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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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In this liturgical year's readings (Year A), the Gospels on the Sundays of March are some of the most powerful of the year, and Weeks 3-5 are the recommended ones for the three "scrutinies" of the catechumens who are to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. They are wonderful for our own reflection as well: Jesus is seen in his transfigured glory (Matthew 17:1-9), Jesus gives us living water (John 4:5-42), Jesus cures our spiritual blindness (John 9:1-41), and Jesus lets us know he has power over death itself (John 11:1-45). Parishes may opt for the shorter versions of these Gospels, but they are worth reading in their entirety for the depth of the message. Reflection on these passages also helps us, and all the faithful, prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday.

As we make our Lenten journey this year, we also prepare to celebrate Founder's Day. I can only imagine those early days of the Order appeared tenuous at times, for most new ideas and movements face struggles as they begin. The vision and determination of Fr. McGivney and those first Knights has helped the Order to grow consistently for more than 140 years. Here, too, we have an opportunity to recall history so we can re-commit to the Knights' ideals, and then to be bold in offering membership to eligible Catholic men. Our preparation for Founder's Day melds well with our Lenten preparation for Easter.

If the first days of Lent (February 18-28) were less fruitful than you hoped they would be, perhaps use each week of March for a particular focus, e.g. a week of stricter fasting, a week of some extra prayer time each day, a week of Scripture readings (perhaps one of the letters of St. Paul), a week of going to a weekday Mass, or Stations of the Cross, or a particular devotion.

Our calendars may remain as full as ever, but even there we will make choices and set priorities. May Lent have a special place in these coming weeks as we move ever closer to Holy Week.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

3 Mar	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
4 Mar	Saint Casimir
7 Mar	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
9 Mar	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
17 Mar	Saint Patrick, Bishop
18 Mar	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
19 Mar	SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
23 Mar	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
25 Mar	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
29 Mar	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



State Deputy's Message

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The Town Hall Meetings in February went very well. Thank you to all those who came out and participated. Attendees had the opportunity to directly ask our Supreme Regional Growth Director, Ken Latham, any questions they had. A special thank you goes out to the Grand Knights and members of the Councils that hosted these meetings in their Council Homes.

March has arrived with the Season of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday. Pope Francis said, "During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference." Mother Teresa said, "The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love." Let's take these words to heart. This is a perfect time of the year to "Make a Difference in Someone's Life and Be a Force for Good." Offer a Brother Catholic membership in the Knights of Columbus. Remember, to make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just must care enough to reach out. It doesn't have to be anything spectacular – small acts of kindness can have a big impact. Try during the season of Lent to do an act of kindness every single day, and you can make a difference in someone's life and thus be a force for good.

March also brings the Founders Day Mass and Awards Dinner where we recognize our community leaders. Come out and attend this event so you can publicly celebrate those that have made a difference in so many lives. During March we hold the Spring Meeting of District Deputies and District Wardens, and the Statewide Free Throw Finals. We look forward to your active participation in these events and making the most of this season.

Remember that there are several community service opportunities available to you throughout the month. These include food drives, charity walks, and volunteer days at local shelters. These events provide wonderful opportunities for Knights to engage with our community and embody the spirit of giving that Lent encourages. Participation in these activities not only helps those in need but also strengthens the bonds within our organization.

We are encouraging Grand Knights to introduce a new initiative in their Councils if they do not already have a mentorship program for new members. All experienced Knights are encouraged to volunteer as mentors to guide and support new members as they integrate into our Councils. This initiative aims to foster camaraderie and ensure that every new member feels valued and connected.

Lastly, we want to remind everyone to stay connected through our monthly newsletters, social media channels, and council meetings. Staying informed and engaged helps us build a stronger, more united community.

Thank you for all you do in your parish and community and for your continued dedication and support of our honored order. Kathy and I wish you a reflective and fulfilling Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



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

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Greetings, Maryland Ladies!

In preparing to write this article, I took a look at what I wrote last March, and I had a good laugh! I wrote about how last winter had been the coldest and snowiest in Maryland in several years. That was a true statement, but last winter was mild compared to what we've experienced this year! I hope you have all managed to stay warm throughout the cold snaps and snowstorms.

I'm happy to report that the 80 pansies I planted in the fall have survived. Some are a bit worse for wear, but most are still producing occasional flowers. My pansies, along with those around the state, will be blooming more as we move through March. Pansies symbolize thoughtfulness and kindness. When you see them, please use them as a reminder to be thoughtful and kind to those you encounter.

Lent arrived early this year, bringing with it the Three Pillars of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Last year, I shared that after years of focusing on "fasting" by giving up a favorite food item, I planned to focus on prayer. I felt that approach fed my soul in the best way possible. This year, I am focusing on "almsgiving" by increasing my acts of charity and service to those in need. I think I have fallen into the trap of continuing to support the same charities and causes without noticing the new needs of others. During this Lenten season, I am keeping my eyes open for more opportunities, and I am striving to do more to help those around me who are in need.

On a final note for this month, March 8th is International Women's Day (IWD). IWD has been celebrated for over 100 years, and it became a global mainstream holiday when the United Nations started promoting it in 1977. This movement celebrates the achievements of women and supports equality for women in all aspects of life. We can all celebrate this day by supporting women-owned businesses and charities and acknowledging the accomplishments of the amazing women in our lives. Each of you is special, and I salute all the incredible women connected to the Maryland State Knights of Columbus!

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!

How to Find the Fraternal Training That's Right for You

Visit kofc.org/training to find online training for state, council, district and assembly officers, as well as important instruction for handling Operations (including Administration, Finances and Forms), Growth & Retention, and Programs & Engagement.

We recently added 6 new topics for District Deputies and 9 new topics for Grand Knights.

District Deputy:

[District Administration](#)

[District Communications](#)

[District Meetings](#)

[District Reports](#)

[Managing District Growth](#)

[Road to Star District](#)

Grand Knight:

[Administration](#)

[Communications](#)

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[Interacting with the District Deputy and Field Agent](#)

[Managing Growth](#)

[Managing Programs](#)

[The Road to Star Council](#)

[Safe Environment Program](#)

[Working with Your Pastor](#)

Not sure which training is right for you? Go to our helpful list of [Suggested Training by Office](#) to find out what is recommended for your officer position. Training is reviewed on a continuing basis, so you will always get the most up-to-date information. Best of all, these on-demand sessions are available to view at any time, on your own schedule, and the average length of each session is only 30 minutes!

Vivat Jesus,

Rob



Council Growth

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Membership



This month I'd like to share my thoughts around the many membership growth incentives that we continually offer in Maryland. But before I dive into that topic, let's take a moment to recognize these top performers who welcomed at least two men into the Order during January as part of the \$50 Recruitment Incentive.

Mearland Rusaw, Juan Serrano, Michael Thomas, Joe Knight, Henry Arrue-Pleitez, Paul Hinton, Jeffy George Mattathil, Robert Goldsack Jr, Louis Harding, John Prophet, Brian Graham, Cornelis Heesters, Emmanuel Ajayi, and Martin Carts. And congratulations to another 56 Knights who welcomed at least one new member! Well done, Brothers!

Some of you may question why our State and Supreme leaders offer so many incentives designed to create excitement around membership growth. There are several reasons, so allow me to mention a few.

It's a well-known fact that councils that fail to invite men to join the Order, are councils that eventually self-destruct. If you don't believe me, then I can share examples of at least three recently closed councils here in Maryland that welcomed absolutely no one for years. This is tragic. Now the parishes they once served no longer have the support of the Knights who were such an important part of the fabric of their communities. Let's face it. New members inject new ideas, new energy, and new leadership into a council. When we invest in bringing new men into a council then we are investing in the future of that council-and the parishes it serves!

It's amazing the extent of charitable support that a council brings to a community. We conduct food drives, put coats on kids, donate supplies and ultrasounds to pregnancy centers, among dozens of other good works. For us to continue to expand on these efforts, we need more men to join us on our great mission! As we often say, if not the Knights, then who? It's about building on our capacity to serve for years to come.

Did you know that loneliness is one of the most challenging experiences facing men today? The Knights offer Catholic men a unique opportunity to make life-long friendships while serving alongside each other as we put our faith into action. When my wife and I moved to Maryland 20 years ago, I knew no one other than the people I worked with. That quickly changed once I became a brother Knight! There is absolutely no other organization that can offer Catholic men the blessings of so many genuine friendships that the Knights provide.

Here's another reason why we place so much focus on growing our councils: When men become brother Knights, they have immediate access to an assortment of outstanding financial products. When our field agents sit down with a new member, they are often amazed at what's available to them now as a brother Knight! And our insurance segment of the Knights of Columbus not only helps our members, but also contributes millions of dollars each year to charitable causes.

As we move deeper into the Lenten season, let's be fearless in our efforts to invite men to join us on our mission. It's a period when men are spending more time in prayer and often are looking for new ways to deepen their faith. Give them the opportunity to do it as a brother Knight! And remember, we have extra financial incentives that should excite you to take that first step this month!

Vivat Jesus,

Terry

kofc.org/join



kofc.org/unite





\$50 bonus for each new Knight recruited!

How it Works:

- Each time a Knight recruits a new member to the Order in Maryland, he will be awarded a \$50 bonus per member!
- To receive credit for recruiting a new member, the Knight's membership number must be included on the candidate's application.
- There is no limit to the amount of incentive funds a Knight can earn each month. The more members recruited, the more cash earned!
- At the end of each month, a report will be generated showing recruitment results for the month.
- Knights who earn the \$50 new member bonus will be issued payment in the form of a check mailed from the State office each month.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- All MD Knights who are in good standing are eligible to participate.
- All ladies are eligible to participate, but to receive credit, must use a Knights' membership number when acting as a proposer.

Why Recruit:

- New members bring new friendships, new ideas, new energy.
- Councils that invite new members are councils that expand their charitable outreach.
- Knights owe the gift of membership to all Catholic men!

Be part of something special! Don't miss this unique opportunity to earn cash for your recruitment efforts! Start today and make the most of this incentive program designed to grow our Order and expand our charitable outreach!





\$50.00 por cada nuevo caballero reclutado!

Como funciona:

- Cada vez que un caballero reclute a un nuevo miembro para la Orden en Maryland, ¡recibirá un cheque de 50 dólares por cada miembro!
- Para recibir el crédito por reclutar a un nuevo miembro, el número de membresía del caballero proponente debe incluirse en la aplicacion del candidato.
- No hay un límite en la cantidad de dinero que un caballero puede ganar cada mes. Cuantos más miembros reclute, más dinero ganará.
- Al final de cada mes, se generará un informe que mostrará los resultados de reclutamiento del mes.
- Los caballeros que ganen el bono de 50 dólares por nuevo miembro recibirán el pago en forma de cheque enviado por correo desde la oficina estatal cada mes.

Requisitos de elegibilidad:

- Todos los Caballeros de Maryland que estén al corriente de sus obligaciones pueden participar.
- Todas las mujeres pueden participar, pero para recibir el crédito deben utilizar un número de membresía de un Caballero cuando actúen como proponentes.

¿Por qué reclutar?

- Los nuevos miembros aportan nuevas amistades, nuevas ideas y nueva energía.
- Los consejos que invitan a nuevos miembros son consejos que amplían su alcance caritativo.
- ¡Los Caballeros deben compartir el regalo de membresía a todos los hombres católicos!

¡Forma parte de algo especial! ¡No te pierdas esta oportunidad única de ganar dinero por tus esfuerzos de reclutamiento! ¡Empieza hoy mismo y aprovecha al máximo este programa de incentivos diseñado para hacer crecer nuestra Orden y ampliar nuestro alcance caritativo!





State Programs

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



Worthy Brothers All,

Lent is a busy time for councils, a time in which we plan, coordinate, and run many programs where we put our faith into action. During this holy season, we also need to take time to grow a deeper, more personal relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let’s also use this season to welcome Catholic men to our order. We need more hands to do the great work of our councils to make a difference in someone’s life. At the same time, we will also make a difference in the lives of these men, for months, years and decades to come.

As we are nearing the last few months of the fraternal year, please remember to submit your Faith in Action report Form 10784 online, at the end of each program activity. Since Supreme refreshed their website in January, please bookmark and save this new link to submit your council’s FIA report: <https://apps.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.02>.

Since last March, over 4,200 FIA reports have been submitted. Thank you!! If you have not already submitted your FIA reports for your Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs conducted during the 3rd Period (December 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026), be sure to get those submitted now. Our deadline to receive 3rd period FIA reports is March 7th.

Also, please note the deadline to submit your council’s State Council Program Awards Entry Form STSP (aka “Best of the Best”) for your council’s best Faith, Family, Community, and Life program for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 is March 7th. Entry forms, narrative descriptions, and supporting documentation must be sent directly to Alan Pultyniewicz, State Program Director, via email to apulty@yahoo.com with a copy to reports@kofc-md.org. Your state FIA Program team is looking forward to reviewing your entries.

Next up, remember to complete and submit your Columbian Award Application (SP-7) to Supreme. While the deadline is not until June 30th, submit your SP-7 now. Don’t wait! Why? If you submit the report early and Supreme sends it back to you due to an error, you will have time to revise and resubmit the form before the June 30th deadline. The Columbian Award Application is a requirement for Star Council.

After this cold, snowy and icy winter, we know most of you are thinking of sunnier and warmer days with hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. You and your families are invited to the State Council Family Picnic on Saturday May 16 from 11-4pm at Seneca Creek State Park. This is a family activity for all brother Knights and their families. Join us for a day of food, drinks, games, and fraternity. Bring a friend and introduce them to the Knights. Check out the flyer in this issue of the newsletter and reserve your spot today.

Check out the list of upcoming events below. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

- **Catholic Men’s Fellowship Annual Conference** - Saturday, March 14, 2026, at St. Louis Church, Clarksville; Doors open at 7:00am (Keynote speaker is Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly)
- **State Council Basketball Free Throw Competition** – Saturday, March 14, 2026 at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Visit <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-Basketball-Free-Throw.pdf> for more details.
- **Founders Day Mass and Recognition Program**- Sunday, March 22, 2026. Mass will be celebrated by State Chaplain and 2025-2026 Honoree Fr. Donald Grzymiski at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Fullerton with the awards recognition ceremony at Columbus Gardens at 4:30 p.m.

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State Programs

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Check out the list of upcoming events below. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

- **Good Friday** – April 3, 2026
- **Easter Sunday** – April 5, 2026
- **State Family Picnic** - Saturday, May 16, 2026; Seneca Creek State Park (Buck Picnic Shelter) from 11am to 4pm.
- **Maryland State Council Family Camping Trip** – Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7, 2026; Homestead Gardens, Georgetown, DE

Your state FIA programs team wishes you and your family a continued blessed and holy Lent.

Vivat Jesus,
Alan Pultyniewicz



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Faith In Action Program Deadlines for 2025-2026 Fraternal Year **rev1.23.26**

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)

Due: January 31, 2026 (CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Fraternal+Survey+Councils/71701646f7c311f0aa26965f5e1b9ba4>



Special Olympics Report (Form 10784)

Due: January 31, 2026 (CC: Calvin Anthony and reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.02>



Faith in Action Program Reports (Form 10784)

Covering 3rd Period (December 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026)

Due: March 7, 2026

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.02>



Recognition Award Nominations

Due: February 10, 2026 (CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Recognition_Nomination_Form_2025-2026.pdf





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State Council Program Award (Form STSP)

Due: March 7, 2026 (email to: apulty@yahoo.com and CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/State+Council+Program+Awards+Entry+Form/a6a2e85e998911f095cddef6cbe94e30>



Family of the Year Nominations (Form 10680)

Due: February 10, 2026 (CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Family+of+the+Year+Entry+Form/45e080c2998811f0b569d60f8891632a>



Columbian Award (Form SP-7)

Due: June 30, 2026 (submit to Supreme ASAP and CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Columbian+Award+Guidelines/2104452a7f7211f0a040eaf3a5c371ab>



RSVP Program Refund Application

Due: June 30, 2026 (CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/RSVP+Refund+Application+Fillable+Form/8d120326998811f0a3c3f232a3708a84>





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Food for Families Program Refund Application

Due: June 30, 2026 (CC: reports@kofc-md.org)

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Food+For+Families+Report+Form/3c8790b0998811f0b569d60f8891632a>



Remember: Forward copies of all reports submitted to Supreme to your DD and to reports@kofc-md.org



Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council

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February 2026

To the Maryland State Council Family,

You are cordially invited to join me on **Sunday, March 22, 2026**, to celebrate the 144th Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus. The Founder's Day celebration will commence with Mass at **3:00 PM** at **Saint Joseph-Fullerton Catholic Church**, 8420 Belair Rd, Nottingham, MD 21236. Following Mass, an awards dinner, commencing at **4:30 PM**, will be held at **Columbus Gardens**, 4301 Klosterman Ave., Nottingham, MD 21236.

The Founder's Day Mass and Awards Dinner honors our founder Fr. Michael McGivney and gives us the opportunity to recognize and honor the Maryland State Council's Citizen, Catholic Teacher, Family, Police Officer, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year.

The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person, and it includes appetizers, vegetable and cheese platters, chicken parmesan and penne pasta/sauce, Italian blend vegetables (zucchini, cauliflower, Italian green beans, lima beans, red pepper), freshly baked rolls, and apple pie. There will be a vegetarian option available. Coffee, tea, and soda plus a cash bar will be available. All checks must be made payable to the Maryland State Council (Note: Founder's Day Dinner) and mailed to Chairman Mike Dunn by March 17, 2026, using the enclosed reservation form. No tickets will be sold at the door. Mike's address is 1892 Cedar Road, Pasadena, MD 21122.

Kathy and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 22, 2026, as we celebrate our Orders 144th Anniversary and honor those who serve our community so generously.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony N. Salvemini".

Anthony N. Salvemini
State Deputy

Knights of Columbus MD State Council Founder's Day Mass and Awards Dinner Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

3:00 PM Mass at
St. Joseph-Fullerton Catholic Church
8420 Blair Rd.
Nottingham, MD 21236

4:30 PM Awards Reception and Dinner at
Columbus Gardens
4301 Klosterman Ave.
Nottingham, MD 21236

Vegetable/Cheese Platter and Minestrone Soup
Chicken Parmesan and Penne Pasta/Sauce
Italian Blend Vegetables (zucchini, cauliflower, green beans, lima beans, red pepper)
Freshly Baked Rolls and Apple Pie
Coffee/Tea/Soda – Cash Bar Available
Vegetarian Option Available

Cost is \$40 per person
All dinner reservations must be paid by March 17th, 2026
No Tickets Available at the Door
Dress: Sunday Best

**For dinner reservations, scan the QR code, payment
online via Zelle/Venmo or check with the stub below to:**

Mike Dunn
1892 Cedar Road
Pasadena, MD 21122



Please reserve _____ tickets for \$40 each. Enclosed is my check in the amount of
\$_____ for _____ person(s), payable to the Maryland State Council.

Name(s) _____

Title _____ Council # _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list names of everyone that you included in your ticket payment.
I will email you upon receipt of your check.



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

Recordatorios importantes para líderes fraternos exitosos

- **La Encuesta anual sobre actividades fraternales** (n.º 1728) debía presentarse antes del 31 de enero, pero aún puede completarse en línea. Este **breve vídeo de formación** explica el sencillo proceso de envío en línea.
- **Revise las directrices del Defensor Supremo** para la presentación de resoluciones en las reuniones del consejo estatal y supremo. Póngase en contacto con su Defensor Estatal para obtener más información sobre los procedimientos específicos de su jurisdicción.
- Pida a cada miembro de su consejo que invite a un posible miembro a la próxima actividad del consejo.
- Si un consejo está poniendo en marcha Cor, nombre a un director de EFF, informe de quién se trata **AQUÍ** y remítale a la **Cor página web del líder** para que disponga de todos los recursos necesarios para empezar y tener éxito.
- **Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work:** Ya está disponible esta fascinante serie de cinco episodios que explora la visión católica de la misión del hombre en el mundo y la naturaleza del trabajo.
- **The Gospel of Life Cor Study Guide:** Nuestra última incorporación a la serie Cor Ecclesiae, esta guía de estudio explora la histórica encíclica Evangelium Vitae del papa San Juan Pablo II de 1995 y su llamamiento a construir una «cultura de la vida».
- **Cor Session Guides**, que incluye Eucharist Cor Session Guide, **Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel Cor Session Guide** y Freedom and Faithfulness.
- **Vivat Jesus Spiritual Planner 2026:** Una guía de oración y un calendario para 2026, con devocionales mensuales, ideas para celebrar a los santos y las fiestas importantes, los retos mensuales del Capellán Supremo y mucho más.

Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de mandarme un email a armfernandez@gmail.com. y/o un texto al 443-691-7718.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Armando Fernandez



Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Happy March to all Ladies Auxiliary Members!

Thank you for submitting your annual reports. All the Auxiliaries have accomplished many great events, and it will be hard for the judges to decide which auxiliary to pick.

Your reports will be in the hands of the judging committee for review in just a few days. We wish you luck in the awards process and thank everyone for their participation and hard work throughout the year. Please know that your communities are the real winners for all you do, and they, along with all of us, are extremely proud of you!

Lent has arrived. Here are some ideas on how you can help during the Lenten season:

- Join Catholic Relief Services in their Lenten sacrifice program Operation Rice Bowl by collecting spare change and donating it to reduce hunger worldwide.
- Forty days of giving project - buy forty items for your local food pantry. Staples such as sugar, coffee, salt, pepper, gravy packets, instant mashed potatoes, butter, powdered or canned milk, and feminine products are always needed
- Host a soup dinner or other gathering after a Friday Stations of the Cross.
- Hold a service project during Lent.
- Sign up your auxiliary to help in a food pantry.
- Pray the rosary with your auxiliary, family, or parish.

Please remember to sign up for the State Convention on the first weekend in May at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza. The awards ceremony on Saturday morning is open to all registered members of your auxiliary, so join us to find out which auxiliary wins in each category! Visit the Maryland Knights *of Columbus website for details. We hope to see you there.*

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

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Ruth, Juana, and Annette



Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares



Boletín Informativo de las Damas Auxiliadoras de March, 2026

Feliz Marzo a todas las Damas Auxiliadoras!

Gracias por enviar sus informes anuales. Todas las organizaciones auxiliares han llevado a cabo muchos eventos excelentes, y será difícil para los jueces decidir cuál elegir.

En unos días, sus informes estarán en manos del comité evaluador para su revisión. Les deseamos suerte en el proceso de adjudicación de premios y agradecemos a todos su participación y su arduo trabajo a lo largo del año. Tengan presente que sus comunidades son las verdaderas ganadoras por todo lo que hacen, y que ellas, al igual que todos nosotros, están muy orgullosas de ustedes.

- Únase a Catholic Relief Services en su programa de sacrificio cuaresmal Operation Rice Bowl (Operación plato de Arroz) colectando el cambio en monedas y donándolo para reducir el hambre en todo el mundo.
- Proyecto de cuarenta días de donaciones: compre cuarenta artículos para su banco de alimentos local. Siempre se necesitan productos básicos como azúcar, café, sal, pimienta, sobres de salsa, puré de papas instantáneo, mantequilla, leche en polvo o en lata y productos femeninos.
- Organice una cena de sopa y/o otra reunión después del Vía Crucis del Viernes.
- Organice un proyecto de servicio durante la Cuaresma.
- Inscriba a su grupo auxiliar para ayudar en un banco de alimentos.
- Reze el rosario con su grupo auxiliar, su familia o su parroquia.

Recuerde inscribirse en la Convención Estatal que se celebrará el primer fin de semana de mayo en el Annapolis Crowne Plaza. La ceremonia de entrega de premios del sábado por la mañana está abierta a todos los miembros inscritos de su auxiliar, así que únase a nosotros para descubrir qué auxiliar gana en cada categoría. Visite el sitio web de los Caballeros de Colón de Maryland para obtener más detalles. Esperamos verlas allí.

¡Marca la diferencia en la vida de alguien y sé una fuerza para el bien!

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Sus copresidentas,

Ruth, Juana, Annette



Benefits Advisor Corner



What is Extended Care /Long Term Care and who needs it?

Long Term Care (LTC), or Extended Care, is defined as a range of medical and non-medical services designed to assist individuals with chronic illnesses, disabilities, or cognitive impairments who cannot perform basic activities of daily living (ADLs) independently. It focuses on managing personal care needs over an extended period rather than curing an illness. There are 6 ADL's- bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring (getting in/out of bed or chair), and continence.

According to the U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid, a 65-year-old person has a 70% risk of needing some form of long-term care. When you have a 65-year-old married couple, the risk goes up to 90% that one of them will need care.

Do you have homeowner's insurance? Do you have car insurance? The risk of your home burning down is about 1 in 1500, yet most people do not have LTC insurance when the risk for a married couple is almost a given.

Add to that, the current average cost in Maryland of a private nursing home room is about \$430/day. That's \$156,950/year in today's dollars. The average age of a LTC claim is about age 82.

Example of projected cost- For a 50-year-old, using 4% inflation, by age 80, the projected out of pocket in future dollars for 2 years of in-home care, 2 years of assisted living care and 1 year of nursing home care, would be \$1,900,000 per person.

The MYTH- "Medicare will pay for LTC". Medicare does not pay for LTC. Medicaid will, but you need to be impoverished to qualify.

Financial planners agree that if you don't have LTC protection, you have a gaping hole in your retirement plan. Dave Ramsey is quoted as saying Long Term Care protection is "essential" to a retirement plan.

If you are blessed to have ample assets and plan to use them to pay for care, I ask "do you want to earmark that money for care, or would you rather cover the risk with insurance for a fraction of the cost and leave that money to your children?"

The bottom line is that most people have not talked to a professional about LTC and most people think that LTC insurance is too expensive. Most times, members are surprised to learn that the cost of coverage is much less than they thought. LTC insurance is a financial tool to protect your assets. There is no cost to go through the underwriting process. The average percentage of applicants that are declined for coverage is about 40%, so I urge you to meet with your Field Agent to find out if you are insurable. The younger you are when you apply, the less the premium.

Jon Rock
General Agent



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 Knights of Columbus*	 Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors*	 Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund™
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Maryland Knights In Action



Council 1622 Baby Bottle Program



Council 16611 Coats for the Homeless



Council 6021 Special Olympics Activity



Council 7559 Sacred Heart Icon Celebration



Council 1384 Trivia Night



Council 18170 Sacred Heart Icon Celebration



Council 1442 Coats for Kids



Council 16611 Sacred Heart Icon Celebration



PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon 2025 – 2026 Schedule

Mike Novak, FDD – Pilgrim Icon Chairman j.michael.novak@verizon.net 443-695-1862

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
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Host District

District 05
 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
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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
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Host District

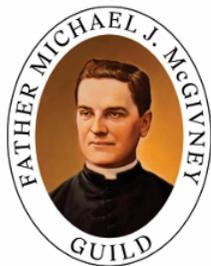
District 15
 District 02
 District 14
 District 10
 District 11
 District 18
 District 30
 District 31

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>



Founders Day Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Sunday March 22, 2026

**Columbus Gardens
4301 Klosterman Ave
Nottingham, MD 21236**



Cocktails 4:30 PM

Vegetable/Cheese Platters

Dinner 5:30 PM

Minestrone Soup

Chicken Parmesan and Penne Pasta/Sauce

Italian Blend Vegetables

(zucchini, cauliflower, green beans, lima beans, red peppers)

Freshly Baked Rolls

Apple Pie

Vegetarian Option Available

Coffee/Tea/Soda

Cash Bar

Cost: \$40 per person

Reservations Required

RSVP online at:

<https://forms.gle/2SnCupAKBnxy4tVN7>

Payable to:

Maryland State Council

Mail payment to: Michael Dunn

1892 Cedar Rd. Pasadena, MD 21122

Mass 3 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church Fullerton

8420 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21236

Dress: Men - Business Suit and Tie/Ladies: Evening Wear



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CATHOLIC
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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Shine the Light"

March 14, 2026 | St. Louis, Clarksville



Scan here or visit
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Featured Speakers



Patrick Kelly
Supreme Knight
Knights of Columbus



Paul George
President
Art of Living, Inc.



Mark Viviano
Broadcaster
Columnist

Emcee





Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus



Basketball Free-throw Competition

March 14, 2026 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

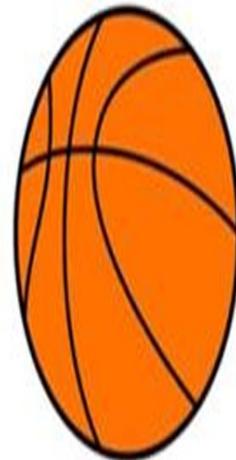
Registration open from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

(Any ties will be decided by shoot-off at 12:30 PM. Participants must be in the gym at that time)

St. Vincent Pallotti High School

113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707

- Open only to the 2026 District Winners - Girls and Boys, Ages 9 – 14
- Competitors must bring their score sheets from district competition, showing the district and council in which they won their age category.
- DDs must send district results to the co-chairmen by March 11th.



Volunteers are needed!

Questions – call or e-mail the co-chairmen:

Walt Williams, 410-692-6461, wjw5115@outlook.com or Brian Trott, 443-370-6691, brtrott@gmail.com



Thursday April 30,2026

8:00am Registration 9:00 am Shotgun Start

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

**Any Questions, call Paul Weber 410 879-0558
or email apaulweber@verizon.net**

Foursomes are limited. Reservations and payment must be made no later than April 16th. Send check payable to: Maryland State Council Convention Fund. Mail to Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Dr. Fallston Md. 21047

(please print)	Name	Council #	Telephone # or Email
Team Captain	_____	_____	_____
Player #2	_____	_____	_____
Player #3	_____	_____	_____
Player #4	_____	_____	_____



Knights Family Picnic



For **all** brother Knights and their families!
Bring a friend!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - Maryland State Council

Saturday, May 16, 2026 ~ 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ Rain or Shine

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Sides

Desserts



Beer

Wine

Soda

Water

Seneca Creek State Park (Buck Picnic Shelter)
11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Fun for the Entire Family!

Door Prizes and Giveaways!

Adults and Children 10 and Older: \$10

Children Ages 6-9: \$8

Children 5 and Under: FREE

(Note: There is a park entrance fee of \$3 per person (MD resident) except for kids in car seats, Veterans, or MD State Park passholders)

Register online at: <https://forms.gle/3AjkHaZvi8qHkbGJ7> or call 301-490-4660

Send checks (made payable to MD State Council) no later than Sunday, May 3rd to:

Tim Lynch, Family Activities Director
11271 Old Hopkins Road
Clarksville, MD 21029

Marshmallows and Memories!

MD State Knights of Columbus Family Camping Trip

at Homestead Campground, Georgetown, DE



Friday - Sunday

June
5-7
2026

Join us for:

Camping fun!

Fellowship

Communal Meals

Swimming

Games and Prizes

Nightly Campfires

RSVP or for more information: Robert & Tracy Mayer
tracymayer0106@gmail.com

Both RV and tent sites available!



2025-2026

State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 3/1/26



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
MAR 2026	3/7	SPRING MEETING	EASTON VFW POST 5118 EASTON, MD	JEFFREY WILK
	3/14	CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE	ST LOUIS CHURCH CLARKSVILLE, MD	
	3/14	STATEWIDE FREE THROW FINALS	ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL LAUREL, MD	WALT WILLIAMS BRIAN TROTT
	3/22	FOUNDERS DAY MASS	ST JOSEPH CHURCH FULLERTON BALTIMORE, MD	MIKE WATSON
	4/8	FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET	COLUMBUS GARDENS	MIKE WATSON
APR 2026	4/11	AWD BIENNIAL MEETING	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
MAY 2026	5/1-3	MD STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION	CROWNE PLAZA ANNAPOLIS, MD	E. PAUL JONES
JUN 2026	6/5-7	MD STATE KofC FAMILY CAMPING TRIP	HOMESTEAD CAMPGROUND GEORGETOWN, DE	ROBERT & TRACY MAYER
	6/6	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH FREDERICK, MD	SK GUS GUSMAN
	6/12- 13	LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH DAVIDSONVILLE, MD	JEFFREY WILK
	6/27	STATE OFFICERS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY INSTALLATION	ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CHURCH GREENBELT, MD	JEFFREY WILK
AUG 2026	8/15	SALVEMINI TESTIMONIAL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK