jonathan K Carroll 4160422	Brian McKenny 4639455
11975 REV. DR. DAVID W. SHAUM	NOT DOCUMENTED			
12255 ST. TIMOTHY	Dwayne Weddle, Sr. 5154077	John Szarnicki 348558		

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26 Larry Houck				
2274 REGINA COELI	Max Cerna 4874042	James Jennings 3840618	Richard Bulman 1597582	Dave Montgomery 4780481
7941 FR. JOSEPH G. McMANUS	Kenton Kilgore 4071336	Larry Houck, DD 2280924	Guilferd "Gil" Boisvert 3401510	Michael McQuillian 4889292
11248 FR GEORGE BRADFORD	Richard Follin 3704016	Matthew Gerstung 3770459	Tom Yeager 3177094	John "Jack" Bigelow 3177085
12054 ST. JOAN OF ARC	Chuck Gailunas 5266564	Tom Lough 2487126	Bernard P. Liswell 4268709	Craig Clagett 2007895
14189 JOHN JACOB RASKOB	William V Bryan III 4549985	Charles F Pesnell 4773530	Mark Pesi 5196573	Thomas (TJ) Jasick 3418021
27 Gregory J. Ward				
8736 LONG GREEN VALLEY	John L Stansfield 4132375	Christopher Phillips 3757984	A. Paul Weber 2653064	Michael J Sallese 3180181
9815 OUR LADY OF GRACE	NOT DOCUMENTED	Sean Priest 348558		
10100 MASON DIXON	Venis Knight 4518494	Lee Surkin 3748150	Geoff Graff 4849779	Bob McConnell 4892799
11372 FR. MAURICE J. WOLFE	Philip Pfarr, III 3739250	Steven Herpel 1555354	Larry Shannahan 4237035	John Michael Novak 3999254

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28 Benjamin A. Romero				
4606 OUR LADY OF LOURDES	NOT DOCUMENTED			
11615 FR. A. LEO ABENDSCHOEN	NOT DOCUMENTED			
14535 ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI	NOT DOCUMENTED			
15768 BASILICA OF BALTIMORE	Stuart Pope 4644549	James Goldbeck 4644542	Peter Gandt 3241191	
29 William A. Waldron				
2065 ST. MICHAEL'S	Richard Muir 4623784	Christopher A. Hill 2784190	James Biscoe 2187968	Ralph Ridgell 3739913
3849 HOLY FACE	Christopher McGraw 4573943			
9258 OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA	Pete McDevitt 4599932	Tom Reumont 3031013	Shane Gahagan 470908	Vincent Maldonado 4032200
9968 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Craig Davie 4123254	William A. Waldron, DD 3063411	Anthony Spadarella 3311634	Michael Whitaker 4956812
13091 FR. SEBASTIEN DE ROSE	David Reumont 2903191	James Cooney 2370575	Christopher Wilcox 4759454	Daniel Bogan 3917706

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30 Edward L. Day				
2323 MONTGOMERY	Guy Federico 4928530	James R Gierula 4551580	John G. DeMare 3769716	Bernard McGuire, Jr 3241191
6793 FR. PETER PAUL MAHER	David Czarnecki 3752772	Jack Giacalone 3792380		
11106 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Steven Chopski 5113247		Michael Chu 4414356	
11769 OUR LADY OF VIETNAM	Phuong Pham 4524711	Yen Le 3267700	Khoa Le 4686293	Tuan A. Nguyen 4524717
13463 EL CONSEJO DE SAN JUAN DIEGO	NOT DOCUMENTED			

31 Jose Rector

10525 ST. MICHAEL'S OF POPLAR SPRINGS	John Visina 4905019	W. Paul Burkett 4952150	Ralph Trautwein 2742729	Dennis Sauer 4523842
11815 ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	David Weaver 4933185	Michael Abel 4903432	Matt Lenz 4185389	Thomas Walters 4759273
13290 ST. PETER THE APOSTLE	Michael S. Bir 1713570	Robert Droter 1791335		
15985 CHARLES CARROLL	James Sanford 4825471	Jose Rector, DD 3948934		

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32 Erwin LaCanienta				
205 CARD SHEHAN OF BALTIMORE	Renard Gardner, Sr. 4934861	Peter Hammerer 4403683	Gary Gray 3111861	Howard Koontz, Jr. 1775180
5058 BISHOP SEBASTIAN	Franklin Crispi 4973288	Michael H. Mank 1439264	Stephen Radziminski 4654501	Roy C Gary 4741693
9462 SANTO NINO	Dr. Jay Penafiel 4985813	Modesto Carbon 3592441	Dr. Ernesto Rivera 4307190	Virgilio P. Verzosa 4507443
11787 ST. MATHEW'S INTERNATIONAL	NOT DOCUMENTED			

33 Mathew Hollister

1965 MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY	NOT DOCUMENTED
13295 SEDES SAPIENTIAE	NOT DOCUMENTED
14534 COMMODORE JOHN BARRY	NOT DOCUMENTED
15000 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY	NOT DOCUMENTED
17759 BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AT ST M	NOT DOCUMENTED

APPENDIX 5

“RESOLUTION’S & WARDEN’S COMMITTEES”

126th State Convention Committee Assignments

The following Grand Knights or Wardens to the State Deputy have been assigned to your Committee

with the approval of the State Deputy:

Committee	Council No.	GK	Lname	Fname	Council Name
<u>HASSAN</u>					
Resolutions	1384	x	Paraschak	John	ANNAPOLIS
Resolutions	1860	x	Troxell	William	BRUTE
Resolutions	2169	x	Maddox	Michael	FATHER ROSENSTEEL
Resolutions	4717	x	Michael	Stephen	BEL AIR
Resolutions	7870	x	Gallegos	David	CALVERT
Resolutions	9638	x	Harrison	Michael	FATHER JOSEPH J. COMYNS
Resolutions	11372	x	Pfarr, III	Phillip	FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE
Resolutions	11815	x	Weaver	David	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
Resolutions	14011	x	Rebeiro	Jonas	ST. KATHERINE DREXEL
Resolutions	14535	x	Corazza	Frank	ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI
Committee	Council No.		Lname	Fname	Council Name
<u>GREUL</u>					
Wardens	9127		Trainor	John	ST. BARTHOLOMEW
Wardens	14535		Grasso	Santo	ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI
Wardens	10957		Bowles, Sr.	Robert	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, THE
Wardens	7612		Partenope	Thom	ARCHBISOP FULTON J. SHEEN
Wardens	16634		michaels	Andrew	ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
Wardens	7941		Ragolio	Mike	FATHER JOSEPH G. MCMANUS
Wardens	2293		Law	Steve	DR. JOHN HENRY GRIFFIN
Wardens	3413		Duryee	Jim	HOLY TRINITY
Wardens	370		Lynch	Greg	ST. PATRICK

APPENDIX 6

“CONVENTION BANQUET SEQUENCE OF EVENTS”

126th Maryland State Convention Banquet Sequence of Events

Call to Order

MC introduction

**State Officers and Dignitaries seated at the Head Table were introduced
as they processed into ballroom**

Presentation of Colors

State Chaplain Fr. Grzymski delivered Invocation & Grace before Meals

Dinner

Program

Litany read and Columbian Dignitaries introduced

Maryland State Deputy Christopher Powers made presentations to:

PSD Romeo Gauthier and Lady Pat – 2023-2024 Honorees Resolution

Archbishop William E. Lori – gift for Supreme Chaplain

Speaker: Supreme Representative Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

State Deputy Christopher Powers and Lady Annie presented gifts to

Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Lady Dorian

Speaker: Maryland State Deputy Christopher Powers

First Lady Annie Powers made flower presentations

Speaker3: Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori

Benediction given by Archbishop Lori

Open House – Hospitality:

DJ & Dancing in the Queen Anne Ballroom and the Annapolis Bar & Grill

APPENDIX 7

**“STATE DEPUTY’S CONVENTION
BANQUET SPEECH”**

**Worthy Supreme Chaplain, Reverend Fathers
Columbian Dignitaries at all levels
Lovely Ladies and guests**

**I bring you greetings from our
Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
and the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.**

**I welcome you to this evening's celebration of our
126th State Convention recognizing
your service throughout Maryland.**

**Catholicity in Maryland began with Fr Andrew White's
celebration of the first Mass in the English-speaking colonies
when the Arc and Dove anchored in the Potomac River
just a short distance from here.**

**The courage and determination of these early Catholics
to risk everything for the opportunity to live their Faith
is especially inspirational as we strive to rekindle this Faith
through the current Eucharistic Revival.**

**My first task this evening is to recognize my friend and mentor,
Honorees, Roe & Pat Gauthier.**

**Please welcome them to the podium
while I share the resolution we approved at today's session.**

WHEREAS: Brother Romeo Gauthier joined the Order on September 1, 1972 as a member of St. Bartholomew Council #9127 in Manchester, Maryland and is celebrating 52 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS: Brother Romeo Gauthier was elected to the position of State Warden in 1992 and served as State Deputy of the Maryland jurisdiction from 2000 to 2002; and,

WHEREAS: Brother Romeo Gauthier served with distinction as State Deputy focusing on helping the state council grow in the spiritual and program areas. As State Deputy, he distinguished himself by instituting four new councils during his term, instituting The Catholic Teacher of the Year Award, creating and implementing the Maryland State Council Widows Program, donated \$2,500 to help send seminarians to World Youth Day; and,

WHEREAS: Brother Romeo Gauthier served the Maryland State Council as the Executive Secretary to the Maryland State Council for 14 years, serving seven State Deputies; and

WHEREAS: Brother Romeo Gauthier continues to serve the Maryland State Council as State Historian, and is an impactful mentor to new leaders at the state, district, and council level; now

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that: The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus, in its 126th Annual Convention assembled this 4th day of May 2024 expresses with pride its congratulations and thanks to Brother Romeo Gauthier and Lady Pat for their exemplary dedication and leadership exhibited while serving our Order for fifty-one years by recognizing them as Honoree for the 126th Convention of the Maryland State Council of the Knight of Columbus.

Submitted by the Maryland State Council.

ATTEST

**Christopher L. Powers
State Deputy**

Roe & Pat, please accept these small gifts thanking you for the incredible impact you continue to have on our State Council!

**Worthy Supreme Chaplain, we're honored by the presence
of you and your fellow clergy.**

**Thank you for your dedicated service to, and leadership of,
the people of God,
and know that your Knights are always here
to support you in your vocation.**

**While we're not celebrating on your birthday this time, know that
you're always in our thoughts & prayers. Today, we passed this
resolution which will be submitted for the Supreme Convention in
Quebec City (3 raps)**

**WHEREAS: Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori, S.T.D. was
elected Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in 2005 and,**

**WHEREAS: Supreme Chaplain Lori was ordained a priest in 1977,
and in 1995 was elevated to the position of Bishop for the Diocese
of Bridgeport, and has served the United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops in many capacities and,**

**WHEREAS: Supreme Chaplain Lori was named the Archbishop-
designate of the Archdiocese of Baltimore on March 20, 2012 and
was installed as the 16th Archbishop of Baltimore on May 16, 2012;
and**

**WHEREAS: Supreme Chaplain Lori provides prayerful leadership to
the Archdiocese of Baltimore**

**Therefore, be it RESOLVED that: The Maryland State Council of the
Knights of Columbus, in its 126th Annual Convention assembled
this 4th day of May 2024, congratulates and thanks Archbishop
William Lori, S.T.D. on the occasion of his eighteenth-year
anniversary as Supreme Chaplain.**

Submitted by the Maryland State Council.

