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

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



# State Chaplain's Message

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While on retreat in July I came across a labyrinth during a walk around the retreat house grounds. If you've never seen a labyrinth, it is usually a walkway, in a circle, that one enters at a certain point, and then follows the laid-out path, through twists and turns, until one reaches the center.

The idea is to pray and reflect as one follows the route, perhaps thinking about one's life journey. For a Christian, one might also reflect on having Christ as the center of our goals and plans, and moving through one's life toward eternal life. Walking a labyrinth, it could seem like life moves in circles, or at times that we are going back to the same place we had started. However, stick to the path, and one will reach the center.

For most of us, the pace of life picks up in September as parish, school, and personal calendars are full once gain. The pace picks up in many councils as well, as installations have taken place, and members are back from vacations. At some moments we might feel we are running in circles. Should that be the case, think of the path of the labyrinth, not always straight to our goals. It's a good time to ask if we are taking all the steps to assure success. As with a parish, or a Catholic school, so with a council—there should be spiritual goals for the year, that our various efforts are trying to achieve. Sometimes these are rather clear, such as acts of charity being done because we are Christ's disciples. How about a council social? Building community and fraternity is also a worthy goal. How about a fund-raiser? We need resources to carry out our mission. If the Knights and Ladies aren't becoming better Christians through their efforts then something is missing.

I know some parishes and schools have annual themes, which can be helpful as a focus. Let's remember we have a great one from our Order, "First in Faith, as in Charity," and another from our State Deputy, "Make a Difference in Someone's life; Be a Force for Good." Maybe a personal or council theme is appropriate, such as "Make every day count," "Don't lose sight of the goal," or "Make this a year of blessings." I trust you get the point, and I pray you have a blessed fraternal year.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Fr. Donald*

## Liturgical Calendar

- 3 Sep Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**
- 8 Sep The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 9 Sep Saint Peter Claver, Priest**
- 13 Sep Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- 14 Sep THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
- 15 Sep Our Lady of Sorrows**
- 16 Sep Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
- 20 Sep Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**
- 23 Sep Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
- 27 Sep Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**
- 29 Sep Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
- 30 Sep Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**



# State Deputy's Message

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The 143rd Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. proved to be a truly outstanding event, marked by camaraderie, celebration, and a renewed commitment to the Order's core values. Delegations from around the globe gathered to recognize the remarkable charitable work accomplished during the previous fraternal year. This spirit of unity and purpose was further strengthened by inspiring addresses, most notably Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's announcement of forward-looking initiatives designed to guide and energize the Order in the year ahead.

The Supreme Convention served not only as a celebration but as an affirmation of the Knights' enduring mission: to be a force for good wherever the need arises. Representatives from all corners of the world shared stories of hope, service, and transformative action. Their presence underscored the international scope and universal appeal of the Order's work, reminding all present of the profound difference a united brotherhood can make.

As September marks the beginning of the end of the First Quarter of this fraternal year, members are called to reflect on their personal contributions. Have you made a difference in someone's life? Have you helped to build a stronger community as a Force for Good? Each member is encouraged to extend the invitation of membership—to ask someone to join the Knights of Columbus—helping to grow the Order and extend its reach.

Achieving your Council's membership goal by September 30th comes with a significant incentive: your State per capita assessment for the second half of this Fraternal year will be completely waived. This fast-start incentive is an excellent reason to hold Church Drives and other recruiting activities. The State Council Growth team is fully prepared and eager to support your efforts—members are encouraged to reach out for guidance, resources, and assistance.

With Columbus Day drawing near, attention turns to cherished traditions and new opportunities. Councils are reminded to mail out their sweepstake tickets to members—selling these tickets is not only a longstanding tradition but also a valuable fundraiser for local Councils. The excitement will be heightened this year by the introduction of a new ticket drum, and the winner will be drawn by our State Chaplain and Honored Guest, Father Donald during the Columbus Day Ball. Good luck to all who participate!

The Columbus Day Ball remains the pinnacle event of the weekend. Tickets for the Ball are now on sale, and the deadline for banquet and program book ads is approaching quickly. This year's banquet promises to be particularly memorable, featuring an all-inclusive format with an open bar throughout the evening. Once again, the festivities will be held at a Council home, and guests can look forward to a beautifully decorated hall befitting this special occasion. Kathy and I are delighted to welcome you and share this night of celebration and fellowship.

Beyond the Ball, the Columbus Day weekend includes the meaningful wreath-laying ceremony at the Columbus Statue at Union Station in Washington, D.C. on Monday morning. This event offers an opportunity for solemn remembrance, unity, and collective gratitude. All are cordially invited to attend and participate in honoring the legacy of Columbus and the enduring values of the Knights.

The Supreme Convention and the activities surrounding Columbus Day serve as a powerful reminder of what the Knights of Columbus represent: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As we advance into the new fraternal year, let us each ask ourselves how we can be a Force for Good—in our families, our parishes, and our communities. May the months ahead be filled with renewed purpose, generous action, and the joy of brotherhood.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and joining together to make an even greater impact in the year to come!

Vivat Jesus,

Tony





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

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Hello Ladies of the Maryland Jurisdiction!

August was a busy time for the State Officers and their wives as we attended the Supreme Convention, Council Installations, and Program & Membership Seminars. It was wonderful to renew friendships and make new friends as we traveled around the state.

Tony and I had a wonderful time at the Supreme Convention in Washington, DC. A record number of people from our jurisdiction attended the various events, and many more served all week as volunteers. Thank you to everyone who participated! As I promised last month, I have included a few pictures below.

We had a good turnout from our auxiliaries at the Program & Membership Seminars. It was great to see you, and we had some outstanding idea exchanges. Several women traveled a long distance to attend because they weren't available on the date of a local seminar. Thank you to each of you! I appreciate your time and effort as you strive to continue improving your auxiliary. A big congratulations to the auxiliaries who were installed in August. Please refer to the Ladies Auxiliary article in the newsletter for a list of those auxiliaries.

As you're looking ahead, remember that October is a big month for the Order. The Columbus Day Ball on October 11 is open to all and is our signature event of the year. Refer to the flyer for obtaining tickets. The wreath-laying ceremony on Columbus Day at Union Station in Washington, DC is a spectacular event to see. Many of your councils are holding special events, so whether you attend a local or state event, I hope you can participate in this important day.

On a more somber note, please keep Christine Hurley and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Christine was the current president of K.C. Ladies at Fr. Burggraaf Council #6021. She passed away on August 17. Condolences can be sent to her family at the address listed in the State Directory. Her passing is a loss for all of us.

As always, thank you for everything you do for your loved ones and the Knights of Columbus to ***Make a Difference in Someone's Life and Be a Force for Good!***

Kathy





# Training Message

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If you haven't done so already, add "training" to one of the four inevitabilities of life. This is not a bad thing. Whereas, STAPLES has its EASY button ("That was Easy!") Maryland Knights have an EASY link: each one coming with a money back guarantee! These links will help you to realize your desired end state. Use one. . . use them all. They're FREE!

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

### On-Demand Training Is Always Available

Visit [kofc.org/training](https://kofc.org/training) to find our complete library of on demand training, where state, district and council officers can go to learn more about their duties and responsibilities, as well as review best practices for the daily operations of an assembly or council, tips for membership growth, and timely suggestions for using programs to keep members actively engaged.

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

**Conducting Church Drives** – Find out what a successful Church Drive looks like, and how to plan one for your council.

**Conducting Activity Drives** – Make your council a visible part of the Church and Community.

**Online Tools and Resources** – How to find the guides, forms and information housed in the Officers Online and For Members portals of the kofc.org website.

**Time Management** – An opportunity to learn some best practices for handling everyday tasks and long-term goals when limited time is available to manage the day-to-day operations of a council.

**Working With Your Pastor** – We discuss the necessity of building strong relationships with our pastors, so that we can assist them in strengthening and growing parish communities.

Vivat Jesus,

Rob



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## Membership



Worthy Brothers All,

Did you know that your council is involved in two exciting membership growth incentive program that can translate into big dollar savings? That's correct!

The first one, which is sponsored by the State is called our Fast Start Growth Incentive and here is how it works. Each council has an annual goal of recruiting a certain number of new men into its ranks. If your council achieves its goal by September 30, 2025, then the council will have its State membership per capita fee refunded for the 6-month period January 2026-June 2026! Since a council is charged at an approximate rate of \$4.50 per member, having this fee refunded enables the council to use those funds for any number of other impactful purposes!

The second one is sponsored by Supreme and it's called the "Fishers of Men Incentive, and here is how this works. If a council achieves its membership goal by October 31, then it has the potential to earn hundreds of dollars in funds. However, the MD State Deputy has decided to reward those who accelerate their efforts! If a council achieves its membership goal by September 30, then he will ensure the council earns a minimum of \$250 as part of this Supreme incentive program! Think about it! How about using those funds to support a seminarian, or a pregnancy center, or a council dinner? The possibilities are almost endless- and this can happen when you and your council members reach out and invite men to join the Order! And who doesn't need more Catholic men serving alongside us as we put our faith into action!

By the way, congratulations to Grand Knight Andy Harris of St. John the Evangelist Council 11171 and Grand Knight Tony Bunn of St. Rose of Lima Council 14297 who recently became the first leaders in Maryland to achieve their Fast Start goals! I hope more will follow!

And speaking of recruitment highlights, special congratulations to these brother Knights who are leading the charge with welcoming new men to join us on our great mission:

DD27 Chris Phillips reports that all councils in his district are now membership active!

DD16 John Marley is leading a district that has already welcomed over 15 men into the Order!

St. Rose of Lima Council 14297, with the support of father and son field agents Denis Mayorga Lizano and Denis Mayorga Arauz has welcomed 9 men into their council!

Please continue to offer Catholic men in your communities the gift of Knights of Columbus membership so that our councils will be blessed with the talent, energy and passion needed to make a meaningful difference in so many lives!

And please remember to promote the Online Membership option as the best way to invite a man to join! At least 90% of men joining our councils are doing it through this user-friendly online tool so be sure to become very familiar with it.

Thanks to those of you who continue to inspire your brother Knights. Your efforts are deeply appreciated!

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Terry*

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



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# State Programs

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



Worthy Brothers All,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Program and Growth Seminars this summer. We hope you got all of your questions answered and learned about the many Faith-in-Action Program activities that your council can host for your parish and community. Remember, your state Faith-in-Action program team is here to provide any assistance you may need to implement a successful program.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is the last date to submit Faith-in-Action Program Form #10784 for all first period events and activities conducted between March 1 and August 31, 2025. A total of 1,611 FIA reports have already been submitted by councils to Supreme so far – great effort, brothers!! Visit the state website at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org) and click on the Faith in Action tab to access more information about Faith, Family, Community and Life programs.

We look forward to seeing you at the Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Columbus Gardens. Space is filling up quickly, so make sure you send your ticket forms and payment before it is too late. Check out the flyer at: <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Final-2025-Columbus-Day-Ball-Flyer.pdf>. Also, please remember to send in your Columbus Day Ball Program Ad for the Program Ad Book to Thom Stevenson no later than September 14, 2025. For details visit: <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-Columbus-Day-Ball-letter-Contract.pdf>.

We are down to the last month for the Cash Incentive Sweepstakes, and we have just a few tickets remaining. If you need more tickets, please contact Incentive Sweepstakes Co-Chairs Steve Law, Thom Partenope, or Frank Attard. For each ticket received back with a \$5 donation, your council gets to keep \$2.00 to help your councils do the great work that you do. The remaining \$3.00 is sent to the State Council which will be used to support the State Charity Fund and Scholarship Programs. Please use the Incentive Sweepstakes ticket turn-in form available on the state website at: <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Cash-Incentive-Turn-In-Form-2025-1.xlsx> to turn in your ticket stubs and money.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon resumes this fall, with the icon going to districts starting in November. Check the calendar on the state website <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Sacred-Heart-Icon-2025-2026-Schedule.pdf> and plan with your Pastor to schedule a prayer service for your parish. Contact Mike Novak, FDD, Pilgrim Icon Chair at [j.michael.novak@verizon.net](mailto:j.michael.novak@verizon.net) or 443-695-1862 for details.

Please remember to support our seminarians through the RSVP Program. Our goal this fraternal year is to support 100% of all seminarians in the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington and in the Diocese of Wilmington. To obtain the name of a seminarian who needs our financial support and prayers, please contact RSVP Chair Mike Davenport at [QSTORM3@aol.com](mailto:QSTORM3@aol.com) or Faith Activities Director Michael Watson at [mawatson64@yahoo.com](mailto:mawatson64@yahoo.com).

Mark your calendar and save the date for the Navy Football Game on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> for a day of good food, fun, and fraternity! Check out the flyer on the state website at: [https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-K-of-C-Navy-Flyer-Save-the-Date\\_rev-6.20.25.pdf](https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-K-of-C-Navy-Flyer-Save-the-Date_rev-6.20.25.pdf).

Councils across Maryland have coordinated school supply drives to help our students succeed in this new school year and have hosted bingo fundraisers to raise funds that will go towards the purchase of ultrasound machines. These are just a few examples of the amazing work that all of you do that makes a difference in someone's life in your parishes and communities.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Alan Pultyniewicz*





# Hispanic Activities

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

Les extiendo un caluroso saludo fraternal de parte de nuestro Diputado de el Estado el Hermano Antony N. Salvemini

El quiere que los felicite y al mismo tiempo darles las gracias por asistir al seminario de programas en Bowie el pasado 17 y 24 de Julio . Sigan mandando las formas de informes de programas fraternales numero 10784 cada ves que hagan una actividad para que sea registrada. En la Convencion Suprema que apenas paso en Washington DC el Caballero Supremo Patrick Kelly anuncio que Caballeros de Colon donaron 48 Millones de Horas al servicio de otras personas, eso hermanos es impresionante y si reportamos todo lo que hacemos estoy Seguro que serian mas horas, aparte todos sabemos de la gran necesidad que hay y no Podemos o debemos de detenernos si no unironos ahora mas que nunca y continuar siendo una fuerza de bien para hacer un cambio en la vida de alguien.

- Si su consejo no ha presentado la Auditoría Semestral del Consejo (#1295-S), cuyo plazo de entrega venció el 15 de agosto, hágalo inmediatamente.
- Establezca un sólido banco de líderes identificando a futuros líderes de su consejo, empoderándolos para que desarrollen iniciativas y asesorándolos sobre las operaciones fraternales.

No se les olvide prepararse para la Rosa de Plata que estara con ustedes el Domingo 9 de Noviembre, se que falta mucho pero es mejor irse preparando, pueden pedir material con supremo relacionado con este programa para que lea ayude a promocionarlo.

Gracias por mandar la lista de los Delegados y los Alternos para la convencion Estatal de Mayo 2026. Tambien preparense para El Icono de El Sagrado Corazon.

Felicidades a los Consejos 16611, 17192, y 18170 por celebrar su Instalacion de Oficiales

**“Seamos una fuerza del bien, Y hagamos una diferencia en la vida de alguien”**

**Vivat Jesus,**  
**Armando Fernandez**



# Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Hello Ladies! It is hard to believe that time is moving along so fast! The children are returning to school, and the opportunity to help them is here. Some ideas to help are providing school supplies and warmer clothing for the approaching fall and winter. You may want to consider tuition assistance for your local Catholic school. Please remember to document these efforts for your end-of-year report and to take photos. If you want to post them on our Maryland Ladies Auxiliary Facebook page, we'll be able to celebrate your success with you!

We thank all of you who attended the program seminars this year, and we hope you took some ideas home to help your auxiliaries grow.

Congratulations to the following auxiliaries on their installations this month;

Angels of the Knights (Havre de Grace St. Joan of Arc #2002) 8/3/25

KC Ladies (James E. Fletcher #11422) 8/10/25

Sheen's Colleens (Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen #7612) 8/10/25

McGivney Ladies Guild (Father Michael J. McGivney #7025) 8/10/25

St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies (St. Mary of the Assumption #9302) 8/17/25

Daughters of Grace (Holy Face #3489) 8/20/25

Ocean City Lady Knights (Ocean City #9053) 8/21/25

Name to be determined (Charles Carroll #15985) 8/23/25

Wayside Ladies (Our Lady of the Wayside #16986) 8/24/25

The Belles (St. Michael's #2065) 8/26/25

We look forward to seeing you at the Columbus Day ball this year. Please come and join us for a great event!

***Make a Difference in Someone's Life AND Be a Force for Good,***

**Ruth, Juana, and Annette**



# *Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares*



¡Hola, Damas! ¡Es difícil creer que el tiempo pase tan rápido! Los niños están volviendo al colegio y ha llegado el momento de ayudarles. Algunas ideas para colaborar son proporcionar material escolar y ropa de abrigo para el otoño y el invierno que se acercan. Quizás quieran considerar la posibilidad de ayudar con el pago de la matrícula de la escuela católica de su localidad. Recuerden documentar estas iniciativas para su informe de fin de año y tomar fotos. Si desean publicarlas en nuestra página de Facebook de Maryland Ladies Auxiliary, ¡podremos celebrar su éxito con ustedes!

Agradecemos a todas las que asistieron a los seminarios del programa este año y esperamos que se hayan llevado algunas ideas a casa para ayudar a crecer a sus auxiliares.

Felicidades a los siguientes grupos auxiliares por su toma de posesión este mes:

Ángeles de los Caballeros (Havre de Grace St. Joan of Arc #2002) 3/8/25

KC Damas (James E. Fletcher #11422) 8/10/25

Sheen's Colleens (Arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen #7612) 8/10/25

McGivney Damas Guild (Padre Michael J. McGivney #7025) 8/10/25

Damas de Santa María de la Asunción (Santa María de la Asunción #9302) 8/17/25

Hijas de la Gracia (Santo Rostro #3489) 8/20/25

Damas Caballeras de Ocean City (Ocean City #9053) 8/21/25

Nombre por determinar (Charles Carroll #15985) 8/23/25

Wayside Damas (Nuestra Señora del Camino #16986) 8/24/25

Las Bellas (San Miguel #2065) 8/26/25

Esperamos verlas en el baile del Día de Colón de este año. ¡Ven y únete a nosotras en este gran evento!

¡Marquen la diferencia en la vida de alguien y sean una fuerza para el bien!

**Sus copresidentas,**

**Ruth, Juana, Annette**





# Maryland Knights In Action



**Council 1442 Donation to Special Olympics**



**Council 1771 Exemplification**



**Council 1442 Donation to Friends Aware**



**Council 7612 Exemplification**



**Council 2797 Food Drive**



**Council 16611 Exemplification**



**Council 18170 Exemplification**



**Council 17192 Exemplification**



## PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon 2025 – 2026 Schedule

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#### **Sacred Heart ICON - 89**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District:**

District 03  
 District 17  
 Districts 23  
 District 21  
 District 04  
 District 25  
 District 08  
 District 20

#### **General Area**

Glen Burnie  
 Catonsville  
 Elkridge  
 Ellicott City  
 Sykesville/Owings Mills  
 Frederick/Taneytown  
 Frederick/Hancock  
 Cumberland & West

#### **Sacred Heart ICON – 93**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District**

District 31  
 District 28  
 District 27  
 District 16  
 District 32  
 District 19  
 District 07  
 District 13

#### **General Area**

Ijamsville/Mt. Airy  
 Baltimore City  
 Abingdon / Parkton  
 Aberdeen/Forest Hill  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore City  
 Dundalk  
 North Baltimore

#### **Sacred Heart ICON - 94**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District:**

District 24  
 District 22  
 District 26  
 District 12  
 District 09  
 District 29  
 District 06  
 District 01

#### **General Area**

Annapolis  
 Salisbury/Ocean City  
 Easton/Chestertown  
 Waldorf  
 Prince Frederick  
 Lexington Park  
 Hollywood  
 Largo/Upper Marlboro

#### **Sacred Heart ICON - 103**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District**

District 15  
 District 02  
 District 14  
 District 10  
 District 11  
 District 18  
 District 30  
 District 05

#### **General Area**

Forestville  
 Bowie/Mitchellville  
 Greenbelt/Takoma Park  
 Laurel  
 Silver Spring  
 Bethesda/Rockville  
 Olney/Gaithersburg  
 Germantown/Damascus

Instead of the log book enclosed with the Icon use the online link for councils to fill out. Please see the link below.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8124274/State-Pilgrim-Icon-Program-Form>





## Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council

Worthy Grand Knights,

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is an excellent opportunity to promote Faith and Family. For a successful program, Councils need planning, publicity and recognition.

September - October, Councils should:

- Designate a chairman
- Order supplies from Officers Online > Supplies Online > Faith in Action > Keep Christ in Christmas. Kits, forms, and publicity posters available.
- Determine your Council's deadline for obtaining poster, judging, recognition of winners and participants, and forwarding to State Chairman by Dec. 23.
- If your budget permits, determine monetary awards (1<sup>st</sup> place only or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, / amounts, example: 1<sup>st</sup> \$25-\$50 range, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20-\$35 range, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15-\$25 range.)
- Start contacting Catholic grade schools and parishes informing them of the program and requesting their participation.
- Discuss with the school or parish: time line for submissions, how and when Council will pickup submissions; how and when Council will announce awards. School example: during morning announcements, at assembly (Christmas concert, Christmas pageant) when parents and others students can see and applaud. Parish example: announcements before or after mass, Sunday coffee and donuts, parish Christmas pageant, breakfast with Santa, Council Christmas party.

November,

- Prepare info for school and parish to put in their announcements and bulletins. Provide school and parish with Keep Christ in Christmas info posters with deadline and Council chairman contact info, along with sufficient Entry Forms (form #5025), a PDF of the Entry Form can also be emailed to school/parish to be included with their email announcements. **Note, poster size limit of 12 x 14** (so that State winners can be sent to Supreme in a standard USPS package).

December,

- Collect and judge posters.



- Announce and present winners. Publicize winners on Council social media, website and newsletter, send brief summary of program and winners to parish for submission into bulletin. Note, posters can be returned to families. However, First place winning posters that are sent to State, will be returned at the Mid-Term meeting. Only the State First Place winning posters that will be sent to Supreme will not be returned.
- Send 1<sup>st</sup> Place winning posters to State Keep Christ in Christmas chairman by December 23. Posters can be:
  - mailed to State Chairman Tim Fitzmaurice: 1593 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD 21114, or
  - dropped off at Maryland State Council office: 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD 20715 (which is located at Sacred Heart Council 2577's hall). **If dropping off, please email or call Executive Secretary to the State Council Dale Trott, PSD, at [kofc-md@hotmail.com](mailto:kofc-md@hotmail.com) / 443-968-0428 to check if someone will be at the office.**

January,

- State winners announced at Mid-Term Meeting on Saturday, January 10. With exception of State First placed winners, that will be sent to Supreme for the international judging, posters will be available for pick-up. If a Council representative is not present at Mid-Term, District Deputy can pick up.

Thank you for your efforts in this worthwhile program.

Fraternally,

Tim Fitzmaurice

[Fitzmauricemd@aol.com](mailto:Fitzmauricemd@aol.com)

410-269-3955

Keep Christ in Christmas, Chairman



# Columbus Day Ball

**October 11, 2025**

## **Cocktails 6:00 PM**

Vegetable and Cheese Platters

## **Dinner 7:15 PM**

House Salad – choice of dressing

Boneless Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast &

Baked Honey Ham w/Pineapple Sauce on the side

Baked Potato w/Butter & Sour Cream

Glazed Baby Carrots

Freshly Baked French Bread Rolls, Butter

Apple Pie

Water/Coffee/Tea

Vegetarian Option Available

## **Open Bar All Night**

Dinner and Dancing Music

By VeeGee

Media Productions

Cost: \$75 per person

Reservations Required



## **Columbus Gardens**

4301 Klosterman Ave  
Nottingham, MD 21236



Dress: Men: Black Tie or Business Suit /Ladies: Evening Gown



# Columbus Day Ball

## October 11, 2025

**Mail completed form with check (payable to MD State Council) for all attendees to Gil Boisvert, 626 Harmony Way, Centreville, MD 21617. 10 people per table. NO "walk-ins". \*Confirmation to be emailed to the contact person only, no paper tickets issued.**

*Saturday, October 11, 2025*  
*Dinner/Dancing Music*  
*By VeeGee Media Productions*  
*Columbus Gardens*  
*4301 Klosterman Ave*  
*Nottingham, MD 21236*

*Doors open at 6pm*  
*Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres*  
*Dinner 7:15 pm*  
*Men - Black Tie or Business Suit*  
*Ladies - Formal or Cocktail Attire*  
*Cost: \$75 per person (check only)*

**Type or print clearly, complete all sections of reservation form.** Note Meal Choice 1 or 2.

Meal Choice: 1 - Double entree: Baked Honey Ham & Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast

2 - Vegetarian Plate

Includes: Open Bar, hors d'oeuvres (Vegetable and Cheese Platters), House Salad, Baked Honey Ham & Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast (or Vegetarian Plate ), Baked Potato, Glazed Baby Carrots, Freshly Baked French Bread Rolls, Butter, Apple Pie, Water, Tea, and Coffee

**Full Name (email/phone of contact person)      Meal # 1 or 2      Title/Council      Check #**

Contact *			



## ANNUAL Columbus Day Ball Program Book

Worthy State Officers, Masters, Past State Deputies, Executive Staff, District Deputies, Special Project Staff, Supreme Insurance Directors, State Directors and Chairmen, Ladies Activities Chairladies, Wardens to the State Deputy, Chapter Presidents, District Wardens, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents.

Enclosed is a contract for advertising space in the annual Columbus Day Ball, Program Book, which will be published and distributed at the Columbus Day Ball, on October 11, 2025. Prices for the AD and the sizes are noted on the enclosed CONTRACT FORM. Again, this year you will have the opportunity to place your council's color Ad in the Program Book. The price is the same as last year's cost.

We earnestly solicit your whole-hearted support for the 2025 Columbus Day Ball Program Book. Monies derived from the Program Book play a major role in defraying Columbus Day Ball costs. Our Worthy State Deputy is striving for 100% AD participation from every council.

We encourage all ads to be sent to Thom Stevenson by email, [tnpstevenson@verizon.net](mailto:tnpstevenson@verizon.net). Payments and accompanying ad contracts to be mailed to Thom's home address of 3419 Northwind Rd Parkville, MD 21234. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Please list the name of the council and **NAME** and **CHECK NUMBER** of the account it is being drawn on.

All Ads should be forwarded to me **NO LATER THAN September 14, 2025**, and should be camera ready. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Please forward your AD at your earliest convenience.

We thank you for your prompt attention on this matter

Fraternally,

*Thom Stevenson*

Thom Stevenson

**Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus**  
**Columbus Day Ball Program Ad Book**  
**Advertising Contract**  
**Cost and Choices**

**Full Page \$100** \_\_\_\_\_

8 ½ x 5 ½

**Half Page \$60** \_\_\_\_\_

4 ¼ x 5 ½

**Quarter Page \$35** \_\_\_\_\_

4 ¼ x 2 ¾

With a purchase of three quarter page ads, receive a half page ad free!!!!!!

Name on check \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Council, Assembly or Business name and number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Send Check made payable to Maryland State Council to:

Thom Stevenson

3419 Northwind Rd

Parkville, MD 21234

443-388-1871

Send Camera Ready Art To:

Thom Stevenson, tnpstevenson@verizon.net

Deadline: September 14, 2025

Columbus Day Ball October 11, 2025



# NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

Sponsored by  
The Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus



Vs.



Saturday November 15, 2025

Game Time 12:00 NOON

Tailgate CANCELLED

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, MD

**PROMO CODE FOR GAME TICKETS**

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Knightscolumbus418>

**Cost of Game Tickets \$40.95**

**ENJOY AN AFTERNOON NAVY  
FOOTBALL GAME WITH YOUR  
BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES!**



# **Maryland State Council - Knights of Columbus**

## **56th Annual Cash Incentive Sweepstakes**

*Benefiting Charity and Scholarship  
Programs*

**1st Prize \$7,000,  
2nd Prize \$3,000,  
3rd Prize \$1,000**

***Drawing: October 11, 2025,  
Columbus Day Ball  
Columbus Gardens,  
4301 Klosterman Ave, Baltimore, MD***

***Donation: \$5.00***

*Donations are NOT tax deductible as charitable contributions  
Winner need not be present to win and is responsible for all  
taxes. A Donation is not required to participate but we depend  
on your help.*



## Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council

P.O Box 1468  
Bowie, MD 20717

August 2025

Worthy Grand Knight:

This letter outlines the scholarship program sponsored by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Many council members, and often even the Grand Knights, are unfamiliar with the details and processes for our scholarship awards.

The attached information serves as a source of information and provides members with the knowledge to complete an application for one or more of these scholarships. Information and applications may be obtained by accessing our website at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org) and selecting Resources, then High School Scholarship, or directly at the link below.

<https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>

Children of Maryland Jurisdiction Knights of Columbus members in good standing are eligible to apply for both the Gossman and O'Brien Scholarships. All other Catholic students are eligible for the O'Brien scholarship only.

Please include scholarship information in your Council Bulletins or webpage from October through January. Also, please provide a copy of each to the office of the parish or parishes supported by your council as well the parish school office(s) so that they may be shared with parishioners and parents of students. Be sure that the Council Publicity Chairman and/or Bulletin Editor have a copy of each so they can be reproduced for greater distribution. Your cooperation in making this scholarship information available to your membership, parish(s), and parish elementary schools will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to the Maryland State Council high school scholarships, the Supreme Council offers scholarship programs for college and advanced degrees. Encourage your members to explore these options at the link below.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html>

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Powers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher L. Powers  
Scholarship Chairman



# 2025-2026

## State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 7/08/25



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
SEP 2025	9/21	BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER INSTALLATION	ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH PRINCE FREDERICK, MD	
	TBD	FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING	TBD	DALE TROTT PSD
OCT 2025	10/4	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
	10/11	COLUMBUS DAY BALL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	STEVE COHEN E. PAUL JONES
	10/18	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	BOSWELL HALL BOWIE, MD	SK GUS GUSMAN
	10/25	FALL MEETING	SETON SHRINE	JEFFREY WILK
	TBD	STATEWIDE SOCCER SHOOTOUT FINALS	TBD	WALT WILLIAMS TOM REUMONT BRIAN TROTT
NOV 2025	11/9	STATEWIDE MEMORIAL MASS	SHRINE OF ST ANTHONY ELLICOTT CITY, MD	MICHAEL WATSON
	11/15	NAVY FOOTBALL GAME VS SOUTH FLORIDA	NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL STADIUM	THOM PARTENOPE
DEC 2025	12/13	STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
JAN 2026	1/10	MIDTERM MEETING	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
APR 2026	4/8	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN