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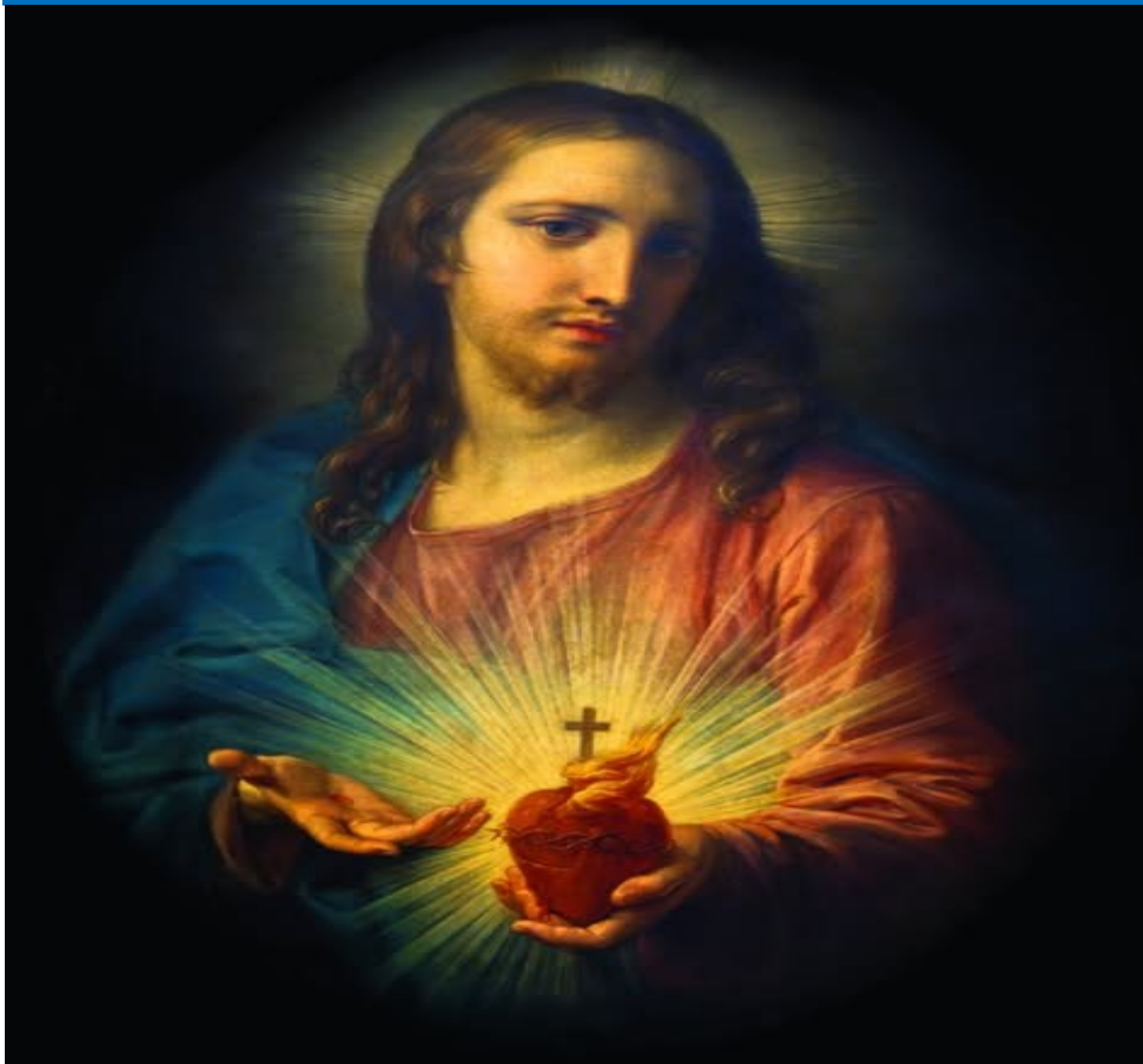


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The Maryland State Council Newsletter is formatted to provide you with information and to show you what's getting done and who's doing it. Its purpose is to keep you informed as to Supreme, State and Council aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We also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

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



# State Chaplain's Message

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June is traditionally the month of the Sacred Heart in the Church, and thus a wonderful month to have a service incorporating the Sacred Heart Icon if it is in (or near) your District. In 2024 the Order announced that this icon program would commence, noting the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which began around 1674. The icon being used reproduces a painting of the Sacred Heart by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni, which can be found in Rome's Church of the Gesu. I am going to quote two paragraphs from an article entitled "Devoted to the Heart of Jesus" by Cecilia Engbert which can be found on the Order website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)).

"Our Lord reminded [St. Margaret Mary] of that ancient and beautiful devotion, and she shared that gift with the world," said Supreme Knight Kelly during the Supreme Convention's annual States Dinner on Aug. 6. "In the heart of Christ, we see the heart of the Father, and we ask Our Lord to help us make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us. That is what the world needs. And on the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary's visions, we will make this mission our own."

"The Order's founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart, fostered in him from childhood: The McGivney family had in their home an ornate devotional plaque of the Sacred Heart that is still in the Order's possession. In 1881, when Father McGivney accompanied convicted murderer Chip Smith to the gallows, Smith wore a Sacred Heart badge given to him by the priest. A century later, when Father McGivney's body was exhumed in 1981, it was discovered that he had been buried with a cloth image of the Sacred Heart."

With this in mind, I was struck by the fact that Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms also has a heart, as is found on the coat of arms of the Augustinian Order. In this case, it is to remind of the words of St. Augustine from his Confessions, "you (Christ) wounded my heart with your love," and "our heart is restless until it rests in you." It is also meant to signify that the Word of God transforms the hearts of those who read or listen to God's Word, and ponder the meaning of the message.

May we open our hearts to the power of God's Word and love this month, and throughout the time the Sacred Heart icon travels around the state. May any time we see Pope Leo's coat of arms be a reminder that we, too, need to open our hearts to the power of God.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Fr. Donald*

## Liturgical Calendar

- 1 June THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
- 3 June Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
- 5 June Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
- 8 June PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- 9 June The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
- 11 June Saint Barnabas, Apostle**
- 13 June Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
- 15 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
- 21 June Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**
- 22 June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**
- 24 June THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**
- 27 June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
- 29 June SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**



# State Deputy's Message

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Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued, in part, the following statement: "The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church's mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation."