**Christopher L. Powers
State Deputy**

**Worthy PSK Carl Anderson,
We're honored by your participation in our 126th convention!
We have a couple of Maryland gifts to share,
but our primary gift is a donation on your behalf
to the Sisters of Life!**

**My remarks are brief,
focusing instead on the rare opportunity to hear
from PSK Carl Anderson!**

**I offer my thanks to the Combined Color Corps
You bring a formality and focus to our ceremonies.
Thank you for serving as
the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.**

**I thank the convention committee for making this
a great fraternal weekend
and thank all for your active participation**

**I challenge all present to grow our Order
The success of our next 125 years starts today!
Though founded on Christian values,
our nation today is an increasingly secular society
driven by a focus on self
rather than the charitable virtues of the past. dd**

**Our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
characterizes this as a time of grave challenges
in the church.
We're called to lead young men and their families
in Faith and fraternity.**

**The vision and tenacity of a young parish priest
led to the establishment of our lay Catholic order,
and this vision was clearly recognized in
the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.
Our calling is to implement his vision in today's world!**

**I challenge all present to invite Catholic men
to become Knights each month.
Many will accept this invitation to become better Catholics,
strengthened through the unity offered by our Order.**

**Our Knights of Columbus families, standing together,
can live our Faith in the public square.
Our visible lesson will change the hearts
of those who do not understand God's love,
and the message of Christ.
This challenge is great, but the Knights are up to it.**

**Please continue to Take Christ to the World
by Crying the Gospel with Your Lives!
God Bless America, and Vivat Jesus!**

APPENDIX 8

“HONOREE’S CONVENTION BANQUET SPEECH”

THANK YOU WORTHY SD

I WANT TO START BY THANKING YOU FOR SELECTING PAT AND I AS HONORED GUEST FOR THIS FRATERNAL YEAR. IT IS A SPECIAL HONOR BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS WHO SERVE THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL WHO DESERVE THIS HONOR. PAT AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU AND ANNIE FOR THE COURTESIES YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO US THIS YEAR.

BEFORE I MAKE BY REMARKS, I WANT TO INTRODUCE MY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE THIS EVENING.

OUR DAUGHTER ANGELA AND HER HUSBAND TONY

OUR DAUGHTER SHIRLEY AND HER HUSBAND ERIC

OUR SON MICHAEL

**OUR SON SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH AND HIS WIFE KELLY
AND OF COURSE MY LOVELY WIFE PAT.**

OVER 50 YEARS AGO A GOOD FRIEND INVITED ME TO JOIN THE ORDER. AFTER HE TOLD ME ABOUT MANY CHARITY ACTIVITIEES CONDUCTED BY THE KNIGHTS,

THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CHARITY FUND.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO HELP A STUDENT GET AN EDUCATION,

THE VOATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM TO HELP A YOUNG MAN ON HIS WAY TO THE PRIESTHOOD,

OUR TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM TO HELP PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

THE COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM, AND SO MANY OTHERS.

IT WAS EASY FOR ME TO SAY YES.

LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD BE A GRAND KNIGHT, DISTRICT DEPUTY, STATE DEPUTY AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE STATE COUNCIL. I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR MY FRIEND ASKING ME TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS AND I THANK OUR LORD FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY.

I JOINED THE KNIGHTS IN 1972 AT IMMACULATE LADY COUNCIL IN GLYNDON AND LATER BECAME A CHARTER MEMBER OF MY CURRENT COUNCIL ST BARTHOLOMEW # 9127 IN HAMPSTEAD.

ONE OF THE REASONS I SOUGHT TO BE A STATE OFFICER AND ULTEMITELY STATE DEPUTY WAS TO HAVE THE OPORTUNITY TO LEAD AN ORGANIZATION WITH CHARITY AS ITS PRIMARY PRINCIPLE I HAVE MANY SATISFYING EXPERIENCES AS A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS, THE ONES THAT STAND OUT ARE THE ONES WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO HELP AN INDIVIDUAL OR A FAMILY IN NEED THROUGH THE MARYLAND STATE CHARITY PROGRAM.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR CHARITY FUND IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN TEMPORARY URGENT NEED. SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE CHARITY FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS AWARDED OVER \$950,000. WE HAVE PAID MEDICAL BILLS, HOSPITAL BILLS, TAXES, UTILITIES, MORTGAGES, RENTS, INSURANCES, CAR PAYMENTS, FOOD AND WE HAVE FURNISHED RESPECTABLE BURIALS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS. BROTHERS, THE CHARITY FUND HAS WORKED BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY OVER THOSE YEARS. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED US DURING MY TERM AS STATE DEPUTY. THERE ARE SO MANY I HAVE TO THANK THAT I AM AFRAID THAT I MIGHT FORGET SOMEONE, SO I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE RIGHT NOW. HOWEVER A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF MY COUNCIL ST BARTHOLOMEW # 9127 FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP OVER THE YEARS, AND TO JOHN TRAINOR AND BILL NORTON. THEY WERE MY EXECUTIVE STAFF DURING MY TERM AS STATE DEPUTY. JOHN AND I JOINED ST BARTS AS CHARTER MEMBERS IN 1985, HE ENCOURAGED ME TO SEEK STATE OFFICE. HE HAS BEEN THERE WITH ME THROUGHOUT. IM SURE JOHN, THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHEN YOU SAW ME COMING, YOU WOULD THINK, WHAT IS HE GOING TO GET ME INTO NOW. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND FREINDSHIP JOHN.

AND FINALLY TO MY FAMILY, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO DO SOMETHING THAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME. TO PAT, ITS HARD TO

BELIEVE WE WILL BE CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN OCTOBER, THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE WITH ME. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOVE, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS TO OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY FOR AFFORDING PAT AND I THIS HONOR.

AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. AND FOR DOING ALL THAT YOU DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES LIVES.

VIVAT JESUS

APPENDIX 9

“PROGRAM AWARDS”

Knights of Columbus

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126 Annual Convention

Maryland Jurisdiction

**Christopher
State Deputy**

L. Powers



Tom Reumont

Program Director

May 4, 2024

Awards Ceremony

May 4, 2024

After the Grand Knights and their ladies have been introduced and seated, Tom Reumont, the State Program Director, approaches the podium to begin the awards program.

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplains, Worthy Council Chaplains and Faithful Friars, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Past Supreme Knight, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy, Worthy District Masters, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Executive Staff, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Former Masters, Worthy Former First Ladies, Worthy State Directors, Worthy Supreme Insurance General Agents, Worthy Chapter Presidents, Worthy State Chairmen, Worthy Wardens to the State Deputy, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Provincial and District Marshalls, Worthy Faithful Navigators, Worthy Past Chapter Presidents, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Worthy Past Faithful Navigators, Worthy Chapter Officers, Worthy Council Officers, Worthy Assembly Officers, Worthy District Wardens, Worthy Supreme Financial Benefits Advisors, Worthy Columbian Dignitaries, Worthy Sir Knights, My Brothers All, Lovely Ladies and beautiful children.... (or... and Guests)...Good morning and welcome to the awards ceremony of our 126th Annual Convention of the Maryland Jurisdiction! My name is Tom Reumont and I serve as the State Program Director for Maryland. I am honored and excited to be here with you for this special occasion!

I now invite our Worthy State Chaplain **Father Donald Grzymski**, to please come forward and lead us in the opening prayer, which will be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **(3 raps of the gavel) and (1 rap after the pledge)**

It is now my pleasure to introduce Our Worthy State Deputy Chris Powers for a brief presentation. Please stand and welcome him.....3 raps

Thank you Worthy State Deputy

The awards presented today are based on a set of criteria that councils must meet to be honored. These criteria were outlined and explained at the Leadership Seminar, Program Seminars and throughout the year during the Monthly Program and Growth Zoom meetings.

Each second and third place winner will receive a certificate. As the certificates are announced, the Grand Knight should stand in his place to be recognized to receive his certificate. If the Grand Knight is not present, the District Deputy should stand and be recognized to receive the certificate.

All first place winners will receive a plaque. When announced, the Grand Knight should come forward to receive his plaque and have his picture taken with the State Council dignitaries. If the Grand Knight is not present, the District Deputy should come forward to accept the award. If the Council Chairman for the activity that is being awarded is present, then he should also come forward with the Grand Knight to be recognized.

When the Grand Knights and their Ladies were introduced earlier this morning, the Grand Knights received a **Faith in Action** Participation Plaque if their council qualified for it.

Membership Awards- 1A

We will start the ceremony with our presentation of the membership awards. I invite our Worthy State Chaplain Father, Donald Grzymski, our Worthy Supreme Representative, Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Worthy State Growth Director Jeff Koscho to come forward to assist our Worthy State Deputy Chris Powers with these presentations.

These awards are based on the membership figures that were received from the Supreme Council for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

We will begin with awards for councils that had the highest total increase in council growth per division.

Division "D"

3rd with 14 new members

Sedes Sapientiae Council No. 13295

Grand Knight – Patrick James

2nd with 19 new members

Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534

Grand Knight – Thomas V. Joseph, IV

1st with 39 new members

Loyola University Council No. 15000

Grand Knight – Joshua Thomas

Division "C"

3rd 2-way tie with 12 new members

Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore Council No. 205

Grand Knight – Renard I. Gardner, Sr.

Bethlehem Council No. 2605

Grand Knight – James E. DiBlasio

2nd with 13 new members

Father Horace B. McKenna Council No. 11024

Grand Knight – Frank Uyakonwu

1st *with 17 new members*

San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore Council No. 16611

Grand Knight – Jose Ramirez

Division "B"

3rd *with 12 new members*

St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

2nd *with 13 new members*

Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

1st *with 15 new members*

Immaculate Lady Council No. 5208

Grand Knight – Thomas F. Harwell

Division "A"

3rd *with 24 new members*

Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – John Paraschak

2nd *with 32 new members*

Rock Creek Council No. 2797

Grand Knight – Alex Lieb

1st *with 38 new members*

Father Rosensteel Council No. 2169

Grand Knight – Michael Maddox

Next we will present awards to the Councils that achieved the highest percentage of goal for new member growth.

Division "D"

3rd *with 280% of goal*

Sedes Sapientiae Council No. 13295

Grand Knight – Patrick James

2nd *with 380% of goal*

Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534

Grand Knight – Thomas V. Joseph. IV

1st *with 780% of goal*

Loyola University Council No. 15000

Grand Knight – Joshua Thomas

Division "C"

3rd *with 183% of goal*

St. Francis Xavier, The Missionary Council No. 10957

Grand Knight – Mark Coontz, Jr.

2nd *with 200% of goal*

Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore Council No. 205

Grand Knight – Renard I. Gardner, Sr.

1st *with 283% of goal*

San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore Council No. 16611

Grand Knight – Jose Ramirez

620% of Goal

Division "B"

3rd *2-way tie with each council achieving 122% of goal*

Regina Coeli Council No. 2274

Grand Knight – Max Cerna

Mother Seton Council No. 5381

Grand Knight – Kenneth Osuji

2nd *with 133% of goal*

St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

1st *with 167% of goal*

Immaculate Lady Council No. 5208

Grand Knight – Thomas F. Harwell

Division "A"

3rd *with 160% of goal*

Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – John Paraschak

2nd *with 213% of goal*

Rock Creek Council No. 2797

Grand Knight – Alex Lieb

1st *with 243% of goal*

Father Rosensteel Council No. 2169

Grand Knight – Michael Maddox

Don Kutzera Membership Recruitment Award-2

We now present the Don Kutzera Membership Recruitment Award, presented to the Brother Knight who is the Top Membership Recruiter for the 9-month period of July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024. This year we had a few outstanding recruiters and we will announce the top 3 with certificates awarded to 3rd and 2nd place.

3rd 2-way tie each person recruited 10 members

Thomas F. Harwell – Grand Knight of Immaculate Lady Council No. 5208

Justin J. Meeder – Grand Knight of Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

2nd with 11 members recruited

Tim Stocker of Father Rosensteel Council No. 2169, Grand Knight Michael Maddox

This year's winner of the Don Kutzera Award for top recruiter with 20 members recruited is – **Willians Castillo** of San Oscar Arnulfo Romero Council No. 17192, Grand Knight Eduardo Chicas

Insurance Awards-3

Our next presentations are the Council Insurance Awards...

I invite our Supreme Council General Agents, Bob Marlowe and Bob Callaway to please come forward and assist in the presentation of these awards. If the Benefits Advisor is here, please stand in your place when the 2nd and 3rd place councils are announced. For the 1st place award presentation, I ask that you join the Grand Knight and the Bobs.

These awards are based upon the highest percentage gain in council insurance members for the period April 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024.

Division "D"

3rd Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

Grand Knight- Frank Boccovi

Field Agent- Matt O'Hare

2nd Baltimore Basilica Council No. 15768

Grand Knight – Gerard Mullin

Field Agent – Bob Marlowe 3rd

1st Sts. Phillip and James Council No. 14102

Grand Knight – Michael J. Pollard

Field Agent- Frederick Reinecke

Division "C"

3rd Father A. Leo Abendschoen Council No. 11615

Grand Knight – Barry Sewell

Field Agent- Bob Marlowe III

2nd Holy Family Council No. 5547

Grand Knight – Patrick J. Fitzgerald

Field Agent- Dan Garrigan

1st St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council No. 13294

Grand Knight – Barry Frederick

Field Agent- Michael Hurley

Division "B"

3rd St. Pius X Council No. 4076

Grand Knight – Robert White

Field Agent- Harold Sims

2nd St. Francis de Sales Council No. 3489

Grand Knight – Jonathan L. Stafford

Field Agent- Bob Marlowe III

1st St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011

Grand Knight – Jonas T. Rebeiro

Field Agent- Jonathan Rock

Division "A"

3rd Westminster Council No. 1393

Grand Knight – Roger Cooper

Field Agent- Sam Stark

2nd Cumberland Council No. 586

Grand Knight – Louis Lindner

Field Agent- Jim Ulmer

1st Mater Dei Council No. 9774

Grand Knight – Matthew W. Hoyle

Field Agent- Brian Graham

Incentive Cash Raffle Awards- 5

Our next presentations are the State Council Incentive Cash Raffle Awards.

This year we are pleased to present awards to the State's top three councils in incentive cash raffle ticket sales. The Incentive Cash Raffle Program raises critical funds for the State Scholarship Program. In addition, 60% of the money that councils collect goes directly to the councils for support of their programs. Mike Little was Co-chairman of the Incentive cash raffle and was called to his eternal reward earlier this year. I ask that you continue to keep Maria Little and the entire family in your prayers. I now invite Co-Chairman Gary Gray to come forward to assist with the presentations.

3rd Westminster Council No. 1393

Grand Knight –Roger Cooper

Total number of tickets sold – 3,276

2nd Fr. Burgraff Council No. 6021

Grand Knight – John J. Mulcahy

Total number of tickets sold – 5,837

1st St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council No. 10525

Grand Knight – John Visina

Total number of tickets sold – 7,247

People with Special Needs -6

Our next presentations the Special Needs Program Awards. (Formerly known as Our Tootsie Roll Program).

Co-Chairmen John Strawbridge and John Weaver are invited to come forward to assist with these presentations.

Note that these councils collected and submitted the most funds by the due date of December 1st, 2023.

Total Amount Collected by a Council (one award per division)

Division “D”

1st Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091
Grand Knight – David Reumont
Total Dollars Collected \$4,656

Division “C”

1st Ressurection Council No. 11341
Grand Knight – J. Gregory Jolissaint
Total Dollars Collected \$4,681

Division “B”

1st Father Burggraff Council No. 6021
Grand Knight – John J. Mulcahy
Total Dollars Collected \$7,604

Division "A"

1st Westminster Council No. 1393

Grand Knight – Roger Cooper

Total Dollars Collected \$5,725

Box of Joy Program Awards- 7

Our next presentations are for the Box of Joy Program Awards. We will recognize the councils and the ladies auxiliaries who excelled in running this program!

I invite Box of Joy Program Chairman, Alex Lopez-Bueno to come forward to assist in the presentation of the awards. The awards recognize the top 3 councils and the top 3 ladies auxiliaries in MD who blessed the most children with a box of joy last Christmas. Note that 5,797 boxes were collected statewide this year, an increase of 200 boxes over the previous year!

3rd St. Mary's Council No. 1470 – with 469 boxes

Grand Knight – Steven Tomaszeski

2nd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290 – with 540 boxes

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

1st St. Joseph Manyanet Council No. 5567 – with 885 Boxes

Grand Knight – Stephen York

LADIES AUXILIARIES:

3rd Ladies of the Maryland State Council – 196 boxes
First Lady Annie Powers

2nd Queen of the Knights Auxiliary – St. Pius X Council No. 4076 - 202 boxes President – Catherine Weiler

1st K of C Ladies – Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council No. 11372 - 250 boxes
President- Brenda Wieczynski

Ladies Auxiliary Awards- 8

Our next presentations are the Ladies Auxiliary Awards.

Many Councils thrive and are successful because of the ladies support of council programs. Awards will now be presented in three categories:

Best New Activity, Best Recurring Activity, and Best Full Year Ladies Auxiliary- in each of the four divisions. Judging for these awards was performed under the leadership of the Ladies Auxiliary Chair-lady Beth Ward.

Each second and third place winner will receive a certificate. As these awards are announced, the President of the Auxiliary should stand in her place to be recognized.

All 1st place winners will receive a plaque. When announced, the President should come forward to receive her plaque. If the other Officers of the Auxiliary are present, they should also come forward with the President to be recognized.

We will begin our awards with the **Best New Activity**. The divisions and places where no entries were submitted will be skipped to save time.

Division "D"

1st Our Lady's Angels

Resurrection Council No. 14099

President – Debbie Gardner

Division "C"

2nd Immaculate Conception Angels

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

President – Jan Jarboe

1st Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville

Fr. Micheal C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

Division "B"

3rd The Knights' Ladies of Father Burgraff Council

Father Burgraff Council No. 6021

President – Christine Hurley

2nd Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Bishop Sebastien Council No. 5058

President – Jeanine Colburne

1st KC Ladies

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

President – Alicia Sanders

Division “A”

3rd Maryknights

Father Rosensteel Council 2169

President – Teresa Sutton

2nd Ladies of the Knights

Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521

President – Diane Gough

1st K of C Ladies

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

President – Brenda Wieczynski

Best Recurring Activity:

Division “C”

1st Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville

Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

Division “B”

3rd Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Bishop Sebastian Council No. 5058

President – Jeanine Colburne

2nd 2-way tie

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Bel Air Council No. 4714

President – Dee Kozlowski

and **Queen of the Knights Auxiliary**

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President Catherine Weiler

1st KC Ladies

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

President – Alicia Sanders

Division "A"

2nd Maryknights

Fr. Rosensteel Council No. 2169

President – Teresa Sutton

1st K of C Ladies

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

President – Brenda Wieczynski

For the Ladies Auxiliary **Best Full Year** award, by Division:

Division "D"

1st Our Lady of the Angels Auxiliary

Our Lady of the Angels Council No. 13069

President – Roseann Tymoch

Division “C”

3rd Immaculate Conception Angels

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

President – Jan Jarboe

2nd Damas Auxiliadoras del Pertetuo Soccoro

San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore Council No. 16611

President – Ana Mendoza-Ramirez

1st Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville

Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

Division “B”

3rd Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Bishop Sebastian Council No. 5058

President – Jeanine Colburne

2nd KC Ladies

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

President – Alicia Sanders

1st Queen of the Knights Auxiliary

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

Catherine Weiler

Division "A"

3rd Maryknights

Fr. Rosensteel Council No. 2169

President – Teresa Sutton

2nd Ladies of the Knights

Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521

President – Diane Gough

1st K of C Ladies

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

President – Brenda Wieczynski

Faith in Action Program Awards- 9

Our next presentations are the Council “Faith in Action” Program Awards.

The judging for these awards was designed to recognize those councils that conducted the best **Faith in Action** programs throughout the entire fraternal year. Each of our activity directors independently judged every council report that was submitted in each of the four service areas- Faith, Family, Community and Life. The council reports received a score from 1 to 10 points, with each judge submitting his results to the State Program Director, who then tabulated the scores and determined the winning councils.

The councils that are about to be recognized are those that scored the most points in each program area for the year.

Faith Activities- A

I ask that Maryland State Chaplain Father Donald and Faith Activities Director Thom Partenope please come forward and assist with the presentation of the Faith Activities Awards.

Division "D"

3rd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

2nd Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

1st Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David A. Reumont

Division "C"

3rd Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Ansu S. Monoh

2nd St. Columcille Council No. 5317

Grand Knight – George B. Hendrix, Sr.

1st Knights of Fatima Council No. 10137

Grand Knight – Paul J. Blankard

Division "B"

3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

2nd St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

1st Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

Division "A"

3rd Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council No. 7612

Grand Knight – Joshua A. Flatley

2nd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

1st Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

Family Activities- B

I invite Family Activities Director Mike Lynch to join us for the presentation of the Family Activities Program awards presentations.

Division "D"

3rd Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

2nd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

1st Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

Division “C”

3rd St. John the Evangelist Council No. 11171

Grand Knight – John (Andy) Harris

2nd Resurrection Council No. 11341

Grand Knight – J. Gregory Jolissaint

1st Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Ansu S. Monoh

Division “B”

3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

2nd Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

1st St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

Division “A”

3rd Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – John Paraschak

2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

1st St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

Community Activities- C

We will now move on to the Community Activities Program Awards. I invite Community Activities Director Steve Law to assist with the presentations.

Division “D”

3rd Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

2nd Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

1st Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

Division “C”

3rd St. John the Evangelist Council No. 11171

Grand Knight – John (Andy) Harris

2nd Our Lady of Vietnam Council No. 11769

Grand Knight – Phuong K. Pham

1st St. Columcille Council No. 5317

Grand Knight – George B. Hendrix, Sr.

Division "B"

3rd St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

2nd Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

1st St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

Division "A"

3rd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

1st Father O'Neill Council No. 4011

Grand Knight – John Meredith

Life Activities- D

I invite Life Activities Director Jose Rivera to please come forward to assist with the presentation of the Life Program Activity awards.

Division "D"

3rd St. Michael the Archangel Council No. 15084

Grand Knight – David F. Bludis

2nd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

1st Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

Division "C"

3rd Immaculate Heart of Mary Council No. 9968

Grand Knight – Craig E. Davie

2nd Brute Council No. 1860

Grand Knight – William Troxell

1st Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Ansu S. Momoh

Division "B"

3rd St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

2nd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

1st Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

Division "A"

3rd Fr. Rosensteel Council No. 2169

Grand Knight – Michael Maddox

2nd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

General Excellence Award- 10

The general excellence award is given to those councils that accumulated the highest number of points in all four of the **Faith in Action** program areas. I invite State Chaplain, Father Donald, to join our State Deputy in the presentation of **these and all the remaining awards** to be presented this morning...

Division "D"

3rd Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

2nd Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

1st Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

Division "C"

3rd St. John the Evangelist Council No. 11171

Grand Knight – John (Andy) Harris

2nd St. Columcille Council No. 5317

Grand Knight – George B. Hendrix, Sr.

1st Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Ansu S. Monoh

Division "B"

3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

2nd St. John Neumann Council 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

1st Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

Division "A"

3rd Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – John Paraschak

2nd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

1st Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

Program Director's Award-11

We will now present the Program Director's Award which recognizes the Council, regardless of Division, that has scored the most total points in all four program activities of the **Faith in Action** Program.

In addition, the selection of a winner requires 100% participation of a Council in conducting meaningful programs in the **Faith in Action** program areas throughout the 12 months of the fraternal year.

This year's winner of the Program Director's Award for the 2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year is...

Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight Justin J. Meeder

Honor District Award-12

Being named Honor District for the Fraternal Year involves meeting a number of qualifications:

Positive Growth of All Councils

100% Participation in Faith in Action Programs

Attendance at State-Sponsored Events

The District chosen to receive this honor this year has excelled in each of these areas. When I announce the winner, I ask the District Deputy, District Warden and the Grand Knights within the District to please come forward...

The Honor District for this fraternal year is... District No. 13

District Deputy – Calvin Anthony

District Warden – Chris Daigle, Sr.

The Councils that are included in District 31 are:

St. Patrick Council No. 370

Grand Knight – Paul Brennan, Jr

Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521

Grand Knight – David Price

Fr. Burggraff Council No. 6021

Grand Knight – John J. Mulcahy

Pope John Paul the Great Council No. 13859

Grand Knight – Joe M. Mizell

Supreme Council Service Program Awards- 12

I invite our Supreme Representative, Immediate Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to join in the presentation of the next awards...

Each year the service program awards competition is sponsored by the Supreme Council, and it recognizes those councils in each state jurisdiction that conduct the most outstanding projects in each of the four service program areas.

Whatever the program, all contribute to the well-being of the individual councils and their communities. It is through these service program activities that councils and members demonstrate that the Knights of Columbus is indeed a “Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization”.

These programming efforts aid in making the Knights of Columbus the strong and vibrant organization it is today- and will continue to be in the future.

All councils in Maryland’s jurisdiction were eligible to compete for the awards made available from the Supreme Council for the statewide competition. The State Deputy and the state officers were charged with the responsibility of selecting the single best Faith, Family, Community and Life activity programs submitted within our jurisdiction.

Statewide first place winners will be entered in the international competition. A judging team appointed by the Supreme Knight will select an international winner in each of the four program categories from among all entries submitted by State Councils.

Faith Activities -13

3rd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

2nd Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

1st Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

Father Paul Nguyen, Pastor and Council Chaplain, began this program by asking the Knights to recite the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before each weekend and Holy Day Mass. His wish was to provide a more solemn atmosphere before Mass to set the tone and put parishioners in a reverent frame of mind.

The Rosary program was instituted on March 1, 2023 and continues today. For the fraternal year reporting period, 157 rosaries were recited with nearly 5200 participants and nearly 2700 volunteer hours. This includes the Living Rosary, presented by the Father Andrew White Assembly, with participation of the Youth Faith Formation of the parish.

Father Paul introduced, and the council implemented, a meaningful way for the youth of the parish to learn more about the teachings of Christ. This program continues to build up a community of the faithful by increasing their spirituality through simply and devoutly praying the rosary.

Family Activities-14

3rd Resurrection Council No. 11341

Grand Knight – J. Gregory Jolissaint

2nd St. John Neumann Council No. 11618

Grand Knight – Paul J. Peyla

1st Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Ansu S. Momoh

In January of 2022, a strong snowstorm toppled trees and covered the outdoor statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Family church in Mitchellville,

MD. Father Joe Jenkins, jokingly suggested it might be the perfect time to put a roof over Mary's head.

The Knights went to work, clearing and leveling the ground for the foundation. Midway through the project, in July of 2022, another storm hit the property and downed more than 50 trees. The front of the church was damaged, the renovated meeting room was destroyed and Mary was once again covered by the fallen trees. Four volunteers with help from others dedicated nearly 1000 hours over the course of 40 weeks to build the stone grotto. The grotto's dedication ceremony and Crowning of Mary on Sunday May 7th, 2023, was the most well-attended mass since before the Covid-19 pandemic. Nearly 200 parishioners gathered to dedicate the grotto with a May crowning. This program was featured in Knightline volume 41, number 22 on May 31, 2023 under the title "Protecting Our Lady"

Community Activities-15

3rd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

2nd Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

1st St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Michael Bir

Council 13290 partnered with the Frederick County, Maryland Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. There are many children across Frederick County without a bed to sleep on. A bed, being a basic necessity for the proper physical, emotional and mental development of children, is something every

child deserves. The need is great and where there is a need, there is a Knight. Once a month, Knights and their families, along with parishioners, volunteer to build and deliver beds to local families in need. The council has also donated funds for lumber, blankets, pillows and supplies. In 2023, the council volunteers helped build over 550 beds. Since the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Frederick Chapter began just six years ago, they have been able to support 1,000 families within the community.

Life Activities- 16

3rd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

2nd Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279

Grand Knight – Justin J. Meeder

1st Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

Council 11372 started this semi-annual program to provide a venue for council members and the local community to come together, organize and rally for the unborn. The goal is to raise awareness about the sanctity of human life, show solidarity with the pro-life movement, lobby for legislation that protects the unborn, and to show support for expecting mothers.

Program participants display thought provoking, pro life signs on the I-95 Abingdon Road overpass next to St. Francis de Sales Church in Abdingdon, Md. During the 2 hour rally, it was estimated that over 900 people transiting the overpass saw the displays. Some even honked in support of the cause.

This program exemplifies one of the core beliefs upon which our order was founded; the importance of protecting life from conception to natural death. There is no more humbling and selfless Pro-life act than to speak on behalf of those with no voice, namely the unborn.

Congratulations to all of these councils. The Grand Knights of the first place State Council Program Awards have had their reports submitted to the Supreme Council for consideration of Supreme's International Program awards.

State Blessed Michael McGivney Award- 17

The Supreme and state-level chaplain award is named for Blessed Michael McGivney. It is presented to the Council Chaplain that is: a teacher of the faith, an apostle of Christian family life, a devoted parish priest, an exemplar of charity, a builder of Catholic fraternity, and a role model to their parish.

This year's State Blessed Michael McGivney Award winner is Reverend Daniel Leary, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Clinton, MD and Council Chaplain of St. John the Evangelist, Council No. 11171.

Father Dan is sought for his inspirational retreats having led men's, women's and couples' retreats for over 20 years. He was Chaplain for the Sisters of Mary who educate and serve youth from neighborhoods in extreme poverty throughout the world. He organized and supported several mission trips each year through Mustard Seed Communities, Incorporated, and his retreat ministry, Anima Christi Retreats.

Father Dan, known for his gift of healing, serves on the board of Life-Giving Wounds ministry and offers Masses with Healing Prayers at his Clinton parish.

Father Dan's experience, passion and gift of healing have produced an impressive effect on his parishioners and Knights.

As the State Blessed Michael McGivney Awardee, he is Maryland's nominee for Supreme's Blessed Michael McGivney Medal.

I invite the Grand Knight of St. John the Evangelist Council, John Andy Harris and District Deputy 15, Mike Maxey to come forward and accept this award on behalf of Fr. Dan.

Concluding Remarks

To close the program, on behalf of myself and all the Directors and Chairpersons, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to our Worthy State Deputy for the confidence he has placed in us. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve him, the State Council, the Grand Knights, and all our brother Knights and ladies over the last year.

I also want to thank each of the Activity Directors for their leadership in conducting our programs and in sharing their time and talents with all of the councils throughout the state. Please join me as I call your name.

Faith Activities Director – Thom Partenope

Family Activities Director – Mike Lynch

Community Activities Director – Steve Law

Life Activities Director – Jose Rivera

These men spent many hours planning presentations and activities, overseeing activities, traveling to chapter meetings and other functions, and

reading and judging the many reports that were submitted by the Councils. I ask everyone to join me in showing your appreciation through your applause. Gentlemen your efforts are greatly appreciated – Thank you!

To the Directors' wives- Bobbi, Amy, Sue and Amancia - I thank you for the amazing support that you have provided to the State Council Activities Directors. To my wife Karen, chief editor and behind the scenes co-program director, I cannot thank you enough for the support and encouragement you provided me over last 3 years.

A special "thank you" also goes to the chair people on the **Faith in Action** program team. You have been a vital part of the program team's success and I appreciate your efforts over the past year.

To the State officers, thank you for your guidance, support and leadership that you have provided us. I also want to thank you for your efforts in judging and selecting the State Council Faith in Action Program award winners!

I now call on our **Worthy State Deputy Chris Powers** for his closing remarks. Please stand and welcome him. (3 raps of the gavel)

Upon completion of State Deputy's comments...

Fr. Donald, would you please close our ceremony with your blessing?