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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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Referring once again to my summer retreat, its theme was St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Creatures." That well-known poem or hymn was composed by the saint in the year 1225 in Italian (more precisely in the Umbrian dialect of its day) rather than in Latin, and praises Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brother Wind and Sister Water, and so on. That date, 800 years ago, was just one year before Francis died. While he had only recently received the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ (in late 1224), he was in very poor health, virtually blind, and probably wondering in what direction his Order was going. In that weakened and sad state, but likely with consolation from the Lord, this hymn was composed.

Francis saw the wonder of God's creation in nature, the world and the universe, and all as a reflection of the Creator who, of course, transcends creation. As humans are also God's creation, we should seek to have a reverence for animals, plants, cycles of nature (why St. Francis called them sisters and brothers), and use these resources properly and with respect.

As the feast of St. Francis is observed on October 4th, it can remind us that we praise God through our everyday efforts, at work, at home, and for others. It's also why we Catholics are encouraged to make a morning offering consecrating our efforts, and a prayer at night seeking forgiveness for any offenses of the day and for God's protection.

When we put all of these together, it's also why we make a rosary call to a funeral home, give a warm coat to a child who needs one, pack a Box of Joy, encourage youngsters to express how they "keep Christ in Christmas," collect for the mentally challenged, support new life with sonogram machines and baby supplies for pregnancy centers, "make a difference in someone's life," and so on.

We also celebrate Columbus Day this month, remembering our namesake whose determination and pursuit of a goal opened the eyes of so many to a new world view. Let's never forget Columbus' faith goal, like that of his patron saint, to carry Christ in his message and the Gospel to those who had yet to hear it. Let us, Knights and Ladies, continue to bring Christ to the world.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

- 1 Oct Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels
- 4 Oct Saint Francis of Assisi
- 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary
- 15 Oct Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 17 Oct Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- 18 Oct Saint Luke, Evangelist
- 28 Oct Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles





State Deputy's Message

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Can you believe it? The first quarter of the new fraternal year has already passed, and we are now looking forward to the second quarter and the many holidays it brings. October is a special month for members of the Knights of Columbus, featuring both Columbus Day and the much-anticipated State Council Columbus Day Ball.

The highlight of the Columbus Day weekend is, of course, the State Council Columbus Day Ball. However, let's not overlook the important wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus Statue at Union Station in Washington D.C. on Monday morning. This event is open to all, and Kathy and I are excited to welcome each of you to join us in honoring this tradition.

This year, we are proud to host the Columbus Day Ball once again in a Council home, specifically at Cardinal Gibbons Council. The move allows us to enjoy the evening's festivities in a more comfortable setting, without concerns about meal quality or the cost of refreshments. We want everyone to have a wonderful time celebrating together.

We are continuing our tradition of selling Sweepstake tickets, giving councils the opportunity to legally mail them to their members. This approach improves your chances of selling tickets and helps raise essential funds for your Council, as well as for the State Charity and Scholarship Programs. In addition, we're proud to use the new sweepstakes drum, skillfully built by our own member, John Vassallo.

Just as last year, the cost of printing the sweepstake tickets were substantially lower than in previous years. This means more of the proceeds can go directly to supporting our charitable and scholarship initiatives. The winner of the three sweepstake ticket prizes will be drawn at the Columbus Day Ball. The winner need not be present to win.

The second quarter of the fraternal year promises to be full of exciting events and opportunities to give back to our communities. We encourage every member to participate, celebrate, and support both the State Council and their Council's efforts. Let's make the coming months memorable and impactful—together. Make a Difference in someone's Life and be a Force for Good.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



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

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Hello Ladies of the Maryland Jurisdiction!

I hope you all had a wonderful September and a great start to the fall season. I'm amazed that October is already here with Columbus Day celebrations and events. The Columbus Day Ball is scheduled for October 11, and the wreath-laying ceremony at Union Station in Washington, D.C., is set for October 13. Whether you attend one of these state events or celebrate closer to home with your own council or auxiliary, I hope you have a wonderful time and make many happy memories.

Near and dear to my heart is that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Advances in research and treatment have made a big difference in survival rates, but the reality is that 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. Pink is the color for breast cancer awareness, and many people choose to wear it in October to help spread the word. Wearing pink can be a great way to start conversations with others. Many of you have noticed that I dye a section or all of my hair pink every October. I do this in honor of a young woman who was in my breast cancer support group who lost her battle with this disease. It is a reminder that breast cancer can happen as early as during a girl's teenage years. I encourage all of you to wear pink and have conversations with your daughters and granddaughters because early detection remains the key to fighting and surviving breast cancer.

For the ladies in the Maryland Jurisdiction, October also means that it's time to start working on Boxes of Joy. Some of you will assemble them with your councils, auxiliaries, or parishes, and some will even make them on your own. It's such an easy thing to do, and it makes a huge difference to a child. If you need more information about this worthwhile program, need empty boxes to fill, or are looking for a drop-off site, please click the link below to be taken to the state website so you can contact one of the State Box of Joy Co-Chairmen.

Wishing each of you a happy fall season. I hope to see you at the Columbus Day Ball!

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 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,

Our friends at Supreme often provide us with new recruiting tools and they recently shared one that caught my attention. Though I was a bit skeptical at first, I now believe it can be somewhat of a game-changer for our councils.

The new “tool” is called a Membership Enrollment Form. It looks similar to the card that is included in the Delta Church Drive kit but there are some important differences. Essentially, all information that a new member would include on his online application, is requested on the card, including a

signature line.

Once the candidate provides the council with his completed card, any council member can then enter that information into the online membership portal and submit. Basically, what you are doing is completing the online application for the candidate.

The candidate will then get a confirmation email from Supreme as part of the normal process. Once he confirms, then the process is complete!

I have been told by various councils around the country that this updated method of recruiting members has been a tremendous success! Councils using the membership enrollment form at their church drives (and events) are seeing large numbers of men joining the Order.

Please move forward with ordering the cards and experience for yourselves how they can impact your recruiting efforts. It's worth a try! Here is a link to the form: [11881 Membership Enrollment Form](#)

Special congratulations to these councils who are Fast Start Incentive champions this fraternal year! Each of these councils met or exceeded their annual growth goal by September 30 and as a result, earned extra funds that can be used to make a difference in the lives of those in their communities!

St. Bartholomew Council No. 9127- GK Gary Pohlner
Santo Nino Council No. 9462- GK Jessie Sayo
St. John the Evangelist Council No. 11171- GK Andy Harris
Our Lady of Guadalupe Council No. 12127- GK Jim Wasel
Resurrection of Our Lord Council No. 14099- GK Effi Usen
St. Rose of Lima Council No. 14297- GK Tony Bunn
Jesus the Divine Word Council No. 14775- GK Gary Nagy
San Juan Neumann de Baltimore Council No. 16611- GK Omar Ordenez

Thanks to these councils and to all brother Knights who are continually working hard to create a culture of invitation within the Order! You are making a difference in the lives of many, and your efforts are deeply appreciated!

Vivat Jesus,

Terry

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State Programs

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



Worthy Brothers All,

We are now in the 2nd period for Faith in Action Programs. Councils submitted over 1,900 Faith in Action reports to Supreme during the 1st period, from March 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025. Thank you to all councils that submitted their FIA Form 10784!!

Councils across Maryland were busy in September, assisting with parish festivals, participating in parish ministry fairs, Adoration, collecting food to feed our hungry neighbors, selling incentive sweepstakes tickets, and so much more. These were opportunities where brother Knights made a difference and demonstrated our commitment to serve God, our parish communities, and our neighbors.

These are the final few days for the 2025 Cash Incentive Sweepstakes! All tickets and monies collected are due no later than Saturday, October 11th and must be turned in at the Columbus Day Ball. Councils are reminded to complete and print the ticket turn-in form posted on the State website at <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Cash-Incentive-Turn-In-Form-2025-1.xlsx>. There will be some tickets available at the Columbus Day Ball to give you and your guests one more chance to enter the sweepstakes which benefit the Maryland State Council Charity and Scholarship Programs.

This year, Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 13th. Learn more about the Order's namesake at <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbus/index.html>. The National Columbus Day Ceremony will be held at Columbus Plaza at Union Station, Washington, D.C. on Monday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m. For details, visit: <https://christophercolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NCCA-2025-Flyer.pdf>.

October is Respect Life month. There are many Life programs that councils can conduct, such as Novena for Life, Mass for People with Special Needs, Aid and Support After Pregnancy, the Silver Rose Program, and Special Olympics. Resources for these programs can be found on Supreme's website.

October is also the month for councils and districts to conduct their Soccer Challenges. The State Soccer Challenge, for winners of the District Soccer Challenges, will be held on Saturday, November 1st at St. Andrew Apostle School, located at 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 12:30 p.m. Have questions? Contact co-chairman Walt Williams at wjw5115@outlook.com or Brian Trott at btrott@gmail.com.

Supreme recently announced one of the new family programs - Remembering Our Faithful Departed. As we head towards the month of November, we are called to honor and pray for our deceased members, families, and parish community from October 31st through the end of November. Councils are encouraged to work with their pastor to develop a plan to conduct a program that honors our faithful departed. A number of resources can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/remembering-our-faithful-departed/11751-remembering-our-faithful-departed-guidesheet.pdf>. The State Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, November 9th at the Shrine of St. Anthony, located at 12290 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City. The necrology will be read at 3:00 p.m., followed by Mass and light refreshments. All Grand Knights are requested to submit their council necrology with the names of brother Knights, wives of brother Knights, or Ladies Auxiliary members who passed away between October 15, 2024 and October 14, 2025. The necrology is due to Memorial Mass Chairman, Mike Dunn, no later than October 31, 2025, via email rethgmpd@gmail.com.

Join the Maryland State Council family at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Saturday, November 15th for Navy football. Navy will play the University of South Florida at 12 Noon. Due to the unavailability of parking spaces, there will be no tailgate this year. Join us for an afternoon football game with brother Knights and their families. Tickets are \$40.95 and can be purchased at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Knightscolumbus418>.

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State Programs

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More information about these FIA programs and others are just a click away on the state website at www.kofc-md.org, or contact any of the FIA activity program chairs and co-chairs listed in the State directory. Thank you for your efforts to **“Make a Difference in Someone’s Life and Be a Force for Good.”**

Vivat Jesus,

Alan Pultyniewicz

Council 5567 Family of the Month



Council 5567 Picnic



Council 13290 Baby Bottle Program Donation





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

¡Los Caballeros que recluten a dos hombres entre el 1 de septiembre y el 31 de diciembre de 2025 participarán en un sorteo para ganar un premio en efectivo de \$1,500 dólares!* Habrá diez premios de segundo lugar, quienes recibirán una pelota de fútbol americano personalizada con la marca de Caballeros de Colón.

Tres recursos recién publicados pueden ayudarlo a usted y a sus hermanos Caballeros a “buscar a dos”. Invite a dos hombres a unirse a los Caballeros de Colón este otoño:

- Las **tarjetas de inscripción de membresía**, que usted y sus hermanos Caballeros pueden entregar antes de la Misa, brindan a los hombres la oportunidad de completar su información e indicar su deseo de inscribirse en la membresía electrónica sin costo alguno durante el primer año.
- Un **anuncio desde el púlpito** que menciona las tarjetas y ayudará a maximizar el éxito de su proceso de reclutamiento.
- La **lista de verificación de extensión de la membresía** puede ayudarlo a tomar las mejores medidas para llevar la misión de los Caballeros de Colón a más hombres. – [enlace a pdf](#)

Estos recursos son gratuitos y están disponibles para pedidos en **Suministros en Línea** haciendo clic en la carpeta Tarjeta de inscripción de membresía en Reclutamiento de membresía 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.

Recordatorios Importantes:

- Complete el **Informe del Consejo sobre el Evento de Beneficios Fraternales** (#11077) tan pronto como sea posible después de haber participado en un seminario aprobado.
- Construya un sólido banco de liderazgo identificando a los futuros líderes de su consejo, empoderándolos para ejecutar iniciativas y asesorándolos en **operaciones fraternales**.
- Revise la **guía de referencia de los formularios del programa Fe en Acción** (#11172-S) para obtener detalles sobre la presentación de formularios en todos los programas, y comparta este importante recurso con todos los Directores de programa en su consejo. Tenga en cuenta que las solicitudes de RSVP y Alimentos para las Familias deben ser enviadas lo más pronto posible después de que se hagan las donaciones.
- **Formulario de presentación del Director de EFF del Consejo**. Este formulario debe enviarse cada año fraternal, incluso si el Director de EFF del Consejo es el mismo que el año pasado.

Una vez que se envíe, los Directores de EFF de Consejos recibirán una serie semanal de seis a ocho correos electrónicos de incorporación con sugerencias prácticas y herramientas de planificación para un año exitoso.

Secretarios Financieros:

- Verifique y actualice la información de contacto de los miembros en la aplicación de Gestión de Miembros disponible en **Funcionarios en Línea**. Puede que el Gran Caballero tenga las direcciones de correo electrónico más actualizadas de todos los miembros, pero es importante que esta información también sea registrada con el Consejo Supremo. Cualquier cambio de teléfono, dirección o correo electrónico de los miembros debe actualizarse a nivel local y del Consejo Supremo.
- Revise la **Guía de Excelencia Fraternal** (#11619-S) para obtener la información más reciente sobre las operaciones del consejo y el rol del Secretario Financiero.

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Hispanic Activities



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Programas:

- **Apoye a ASAP (Ayuda y Apoyo Después del Embarazo)**

Ayude a construir una cultura de vida en Estados Unidos apoyando a las madres y sus hijos a través de ASAP. Por cada \$500 dólares que su consejo done, el Consejo Supremo donará otros \$100 (hasta alcanzar un máximo de \$400). El objetivo de este año fraternal es donar \$5 millones a centros de embarazo y hogares de maternidad en Estados Unidos y Canadá. Para saber cómo puede participar su consejo y dónde encontrar un centro local de embarazos al que apoyar, visite kofc.org/asap-es. Los biberones con la marca de los CdeC que se pueden utilizar para las campañas de recolección de biberones de la parroquia también se pueden encontrar en Suministros en Línea. ¡Ordene los suyos hoy!

- **Alimentos para las Familias**

Debido al aumento cada vez mayor de los precios de los alimentos, una cantidad alarmante de personas necesitan ayuda y dependen de los bancos de alimentos o de los comedores comunitarios para alimentar a sus familias. Aliente a su consejo a participar en nuestro programa Alimentos para las Familias, que proporciona a los consejos un reembolso de \$100 dólares por cada \$500 dólares o mil libras que donen, con un tope de \$500 dólares por año fraternal. Para obtener más información, visite kofc.org/alimentofamilias.

- **Abrigos para los Niños**

A medida que los niños comienzan a regresar a la escuela y el clima se vuelve más frío, aumenta la necesidad de abrigos. Hable con su párroco y con su comunidad local para comenzar a recaudar fondos para un evento de Abrigos para los Niños en su área. Los abrigo están disponibles en knightsgear.com, así que no espere demasiado para comprar el suyo. También puede revisar la Guía del programa para aprender cómo organizar de manera eficaz un evento en su área.

Les Recuerdo que hay que prepararse para recibir La Rosa de Plata y También preparense para El Icono de El Sagrado Corazon.

Felicidades al Consejo 17545 por celebrar su Instalacion de Oficiales el 28 de Septiembre

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

Vivat Jesus,

Armando Fernandez



Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Welcome Fall! The crisp evening air, the beginning of the beautiful fall leaves, and the pumpkins decorating the porches are just a few of our favorites! We hope you all enjoy it as much as we do.

Congratulations to the following Auxiliaries on their installations:

Mary's Ministry (St. Timothy #12255) 9/23/25

Queen of the Knights (St. Pius X #4076) 10/5/25

Ladies of the Knights (Cardinal Gibbons #2521) 10/10/25

A big thank you to all those who joined us for our Zoom meeting on September 24th! We had a wonderful time exchanging ideas, catching up on new information, and renewing friendships. We look forward to seeing you at the end of the year when we review the award packets.

All auxiliaries in the state are doing a great job. The number of service projects and the variety are better than ever, and you all have a lot to be proud of. As individual auxiliaries, you are making a difference in your community and in the lives of everyone you touch. Together, when all of the auxiliaries in the state work together as a team, we are unstoppable! Most of you are working on your Boxes of Joy, and it's not too late to order your boxes if you need more. Please let us know how many you complete so we can keep our records up to date.

We hope to see you at the Columbus Day Ball! We always enjoy spending time with auxiliary members from around the state.

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

Ruth, Juana, and Annette



Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares



¡Bienvenido otoño! El aire fresco de la tarde, el comienzo de las hermosas hojas otoñales y las calabazas que decoran los porches son solo algunas de nuestras cosas favoritas. Esperamos que todos lo disfruten tanto como nosotros.

Felicidades a los siguientes grupos auxiliares que fueron recientemente instalados

Ministerio de María (St. Timothy #12255) 23/9/25

Queen of the Knights (St. Pius X #4076) 5/10/25

Ladies of the Knights (Cardinal Gibbons #2521) 10/10/25

¡Muchas gracias a todas las que se unieron a nuestra reunión de Zoom el 24 de septiembre! La pasamos muy bien intercambiando ideas, poniéndonos al día con la nueva información y renovando amistades. Esperamos verlas nuevamente a finales del año fraternal, cuando revisemos los paquetes de premios.

Todas las auxiliares del estado están haciendo un gran trabajo. El número y la variedad de proyectos de servicio son mejores que nunca, y todas ustedes tienen mucho de lo que estar orgullosas. Como auxiliares individuales, están marcando la diferencia en su comunidad y en la vida de todas las personas con las que entran en contacto. Juntas, cuando todas las auxiliares del estado trabajan en equipo, ¡somos imparables! La mayoría de ustedes están trabajando en sus Cajas de Alegría, y no es demasiado tarde para pedir más cajas si las necesitan. Por favor, háganos saber cuántas completan para que podamos mantener nuestros registros actualizados.

¡Esperamos verlas en el Baile del Día de Colón! Siempre disfrutamos de su precencia y nos encanta platicar con todas las Damas de los grupos auxiliares de todo el estado.

¡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 1384 Parish Picnic



Council 1622 Exemplification



Council 1442 Labor Day Picnic



Council 1393 Special Olympics Donation



Council 2797 Food Drive



Council 14455 Exemplification



Council 1622 Parking Attendants



Council 12127 Exemplification



The Maryland State Council

Presents the



Maryland State Soccer

Shoot-out

Saturday, November 1, 2025

St. Andrew Apostle School

11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902

Registration starts at 11:00 and closes at 12:30.

**To qualify for the State Soccer Shoot-out the participant must win their
District Soccer Shootout**

Shootout starts at 11 and goes until all contestants have a chance to participate.

All competitors must arrive by 12:30 pm.

Any ties will be broken by 1:00 with Awards presentation to immediately follow.

Light refreshments will be provided to the participants at no cost.

We will be following the Maryland State Council Rules for the Soccer Shootout found on the [State Web Site](#). Do NOT use the score sheet from Supreme Council.

If you need any help setting up a Council or District Soccer Shootout, feel free to contact co-chairmen Walt Williams, wjw5115@outlook.com, 443-677-8526 OR

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PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon 2025 – 2026 Schedule

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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

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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
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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 (1st place only or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, / amounts, example: 1st \$25-\$50 range, 2nd \$20-\$35 range, 3rd \$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 1st 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.

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

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410-269-3955

Keep Christ in Christmas, Chairman



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](https://www.gofevo.com/event/Knightscolumbus418)

Cost of Game Tickets \$40.95

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



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 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".

Christopher L. Powers
Scholarship Chairman



2025-2026

State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 9/17/25



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
OCT 2025	10/4	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
	10/4	FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING	ZOOM	DALE TROTT, PSD
	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
	10/18	MARYLAND DISTRICT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	ST FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH CENTER SALISBURY, MD	SK JIM DUYREE
	10/25	FALL MEETING	SETON SHRINE	JEFFREY WILK
	TBD	STATEWIDE SOCCER SHOOTOUT FINALS	ST ANDREW APOSTLE SCHOOL SILVER SPRING, MD	WALT WILLIAMS 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