This historic moment serves as a powerful reminder of the unity and shared mission that bind Catholics across the globe. As the Church progresses under the guidance of Pope Leo XIV, we are called to renew and deepen our commitment to faith, community, and service. As Knights, we embody this call as we strive to uphold the enduring values of charity, unity, and fraternity. In a world that faces constant change, our efforts serve as a beacon of hope and a testament to the boundless potential of making a difference in someone's life.

As we enter the final month of the fraternal year, it is both an honor and a privilege to reflect on the unparalleled success you have achieved. Your dedication to the values and vision of Blessed Michael McGivney has been nothing short of remarkable. On behalf of the State Officers, Membership, and Program Teams, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. Your tireless efforts and steadfast commitment have truly made a difference, not only within our community but also in the lives of countless individuals.

This year has demanded great effort, resilience, and sacrifice. Yet, because of your unwavering dedication, the best is yet to come. Your accomplishments are a testament to what can be achieved when faith and determination guide our actions. Each act of kindness, every initiative undertaken, reflects the core values that define our mission and inspires others to follow in your footsteps.

As we celebrate the remarkable achievements of this past year, let us not rest on our laurels. The new Fraternal year presents an opportunity to continue making a positive impact. By carrying forward the spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity, we can touch more lives, strengthen our communities, and reaffirm our commitment to being a Force for Good.

Thank you for all that you do. Your efforts, both seen and unseen, have created ripples of hope and change that will resonate far beyond what you may ever realize. Stand proud of your accomplishments and let them fuel your resolve to make an even greater difference in the year ahead.

Together, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities of the new Fraternal year with faith, courage, and a renewed sense of purpose. May we continue to inspire, uplift, and serve, living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney and leaving an indelible mark on the world around us.

Congratulations on a fantastic year, and may the road ahead be filled with even greater success and blessings.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



# State Deputy's Message

## Continued



### Important Reminders for Fraternal Leaders

#### District Deputy

- Ensure councils hold their election of officers by June 15 and submit the [Report of Officers Chosen for the Term](#) (#185) and [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365) by June 30. Submitting these forms [via Member Management](#) is the best way to ensure officers and directors receive timely [access to Officers Online](#) and critical communications from the Supreme Council.
- Please remind councils that the EFF Director position needs to be submitted via a separate form [Council EFF Director Submission Form](#) (online submission only).
- Plan to attend your jurisdiction organizational meeting and then schedule your district meeting shortly thereafter using our recommended [agenda](#) and [notes](#) as a guide.
- Review the [Program Forms Reference Guide](#) with your councils. Encourage councils to submit all forms and applications early and via online submission.

#### Grand Knight

- Continue to submit the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) for program activity upon completion of every event. This report gives us important real time data on council activities. Your inputs are used in ongoing evaluation and improvements to our Faith in Action programs.
- Schedule a transition meeting with outgoing and incoming officers and directors.
- Complete the [Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report](#) (#11077) as soon as possible after participating in an approved seminar. For awards consideration these forms must be received by June 30.
- **Q3 Cor Data Needed:** If you haven't already, please submit your Q3 Cor Report [Cor - Quarterly Report - FY 24-25](#). This survey is essential for understanding the impact of Cor across the Order.
- **FY 25/26 [Council EFF Director Submission Form](#) now available.** As soon as you or your successor know your EFF Director for the next fraternal year, please fill out this quick form to ensure he receives all Cor communications.



## Greetings from the First Lady of the Maryland State Council

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Hello Ladies,

It was great to see so many of you at the State Convention! We had two wonderful events for the women. The theme for the luncheon was the Mad Hatter's Crazy Hat Tea Party, and everyone came in amazing hats. Our charity was the Rebecca Fortney Luminis Health Breast Cancer Center, and the attendees were so generous in providing comfort items such as chemo caps, socks, scarves, lotion, hand sanitizer, and cash. Doris Gross of SOS (Survivors Offering Support) collected the items for distribution to cancer patients.

In the evening, we were entertained by Mary Ann Jung's performance as Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA. Since most of us were Girl Scouts, Ms. Jung's character was relevant and fascinating, and we all enjoyed her portrayal.

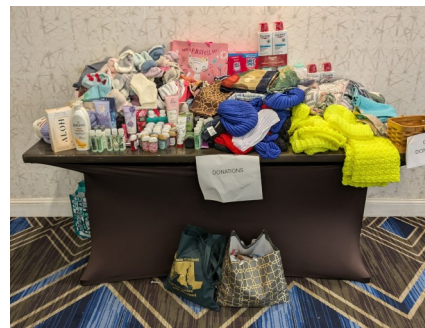
I'd like to give a big shout-out to all of the Auxiliaries in the state for a successful year. The reports submitted covering all of their accomplishments were outstanding. The 1st place winners are listed in the Auxiliary article, and the entire list of winners is published in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who attended the State Picnic at Seneca Creek State Park! We had a perfect sunny day with temperatures in the low 80's, a gentle breeze, and low humidity. The food was great, and some of us walked down to the water while others played cards and board games. If you missed it, I hope you can come next year.

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in our jurisdiction. I hope you all have a blessed and happy day with your families.

For the upcoming fraternal year, the State Deputy has expanded his charge for all of us to *Make a Difference in Someone's Life & Be a Force for Good*. Thank you for taking this to heart and for everything you do for your loved ones, communities, and the Knights of Columbus.

**Kathy**





# Training Message

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Worthy Brother Knights and Sons of the Ancient Church, There is a saying that I learned as a day laborer at Pooh's Park, College Station, TX: "There is never enough time to do it right. . . but there is always enough time to do it over." The moral is that with the proper training, mistakes become more rare until they vanish completely! Think on IT!

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

### ONLINE TRAINING SCHEDULE

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

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

### Scheduled Online Training

These hour-long sessions are conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, providing practical guidance and useful tips to both new and seasoned officers, as well as any members who are interested in advancing to officer roles in the future.

Click on the links below to register for these scheduled sessions. (Note: All Times are Eastern)

May 20, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#">Completing Forms 185 and 365</a>
May 27, 2025 10:00 PM	<a href="#">Fraternal Year Transition Tips</a>
June 12, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#">District Deputy Training Part Two</a>
June 17, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#">Grand Knight Training Part Three</a>
June 18, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#">Council Officer Training</a>
June 23, 2025 8:00 PM	<a href="#">District Deputy Training Part Three</a>

### On Demand Training Is Always Available

All online training sessions are recorded and made available to view in our library of [on demand training](#), providing the opportunity to review essential information and best practices on your personal schedule.

Here's an example of what you will find – click on the links below to register and view at any time:

[Membership Records Management](#) – Outlines member types, the methods to process them, and how to perform membership maintenance to our rosters.

[Preparing for and Conducting Council Elections](#) – Discover best practices for hosting an efficient election of Council Officers.

[Introducing Families to the Knights](#) – How to get men AND their families interested in joining your council by highlighting how you can offer something for every member of the family.

[Engaging Members](#) – Suggestions on how to properly engage your council members and communities.



# Council Growth

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## Membership



Worthy Brothers All,

We often hear that numbers don't always tell the full story. But when it comes to discussing membership growth, they certainly can tell us plenty! In fact, allow me to share some numbers that illustrate what you and Maryland Knights have accomplished during this fraternal year to help grow the Order; it's pretty amazing!

As of this writing on Memorial Day weekend...

-We have welcomed 978 Catholic men into the Order. That means that 978 men are now available to work alongside us as brother Knights in our efforts to serve those in our parishes and communities. Equally important, these men also have the unique opportunity to grow in their faith among a community of Catholic men who can inspire and support them on that journey.

-Almost 3 out of 4 men who joined the Knights used the Online Membership option! This tool has become the primary gateway to admission for most men, and for good reason. It's simple, fast, and "open" 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. And it provides applicants with immediate entry- and one full year of free admission!

-Over 87% (128) of Maryland councils are membership-active this year. That means that these councils have successfully welcomed at least one man into the Order. For some, this was incredibly challenging and for others it was simply part of their focus on creating a culture of invitation. In any case, all these councils should be proud of their good work!

-We already have at least 45 councils that have earned the prestigious Star Council Award for membership growth! This reflects favorably on the leadership efforts of so many Grand Knights, Membership Directors, District Deputies, District Wardens, the Membership Growth team and every Knight (and lady) who stepped up and became "fishers of men" in Maryland!

As you can see, these numbers tell an exciting story about the culture of invitation growing within our state jurisdiction. Of course, this story is typically written at the council level, where actions are most impactful and the invitations are extended. Let's continue building on the momentum that you have created and be a force for making a difference in so many lives as we move into the upcoming fraternal year!

On a final note, special thanks to the rock stars on our State Membership team who have worked tirelessly this year on so many occasions to lend a hand. Joining me are Bill Newbrough, Armando Fernandez, Bob Sweitzer, John Hershberger, John Ohmer, Peter Hammerer, Dave Czarnecki, Gus Gusman, Mickey Dillow, Larry Houck, Charles Doherty, Buzzy Stockman, Justin Meeder, Rick Babbitt, Dave Bludis, and Matt Hollister. My appreciation to all these men and to all of you who made it a priority to extend that special and meaningful invitation to become a Catholic man in the Knights of Columbus.

*Vivat Jesus,  
Terry*

[kofc.org/unite](https://kofc.org/unite)



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# State Programs

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



My Brothers All,

It was great seeing so many of you at the State Convention in May. Congratulations to all the councils, districts, and individuals who were recognized for their efforts to Make a Difference in Someone's Life. A summary of the award winners is listed in this month's newsletter and is also posted on the state website.

Brothers and their families enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun, and fraternity at the Family Picnic at Seneca Creek State Park on May 17. We were blessed with beautiful weather and everyone enjoyed food and drinks while catching up with new and old friends alike. Special appreciation to our entire state picnic team who made the event a success with a special shoutout to Walter Leskuski, Craig Van, and Frank Attard for their on-site help during the picnic.

June is a busy month. Here are some highlights:

Mark your calendars for the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice, in thanksgiving to Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, celebrated by Archbishop Lori on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen.

Corpus Christi – Sunday, June 22 (for information and planning resources, visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html>)

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Sunday, June 27 (Sacred Heart Holy Hour resource guide at: <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon/5050-pilgrim-icon-prayer-booklet.pdf>).

The 2025 Maryland Family Camping weekend is June 27-29 at Homestead Campground in Georgetown, DE. There will be a campfire after 7pm on Friday. Saturday starts with a potluck breakfast, followed by a day to explore the area and end the day with a communal dinner and campfire. Contact Karen Reumont at [TKReumont@outlook.com](mailto:TKReumont@outlook.com) for more information.

A reminder that the deadline for councils to submit the Columbian Award Application (SP-7) as well as the RSVP Refund Application, the Food for Families Application, and the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Grant Request Application are all due to Supreme by June 30th. Forms can be found at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/faith-in-action-program-forms.html>.

The Program and Growth teams will be hosting the Program and Membership Program seminars this summer. Details will be provided at the Leadership Seminar on Saturday, June 14 and will be posted on the state website and sent via email. Encourage your council leadership team and program and activity directors to attend one of the sessions to learn more about Faith in Action program activities and how programs are great opportunities to welcome men to the order.

On behalf of the entire Faith in Action Program Team, we wish all fathers, including our priests and council chaplains, a blessed and happy Father's Day! Thank you for all that you do to make a difference in the lives of your family and in the lives of so many others in our communities.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Alan Pultyniewicz*

## Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program Update

Thanks to all the Councils, Assemblies and individuals that support our Maternity and Pregnancy centers in Maryland. Your support is making a difference.

As you are aware, in the ASAP program, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus will provide a \$100 grant for every \$500 a council or assembly donates in cash or supplies to a non-profit Maternity Home or Pregnancy Center. The request for this grant is through a simple online submission at this website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/asap.html>

Items needed for the online form include:

Organization name and address, Organization EIN number, Donation date, Amount of funds or value of items donated, Evidence of the donation (cancelled check or signed ASAP Donation Letter. The letter is available here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/life/pregnancy-center-support/11418-9-22-aid-and-support-donation-receipt.pdf>, Grand Knight / Faithful Navigator name member number, Certify that you are not a robot.

A W9 form is required from the organization as evidence that the organization is a non-profit organization. The W9 is not required if the organization is listed on the ASAP website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html>. If you do not have a W9, please submit the request anyway. If it is needed, Supreme will contact the Grand Knight / Faithful Navigator listed.

As the Fraternal year winds down, please ensure your ASAP submission to Supreme is submitted for this Fraternal Year by 30 June. The clock starts over at the start of the new Columbian Year.

The Gabriel Network House project in Bowie is complete and the host family has moved in. On 14 June, final touches will be worked with include painting the exterior, replacing the fence that was removed for the construction, and general yard maintenance.

This project can be a source of pride for all Maryland Knights of Columbus members. The project was completed for \$135k, less than half of the estimated \$300k+ if completed by a contractor. MD State Council donated over \$60k for this project with State Deputy Anthony Salvemini securing an ASAP grant of \$10k for this project. In addition, over 2000 man hours were donated for this project.

Grand Knight Patrick Brady from William E. Baldwin, Sr. Council 17990 is the project lead for the Gabriel Network House project. The project started with initial design and permit submission in April 2024. After receiving permits, the Baldwin council started foundation prep in August followed by below grade plumbing, footers, foundation poured. Framing, windows installation, and roof followed. Electric, plumbing and HVAC were completed in November sheetrock installed by the end of the month. The addition was complete in January 2025 and Phase 2 started.

Phase 2 includes a refurbishing of the residences that were originally built over 25 years ago. Phase 2 includes replacing flooring, updating bathrooms, and reconfiguring the living space. GK Brady would like to thank all donors and volunteers including the manpower donated by the Baldwin Council.

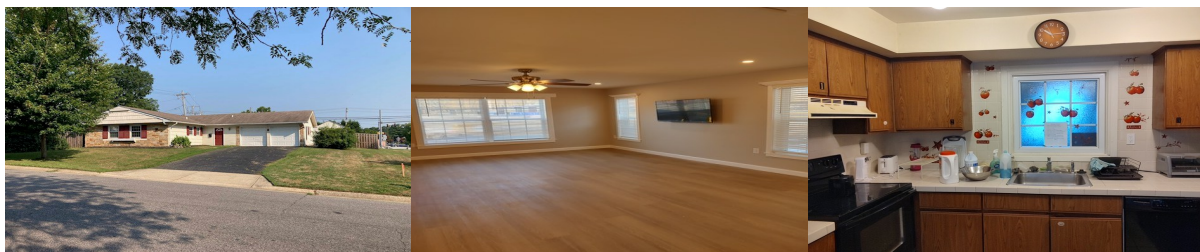
The Gabriel Network still needs donations to replenish their funds utilized for this project. Donations to the Gabriel Network are eligible for ASAP grants from Supreme.

If there are any questions concerning the ASAP Program, please contact Jeff Koscho ([jkoscho@hotmail.com](mailto:jkoscho@hotmail.com)), Maryland State Pregnancy Center Coordinator.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Jeff Koscho**

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# Hispanic Activities

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

“Hagamos una diferencia en la vida de alguien”

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

## 2006-2009 EL NUEVO MILENIO

2006: En su primera expansión internacional en casi un siglo, la Orden funda sus primeros consejos en Polonia, comenzando con el Consejo 14000 de Juan Pablo II en Cracovia.

2006: Tras el huracán Katrina en el Golfo de los Estados Unidos, los Caballeros donan más de 10 millones de dólares y 100,000 horas de voluntariado para ayudar a reconstruir las iglesias y escuelas católicas.

2007: La Cúpula de la Encarnación de los Caballeros de Colón, un mosaico de 350 metros cuadrados que representa los misterios de la vida de Cristo, se construye en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción.

2008: El 16 de marzo de 2008, el Papa Benedicto XVI aprueba un decreto de virtud heroica para el Padre Michael J. McGivney, declarándolo “Venerable”.

2008: La Orden está presente durante la visita pastoral del Papa Benedicto XVI a los Estados Unidos. Una placa encargada por los Caballeros de Colón conmemora la misa del Papa en el Yankee Stadium. Acompaña a dos placas similares, que conmemoran las misas que el Papa Juan Pablo II y el Papa Pablo VI celebraron en el mismo lugar.

2008: McGivney Hall, la nueva sede del Pontificio Instituto Juan Pablo II de Estudios sobre Matrimonio y la Familia de la Universidad Católica de América, se consagra el 8 de septiembre.

2009: La Iniciativa de Ecografías de los Caballeros de Colón se lanza el 22 de enero de 2009. Hasta la fecha, se han comprado más de 1000 ecógrafos para centros de maternidad pro-vida usando fondos de contrapartida del Fondo de Cultura de la Vida de la Orden, creado en 2008.

2009: La Orden organiza una cumbre “Vecinos Ayudando a Vecinos” sobre voluntariado en Nueva York y designa el 2009 como el Año del Voluntariado. Se lanza el programa Abrigos para Niños de los Caballeros de Colón; hasta la fecha, la iniciativa ha proporcionado más de 1,000,000 abrigos de invierno a niños de todo Estados Unidos y Canadá.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Armando Fernandez**

**Consejo 18170 Ejemplificando Nueve Hermanos Catolicos a la orden el 25 de mayo de 2025 en Columbus MD.**





# Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our lives! For all they do for us, we thank them!

The convention was wonderful, and we enjoyed seeing everyone again! Here are our 1st place winners! The full listing is in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who submitted your reports, and congratulations to all auxiliaries for a successful year!

## Best Auxiliary Division A

1<sup>st</sup> K of C Ladies ( Father Maurice J. Wolfe #11372)

## Division B

1<sup>st</sup> KC Ladies ( James C. Fletcher, Jr. #11422)

## Division C

1<sup>st</sup> IC Angels (Immaculate Conception #8159)

## Division D

1<sup>st</sup> Our Lady of the Angels Auxiliary (Our Lady of the Angels #13069)

## Best New Activity Division A

1<sup>st</sup> K of C Ladies (Father Maurice J. Wolfe #11372)  
CASA The Forgotten Initiative

## Division B

1<sup>st</sup> KC Ladies (James C. Fletcher, Jr. #11422)  
Seniors Play Date

## Division C

1<sup>st</sup> Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville (Father Michael C. Kidd#14455)  
Parish Book Sale Fundraiser

## Division D

1<sup>st</sup> Wayside Ladies (Our Lady of the Wayside #16986)  
Halloween Party

## Best Recurring Division A

1<sup>st</sup> K of C Ladies (Father Maurice J. Wolfe #11372) Choose Hope Baby Shower

## Division B

1<sup>st</sup> Knights' Ladies of Long Green (Long Green Valley #8736)  
Christmas Tea

## Division C

1<sup>st</sup> Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville (Father Michael C. Kidd #14455)  
Domestic Violence Awareness: From Hurting to Healing

Now is a good time to check your bylaws to see if you need to hold an installation for your officers this year. If you do, please contact us to set a date and time. Installations for Ladies Auxiliaries are conducted by one of us (State Ladies Auxiliary Co-Chairs) or your District Deputy if we are not available.

*Make A Difference In Someone's Life.*

Ruth, Juana, and Annette





# Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares



¡Feliz Día del Padre a todos los Papás en nuestras vidas! Les damos las gracias a ellos por todo lo que hacen por nosotras.

La convención fue maravillosa y nos encantó volver a ver a todo el mundo. Aquí están los ganadores del primer lugar. La lista completa se encuentra en este boletín. Gracias a todos los que enviaron sus informes y felicitaciones a todos los grupos auxiliares por un año exitoso.

## Mejor actividad nueva

### División A

1st Damas de K of C (Father Maruice J. Wolfe #11372) CASA La Iniciativa Olvidada

### División B

1st Damas KC (James C. Fletcher, Jr. #11422) Juegos para personas Mayores

### División C

1a Damas de la Sagrada Familia Mitchellville (Padre Michael C. Kidd #14455) Venta Parroquial de Libros para Recaudar Fondos

### División D

1a Wayside Ladies (Our Lady of the Wayside #16986) Fiesta de Halloween

## Mejor recurrente

### División A

1st K of C Damas (Padre Maurice J. Wolfe #11372) Elige la Esperanza Baby Shower

### División B

1º Damas de Long Green (Long Green Valley #8736) Té de Navidad

### División C

1a Damas de la Sagrada Familia Mitchellville (Padre Michael C. Kidd #14455) Concienciación sobre la violencia doméstica: Del Dolor a la Curación

## Mejor Grupo Auxiliar

### División A

1st Damas de K of C (Padre Maurice J. Wolfe #11372)

### División B

1st Damas KC (James C. Fletcher, Jr. #11422)

### División C

1st Ángeles de IC (Inmaculada Concepción #8159)

### División D

1st Auxiliar de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles (Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles #13069)

Ahora es un buen momento para revisar los estatutos y comprobar si es necesario celebrar la toma de posesión de los cargos este año. Si es así, póngase en contacto con nosotras para fijar la fecha y la hora. Las tomas de posesión de las Damas Auxiliares son dirigidas por una de nosotras (Copresidentas Estatales de las Damas Auxiliares) o por su Diputado de Distrito si nosotras no estamos disponibles.

¡Hagamos una diferencia en la vida de alguien!

Sus copresidentas,

Ruth, Juana, Annette



# Maryland State Council Convention

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2024-2026  
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# MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

## 127<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION

### AWARDS CEREMONY



Congratulations to all the 2023-2024 Plaque and Certificate award winners. Listed below are all the award winners.

#### GROWTH AWARDS

##### **Highest total increase in council growth per division:**

###### **Division "D"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 8 new members**

**Sainte Terre D'Acceuil Council No. 18156**

Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 16 new members**

**San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170**

Grand Knight – Jhon Neira

**1<sup>st</sup> with 23 new members**

**Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534**

Grand Knight – David Farrell

###### **Division "C"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 14 new members**

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

Grand Knight – Romero Cobo

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2-way tie with 16 new members**

**St. Rose of Lima Council No. 14297**

Grand Knight – Farhad (Paul) Mehraban

**San Juan Neumann de Baltimore Council No. 16611**

Grand Knight – Omar Ordonez

**1<sup>st</sup> with 34 new members**

**Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159**

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

###### **Division "B"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 11 new members**

**St. John's Council No. 16228**

Grand Knight Sean McFarland

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 12 new members**

**St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

**1<sup>st</sup> with 13 new members**

**Father Horace B. McKenna Council No. 11024**

Grand Knight Dante Preciado

###### **Division "A"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 2-way tie with 20 new members**

**Prince George's Council No. 2809**

Grand Knight – John Foley

**Ocean City Council No. 9053**

Grand Knight – Ken

Hidenfelter

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 21 new members**

**Rock Creek Council No. 2797**

Grand Knight – Alex Lieb

**1<sup>st</sup> with 24 new members**

**St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

##### **Highest percentage of growth goal**

###### **Division "D"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 160% of goal**

**Sainte Terre D'Acceuil Council No. 18156**

Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 320% of goal**

**San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170**

Grand Knight – Jhon Neira

**1<sup>st</sup> with 460% of goal**

**Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534**

Grand Knight – David Farrell

###### **Division "C"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 280% of goal**

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

Grand Knight – Romero Cobo

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 320% of goal**

**St. Rose of Lima Council No. 14297**

Grand Knight – Farhad (Paul) Mehraban

**1<sup>st</sup> with 567% of goal**

**Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159**

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

###### **Division "B"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 100% of goal**

**Mother Seton Council No. 5381**

Grand Knight – Ike Udejiofor

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 133% of goal**

**St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

**1<sup>st</sup> with 144% of goal**

**Father Horace B. McKenna Council No. 11024**

Grand Knight Dante Preciado

###### **Division "A"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> with 140% of goal**

**Rock Creek Council No. 2797**

Grand Knight – Alex Lieb

**2<sup>nd</sup> with 146% of goal**

**Our Lady of Fatima Council No. 6901**

Grand Knight – Timothy Flynn

**1<sup>st</sup> with 160% of goal**

**St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**DON KUTZERA AWARDS FOR TOP RECRUITER**

3<sup>rd</sup> with 12 members recruited

**Christopher Wild** – Grand Knight of Blessed Michael McGivney Council No. 17759

2<sup>nd</sup> 3 way tie with 13 members recruited

**Brian Graham** of Father Rosensteel Council No. 2169, Grand Knight Michael Quinn, IV.

**Dr. Jay Penafiel** - Grand Knight of Santo Nino Council No. 9462

**Cornelius Heesters** of Sts. Philip and James Council No. 14102, Grand Knight Michael Pollard

This year's winner of the Don Kutzera Award for top recruiter with 27 members recruited is – Grand Knight Mearland Rusaw of Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159.

**INSURANCE AWARDS**

*Highest percentage gain in council insurance members.*

***Division "D"***

3<sup>rd</sup> **St. Maximilian Kolbe Council No. 16634**

Grand Knight- Robert Dowlut

Field Agent- Brian Graham

2<sup>nd</sup> **Baltimore Basilica Council No. 15768**

Grand Knight – Peter Gandt

Field Agent – Bob Marlowe III

1<sup>st</sup> **Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534**

Grand Knight – David Farrell

Field Agent- Gerard Kane

***Division "C"***

3<sup>rd</sup> **St. Jerome Council No. 5564**

Grand Knight – John Wells

Field Agent- Steve Clites

2<sup>nd</sup> **Msgr. Thomas Wells Council No. 13008**

Grand Knight – Jaime Narbon

Field Agent- Steve Clites

1<sup>st</sup> **St. Paul Council No. 11105**

Grand Knight – Don Cooke

Field Agent- Brian Graham

***Division "B"***

3<sup>rd</sup> **Long Green Valley Council No. 8736**

Grand Knight – John Stansfield

Field Agent- Bob Marlowe III

2<sup>nd</sup> **Msgr. Raymond P. Kelly Council No. 10966**

Grand Knight – Dennis Bryant

Field Agent- Craig Traverson

1<sup>st</sup> **Father Burggraff Council No. 6021**

Grand Knight – William Lane

Field Agent- Robert Marlowe III

***Division "A"***

3<sup>rd</sup> **Annapolis Council No. 1384**

Grand Knight – James Ryan Jr.

Field Agent- Jerry Kane

2<sup>nd</sup> **Patuxent Council No. 2203**

Grand Knight – Frederick (Rick) Krutz

Krutz

Field Agent- Steve Clites

1<sup>st</sup> **St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

Field Agent- Jerry Kane

**INCENTIVE CASH SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455**

Grand Knight – Romero Cobo

Total number of tickets sold – 947

2<sup>nd</sup> **St. Michael's of Poplar Springs**

**Council No. 10525**

Grand Knight – Dennis Sauer

Total number of tickets sold – 1,011

1<sup>st</sup> **Father Burggraff Council No. 6021**

Grand Knight – William Lane

Total number of tickets sold – 1,240

**SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM*****Division "D"***

1<sup>st</sup> **Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David Reumont

Total Dollars Collected \$3,920.

***Division "C"***

1<sup>st</sup> **Frostburg Council No. 14421**

Grand Knight – Nicholas (Nick) Costello

Total Dollars Collected \$7,344

***Division "B"***

1<sup>st</sup> **Father Burggraff Council No. 6021**

Grand Knight – William Lane

Total Dollars Collected \$7,952.

***Division "A"***

1<sup>st</sup> **Annapolis Council No. 1384**

Grand Knight – James Ryan Jr.

Total Dollars Collected \$5,209.

**BOX OF JOY PROGRAM**

3<sup>rd</sup> **St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290** – with 352 boxes

Grand Knight – Robert (Bob) Droter

2<sup>nd</sup> **St. Mary's Council No. 1470** – with 433 boxes

Grand Knight – Steven Tomaszewski

1<sup>st</sup> **St. Joseph Manyanet Council No. 5567** – with 1,151 boxes

Grand Knight – Paul Lindekugel

***Box of Joy Ladies Auxiliaries:***

3<sup>rd</sup> **Ladies of the Maryland State Council** – 135 boxes

First Lady Kathy Salvemini

2<sup>nd</sup> **Queen of the Knights Auxiliary – St. Pius X Council No.**

**4076** – 194 boxes

President – Catherine Weiler

1<sup>st</sup> **K of C Ladies – Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council No. 11372** – 200 boxes

President- Angie Rebbert

**LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS****Best New Activity*****Division "D"***

1<sup>st</sup> **Wayside Ladies**

Our Lady of the Wayside Council

No. 16986

President – Debbie Phetteplace

Halloween Party

***Division "C"***

2<sup>nd</sup> **I C Angels**

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

President – Jan Jarboe

1<sup>st</sup> **Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville**

Fr. Micheal C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

Parish Book Sale Fundraiser

**Best New Activity*****Division "B"*****3rd Queen of the Knights Council**

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President – Catherine Weiler

**2nd K. C. Ladies**

Father Burggraff Council No. 6021

President – Christine Hurley

**1st KC Ladies**

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

President – Alicia Sanders

Seniors Play Date

***Division "A"*****3rd Maryknights**

Father Rosensteel Council 2169

President – Patricia Haley

**2nd 2-way tie with****The Sheen's Colleens**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council  
No. 7612

President – Tami Dolinsky

**Ocean City Lady Knights****Auxiliary**

Ocean City Council No. 9053

President - Adrienne Celeste

**1st K of C Ladies**

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

President – Angie Rebbert

CASA: The Forgotten Initiative

**Best Recurring Activity*****Division "C"*****2nd I C Angels**Immaculate Conception Council No.  
8159

President – Jan Jarboe

**1st Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville**

Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

Domestic Violence Awareness: From  
Hurting to Healing***Division "B"*****3rd Queen of the Knights**

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President – Catherine Weiler

**2nd KC Ladies**James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No.  
11422

President – Alicia Sanders

**1st Knights' Ladies of Long Green**

Long Green Valley Council No. 8736

President – Martha Schumacher

Christmas Tea

***Division "A"*****3rd The Sheen's Colleens**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council No. 7612

President – Tami Dolinsky

**2nd Maryknights**

Fr. Rosensteel Council No. 2169

President – Patricia Haley

**1st K of C Ladies**

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

President – Angie Rebbert

Choose Hope Baby Shower

**Best Auxiliary*****Division "D"*****1st Our Lady of the Angels Auxiliary**

Our Lady of the Angels Council No. 13069

President – Roseann Tymoch

***Division "C"*****3rd The Belles**

St. Michael's Council No. 2065

President – Linda Biscoe

**2nd Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville**

Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

**1st I C Angels**

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

President – Jan Jarboe

***Division "B"*****3rd 2 way tie****Queen of the Knights**

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President – Catherine Weiler

**K. C. Ladies**

Father Burggraff Council No. 6021

President – Christine Hurley

**2nd Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

Bel Air Council No. 4714

President – Dee Kozlowski

**1st KC Ladies**

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

President – Alicia Sanders

***Division "A"*****3rd Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary**

Ocean City Council No. 9053

President - Adrienne Celeste

**2nd Ladies of the Knights**

Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521

President – Pam Moudry

**1st K of C Ladies**

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

President – Angie Rebbert

**FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM AWARDS****Faith Activities*****Division "D"*****3rd St. John Fisher Council No. 16499**

Grand Knight – Shawn Williams

**2nd Holy Face Council No. 3849**

Grand Knight – Carl Wolf

**1st Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David A. Reumont

***Division "C"*****3rd Columbia Council No. 7559**

Grand Knight – Dr. Boniface Nwugwo

**2nd St. Columille Council No. 5317**

Grand Knight – Robert Butto

**1st Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159**

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

***Division "B"*****3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290**

Grand Knight – Robert (Bob) Droter

**2nd 2 way tie****Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279**

Grand Knight – Michael Mickey

**St. Pius X Council No. 4076**

Grand Knight – Robert White

**1<sup>st</sup> St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

*Division “A”***3<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Heart Council No. 2577**

Grand Knight – Timothy Fitzmaurice

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**1<sup>st</sup> Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr III

**Family Activities***Division “D”***3<sup>rd</sup> Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511**

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

**2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Face Council No. 3849**

Grand Knight – Christopher McGraw

**1<sup>st</sup> Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David Reumont

*Division “C”***3<sup>rd</sup> St. Columcille Council No. 5317**

Grand Knight – Robert Butto

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524**

Grand Knight – Anthony Giglioli

**1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection Council No. 11341**

Grand Knight – Martin Fienkeng

*Division “B”***3<sup>rd</sup> St. Pius X Council No. 4076**

Grand Knight – Robert White

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

**1<sup>st</sup> Long Green Valley Council No. 8736**

Grand Knight – John Stansfield

*Division “A”***3<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Heart Council No. 2577**

Grand Knight – Timothy Fitzmaurice

**2<sup>nd</sup> Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

**1<sup>st</sup> St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**Community Activities***Division “D”***3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David Reumont

**2<sup>nd</sup> San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170**

Grand Knight – Jhon Neira

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Face Council No. 3849**

Grand Knight – Carl Wolf

*Division “C”***3<sup>rd</sup> St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524**

Grand Knight – Anthony Gigliolo

**2<sup>nd</sup> Columbia Council No. 7559**

Grand Knight – Dr. Boniface Nwugwo

**1<sup>st</sup> Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159**

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

*Division “B”***3<sup>rd</sup> St. Pius X Council No. 4076**

Grand Knight – Robert White

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Mary’s Council No. 1470**

Grand Knight – Steven Tomaszewski

**1<sup>st</sup> Our Lady of the Valley Council No. 11703**

Grand Knight – William Traube

*Division “A”***3<sup>rd</sup> St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**2<sup>nd</sup> Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

**1<sup>st</sup> Patuxent Council No. 2203**

Grand Knight – Frederick Krutz

**Life Activities***Division “D”***3<sup>rd</sup> Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511**

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

**2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Face Council No. 3849**

Grand Knight – Carl Wolf

**1<sup>st</sup> Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David Reumont

*Division “C”***3<sup>rd</sup> 2 way tie****St. Columcille Council No. 5317**

Grand Knight – Robert Butto

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

Grand Knight – John Weaver, Jr.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2 way tie****Columbia Council No. 7559**

Grand Knight – Dr. Boniface Nwugwo

**Santo Nino Council No. 9462**

Grand Knight – Dr. Jay Penafiel

**1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection Council No. 11341**

Grand Knight – Martin Fienkeng

*Division “B”***3<sup>rd</sup> Long Green Valley Council No. 8736**

Grand Knight – John Stansfield

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2 way tie****St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290**

Grand Knight – Robert (Bob) Droter

**1<sup>st</sup> St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011**

Grand Knight – Brian Woerner

*Division “A”***3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr III

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sacred Heart Council No. 2577**

Grand Knight – Timothy Fitzmaurice

**1<sup>st</sup> St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS***Division “D”***3<sup>rd</sup> Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511**

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David Reumont

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Face Council No. 3849**

Grand Knight – Carl Wolf

**Division "C"****3<sup>rd</sup> St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524**

Grand Knight – Anthony Gigoli

**2<sup>nd</sup> Resurrection Council No. 11341**

Grand Knight – Martin Fienkeng

**1<sup>st</sup> Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159**

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

**Division "B"****3<sup>rd</sup> St. Pius X Council No. 4076**

Grand Knight – Robert White

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Mary's Council 1470**

Grand Knight – Steven Tomaszkeski

**1<sup>st</sup> St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

**Division "A"****3<sup>rd</sup> Patuxent Council No. 2203**

Grand Knight – Frederick (Rick) Krutz

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2 way tie****Sacred Heart Council No. 2577**

Grand Knight – Timothy Fitzmaurice

**Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**

Grand Knight - Philip Pfarr, III

**1<sup>st</sup> St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S AWARD****St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**HONOR DISTRICT AWARD****District No. 21**

District Deputy – Herman Stewart

District Warden – John Sniezek

**The Councils that are included in District 31 are:****Fr. Joseph Comyns Council No. 9638**

Grand Knight - Michael Harrison

**Resurrection Council No. 11341**

Grand Knight – Martin Fienkeng

**St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524**

Grand Knight – Anthony Gigoli

**St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council No. 13294**

Grand Knight – Barry Frederick

**STATELECTURER AWARD****Daniel V. Terek of Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372,**

Grand Knight Philip Pfarr, III, in recognition of his lecture titled "The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World."

**SUPREME COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS****Faith Activities****3<sup>rd</sup> St. John Neumann Council No. 11618**

Grand Knight – J.D. Parsons

**2<sup>nd</sup> Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**

Grand Knight - Philip Pfarr III

**1<sup>st</sup> Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279**

Grand Knight – Michael Mickey

**RSVP Seminarian Picnic**

Archbishop Neale Council No. 2279 sponsors an annual RSVP picnic each July. It is the council's way to promote seminarians in the Archdiocese of Washington who have received the call to follow our Lord in the service of Holy Mother Church. This event provides an opportunity for these brothers to bond with each other and share their calling in a relaxed and casual environment. This past year, forty-four seminarians and staff from the Office of Priest Vocations gathered at a friend of the Knights' waterfront home to enjoy a few hours of lawn games, fellowship in the shade, a rousing game of water polo in the pool, and delicious food. This program is possible because of the generosity of brother Knights and friends of the Knights to host these men. After their assignments, many of the former seminarians come back as friends because of this picnic and the RSVP program.

**Family Activities****3<sup>rd</sup> Resurrection Council No. 11341**

Grand Knight – Martin Fienkeng

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**

Grand Knight – David Reumont

**1<sup>st</sup> St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**Food for Families**

St. Louis the King Council No. 11898 was inspired by Father McGivney's example to support those in need and by embracing the Food for Families Program beginning during the Covid pandemic and continuing through the current year. This program has been remarkably successful and embraced by the Council, Parish, and community. Twice each month, the Knights collect and deliver multiple vans or trucks full of food and other supplies, including meat and fresh produce from a local grocery store and bread from a national chain. Working in collaboration with their parish and parishioners, the council donated over thirty tons of food, \$9,000 in cash, \$5,000 in gift cards, and volunteered nearly 1,000 hours of time during the fraternal year.

**Community Activities****3<sup>rd</sup> Our Lady of the Valley Council No. 11703**

Grand Knight – William Traube

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Mary's Council 1470**

Grand Knight – Steven Tomaszkeski

**1<sup>st</sup> Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159**

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

**A Miracle of Faith and Fraternity: The Tanzanian Well Project**

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159 was inspired by the virtues of Mary's Chaplet of Virtues and the dire need for clean water in a village in Tanzania, a community that was struggling from a lack of clean water. Brother Knights rallied together to raise sufficient funds for the purchase and installation of a water well and solar pump to provide clean, safe drinking water to a community in desperate need, thereby improving health and quality of life, especially for children with disabilities, all while strengthening the faith and unity within their council through a shared mission of charity and service. Money was raised through a GoFundMe campaign and an all-you-can-eat crab raffle, a matching gift, other various donations. On Easter Monday 2024, the well was completed and provides a 30-gallon-per-minute refill rate, ensuring a reliable supply of clean water to more than one hundred people in the local community. Inspired by this charity, seventeen men joined the Knights of Columbus, including the council's current Chaplain.

**SUPREME COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS****Life Activities****3<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Heart Council No. 2577**

Grand Knight – Timothy Fitzmaurice

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011**

Grand Knight – Brian Woerner

**1st St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**

Grand Knight – Frank Arlinghaus

**Aid and Support After Pregnancy**

St. Louis the King Council No. 11898 challenged itself to embrace Aid and Support After Pregnancy by supporting a minimum of five Life affirming organizations each with a minimum \$2,000 in support. This year, the council exceeded its' goal and supported six different organizations. Five organizations received \$2,000 in monetary contributions, and one organization received over \$2,000 in diapers and other in-kind donations. These six organizations received over \$23,000 in direct aid from the Council. To accomplish this work, council members worked at 11 Baltimore Ravens home pre-season, regular, and post season games, as well as a Soccer Match at M&T Bank Stadium, which raised over \$20,000 for the council's Charity fund, most of which was used to support the ASAP program.

**STATE BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AWARD****Father Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.,  
Maryland State Council Chaplain**

For more than twenty years, Fr. Donald has embraced the chaplaincy of the Maryland State Council in a special way. A Knight since 1991, Fr. Donald has served as council chaplain, faithful friar, and former chaplain of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights. As a priest, he works to build a Catholic fraternity throughout the state with enthusiasm for the community and dedication to the faith-filled instructional growth of the membership. As president of Archbishop Curley High School, Fr. Donald works tirelessly to minister to the young men and develop a foundation of faith in them, in creative ways. He is an example of living the precepts of Blessed Michel J. McGivney, showing pride and joy in his priesthood, living in charity, unity, and fraternity.



# Maryland Knights In Action



**Council 16611 Bishop Bruce Farewell**



**Council 11106 Exemplification**



**Council 4011 Exemplification**



**Council 1622 Icon Display**



**Council 2797 Food Collection**



**Council 7612 Donation**



**Council 7612 Golf Tournament**



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# 2024-2025

## State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 5/5/25



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
JUN 2025	6/4-9	SD MEETING AT SUPREME	NEW HAVEN, CT	TONY SALVEMINI
	6/9	SUPREME CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING	ST AGNES COUNCIL BALTIMORE, MD	TONY SALVEMINI JEFFREY WILK
	6/13- 14	LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH DAVIDSONVILLE, MD	JEFFREY WILK
	6/27- 29	STATE CAMPING TRIP	HOMESTEAD CAMPGROUND GEORGETOWN, DE	TOM REUMONT
	6/30	COLUMBIAN AWARD (FORM SP -7) RSVP PROGRAM REFUND APPLICATION	NEW HAVEN, CT	TONY SALVEMINI
JUL 2025	TBD	PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	TBD	ALAN PULTYNIOWICZ TERRY WATERS
	7/10	QUO VADIS	ST MARY'S SEMINARY BALTIMORE, MD	STATE OFFICERS
AUG 2025	8/5-7	143RD SUPREME CONVENTION	HILTON DC WASHINGTON, DC	TONY SALVEMINI
	8/28	SETON CHAPTER INSTALLATION	SETON SHRINE	PATRICK JOY
	TBD	PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	TBD	ALAN PULTYNIOWICZ TERRY WATERS
	TBD	FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING	TBD	DON TALLMADGE
SEP 2025	9/21	BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER INSTALLATION	ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH PRINCE FREDERICK, MD	



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## State Planning Calendar

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MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
OCT 2025	10/11	COLUMBUS DAY BALL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	STEVE COHEN E. PAUL JONES
	10/25	FALL MEETING	SETON SHRINE	JEFFREY WILK
	TBD	STATEWIDE SOCCER SHOOTOUT FINALS	TBD	WALT WILLIAMS TOM REUMONT BRIAN TROTT
Nov 2025	11/15	NAVY FOOTBALL GAME VS SOUTH FLORIDA	NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL STADIUM	THOM PARTENOPE
	TBD	STATEWIDE MEMORIAL MASS	SHRINE OF ST ANTHONY	MICHAEL WATSON
DEC 2025	12/13	STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
JAN 2026	1/10	MIDTERM MEETING	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK