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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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I recently learned that this Easter Sunday, April 5th, is the 350th anniversary of the baptism of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. On that day in 1676 the one who is sometimes called the “Lily of the Mohawks” made her profession of faith, was baptized with the water from a spring that still flows in Fonda, NY, and took her name in honor of St. Catherine of Siena.

St. Kateri's life was not easy in many ways, for she lost her parents at a young age, she suffered from smallpox which left scars and affected her eyesight, and she felt the need to move to Canada to be with a community more accepting of her new faith. As such, she remains a model in following where the Lord called her, and in responding to the graces offered to every budding Christian, and long-time Christian as well. We see that same motivation in those who enter the

Church every Easter (and in significant numbers in many places this year), each with a unique story, and each responding to the gift of God's grace.

This is the invitation we have each Easter: to use Lent to prepare to renew our own baptismal promises during the Easter Mass. And then, we are invited to celebrate the gift of life in Christ that comes with baptism, and how that is the underpinning for wherever life takes us.

The resurrection of Jesus changed the world, and how each of us, as a disciple, thinks, and hopes, and acts. It is wonderful that we celebrate Easter for a number of weeks, for we need that time to further absorb Jesus' message of hope, peace and life.

We Knights and Ladies are first disciples of Jesus, and our growth in that gift of faith and relationship with the Lord is what ultimately propels all we do in the Knights of Columbus. Our charity is not as a social worker (and God bless social workers for all they do), but as disciples. May our life mission always be given direction by the goal of sharing in eternal life and in the Lord's resurrection.

Prayers and best wishes for a blessed Easter Season!

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Fr. Donald*

## Liturgical Calendar

- 2 Apr **Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**
- 3 Apr **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**
- 4 Apr **Holy Saturday**
- 5 Apr **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
- 12 Apr **SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**
- 13 Apr **Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr**
- 21 Apr **Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- 23 Apr **Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**
- 24 Apr **Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**
- 25 Apr **Saint Mark, Evangelist**
- 28 Apr **Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**
- 29 Apr **Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**



# State Deputy's Message

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As spring arrives, we find ourselves entering the final quarter of the fraternal year. Reflecting on our journey thus far, it's evident that we've made significant strides, particularly in our recruitment efforts. However, there remains more to be achieved to meet our ambitious goals.

For those councils that haven't yet conducted a Church Drive, I urge you to schedule one in the coming weeks. This initiative is crucial in extending an invitation to fellow Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus, offering them a chance to enrich their faith and make a profound difference in their lives.

For the councils that have already met their recruitment targets, I encourage you to double your efforts. By bringing more Catholic men into our order, we can collectively enhance our faith community and support each other in our spiritual journeys. This year, the State Council has also put considerable effort into offering cash incentives to all Brother Knights and their Ladies for each new member that they recruit.

In addition, this year we once again continued to make a financial difference in people's lives supporting the values espoused by our Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain. They have repeatedly emphasized that members of the Knights of Columbus must be "First in Charity and First in Faith." As a result of another very successful Sweepstakes drive and funds generated from the Christopher fund, we have, on your behalf, donated over \$80,000 to various charities and the education of seminarians in addition, to the high school scholarships granted this fraternal year.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that District #18 of the Maryland Jurisdiction, partnered with Supreme Council and purchased a \$53,000 ultrasound machine for the Rockville Women's Center. Thank you for the generous donations from the Councils in the District, Brother Knights, and other individuals.

The Rockville Women's Center is dedicated to supporting pregnant women and mothers in need. Their call for help in expanding their ability to help pregnant women has resonated deeply with us and we strongly support their efforts to saving lives from abortion and offering hope to single mothers.

As we move forward, let's continue to uphold the principles of charity and faith that define the Knights of Columbus. Our efforts in recruitment and charitable giving have already made a significant difference, and with your continued dedication, we can achieve even greater heights.

April 5th is Easter Sunday; a day all Catholics celebrate the risen Christ and is a time of renewal and hope. It's an opportunity for us to reflect on our achievements and set our sights on the goals ahead. Let's use this time to strengthen our bonds as Brother Knights and recommit ourselves to our mission.

In conclusion, Kathy and I extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your hard work and dedication. Together, we've accomplished so much, and I have no doubt that we will continue to make a positive impact on our communities. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey, and let's look forward to a successful final quarter of the fraternal year. May God Bless your families and both Kathy and I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and prayerful Easter.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Tony**



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

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Greetings, Maryland Ladies!

Happy Spring! The daffodils and pansies are out in full force, and new growth is emerging on bushes and trees in our yards and alongside the roads. It makes me feel hopeful and renewed – what a perfect backdrop for Easter to celebrate Christ's resurrection and the renewal of our faith.

In March, the Maryland State Jurisdiction held its Spring Meeting for State and District leaders in Easton, MD. I chose Martin's House and Barn as our charity. This organization, founded by the Benedictine Sisters in 1983, provides essential food, clothing, and shelter to those in need. They provided us with a wish list of their needs, and our women arrived with an incredible amount of donations – so much that the Executive Director, Deborah Vornbrock, couldn't fit everything in her SUV and had to arrange for a big van to come the next day to pick everything up. A big thank you to everyone who participated! I've included a picture from this event.

Thank you to the auxiliaries who submitted reports last month. It was my honor to once again serve as a judge for the annual awards. I have had this pleasure for over 20 years, and our auxiliaries still overwhelm me every year with their creativity and commitment to serving their councils, parishes, and communities. I am humbled by these amazing women and their many accomplishments. The awards will be presented at the State Convention during the awards ceremony on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis. I hope to see many auxiliary members there to receive their awards in person.

April 19 – 25, 2026, is National Volunteer Week. Since 1974, National Volunteer Week has been an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities, and be a force that transforms the world. This totally aligns with my husband's motto and goals as State Deputy for the Maryland Knights of Columbus. Thank you for everything you do for your parish, community, loved ones, and the Knights of Columbus, to ***Make a Difference in Someone's Life and Be a Force for Good!***

Tony and I wish you and your family a blessed Easter.

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](http://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](#)

[Delegation](#)

[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



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## Membership



With three months remaining in this fraternal year, I am thrilled to see such explosive growth and momentum happening now within so many councils throughout Maryland! Like never before, Grand Knights and their teams are reaching out to invite men to be part of the Knights of Columbus experience, something that no other organization can come close to offering!

Here are some ways in which councils are successfully building a culture of invitation that you may want to consider within yours, as well:

>O.C.I.A. candidates: If you haven't connected with the O.C.I.A. leader in your parish, then it's not too late. Ask them for a few minutes so you can personally invite the men in the group to join the Knights! It's an ideal audience of men whose faith is on fire and who will likely want to continue their faith journey alongside brother Knights following their entrance into the Catholic church on Easter!

>Membership Enrollment Cards: I've used these at several events over the past few months and they seem highly effective. Have these available at every event and at every church drive! Grand Knights often call me and share how these cards are "game changers" for them.

>Brandon Chambers Church Drive Process: This modified church drive, which relies heavily on the Membership Enrollment Card, is delivering remarkable results nationwide. District Deputies and the Region Growth Advisors are all aware of this new approach and are eager to provide you with any coaching and guidance needed.

>\$50 Recruitment Incentive: Are you one of the hundreds of Maryland Knights who have earned \$50 for each new man recruited since January? A whopping \$15,000 has been awarded since the incentive launched in January. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity won't last forever so take advantage of it now!

Speaking of this recruitment incentive, kudos to these Knights who welcomed at least two men into the Order during February: **Larry Perkins, Herman Stewart, Denis Mayorga Arauz, Henry O Arrue-Pleitez, Brian Graham, Gavin Hibbert, Stephen Anderson, and Samuel Adamczyk.** And congratulations to another 64 Knights who welcomed at least one new member! Well done, Brothers!

Finally, continue building on the momentum that your council has created over the past few months! I realize that some of you have achieved your Star growth goal, but that's an honor requiring an ongoing effort to build upon. And please never keep a man waiting to be exemplified. If he's an eMember ready to go forward, then invite him and his family to participate in an exemplification within weeks!

Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter and thanks to all of you who continually strive to put your Catholic faith into action! You are making a difference in the lives of countless men, women, families, and parishes throughout Maryland and your efforts are deeply appreciated!

Vivat Jesus,

Terry

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



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

**Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen! Alleluia!**

Thank you for all that you do to support your pastors, parishes, families, and communities. Many councils recently completed successful Lenten fish fries, collected food for families, supported seminarians, and raised funds to purchase an ultrasound machine for a local pregnancy center in Montgomery County, and so much more. Remember to submit your Faith in Action Program Form 10784 for each of your Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter FIA programs.

Now is the time to complete and submit the Columbian Award Form SP-7 to Supreme (with a copy to reports@kofc-md.org and your DD) as soon as possible. Please, do not wait until June 30th to submit the report. If you submit the report early and Supreme sends it back to you, you will have time to revise the form and resubmit it. Remember, the SP-7 form is a requirement for Star Council.

There was a great turnout for the State Council Basketball Free Throw on March 14th. Special thanks to co-chairs Brian Trott and Walt Williams, and the dozen or so volunteers who helped make the event a success. An estimated fifty-four participants attended the competition this year. The list of winners is included in this month’s newsletter.

On March 22, the Maryland State Council celebrated the 144th Anniversary of Founder’s Day with the Founder’s Day Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fullerton and the Founder’s Day Awards Dinner at Columbus Gardens. The Maryland State Council recognized the contributions of our community members who exemplify our State Deputy’s motto “Make a Difference in Someone’s Life – Be a Force for Good.” Congratulations to each of the following award recipients:

- Emergency Medical Technician of the Year: **Monica Hendrix**
- Firefighter of the Year: **Tyler Ray Frederick**
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: **Officer Lamont Thompson III**
- Healthcare Worker of the Year: **Donna M. Baker**
- Faith Formation Catechist of the Year: **Delysha Henry**
- Catholic School Teacher of the Year: **Jessica Larkin**
- Citizen of the Year: **Denise Poland**
- Family of the Year: **Francis and Sue Arlinghaus and Family**



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Thank you to Fr. Donald Grzynski, State Chaplain and State Council Honoree; State Deputy Anthony Salvemini and Lady Kathy; Mike Dunn, Founders Day Chairman; Harold Sanders and Richard Przybylski, Recognition Program Co-Chairs; Michael Watson, Faith Activities Director; Walter Leskuski, Community Activities Director; Rick Casazza, Life Activities Director; Tim Lynch, Family Activities Director, Vernon Hawkins, Family of the Year Coordinator, and all of the councils that submitted nominations.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th. Thom Stevenson, MaryGold Chairman, will accept orders for marigold flowers until April 10. Order forms and payment must be received by April 10th. Please contact Thom Stevenson for more information at: [tnp-stevenson@verizon.net](mailto:tnp-stevenson@verizon.net). Download the MaryGolds order form at <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/MaryGold-Order-Form-2026.pdf>.

The Maryland State Council Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg from 11am to 4pm. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of food, drinks, activities, fun, and fraternity. For more information, visit <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-State-Picnic-Flyer.pdf>. RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/3AjkHaZvi8qHkbGJ7>. Bring a friend who is not a Knight. This is a great opportunity to introduce future members to the Order.

We are quickly approaching the end of the fraternal year. Now is the time to gather your records for donations made for ASAP, RSVP, and Food for Families. Send in your completed forms and required documentation to ensure your council receives your refunds from Supreme.

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon continues to travel across Maryland through June. Check out the schedule on our website to see when the Icon will be in your district. Please contact Pilgrim Icon Chairman John (Mike) Novak for details or questions.

Thank you for making a difference in someone's life and being a force for good. Your council's hard work is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the Maryland State Convention in Annapolis May 1-3. Let's finish the last few months of this fraternal year with outstanding Faith in Action programs!

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Alan**



# Founder's Day Award Winners



**Emergency Medical Technician of the Year  
Monica Hendrix**



**Firefighter of the Year  
Tyler Ray Frederick**



**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year  
Officer Lamont Thompson III**



**Healthcare Worker of the Year  
Donna M. Baker (Accepted by DD McGrath)**



**Faith Formation Catechist of the Year  
Delysha Henry (Accepted by DD Askins)**



**Catholic School Teacher of the Year  
Jessica Larkin**



**Citizen of the Year  
Denise Poland**



**Family of the Year  
Francis and Sue Arlinghaus and Family**





## Maryland State Council Basketball Free Throw Championship Winners 2026



Age Group		Girls Winners	Council	Boys Winners	Council
<b>9-year-old</b>	Champion	Evelyn C.	2203	Boone G.	8159
	Runner-Up	Kelsey K.	2797	Kenn D.	2797
	Third Place	N/A	N/A	Ryder P.	9638
<b>10-year-old</b>	Champion	Olivia R.	5567	Anthony T.	2203
	Runner-Up	Willa L.	1393	Grayson F.	14775
	Third Place	Paisley H.	8159	Luike S.	1393
<b>11-year-old</b>	Champion	Audrey O.	1393	Davis D.	7914
	Runner-Up	Hadley H.	1860	Patrick O.	9774
	Third Place	Elizabeth M.	9774	Evan H.	9638
<b>12-year-old</b>	Champion	Elizabeth D.	13008	Benjamin C.	2203
	Runner-Up	Isabel K.	3489	Aari P.	6021
	Third Place	Kacie A.	9638	Kyle G.	14775
<b>13-year-old</b>	Champion	Ellie d.	9774	Adam H.	9638
	Runner-Up	Regina L.	2577	Atticus D.	1393
	Third Place	Courtney B.	1470	Patricio A.	9774
<b>14-year-old</b>	Champion	Olivia G.	8159	Lexington T.	2203
	Runner-Up	N/A	N/A	Nigel C.	9638
	Third Place	N/A	N/A	Christoper K.	2797
<b>Most Shots Made</b>		Elizabeth D. (16)	13008	Benjamin C. (18)	2203





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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org))

[https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Recognition\\_Nomination\\_Form\\_2025-2026.pdf](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](mailto:apulty@yahoo.com) and CC: [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org)**



# 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 Anthony N. Salvemini.

**Fechas Importantes – Calendario Litúrgico**

2 de abril (Jueves Santo): Misa de la Cena del Señor

3 de abril (Viernes Santo): Pasión del Señor

4 de abril (Sábado Santo): Vigilia Pascual

5 de abril (Domingo de Pascua): Resurrección del Señor

12 de abril (II Domingo de Pascua): Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

19 de abril (III Domingo de Pascua)

26 de abril (IV Domingo de Pascua): Domingo del Buen Pastor

**Capacitacion Fraternal**

- Visite [kofc.org/capacitacion](http://kofc.org/capacitacion) para encontrar capacitación en línea para funcionarios de estado, de consejo, y de distrito. Estas sesiones de capacitación están disponibles en demanda y la duración promedio es de solo 30 minutos. Capacitación Sugerida según el Rol del Funcionario es un excelente punto de partida.

**Abril (Tentativo)**

- Capacitación para el Fiel Navegante
- Herramientas En Línea para nuestros Consejos

**Mayo (Tentativo)**

- Capacitación para los Funcionarios de la Asamblea
- Tu eres tus Programas

**Junio (Tentativo)**

- Capacitación para los Funcionarios Financieros de la Asamblea
- Membresía En Línea del Estado

**Evangelizacion Y formacion en la Fe:**

- **Firme en la Brecha: La Dignidad del Trabajo:** Esta cautivadora serie de cinco episodios que explora la visión católica de la misión del hombre en el mundo y la naturaleza del trabajo ya está disponible. Es una excelente fuente de información para utilizar en Cor. (Actualmente solo está disponible en inglés).
- **Planificador Espiritual Vivat Jesus 2026:** Una guía de oración y calendario para el 2026, que incluye devociones mensuales, ideas para celebrar a los santos y los días de fiesta importantes, los desafíos mensuales del Capellán Supremo y más.

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# *Hispanic Activities*



**Armando Fernandez**  
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Evangelizacion Y formacion en la Fe:

- Guía de estudio El Evangelio de la Vida de Cor: Nuestra más reciente incorporación a la serie Cor Ecclesiae: esta guía de estudio explora la histórica encíclica Evangelium Vitae de 1995 del Papa San Juan Pablo II y su llamado a construir una “cultura de la vida”.

Favor de Registrarse para la Convencion Los Delegados y los Alternos de cada Consejo, Habra elecciones y se necesita de su voto para una eleccion completa

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

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



# Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Spring is here! We are thankful for the warmer weather and signs of spring. Just as everything outside is growing and renewing, this is a great time to grow your auxiliary. We've all attended Mass and noticed women who have never attended an Auxiliary Meeting. Take the initiative and ask these women to a meeting or invite them to an event. Many times, a woman may want to be involved and only needs to be asked. You may also want to speak with your Pastor about obtaining permission to discuss your Ladies Auxiliary at the end of Mass during the announcements. If you haven't already shared your accomplishments this past year with your Pastor and Parish, this is an excellent time. Use your Auxiliary history or your Best Full Year Report to share everything you've done. Every auxiliary around the state has helped their parish, community, and council in amazing ways this year, and sharing this information is an outstanding PR and recruitment tool.

April is the month you should present your 2026-2027 slate to your members for May elections. If you are having difficulty with slating officers, it may be more attractive to your members to rotate through the chairs so that no one has to serve more than one year in a position. Some auxiliaries have success using co-presidents to share the load, making the position more attractive to members. Contact the State Co-Chairs if you need additional ideas. We're here to help!

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 Abril, 2026

¡La primavera ya está aquí! Agradecemos el cálido clima y la llegada de la primavera. Al igual que todo a nuestro alrededor crece y se renueva, este es un momento excelente para hacer crecer su grupo Auxiliar. Todos hemos asistido a Misa y hemos notado la presencia de mujeres que nunca han asistido a una reunión de la Auxiliar. Tome la iniciativa e invite a estas mujeres a una reunión o a un evento. Muchas veces, ellas desean involucrarse; solo necesita que se lo pidan. Quizás también desee hablar con su párroco para obtener permiso y comentar sobre su Auxiliar de Damas al finalizar la Misa, durante los avisos parroquiales. Si aún no ha compartido los logros del último año con su párroco y su parroquia, este es un momento excelente para hacerlo. Utilice el historial de su Auxiliar o su «Informe Anual Completo» para dar a conocer todo lo que han realizado. Todas las auxiliares del estado han brindado su apoyo a sus parroquias, comunidades y consejos de maneras extraordinarias este año; compartir esta información constituye una herramienta excepcional tanto para las relaciones públicas como para la captación de nuevos miembros.

Abril es el mes en el que debe presentar a sus miembros la lista de candidatas para el periodo 2026-2027, Si tiene dificultades para llenar la lista de directivos, podría resultar más atractivo para sus miembros establecer un sistema de rotación en los cargos, de modo que nadie tenga que ejercer una misma función durante más de un año. Algunas organizaciones auxiliares han tenido éxito recurriendo a la figura de copresidentes para compartir la carga de trabajo, lo cual hace que el cargo resulte más atractivo para los miembros. Póngase en contacto con los Copresidentes Estatales si necesita ideas adicionales. ¡Estamos aquí para ayudarle!

Por favor, recuerden inscribirse para la Convención Estatal que se celebrará el primer fin de semana de mayo en el Crowne Plaza de Annapolis. La ceremonia de entrega de premios, que tendrá lugar el sábado por la mañana, está abierta a todos los miembros inscritos de su auxiliar; ¡así que acompañennos para descubrir qué auxiliar resulta ganador en cada categoría! Visite el sitio web de los Caballeros de Colón de Maryland para obtener más detalles. Esperamos verlos 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



## Who is “My Insurance Guy”

Many times, we get questions about who the agent for a particular council is. Both agencies in Maryland are growing, and we do have councils that get reassigned due to agents retiring or moving to a new territory. The easiest way to locate an agent is to visit the two agency websites. The website for the Rock Creek Agency is [rockcreekagency.com](http://rockcreekagency.com) and for the O’Keefe Agency it is [okeefefinancialplanning.com](http://okeefefinancialplanning.com).

### Agents and their councils for the O’Keefe Agency are as follows:

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# Benefits Advisor Corner (Continued)



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# Maryland Knights In Action



**Council 1384 Tootsie Roll Program**



**Council 1384 Bingo for a Better Tomorrow**



**Council 6021 Special Olympics Activity**



**Council 8736 Fish Fry**



**Council 1384 Trivia Night**



**Council 18170 Sacred Heart Icon Celebration**



**Council 13859 Fish Fry**



**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](mailto: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  
 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 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  
 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 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>



## Maryland State Council 2026 MaryGold Program



The Maryland State Council is encouraging all councils to participate in the May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day, MaryGold Program. Now is the time to plan your council's MaryGold program as all orders and checks must be received by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moms will appreciate the effort you put into celebrating her on Mother's Day

Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
_____	Marigold Flats (32 flowers per flat)	\$13.00 per pack

(Qty x Price ) TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK LOCATION YOU WISH TO PICK UP FLOWERS

Grower: \_\_\_\_\_ Council #2577: \_\_\_\_\_ Council #14011: \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Flower and Foliage Co.  
 10403 Vincent Farm Lane  
 White Marsh, MD 21162

Sacred Heart Council  
 6111 Columbian Way  
 Bowie, MD 20715

St Katherine Drexel Council  
 8428 Opossumtown Pike  
 Frederick, MD 21702

Pickup times at MD Flower  
 Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM - Noon

Pickup times at Council 2577  
 Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Pickup times Frederick County  
 Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 AM

## Make checks payable to: Maryland State Council

In note section write MaryGold Program

Mail Order and Checks to: Thom Stevenson  
 3419 Northwind Rd  
 Parkville, MD 21234  
 443-388-1871 (cell)  
 Email: [tnpstevenson@verizon.net](mailto:tnpstevenson@verizon.net)

**ALL ORDERS & CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED By Friday, April 10, 2026**



# 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](mailto: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://tinyurl.com/mdstatepicnic> or call 301-490-4660

Send checks (made payable to MD State Council) no later than Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tracymayer0106@gmail.com)

Both RV and tent sites available!



# 2025-2026

## State Planning Calendar



UPDATED 4/1/26

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 2026	4/8	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	POPE JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
	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
	5/16	MD STATE PICNIC	SENECA CREEK STATE PARK GAITHERSBURG, MD	TIM LYNCH
	5/23	MD DISTRICT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	PANGBORN ASSEMBLY HAGERSTOWN, MD	SK JIM DURYEE
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