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THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, OPENED AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS CELEBRATED BY STATE CHAPLAIN REV. DONALD GRZYMSKI AND ASSISTED AT THE ALTAR BY DEACON STEPHEN ROSCHER.

CALL TO ORDER AND REPORT OF THE STATE WARDEN

FOLLOWING MASS, THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONVENTION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00 P.M. BY STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI. STATE WARDEN, MICHAEL E. LYNCH, ASSURED THE STATE DEPUTY THAT ALL PRESENT WERE QUALIFIED THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING,

OPENING PRAYER

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON THE STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRZYMSKI, FOR THE OPENING PRAYER. HE ASKED ALL TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL, IN DISTRESS OR HAVE RECENTLY PASSED. HE ASKED ALL TO REMAIN STANDING FOR THE SINGING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

INTRODUCTIONS

THE STATE DEPUTY THANKED OUR STATE CHAPLAIN FOR CELEBRATING THE MASS. HE THEN INTRODUCED THE ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS AND DEACONS WHO ASSISTED WITH THE MASS AND THE FOLLOWING:

CONVENTION PARLIAMENTARIAN, PAST STATE DEPUTY, EDGAR D. HAYNES

CONVENTION HONOREE EDGAR D. HAYNES, PAST STATE DEPUTY AND FORMER MASTER

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH MCINERNEY, CHIEF STRATEGIC ADVISOR AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADER DEVELOPMENT

**COUNCILS INSTITUTED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:
ST. JOSE SANCHEZ DEL RIO COUNCIL, NO. 18656**

ROLL CALL

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON STATE SECRETARY WINFREY FOR THE ROLL CALL. THE STATE SECRETARY ANNOUNCED THAT A FORMAL ROLL CALL FOR THESE

CONVENTION SESSIONS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED. “ YOUR PRESENTATION AT THE WARDENS’ TABLES PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CHAMBER FOR THIS SESSION HAS BEEN RECORDED. THAT RECORD TAKEN PRIOR TO EACH SESSION WILL BE USED BY ME IN LIEU OF A ROLL CALL. EACH STATE OFFICER AND PAST STATE DEPUTY WILL ANSWER FOR HIMSELF.”

STATE OFFICERS

**STATE CHAPLAIN, FATHER DONALD GRZYMSKI – PRESENT
STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI- PRESENT
STATE SECRETARY, JOHN F. WINFREY - PRESENT
STATE TREASURER, RONALD G. HASSAN – PRESENT
STATE ADVOCATE, THOMAS O. GREUL – PRESENT
STATE WARDEN, MICHAEL E. LYNCH - PRESENT
IMMED. PAST STATE DEP., CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS – PRESENT**

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

**JOSEPH A. SAURO – ABSENT
ANDREW C. BAUER – ABSENT
JAMES OLIVARRI – ABSENT
FRANCIS M. FEELEY – ABSENT
RICHARD L. SHERBERT – ABSENT
RONALD B. WHITE – ABSENT
EDGAR D. HAYNES – PRESENT
RICHARD V. SIEJACK – ABSENT
STEPHEN J. ADAMCZYK – ABSENT
STEPHEN M. COHEN – PRESENT
DALE W. TROTT – PRESENT
VINCENT GRAUSO - PRESENT**

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY SUBMITTED THE ROLL OF ALL OTHERS.

MEETING OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

CHAIRMEN OF THE FOLLOWING CONVENTION COMMITTEES WERE CALLED UPON TO ANNOUNCE THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**STATE ADVOCATE, THOMAS O. GREUL, RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
STATE WARDEN, MICHAEL E. LYNCH, WARDEN’S COMMITTEE**

MESSAGE FROM SUPREME KNIGHT

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED STATE SECRETARY WINFREY, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE VIDEO ADDRESS FROM SUPREME KNIGHT, PATRICK KELLY, BE PLAYED AT THIS TIME. THE SUPREME KNIGHT OFFERED GREETINGS TO ALL AND GAVE A REPORT ON THE ORDERS INSURANCE PROGRAM AND THE WORKS OF THE ORDER. THE SUPREME KNIGHT ALSO COMMENTED ON THE STATUS OF CURRENT INITIATIVES OF THE ORDER. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AND FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MANY CHARITIES. AND FINALLY, HE SOLICITED OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL INITIATIVES. AFTER THE SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE, THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE, JOSEPH J. MCINERNEY, TO CONVEY TO SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY, OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS MESSAGE.

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED STATE SECRETARY WINFREY, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE VIDEO ADDRESS FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN, ARCHBISHOP LORI, BE PLAYED AT THIS TIME.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

HAVING NO LATE COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESENT TO THE CONVENTION BODY, THE STATE DEPUTY RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR TO THE STATE SECRETARY WHO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY. "AS STATE SECRETARY, IT IS INDEED AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO INTRODUCE THE MAN WHO HAS GUIDED THIS JURISDICTION DURING THE PAST YEAR. I PRESENT TO THIS ASSEMBLED CONVENTION TO REPORT ON HIS STEWARDSHIP OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FOR THIS 2024-2025 FRATERNAL YEAR, OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI.

STATE DEPUTY'S ANNUAL REPORT

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAINS, WORTHY CHIEF STRATEGIC ADVISOR AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADER DEVELOPMENT, STATE OFFICERS, VICE SUPREME MASTER, DISTRICT MASTERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, SUPREME COUNCIL INSURANCE DIRECTORS, GRAND KNIGHTS, DELEGATES, AND MY BROTHERS ALL;

MY BROTHER CATHOLICS, KNIGHTS OF THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION, SHOULD IN A FEW MINUTES YOU WILL HEAR THAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED MANY SUCCESSES THIS FRATERNAL YEAR THAT NEVER BEEN MATCHED IN ANY OTHER YEAR IN THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION. FOR THIS, I NOT ONLY PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU BUT ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, I COMMEND YOU FOR THE HARD WRK AND DEDICATION YOU HAVE PUT FORTH TO ACHIEVE THE VISION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AND ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS AS WE GO FORWARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

NECROLOGY: EVERY YEAR WE ARE SADDENED TO HAVE TO PUBLISH A LIST OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS IN THE CONVENTION BOOK OF REPORTS, THIS YEAR IS NO EXCEPTION. I WOULD LIKE IN PARTICULAR TO MENTION THAT DURING THIS PAST YEAR WE LOST:

FORMER STATE CHAPLAIN REVEREND JOSEPH C. SIMONS

PAST STATE DEPUTY ROMEO GAUTHIER

FORMER DISTRICT MASTER JOSEPH E. MURTHA

DISTRICT DEPUTY JOSEPH R. GANGI

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY & FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR GREGORY E. MCCLAIN

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY WILLIAM J. SANTO

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY JOHN A. FOX

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY JOHN M. MOURING, III

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY TIMOTHY G. MOORE

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY PATRICK A. HALL

FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY JOSEPH H. DRASAL, SR.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.

SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY AND SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI HAVE BOTH STATED THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WE MUST BE FIRST IN CHARITY AND FIRST IN FAITH.

TONIGHT, I INFORM YOU THAT THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO ACHIEVING THESE GOALS AND THAT WE ARE SECOND TO NONE IN BOTH CHARITABLE GIVING AND FAITH FORMATION.

SEEK THE CITY – FIRST, I WILL BRIEFLY TOUCH UPON THE SEEK THE CITY TO COME INITIATIVE. AFTER TWO YEARS OF ACTIVELY ENGAGING 6,000 PEOPLE IN PRAYERFUL LISTENING, VISIONING, AND DISCERNMENT, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE'S SEEK THE CITY TO COME INITIATIVE OFFERED ITS FINAL PLAN FOR REIMAGING AND REALIGNING THE CITY CHURCH OF BALTIMORE TO CARRY OUT ITS EUCHARISTIC MISSION. THIS REALIGNMENT INFLUENCED 9 COUNCILS IN OUR JURISDICTION. AFTER COLLABORATING DILIGENTLY WITH THESE COUNCILS I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR STATE CHAPLAIN

FATHER DONALD GRZYMSKI AND PSD VINCENT GRAUSO, THE COUNCILS ARE BACK FUNCTIONING AS THEY SHOULD.

REALIGNMENT OF STATE SPENDING

THIS YEAR THE STATE COUNCIL HAS REALIGNED ITS APPROACH TO SPENDING AND HAS MADE MAJOR CHANGES IN HOW FUNDS ARE INVESTED, ALLOCATED, AND DISTRIBUTED.

IN THE AREA OF INVESTING, NOTABLE CHANGES INCLUDE THE INVESTMENT OF STATE COUNCIL FUNDS WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSET ADVISORS. THIS GROUP PROVIDES INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS WITH STRATEGIC FAITH-BASED INVESTMENTS WHICH STRICTLY ADHERE TO CATHOLIC TEACHINGS, FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FIRST PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN 2003. PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, THIS MEANS THAT THEY EXCLUDE COMPANIES THAT FUND THINGS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO CATHOLIC TEACHINGS, SUCH AS ABORTION, PORNOGRAPHY, AND EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL RESEARCH.

IN THE AREA OF SPENDING, NOTABLY THIS YEAR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES, WE MOVED OUR ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SEMINAR TO HOLY FAMILY CHURCH IN DAVIDSONVILLE, THEREBY SAVING SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FACILITY AND MEETING COSTS.

IN THE AREA OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, THE STATE COUNCIL HAS DISTRIBUTED OVER \$120,000 TO ASSIST IN THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS, TO HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASSIST THE MOST VULNERABLE AND THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE ELDERLY WITH DIGNITY AND LOVE. IN ADDITION, A PORTION OF THESE FUNDS WERE USED TO AID IN THE EDUCATION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS ATTENDING CURLY HIGH SCHOOL. THESE FUNDS WERE THE RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS IN IMPLEMENTING THE STATE-RUN SWEEPSTAKES PROGRAM AND INTEREST EARNED FROM INVESTING IN SUPREME COUNCIL'S CHRISTOPHER FUND.

ALSO, THIS YEAR, WE HAVE INVESTED A SIZABLE SUM OF THE STATE BUDGET IN RECRUITING INCENTIVES FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND COUNCILS, AND AS A RESULT, THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION HAS EXPERIENCED SOLID MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND IS ONE PACE, WITH YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, TO ACHIEVE ITS CIRCLE OF HONOR GOAL OF WELCOMING 1,003 NEW MEMBERS INTO THE ORDER.

RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ARE TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION TO ENSURE GROWTH AND OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY. THE STATE GROWTH TEAM CONSISTS OFF DIRECTOR TERRY WATERS, E-MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BILL NEWBROUGH, MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TEAM MEMBERS BOB SWEITZER, JOHN HERSHBERGER, JOHN OHMER, PETER HAMMERER, GREG LYNCH, BUZZY STOCKMAN, GUS GUSMAN, DAVID CZARNECKI, LARRY HOUCK, CHARLES DOHERTY, MICKEY DILLOW, AND ARMANDO FERNANDEZ. SPECIAL THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO BILL MCMAHON FOR HIS DILIGENT MAINTENANCE OF OUR GROWTH REPORTS AND TRACKING FORMS. IN ADDITION, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GROWTH TEAM HAS IMPLEMENTS A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN RECRUITING THOSE YOUNG MEN WHO WILL BE THE FUTURE OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL. THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF DIRECTOR TERRY WATERS, AND ADVISORY MEMBERS DAVID BLUDIS, JUSTIN MEEDER, RICK BABBITT, AND MATT HOLLISTER.

THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE, OVERSEEN BY E-MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BILL NEWBROUGH, SERVES AS THE PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT FOR NEW MEMBERS. APPROXIMATELY 75% OF NEW MEMBERS JOINED THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THROUGH THIS OPTION, RANKING THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION AMONG THE TOP LEADERS IN THE ORDER. TODAY THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION IS POISED FOR CONTINUED GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP, WITH COUNCILS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING THEIR MISSION IN SERVICE TO PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES.

INSURANCE – GENERAL AGENTS

ALONG WITH MEMBERSHIP COMES FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, AFTER A COMBINED TOTAL OF ALMOST 70 YEARS, OUR LONG-TIME GENERAL AGENTS “THE BOBS” DECIDED TO RETIRE TOGETHER. AS A RESULT, WE PROVIDED A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GENERAL AGENTS EDWARD O’KEEFE, AND STEPHEN REGAN, AND WE CONTINUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ABBATE AGENCY. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT OUR MARYLAND RELATIONSHIP AND TEAMWORK BETWEEN THE FRATERNAL AND INSURANCE SIDES OF THE KNIGHTS ARE VERY STRONG AS THESE MEN CONTINUE TO ESTABLISH AND ENLARGE THEIR STAFFS TO SERVE MARYLAND KNIGHTS. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM AS THEY STRIVE TO IMPROVE THEIR OPERATIONS TO SERVE US AND FULFILL THE DREAM OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY.

IN A FEW MINUTES, YOU’LL HEAR FROM GENERAL AGENT EDWARD O’KEEFE FOR A REPORT ON THE ORDER’S FRATERNAL BENEFITS PROGRAM AND INTRODUCTION OF INSURANCE AGENTS THAT ARE PRESENT.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THESE OUTSTANDING AGENTS.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE OUTSTANDING AGENTS.**

PROGRAMS

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR ALAN PULTYNIWICZ, OUR FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS WERE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL THIS FRATERNAL YEAR. THESE PROGRAMS SUPPORTS THE CHURCH, FAMILY VALUES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND COUNCIL OPERATIONS. ACTIVITY DIRECTORS INCLUDED MICHAEL WATSON (FAITH), WALTER LESKUSKI (COMMUNITY), GTRGOTY MCLAIN (FAMILY), AND RICK CASAZZA (LIFE). SPECIAL THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO PETER O’SULLIVAN FOR HIS DILIGENT MAINTENANCE OF THE FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM MATRIX TRACKING FORM.

THE STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND ACTIVITY DIRECTORS PROVIDED ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE TO COUNCILS. PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS WERE HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST, AND DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT TO DISCUSS THEIR PROGRAMS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DURING COUNCIL AND DISTRICT DEPUTY MEETINGS, AS WEL AS AT CHAPTER MEETINGS. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR SENT PERIODIC EMAIL UPDATES TO EACH DISTRICT DEPUTY SUMMARIZING THE FAITH IN ACTION REPORTS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILS IN THEIR DISTRICT.

FAMILY

IN THE AREA OF FAMILY PROGRAMS, WE CONTINUED OUR FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND WIDOW’S PROGRAMS AND MUST LOOK FOR WAYS OF IMPROVING BOTH NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR. THE FOUNDERS DAY MASS AND AWARDS BANQUET WENT EXTREMELY WELL THIS YEAR WITH THOSE WINNERS CAREFULLY CHOSEN DEMONSTRATED ABILITIES UP AND BEYOND WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT AN INDIVIDUAL TO ACCOMPLISH.

THE “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST PROMOTES THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IN HOMES, SCHOOLS, PARISHES, AND COMMUNITIES. IT ENCOURAGES COUNCILS TO PROMPT THEIR NEIGHBORS TO SHIFT FROM PREOCCUPATION WITH MATERIALISM TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND THE SPIRIT OF GIVING. THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS THIS YEAR, RESULTING IN THREE INTERNATIONAL WINNERS FOR THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION – A FIRST PLACE AND TWO RUNNER-UP AWARDS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING:

ABBY ROSENBERGER, SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN NEUMANN COUNCIL #11618 WAS NAMED THE INTERNATIONAL WINNER IN THE 7TH – 8TH GRADE DIVISION

JOJO MELLOTT, SPONSORED BY RESURRECTION COUNCIL#11341 WAS NAMED THE INTERNATIONAL RUNNER-UP IN THE 3RD – 4TH GRADE DIVISION

OWEN MELLOTT, SPONSORED BY RESURRECTION COUNCIL#11341 WAS NAMED THE INTERNATIONAL RUNNER-UP IN THE 1ST- 2ND GRADE DIVISION

FAITH

IN THE AREA OF FAITH, THE SACRED HEART ICON AND SILVER ROSE PROGRAMS PROVIDED OUR MEMBERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST MEANINGFUL PRAYER SERVICES FOR THEIR PARISHES, FOSTERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION.

IN ADDITION, THE STATE COUNCIL CONDUCTED HOLY HOURS AT STATE MEETINGS AND JOINED ARCHBISHOP LORI FOR MASS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY'S ORDINATION ON DECEMBER 22ND.

THE MISSION OF COR

ALSO, AS YOU KNOW, THE MISSION OF COR IS TO FOCUS CATHOLIC MEN ON JESUS CHRIST AND DEVELOP THEIR FAITH AND VIRTUE THROUGH A BROTHERHOOD COMMITTED TO PRAYER, FORMATION, AND FRATERNITY. EACH COR GATHERING AIMS TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST, PRAY TOGETHER, DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, AND STRENGTHEN BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD. THE GATHERINGS PREPARE THEM FOR LEADERSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION WITHIN THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF COR DIRECTOR TONY BOEHK, THE NUMBER OF COUNCILS WITH A COR INITIATIVE HAS INCREASED FROM SIX AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS FRATERNAL YEAR TO 33 TODAY. THIS DEMONSTRATES CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS AND COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION.

COMMUNITY

THIS YEAR WE MADE SEVERAL CHANGES IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. ONE SUCH CHANGE WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL SWEEPSTAKE PROGRAM TO EARN MONEY FOR CHARITY. WITH YOUR HELP, WE RAISED OVER \$110,000 WITH \$77,000 GOING TO STATE CHARITIES AND TO COVER SWEEPSTAKE PRIZES AND EXPENSES, AND \$33,000 GOING TO LOCAL COUNCILS FOR THEIR OPERATIONS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM TO STRIVE AND MAKE THE NEXT SWEEPSTAKES EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL SINCE NOW YOU CAN LEGALLY MAIL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS TO ALL YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

COATS FOR KIDS CONTINUED TO BE A POWERFUL COMMUNITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORT COUNCILS AND THE THREE CHAPTERS OF GRAND KNIGHTS. AT THE STATE LEVEL OVER \$8,000 WORTH OF COATS WERE PURCHASED AND DISTRIBUTED TO NEEDY CHILDREN. TEAMED WITH CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH, THE BOX OF JOY WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR WITH OVER 5,900 BOXES FILLED WITH GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN – THE MOST DONATED BY THE MARYLAND COUNCILS. MONTHLY STATEWIDE DRIVES TO DELIVER SUPPLIES TO THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IN ALL 3 DIOCESES CONTINUED THIS YEAR AND OFFER CRITICAL SUSTAINMENT TO THOSE IN THEIR CARE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL HISTORY, THE COLUMBUS DAY BALL WAS MOVED OUT OF A HOTEL AND HELD AT COLUMBUS GARDENS, HOME OF CARDINAL GIBBONS COUNCIL #2521. THIS CHANGE WAS MET WITH GREAT ENJOYMENT BY ALL ATTENDEES AND PROVIDED THEM WITH SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS.

LIFE ACTIVITIES

DEFENSE OF LIFE REMAINS A CORE CALLING FOR ALL CATHOLICS; ESPECIALLY, THE KNIGHTS. MARYLAND KNIGHTS WERE VERY INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF BOTH THE NATIONAL AND MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE, INCLUDING THE SISTERS OF LIFE RALLY PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL MARCH.

IN ADDITION TO THE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE ULTRASOUND PROGRAM, THIS YEAR THE STATE COUNCIL TOOK A SPECIAL INITIATIVE, AND I AM PROUD TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. THE SUPPORT YOU SHOWED IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE GABRIEL NETWORK HOUSE WAS SECOND TO NONE. YOU DONATED OVER \$70,000 IN THREE MONTHS TO ASSIST UNWED MOTHERS TO KEEP THEIR BABIES AND TO NURTURE AND RAISE THEM AS THE GIFTS FROM GOD THAT THEY TRULY ARE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR RESPONSE IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.

BEYOND THESE LIFE-SAVING PROGRAMS, MARYLAND IS AGAIN SUPPORTING THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) INITIATIVE. MARYLAND COUNCIL'S DONATIONS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO PREGNANCY CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THIS YEAR. I REMIND YOU OF THE FLYER IN YOUR CONVENTION BAG. WE WILL JOIN SUPREME COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR A PASS THE HAT COLLECTION DEDICATED TO ASAP TOMORROW, SO PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

VOCATIONS SUPPORT

SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONS IS A CRITICAL NEED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. MARYLAND SEMINARIANS ACROSS OUR 3 DIOCESES WERE SUPPORTED UNDER THE RSVP PROGRAM WITH PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS FROM COUNCILS STATEWIDE. IN ADDITION, MARYLAND KNIGHTS SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL DISCERNMENT EVENT, QUO VADIS, IN BOTH MAJOR ARCHDIOCESES DEMONSTRATING OUR THANKS FOR THEIR FAITH JOURNEY.

TO SUMMARIZE, THE OUTSTANDING DEDICATION OF THE PROGRAM TEAM AND THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF EACH OF YOU, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, HAVE ENSURED THAT OUR FUTURE WILL BE MARKED BY CONTINUED SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT.

FOURTH DEGREE

HERE IN MARYLAND, WE HAVE TWO 4TH DEGREE DISTRICTS - THE MARYLAND DISTRICT AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT, BOTH PART OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE. I WANT TO THANK DISTRICT MASTER JIM DURYEE OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT AND CHRIS POWERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT, ALONG WITH VICE SUPREME MASTER FRITZ LEACH OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE, FOR THEIR DEDICATED LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST YEAR.

SO FAR THIS YEAR WE HAVE SEEN 184 MEN ADVANCE TO THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE. THE COLOR CORPS MEMBERS OF BOTH DISTRICTS TURNED OUT FOR FREQUENT COUNCIL, ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT, AND PROVINCIAL EVENTS. THEY TRULY SHOW THAT THEY ARE THE VISIBLE RIGHT ARM OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

LADIES ACTIVITIES

WE THE MEN OF THIS HONORED ORDER COULD NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES. THEY GIVE US SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE IN ALL THAT WE DO. MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE FIRST LADY AND HER LADIES ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. THEIR ACTIVITIES SPAN FROM EDUCATIONAL TO SPIRITUAL TO HISTORICAL TO FUN. CHARITY IS ALWAYS A MAJOR PART OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR, THE LADIES ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF JOSIE BOISVERT, VICKI COHEN, LINDA WILK, MARIA LITTLE, AND THEIR ANGEL IN HEAVEN KATHY VASSALLO. THE LADIES ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (LAC) PROVIDES A VITAL FUNCTION WITHIN THE STATE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP GROUP BY ENCOURAGING FELLOWSHIP, SOCIALIZATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. A WIDE RANGE OF CHARITIES BENEFITED FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION. THIS FRATERNAL YEAR THE LADIES FILLED 135 BOXES OF JOY, PROVIDED SUPPLIES AND OTHER DONATIONS TO PREGNANCY CENTERS AND BREAST CANCER PATIENTS AS WELL AS HELPING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. THEIR ACTIVITIES SPAN FROM EDUCATIONAL TO SPIRITUAL TO HISTORICAL TO FUN. CHARITY IS ALWAYS A MAJOR PART OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

LADIES AUXILIARIES

THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL LADIES AUXILIARIES TEAM CONSISTED OF RUTH GUSMAN, JUANA FERNANDEZ, AND ANNETTE BISHOP. THESE LADIES CONDUCTED SEVERAL INSTALLATIONS OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAM SEMINARS, AND PROVIDED TRAINING TO THE AUXILIARIES. THEIR EMPHASIS THIS YEAR WAS ON IMPROVING INFORMATION FOR AUXILIARIES BY UPDATING FORMS, PROCEDURES, AND COMMUNICATION. FOR THE FIRST TIME, ZOOM MEETINGS WERE HELD, ALLOWING ALL COUNCIL AUXILIARIES TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE INFORMATION.

IN CONCLUSION

IT HAS BEEN MY DISTINCT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS YOUR STATE DEPUTY. YOU HAVE ALL ACHIEVED REMARKABLE THINGS THIS PAST YEAR. I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY. BECAUSE IT NEVER IS. BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS, THE BEST IS YET TO COME. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

REPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI STATE DEPUTY
MARYLAND JURISDICTION**

THE STATE DEPUTY WAS GIVEN A STANDING OVATION FOR HIS EXCELLENT REPORT.

THE STATE SECRETARY STATED THAT SPEAKING FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, "I CONGRATULATE OUR STATE DEPUTY FOR AN OUTSTANDING REPORT." IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY RESUMED THE CHAIR.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, STATE DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN, AND GRAND KNIGHTS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE BOOK OF REPORTS WHICH WAS EMAILED TO YOU LAST WEEK. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED STATE SECRETARY WINFREY, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE VIDEO ADDRESS FROM SUPREME GENERAL AGENTS BE PLAYED AT THIS TIME.

INSURANCE REPORT

STEPHEN REGAN AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STATE FAMILY FOR INVITING US AND OUR AGENTS TO THE 127TH MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR FINANCIAL PROGRAM AND FOR THE AGENTS THAT SERVE YOU. YOUR SUPPORT OF THE KNIGHTS FINANCIAL PROGRAMS HAS MADE THE STATE OF MARYLAND ONE OF THE TOP JURISDICTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN OUR PROGRAM.

40% OF ALL MEMBERS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND HOLD A FINANCIAL PRODUCT WITH THE KOFC. THIS NUMBER DOES NOT COUNT WIVES AND CHILDREN IN THIS PERCENTAGE. THE NUMBER OF LIFE POLICIES IN MARYLAND EXCEEDS 45,000 AND 3.4 BILLION IN LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE. THESE NUMBERS COMPARE FAVORABLY TO JURISDICTIONS WITH A MUCH GREATER MEMBERSHIP. MARYLAND IS AMONG THE TOP TEN IN MANY CATEGORIES.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE CLOSE TO 1800 LONG-TERM CARE AND DISABILITY POLICIES IN FORCE. IN 2024 WE HAD ALMOST \$15 MILLION IN NEW ANNUITY CONTRIBUTIONS. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUTUAL FUND PROGRAM CONTINUES TO HAVE STAGGERING GROWTH WHILE ALSO KEEPING OUR INVESTMENTS CATHOLIC FOCUSED. WE ARE THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT IS 100 PERCENT COMPLIANT WITH THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOP CONFERENCE ON CATHOLIC INVESTING. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE 100% CATHOLIC IN OUR INSURANCE PROGRAM, MUTUAL FUNDS, AND CHARITABLE PROGRAMS.

AS TO THE STAR COUNCIL AWARD AND FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHTS. PLEASE BE AWARE THERE WILL BE THREE FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHTS IN MAY THAT ARE VIRTUAL. THE DATES ARE MAY 12, MAY 22, AND MAY 28. IF YOUR COUNCIL IS STILL SHORT THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO EASILY REACH THIS GOAL WITH THREE SEPARATE NIGHTS. AN EMAIL FROM PETER STAFFORD WAS SENT OUT THIS PAST SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH WITH LINKS TO REGISTER FOR ALL THREE NIGHTS. IF YU DID NOT GET THAT EMAIL AND NEED IT PLEASE LET STEPHEN OR ME KNOW AND WE WILL FORWARD YOU THE EMAIL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE AGENTS THAT ARE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**JONATHAN ROCK, ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT
SEAN FITZPATRICK, ASSISTANT GENERAL AGENT**

THE FOLLOWING FIELD AGENTS:

DENIS MAYORGA ARAUZ; MICHAEL DUFFY; MICHAEL FORD; ROBERT HICKEY; JERRY KANE; DENIS MAYORGA LIZANO; BOB MARLOWE, III; JAY MYERS; FREDERICK

REINECKE; CRAIG TRAVERSON; AND PAUL TOMAZAR.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: BRIAN GRAHAM; JOHN CANTER; AND STEVE CLITES

FINALLY, WE ARE LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS TO FILL OUT OUR AGENCY TEAMS, IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ME OR STEPHEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS EVENING AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

STATE DEPUTY THANKED BROTHER O'KEEFE FOR HIS REMARKS AND THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL BY THE O'KEEFE AND REGAN AGENCIES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE STATE DEPUTY MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1- THE FAITH IN ACTION, MEMBERSHIP, INSURANCE TOGETHER WITH OTHER AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW MORNING IN THE ARUNDEL BALLROOM. ALL GRAND KNIGHTS AND THEIR LADIES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE FAR SIDE OF THE CHAMBER, AND IN THE FAR SIDE OF THE LOBBY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE STATE DEPUTY, JEFF WILK AND STATE LECTURER, JIM COONEY AT 7:45 A.M. FOR THE GRAND KNIGHT'S MARCH AND INTRODUCTION. THE MARCH WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. SHARP. PLEASE BE ON TIME SO WE MAY BEGIN AS SCHEDULED.

2- FOLLOWING THE AWARDS SESSION, PLEASE QUICKLY VACATE THIS BALLROOM SO WE CAN RE-ENTER WITH A VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS. WE WILL START THE SECOND SESSION PROMPTLY AT 11:30 A.M.

CLOSING PRAYER

BROTHERS, LET US STAND FOR THE CLOSING PRAYER AND THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE HAS BESTOWED UPON US. I WILL NOW ASK OUR WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRYZMSKI, TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CLOSING PRAYER THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED (9:00 P.M.).

SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND REPORT OF THE STATE WARDEN

STATE DEPUTY ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI CALLED THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION TO ORDER AT 11:30 A.M. STATE WARDEN MICHAEL E. LYNCH ASSURED THE STATE DEPUTY THAT ALL PRESENT WERE QUALIFIED THIRD-DEGREE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING,

OPENING PRAYER

STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRYZMSKI, LED THE OPENING PRAYER AND ASKED GOD'S BLESSING UPON OUR DELIBERATIONS. THE STATE DEPUTY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON STATE SECRETARY WINFREY FOR THE ROLL CALL. THE STATE SECRETARY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING. A FORMAL ROLL CALL WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED. YOUR PRESENTATION AT THE WARDENS' TABLES PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CHAMBER FOR THIS SESSION HAS BEEN RECORDED. THAT RECORD TAKEN PRIOR TO EACH SESSION WILL BE USED BY ME IN LIEU OF THE ROLL CALLS PREVIOUSLY IMPLEMENTED. EACH STATE OFFICER AND PAST STATE DEPUTY WILL ANSWER FOR HIMSELF.

STATE OFFICERS

STATE CHAPLAIN, FATHER DONALD GRZYMSKI – PRESENT
STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI – PRESENT
STATE SECRETARY, JOHN F. WINFREY – PRESENT
STATE TREASURER, RONALD G. HASSAN – PRESENT
STATE ADVOCATE, THOMAS O. GREUL – PRESENT
STATE WARDEN, MICHAEL E. LYNCH - PRESENT
IMMED. PAST STATE DEP., CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS – PRESENT

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

JOSEPH A. SAURO – ABSENT
ANDREW C. BAUER – ABSENT
JAMES OLIVARRI – ABSENT
FRANCIS M. FEELEY - ABSENT

[PAST STATE DEPUTIES CONT.]

**RICHARD L. SHERBERT – ABSENT
RONALD B. WHITE – ABSENT
EDGAR D. HAYNES – PRESENT
RICHARD V. SIEJACK – ABSENT
STEPHEN J. ADAMCZYK – ABSENT
STEPHEN M. COHEN – PRESENT DALE W. TROTT – PRESENT
VINCENT GRAUSO - PRESENT**

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY SUBMITTED THE ROLL OF ALL OTHERS.

NEW BUSINESS

THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS WOULD BE THE ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION. THE STATE DEPUTY REMINDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 11, SECTION 3, OF THE REVISED BY LAWS FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, NOMINATING SPEECHES SHALL BE LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER CANDIDATE.

THE CHAIR REQUESTED A MOTION TO ALLOW VOICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION SPEECH FOR THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS:

**FDD DAVID R. WILSON, JR.
FM CHARLES SMALLWOOD
VSM FRITZ LEACH
FDD THOM PARTENOPE
FDD STEVE LAW**

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE DEPUTY

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN RECOGNIZED FDD DAVID R. WILSON, JR. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, DELEGATES TO THE 127TH MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION, MY BROTHERS ALL,

TODAY, WE HAVE THE HONOR AND DUTY TO SELECT A BROTHER KNIGHT AS THE NEXT STATE DEPUTY OF OUR GREAT JURISDICTION.

I AM EXTREMELY HONORED TODAY TO PLACE IN NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY, THE IDEAL CANDIDATE, MY FRIEND, OUR CURRENT STATE DEPUTY, SIR KNIGHT ANTHONY SALVEMINI.

TONY IS AN ETHICAL, PROFESSIONAL, DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL; A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS WHO CONTINUES TO SERVE THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION. HE HAS BEEN SERVING IN A VARIETY OF ROLES FOR AND ON THE STATE TEAM FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. HE HAS EARNED COUNTLESS HONORS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS DURING HIS TIME WITH THE KNIGHTS. PROBABLY, TONY'S BIGGEST ACCOLADES ARE THAT HE WON THE SUPREME KNIGHT'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND UNDER HIS GUIDANCE AS STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION EARNED THE CIRCLE OF HONOR.

OUR OSTENTATIOUS AND DEMANDING LEADER HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN ON A HEATER AS HE HAS LED OUR MARYLAND JURISDICTION, WITH THE HELP OF STATE TEAM, IN ACHIEVING MAJOR CHANGES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- HAVE REALIGNED ITS APPROACH TO SPENDING AND HAS MADE MAJOR CHANGES IN HOW FUNDS ARE INVESTED, ALLOCATED, AND DISTRIBUTED WHILE POSITIONING THE STATE FOR CONTINUED GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP AS COUNCILS RE-COMMIT TO EXPANDING THEIR MISSION IN SERVICE TO PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES.**
- THE NUMBER OF COUNCILS WITH A COR INITIATIVE HAS INCREASED FROM SIX AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS FRATERNAL YEAR TO 33 AS OF TODAY.**
- ON TARGET FOR MEETING THE CIRCLE OF HONOR GOAL OF RECRUITING 1,003 NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS.**
- DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL SWEEPSTAKE PROGRAM TO EARN MONEY FOR CHARITY RAISED OVER \$110,000.**
- RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE GABRIEL NETWORK HOUSE RAISED OVER \$70,000 IN THREE MONTHS TO ASSIST UNWED MOTHERS TO KEEP THEIR BABIES. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL HISTORY, THE COLUMBUS DAY BALL WAS MOVED OUT OF A HOTEL AND HELD AT COLUMBUS GARDENS.**
- THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS THIS YEAR, RESULTING IN THREE INTERNATIONAL WINNERS FOR THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION – A FIRST PLACE AND TWO RUNNER-UP AWARDS.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU, THE MEMBERS OF THIS GREAT JURISDICTION, AND YOUR FAMILIES PUTTING IN THE TIME AND ENERGY TO SUPPORT OUR STATE DEPUTY AND HIS TEAM, MAKING THE AFOREMENTIONED A REALITY. THANK YOU, BROTHERS.

DESPITE TONY'S LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE, THE SUPPORT OF HIS LOVELY AND TALENTED WIFE, KATHY, DESERVES MUCH KUDOS FOR HER UNWAIVERING AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF TONY'S CHARITABLE WORKS AS A KNIGHT AND HIS JOURNEY TO BEING OUR STATE DEPUTY. THANK YOU, KATHY.

TONY BELIEVES YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING. HE BELIEVES THAT YOU SHOULD ALWAYS SPEAK WITH HONESTY, THINK WITH SINCERITY, AND ACT WITH INTEGRITY, TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS....IT'S YOUR ACTIONS NOT YOUR WORDS THAT MATTER.

OUR SEPTUAGENARIAN LEADER, WHO SEEMS TO BE ALERT WITH NO NONSENSICAL TEXTS HAVING MADE THE NEWS, HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE GREAT MARYLAND JURISDICTION TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

TONY IS A PROVEN LEADER, LET'S CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE. I AM PROUD TO SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT FOR HIS ELECTION AS STATE DEPUTY AND RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND CONTINUED SUPPORT ON TONY'S JOURNEY AS YOUR STATE DEPUTY.

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE SECRETARY

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN RECOGNIZED FORMER MASTER CHARLES SMALLWOOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, MY BROTHER KNIGHTS. I STAND BEFORE YOU TO PLACE IN NOMINATION A DEVOTED KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, A VERY COMPASSIONATE AND UNDERSTANDING MAN, BUT MORE IMPORTANT A MAN OF GOD, A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FAMILY LEADER AND TO ME A BEST FRIEND.

MY BROTHERS, SK JOHN F. WINFREY OVER THIS PAST YEARD HAS BROUGHT TO THE STATE COUNCIL YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TO THE KNIGHTS, THE CHURCH, AND A CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTIVE OF PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP OUR MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL GROW AND MOVE US INTO THIS THE ELECTRONIC CENTURY.

JOHN'S SERVICE OVER THE PAST YEARS HAS SHOWN US HIS ABILITY TO BE A LEADER AND THE TENACITY TO GET THINGS DONE WHILE KEEPING IN MIND THE DEDICATION

AND DUTIES OF THE STATE COUNCIL, YOU BROTHER KNIGHTS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PEOPLE WE SERVICE IN OUR STATE. TO HIGHLIGHT WHAT IS MEANT BY THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT, THE FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATES HIS DEDICATION TO THE CHURCH, FAMILY AND MOST IMPORTANT BROTHERS YOU. FOR EXAMPLE:

- 1. HE SERVED ST. HUGH COUNCIL TWICE AS GRAND KNIGHT EARNING STAR COUNCIL BOTH TIMES. RESULT - EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP**
- 2. HE SERVED AS DISTRICT DEPUTY UNDER ROMEO GAUTHIER EARNING STAR DISTRICT - WITH A RESULT HIGHLIGHTING CONTINUED EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP.**
- 3. JOHN SERVED THE STATE OTHER DIVERSE ROLES SUCH AS:**
 - a. REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP LEAD**
 - b. STATE MODEL ROCKET CHAIR, FOR THREE STATE DEPUTIES**
 - c. SERVED ON THE STATE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM. ALL AGAIN SHOWING HIS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. AND YES RECENTLY, DOING HIS FIRST TERM AS STATE SECRETARY TO THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL**
- 4. JOHN SERVED IN OTHER CAPACITIES NOT INCLUDING THE CHAIR OFFICERS WITHIN THE STATE COUNCIL. BUT HE ALSO SERVED AS THE FOURTH DEGREE PROVINCIAL MARSHAL FOR THE CALVERT PROVINCE, DISTRICT MARSHAL FOR THE ARCHDIOCESES OF WASHINGTON FOURTH DEGREE THAT SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT MANY SUPREME EVENTS AS WELL AS PROVINCIAL EVENTS OVERSEEING MANY HIGH-PROFILE K OF C ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TWO PAPAL VISITS, AND A SUPREME CONVENTION.**
- 5. PRIOR TO HIS SERVICE WITH THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, HE SERVED 4 YEARS AS A MASTER OF THE 4TH DEGREE WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT. YES, HE IS VERY PROUD OF HIS CREATIVE METHODS SUPPORTED AN EXEMPLIFICATION WHERE 175 NEW SIR KNIGHTS WERE EXEMPLIFIED AND RECEIVED FULL KNIGHTHOOD. HIS FOCUS WAS TO BRING YOUNGER MEN TO THE 4TH DEGREE. WORKING WITH MANY OF THE COLLEGES IN THE AREA, HE HELPED CHANGE THE PERCEPTION OF OUR ORDER OF BEING THE OLD MEN'S CLUB.**
- 6. IN ADDITION TO JOHN'S LEADERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS, HE ALSO HAS SERVED MANY OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ROLES,**
 - a. ST. HUGH'S CHIEF USHER**
 - b. ST. HUGH'S FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN**
 - c. GREENBELT LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES**

MY BROTHER KNIGHTS, SK JOHN WINFREY, IS EXPERIENCE IN ASSESSING AND IMPLEMENTING PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGY CHANGES TO HELP OUR ORDER GROW AND PROSPER. OUR ORDER FACES A REAL CHALLENGE RELATING TO A NEW WORLD WHERE YOUNGER MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE CONCERNED WITH TAKING ON LEADERSHIP WITH THE KNIGHTS DUE TO THEIR ALREADY FULL FAMILY AND CAREER OBLIGATIONS. THIS IS WHERE JOHN'S BACKGROUND HELPED MARYLAND AND THE ORDER TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD.

I ASK YOU TODAY TO HELP JOHN TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, TO CONTINUALLY GROW SO THAT OUR STATE COUNCIL AND THE ORDER WILL HAVE THE FORSIGHT TO SEE WITH YOUR HELP OUR UP-AND-COMING LEADERS. THEY WILL MAKE THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, AND ITS MEMBERS CONTINUE TO BE THE ORGANIZATION OTHER STATES STRIVE TO EMULATE.

BROTHER KNIGHTS, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR SK JOHN F. WINFREY TO CONTINUE HIS SERVICE AS YOUR MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL SECRETARY, WHOSE CONTINUED MOTTO THROUGH HARD WORK IS TO LET US BE:

“ONE CHURCH, ONE ORDER, ONE STATE, UNITED IN SERVICE”

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER JOHN F. WINFREY HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2025- 2026.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE TREASURER

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED VICE SUPREME MASTER FRITZ LEACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

I AM PROUD TO NOMINATE A BROTHER KNIGHT WHO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF PROVEN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE TO BE STATE TREASURER. BROTHER RON HASSAN JOINED THE ORDER IN 1997 AND HAS SPENT THE LAST 28 YEARS SERVING HIS COMMUNITY, HIS PARISH, HIS COUNCIL, AND THE STATE COUNCIL AS A VERY ACTIVE KNIGHT.

RON IS A MEMBER OF ST. BERNADETTE PARISH IN SEVERN AND ST. BERNADETTE COUNCIL #11214.

RON IS MARRIED TO LADY YOLANDA WHO IS HIS BIGGEST FAN AND PARTNER IN EVERYTHING HE DOES. TOGETHER, RON AND YOLANDA ARE PROUD OF THEIR THREE CHILDREN WHO ARE SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES AND OUR WORLD AS ADULTS.

AS PART OF THE STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM, RON HAS HELPED TO GUIDE THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT RON HASSAN HAS LED A LIFE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS THROUGH HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND A DECADES LONG COMMITMENT TO THE ORDER. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP ABILITY

BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ORDER.

I AM PROUD TO PLACE INTO NOMINATION THE NAME OF MY FRIEND RONALD G. HASSAN AS STATE TREASURER AND I KINDLY SOLICIT YOUR VOTE FOR HIM.

AS PART OF THE STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM, RON HAS HELPED TO GUIDE THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION THROUGH THE MOST CHALLENGING TIME IN MEMORY. AS STATE TREASURER, HE WILL CONTINUE THAT DEDICATION, WORKING TO STRENGTHEN OUR COUNCILS AND OUR MEMBERS AND TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF COLUMBIANISM IN THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION.

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER RONALD G. HASSAN HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026.

NOMINATION SPEECH FOR STATE ADVOCATE

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY THOM PARTENOPE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

REVEREND FATHER, WORTHY DEACONS AND CLERGY, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, MY BROTHERS, ALL Y'ALL, I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM ME.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE SINCE OCTOBER 2004 WHEN I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING TOM GREUL'S PROPSER INTO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO ALSO HAVE HIM AS A FRIEND. BUT THAT'S A TALL TALE FOR ANOTHER TIME.

TOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOCUSED ON GETTING THINGS DONE. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE – DO IT. DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED OR TO BE THANKED. JUST DO IT.

WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER IN A COMMON GOAL, ONLY GOOD THINGS CAN COME FROM IT.

THAT IS HOW TOM GREUL LEADS. HE WILL SEEK OUT MEMBERS' INPUT AND STRONGLY CONSIDER THE INFORMATION WHEN MAKING HIS DECISION. HE WILL ENCOURAGE GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCILS TO DO THE SAME. THIS IS A SIGN OF A TRUE LEADER.

SO, I ASK YOU TO STRONGLY TO CONSIDER CASTING YOUR BALLOT FOR TOM GREUL

AS THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL ADVOCATE, A MAN OF STRONG PHYSICAL AND MORAL STATURE WHO EVERYONE, INCLUDING JOHN WINFREY, CAN LOOK UP TO. AND THEY DO SEE EYE-TO-EYE!!

VOTE TOM GREUL FOR STATE ADVOCATE. VIVAT JESUS!

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER THOMAS O. GREUL HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ADVOCATE FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2025- 2026.

NOMINATION SPEECHES FOR STATE WARDEN

THE STATE DEPUTY RECOGNIZED FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY STEVE LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A NOMINATION.

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE, AND MY BROTHERS ALL.

HELLO, MY NAME IS STEVE LAW AND IT IS AN HONOR TO STAND BEFORE YOU TO NOMINATE MY FRIEND AND BROTHER MIKE LYNCH FOR STATE WARDEN.

MAY WE WISH HIM ANOTHER YEAR AS THE PRINCE OF PIPE AND DRAPE, THE COUNT OF CALENDARS, THE RAJA OF REPORTS, AND THE TSAR OF THE THINGS.

THANK YOU FOR TYOUR TIME AND VIVAT JESUS!

THE STATE DEPUTY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS. HEARING NONE, THE STATE DEPUTY STATED THAT HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED. THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT BROTHER MICHAEL E. LYNCH HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2025- 2026.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION

THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SUPREME CONVENTION WERE NOW IN ORDER. THERE WILL BE NO NOMINATING SPEECHES FOR THESE POSITIONS, SIMPLY MENTION THE CANDIDATE'S NAME. EIGHT DELEGATES AND TEN ALTERNATES ARE TO BE ELECTED.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS WERE NOMINATED FOR DELEGATE:

**FR. DONALD GRZYMSKI JOHN F. WINFREY, FM
RONALD HASSAN
EDGAR D, HAYNES, PSD, FM
TERRY WATERS
ALAN PULTYNIEWICZ
WILLIAM NEWBROUGH
JEFFREY WILK**

A MOTION WAS MADE THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. IT WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED. THE CHAIR DECLARED THAT THE EIGHT MEN NOMINATED HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS WERE NOMINATED FOR ALTERNATE:

**JEFFREY MAYNARD
DONALD KINLER
HERMAN STEWART
MICHAEL WATSON
NATHNIEL TABLANTE
WALTER LESKUSKI
JOHN VASSALLO
JIMMY WILLIAM
PAUL JONES**

A MOTION WAS MADE THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. IT WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED. THE CHAIR DECLARED THAT THE TEN MEN NOMINATED HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN INSTUCTED THE STATE SECRETARY TO CAST ONE BALLOTT FOR ALL THE UNCONTESTED STATE OFFICES.

THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS WOULD BE THE REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. STATE ADVOCATE, THOMAS O. GREUL, CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, WILL EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THIS BODY.

THE STATE DEPUTY FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14, OF THE REVISED BYLAWS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, THAT SPEECHES AND/OR REMARKS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF A RESOLUTION SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF THREE (3) MINUTES IN LENGTH FOR ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL. NO MEMBER SHALL SPEAK MORE THAN ONCE UPON ANY QUESTION UNTIL ALL OTHERS WHO DESIRE TO SPEAK HAVE SPOKEN.

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
127TH ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION
MAY 3, 2025**

**<<<<<NOTE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS (1-54)
CAN BE FOUND UNDER APPENDIX 1>>>>>**

**REVEREND FATHERS
WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE
WORTHY STATE DEPUTY WORTHY STATE OFFICERS
WORTHY MASTERS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE WORTHY PAST STATE DEPUTIES
WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTIES WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS DELEGATES AND
BROTHERS**

ON JANUARY 2, 2025, NOTICE WAS SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL GRAND KNIGHTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE I; SECTION 13 OF THE BYLAWS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, ADVISING THEM THAT RESOLUTIONS FOR THIS, THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, WERE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ADVOCATE BY MARCH 1, 2025.

ON MARCH 31, 2025, THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MET AND THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL.

A SUMMARY OF A TOTAL OF 54 RESOLUTIONS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, WAS MAILED TO THE STATE OFFICERS, ALL PAST STATE DEPUTIES, EACH DISTRICT DEPUTY, AND THE GRAND KNIGHT OF EACH SUBORDINATE COUNCIL ON MARCH 25, 2025, WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY READ THE RESOLUTIONS TO THEIR COUNCILS AND NOTIFY THE STATE ADVOCATE, IN WRITING, BY APRIL 1, 2025, IF A COUNCIL HAD ANY OBJECTIONS OR PROPOSED CORRECTIONS. NO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE RECEIVED. THUS, WE HAVE 54 RESOLUTIONS TO CONSIDER THIS MORNING.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MET AGAIN LAST EVENING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION.

THE WARDENS HAVE DISTRIBUTED A SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

THE STATE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF YOU – THE SEATED GRAND KNIGHTS AND DELEGATES, THE STATE OFFICERS, AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY WITH VOICE AND VOTE, AS WELL AS PAST STATE DEPUTIES WITH VOICE BUT NO VOTE.

THE STATE COUNCIL MUST MEET ANNUALLY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN

ACCORDANCE WITH STATE COUNCIL BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 – AND THAT IS THIS MEETING KNOWN AS THE STATE CONVENTION.

I REQUESTED RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS IN JANUARY TO SUPPORT CONVENING THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE CONVENTION AND FORWARDING THE SUMMARIES BACK TO THE STATE OFFICERS AND COUNCILS ALONG WITH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONVENTION – THIS TO COMPLY WITH STATE BY-LAWS ARTICLE I, SECTION 13.

THIS BYLAW IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS STATE COUNCIL BODY TO ENSURE THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS ARE COLLECTED, RESEARCHED, AND RECONCILED IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING – GIVING THE VOTING BODY SUFFICIENT TIME TO BECOME CLEARLY AND FULLY INFORMED OF THESE MATTERS SO THAT AS THEY COME UP ON THE FLOOR, THEY CAN BE SWIFTLY DISPENSED WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT THIS PORTION OF CONVENTION BUSINESS. THERE IS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE STATE OFFICERS TO "RAILROAD" RESOLUTIONS OR ANY OTHER ACTIONS.

THE REASON FOR WHAT MAY SEEM LIKE A QUICK GAVEL IS JUST AN ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT ALL THE NECESSARY BUSINESS IN AN ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT MANNER. SO, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE BE READY TO SPEAK UP AS SOON AS THE RESOLUTION AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS READ. WHEN RISING TO SPEAK, ADDRESS THE CHAIR AND, WHEN RECOGNIZED, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND COUNCIL.

SOME COUNCILS MAY HAVE PASSED MOTIONS OR RESOLUTIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BIND THEIR GRAND KNIGHT AND DELEGATE TO A SPECIFIC POSITION ON AN ISSUE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS (ARTICLE 1, SECTION 13): "NO INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES BY SUBORDINATE COUNCILS SHALL BE BINDING ON THOSE DELEGATES IN SESSION AT THE STATE CONVENTION."

CERTAINLY, THE MEMBERSHIP OF A COUNCIL MAY INDICATE THEIR POSITION ON AN ISSUE BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM AT THAT TIME. IT IS JUST AS RIGHT AND REASONABLE TO ALLOW THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO CAST THEIR VOTE BASED ON THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM AT THE STATE CONVENTION OR BASED ON A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF AN ISSUE GAINED SUBSEQUENT TO THE COUNCIL VOTE OR AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

DURING DISCUSSION ON ANY RESOLUTION, EACH DELEGATE REQUESTING TO SPEAK WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ONCE BEFORE ANY ARE PERMITTED TO SPEAK A SECOND TIME. ALL REMARKS WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIR, NOT TO ANY OTHER SPEAKER, DELEGATE OR OBSERVER.

THE CHAIR SHALL ANSWER QUESTIONS OR SHALL DIRECT THE QUESTIONS TO

SOMEONE WHO CAN ANSWER IT. REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR MUST BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14 OF THE REVISED STATE COUNCIL BYLAWS.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, RESOLUTIONS 1-54 ARE CONGRATULATORY, LAUDATORY OR CONSOLATORY IN NATURE WITH A RESOLUTION'S COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL FOR ALL. BEFORE PROCEEDING, I WILL DEFER TO THE STATE DEPUTY FOR THE READING RESOLUTION 3 AND 5.

I NOW DEFER TO THE STATE SECRETARY FOR THE READING OF RESOLUTION 18.

THE CHAIR WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION THAT THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESOLUTIONS 1-54 BE ADOPTED.

CONCLUSION

GENTLEMEN, THAT COMPLETES OUR RESOLUTIONS FOR THIS SESSION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND INTEREST DURING YOUR DELIBERATIONS ON THESE RESOLUTIONS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE TIME AND CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT THAT THEY PUT INTO THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THESE RESOLUTIONS AT OUR MEETING.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE THE MEMBERS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

GENTLEMEN, YOUR APPLAUSE PLEASE.

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY WILL PASS OUT THE HARD COPY RESOLUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTY. THE DISTRICT DEPUTY WILL ENSURE THAT HIS COUNCILS RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE THE RESOLUTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTY.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

AFTER THANKING THE STATE ADVOCATE FOR HIS REPORT, THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON THE STATE TREASURER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR HIS REPORT.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

>>> A COPY OF THE BUDGET CAN BE FOUND AT APPENDIX 2. <<<

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME ADVOCATE, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS, WORTHY DELEGATES, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL;

THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONTINUES IN ITS EFFORTS OF FISCAL AND FUDICIARY RESPONSIBILITY. EACH YEAR, REVIEWS AND AUDITS ARE PERFORMED AND, IF NECESSARY OR REQUIRED, ADDITIONAL CONTROLS AND PROCESSES ARE IMPLEMENTED. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE TREASURER, AND EACH OF THE STATE OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS, AS A WHOLE. OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO DEVELOP AN EFFICIENT AND REASONABLE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL EACH FRATERNAL YEAR.

WITH THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS MET AND REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING FRATERNAL YEAR. THE PROPOSED BALANCED BUDGET REFLECTS A PROJECTED INCOME AS WELL AS EXPENSES OF \$274,100.00 FOR THE GENERAL FUNDS AND 215,000.00 FOR THE RESTRICTED FUNDS. FOR YOUR EASE OF REFERENCE, A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO YOU. THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS BOTH REASONABLE AND NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, AND WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE BUDGET, AS PROPOSED, BE APPROVED BY THE DELEGATES OF THIS 127TH CONVENTION.

I REQUEST THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, RONALD G. HASSAN TREASURER MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REPORT BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION CARRIED

AFTER THANKING THE STATE TREASURER FOR HIS REPORT, THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

>>> A COPY OF THE AUDIT CAN BE FOUND AT APPENDIX 3. <<<

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, CONVENTION DELEGATES, MY BROTHERS ALL,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STATE DEPUTY ANTHONY SALVEMINI FOR APPOINTING ME AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2023 AND JUNE 30, 2024.

MR TERRY REINHART, CPA, WAS SELECTED TO CONDUCT THE ANUUAL AUDIT OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. THE AUDITS WERE CONDUCTED BY MR. REINHART, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON JANUARY 31, 2024, MR REINHART ISSUED AN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT STATING THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENT FAIRLY, IN ALL MATERIALS RESPECTS, THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024, AND ITS SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CASH BASIS OF ACCOUNTING.

THE AUDIT REPORT WAS THE SECOND AUDIT THAT WAS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR AUDIT COINCIDING WITH THE FRATERNA YEAR AND BUDGET PERIOD.

AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARYLAND STATE OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MR. REINHART, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, VINCENT GRAUSO, PSD AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. AFTER THE MOTION WAS APPROVED, THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE RECOGNIZED.

AFTER THANKING PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO HIS REPORT, THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON GRAND KNIGHT OF COUNCIL #9462, DR. JAY PENAFIEL, FOR THE APPRECIATION REPORT.

REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS, DELEGATES, AND MY BROTHERS ALL:

THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE OF THE 127TH ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION RECOMMENDS THAT THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST, TO GOD THE FATHER AND CREATOR OF ALL, TO GOD THE SON, OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR, AND TO GOD THE SPIRIT, GIVER OF LIFE, AND TO MARY, OUR MOTHER WHO INTERCEDES FOR US.

FOR OUR CHURCH, HER BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND ALL RELIGIOUS, THOSE WHO TEACH, LEAD, AND MINISTER TO US.

TO BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY, WHO WE PRAY IS SOON ELEVATED TO SAINTHOOD, WHOSE CONCERN FOR THE POOR, ORPHANED, AND WIDOWED, INSPIRED THE FORMATION OF OUR GREAT ORDER, AND WHO CONTINUES TO GUIDE US NOW IN OUR PATH TO FULL KNIGHTHOOD.

TO THE BISHOP OF ROME, SUPREME PONTIFF, VICAR OF CHRIST, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, A MAN WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF BEFORE GOD AND HIS FELLOW MAN.

TO THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. LORI, 16TH ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE AND SUPREME CHAPLAIN OF OUR ORDER, THE MOST REVEREND WILTON D. GREGORY, ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON, D.C., THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. KOENIG, BISHOP OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO, ARCHBISHOP OF MILITARY SERVICES, AND ALL OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ORDER.

TO REVEREND DONALD GRZYMSKI, OFM, OUR WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, FOR HIS SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, AND TO THE MOST REVEREND BRUCE A. LEWANDOWSKI, C.Ss.R., TITULAR BISHOP OF CROAE, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF BALTIMORE AND BISHOP-DESIGNATE OF PROVIDENCE FOR OUR CONVENTION MASS.

TO OUR ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS: REV. JOSE D. OPALDA, JR., REV. JOSEPH JENKINS, REV. JASON WORLEY, REV. MONSIGNOR MARTIN FEILD, REV. JOSEPH C. SIMMONS, REV. PATRICK WOODS, REV. STEVEN ROTH, AND REV. VINCENT ARISUKWU, FOR THEIR CONTINUED PROMOTION OF THE SPIRITUAL WELL- BEING OF THE ORDER.

TO OUR ASSISTANTS TO THE STATE CHAPLAIN: DEACON DAVID LUDWIKOSKI AND DEACON STEPHEN ROSCHER FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR STATE CHAPLAIN AND ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS.

TO THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, REV. MSGR. RICHARD J. BOZZELLI, MCNAMARA CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, REV. JOSEPH JENKINS, AND ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER ASSISTANT TO THE CHAPLAIN DEACON DOUGLAS NATHAN, AND TO EACH COUNCIL CHAPLAIN, ASSOCIATE CHAPLAINS, AND DEACONS.

TO OUR WORTHY SUPREME KNIGHT, PATRICK E. KELLY, FOR THE DEDICATED LEADERSHIP HE PROVIDES DAILY TO THE ORDER AND HIS COMMITMENT TO OUR FAITH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TO OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI, WHOSE ENTHUSIASM

AND HOPES FOR THE JURISDICTION AND THE ORDER, HAS PROVIDED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TO THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER IN OUR STATE, ENCOURAGING ALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

TO OUR WORTHY SUPREME MASTER, MICHAEL MCCUSTER, AND TO THE VICE SUPREME MASTER OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE, FRTIZ LEACH, AND TO THE MASTER OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT, JAMES DURYEE, AND MASTER OF THE WASINGTON D.C. DISTRICT, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS, AND ALL OF THE DISTRICT MARSHALS, WARDENS, NAVIGATORS, AND ASSEMBLY OFFICERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED PROMOTION OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE, THE VISIBLE ARM OF THE ORDER.

TO ALL OF THE PAST STATE DEPUTIES OF MARYLAND, FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AND FOR THEIR PRESENCE AT THIS YEAR'S STATE CONVENTION.

TO FIRST LADY, KATHY SALVEMINI, LOVING WIFE OF OUR STATE DEPUTY, FOR THE CARE AND SUPPORT SHE PROVIDES TO HER FAMILY AND THE KNIGHTS.

TO THE WIVES AND FAMILIES OF ALL OUR MEMBERS, FOR THEIR IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, KINDNESS, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING, AND THE MANY SACRAFICES THAT THEY ENDURE - - WE ARE FOREVER IN THEIR DEBT.

TO THE LADIES ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIRLADIES JOSIE BOISVERT, VICKI COHEN, LINDA WILK, MARIA LITTLE, WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE EVERY LADIES ACTIVITY SPECIAL AND TO ALWAYS MAKE US FEEL WELCOME. A SPECIAL HEAVENLY REMEMBRANCE FOR CO-CHAIRLADY KATHY VASSALLO.

TO THE 127TH STATE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, E. PAUL JONES, SR., HIS CO-CONVENTION STAFF, AND CONVENTIONBOOK CHAIRMAN, RAY CILENTO, FOR THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THEY HANDLED ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THIS CONVENTION.

TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE STATE COUNCIL AND PAST STATE DEPUTY, DALE W. TROTT, SECRETARY TO THE STATE DEPUTY, JEFF WILK, THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND STATE LECTURER, JAMES J. COONEY, JR., FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND MANY HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE DEPUTY AND THE STATE COUNCIL.

TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND THEIR WARDENS, FOR CONDUCTING THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, LEADING THEIR COUNCILS IN THE EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FORMATION DEGREE, AND FOR TAKING THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE STATE DEPUTY'S IMPORTANT PROGRAMS.

TO THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY, FOR THEIR DILIGENT EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MANY STATE LITURGIES, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS.

TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL GENERAL AGENTS, EDWARD O'KEEFE AND STEVEN REGAN AND THEIR AGENTS FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

TO OUR SUPREME TERRITORIL GROWTH DIRECTOR, KENNETH F. LATHAM, PSD FOR HIS DEDICATION AND GUIDANCE.

TO OUR STATE GROWTH DIRECTOR, TERRY WATERS, ONLINE GROWTH DIRECTOR BILL NEWBROUGH, COUNCIL GROWTH STATISTICIAN & PARISH ROUNDTABLE CO-ORDINATOR BILL MCMAHON, AND THE COUNCIL GROWTH CHAIRMEN, FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE, LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

TO THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ALAN PULTYNIEWICZ, FOR HIS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO THE STATE DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN WITH THEIR PROGRAMS.

TO THE STATE ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS, WALTER LESKUSKI, MICHAEL WATSON, GREGORY E. MCCLAIN, AND RICHARD J. CASAZZA AND THEIR CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRLADIES, FOR THE OUTSTANDING MANNER IN WHICH THEY EXECUTED THEIR DUTIES.

TO THE STATE COUNCIL CHARITY FUND DIRECTORS, JIMMY WILLIAMS, GREGORY LYNCH, AND JOSE F. RIVERA FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN MANAGING THE STATE CHARITY FUND.

TO THE COLUMBUS DAY GENERAL CHAIRMAN, STEVE UPTON, AND ALL WHO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE, FOR AN OUTSTANDING CELEBRATION OF OUR NAMESAKE.

TO OUR PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR, JEFFREY MAYNARD, STATE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, MICHAEL FOREHAND, STATE WEBMASTER, JEFFREY S. WILK, AND OUR STATE PHOTOGRAPHERS, JOHN FOX, BILL MCMAHON, RICK ASKINS, AND RICK BRADY, SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIRMAN JOSEPH MASSIMINI, AND ROBOCALL DIRECTOR RONALD G. HASSAN, FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF COLUMBIAN JOURNALISM AND THEIR TIMELY ISSUANCE OF ALL CURRENT NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STATE COUNCIL.

TO THE CEREMONIALS CHAIRMAN, PAST STATE DEPUTY, VINCENT GRAUSO, AND ASSISTANT CEREMONIALS CHAIRMAN, VICE SUPRME MASTER, FRANCIS "FRITZ" LEACH, AND DEGREE CHAIRMEN, DEGREE CAPTAINS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DEGREE TEAMS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES OF THE ORDER.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS, IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY, AND HIS TEAM OF JUDGES, ROMEO GAUTHIER, PSD, EDGAR D. HAYNES, PSD, STEPHEN M. COHEN, PSD, VINCENT GRAUSO, PSD, AND OUR STATE DEPUTY, FOR THEIR SUPERB EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR

QUALIFIED STUDENTS ATTENDING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

TO OUR PARLIMENTARIAN, EDGAR D. HAYNES, PAST STATE DEPUTY AND FORMER MASTER, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND EFFORT THIS YEAR, ENSURING THAT STATE MEETINGS WERE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROBOT'S RULES OF ORDER.

TO BALTIMORE CHAPTER PRESIDENT, PETER D. HAMMERER, MCNAMARA CHAPTER PRESIDENT, STEVE L. LAW, AND ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER PRESIDENT, JOHN NAVARRO, AND THEIR OFFICERS, FOR THEIR DEDICATION, COOPERATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN STATE ACTIVITIES.

TO THE STATE HONOREE: PAST STATE DEPUTY AND FORMER MASTER EDGAR D. HAYNES, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR ORDER AND OUR FAITH.

TO MY BROTHER GRAND KNIGHTS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND LADIES AUXILIARIES, FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THEIR COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS.

TO THE HONORABLE GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS, MD, AND THE CITY OFFICIALS, POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL, FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDLINESS.

TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN ANNAPOLIS, MD, WHO SERVED THE 127TH MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION.

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES OUR REPORT. RESPECTFULLY

**SUBMITTED,
DR. JAY PENAFIEL, CHAIRMAN**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORTS BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CONVENTION MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH. WE WILL BE JOINING THE PARISH FOR THEIR VIGIL MASS.

EVERYONE ATTENDING THE CONVENTNION MASS IS TO BE SEATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL HANDBOOK BY 4:00 P.M, SHARP, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE STATE DEPUTY, JEFF WILK AND STATE LECTURER JIM COONEY. PLEASE LOOK TO THE SCREENS FOR A REMINDER OF THE PROTOCOL FOR SEATING FOR MASS. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS, THE PROCESSION AND PRESENTATION OF

COLORS WILL FOLLOW TO ENABLE CELEBRATION OF THE CONVENTION MASS PROMPTLY AT 4:30 P.M. THE CONVENTION MASS WILL BE CON-CELEBRATED BY BISHOP BRUCE LEWANDOWSKI, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF BALTIMORE AND RECENTLY NAMED THE 10TH BISHOP OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND AND STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRZYMSKI.

STATE OFFICERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, EXECUTIVE STAFF AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES ARE TO WEAR BLACK TUXEDOS AND THEIR JEWEL OF OFFICE.

FOLLOWING MASS, WE WILL RETURN TO THE CROWNE PLAZA FOR OUR BANQUET. THE CONVENTION BANQUET IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M., HERE IN THE ARUNDEL BALLROOM WHERE WE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR CONVENTION HONOREE, PAST STATE DEPUTY AND FORMER MASTER EDGAR D. HAYNES.

DOORS TO THE BALLROOM WILL OPEN AT 6:45 P.M. A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 6:15 P.M. GRAND KNIGHTS ARE DIRECTED TO REMIND YOUR DELEGATION ATTENDING THE BANQUET TO REMAIN TO ITS CONCLUSION.

FOLLOWING THE BANQUET, ALL ARE INVITED TO THE ACTIVITIES IN THROUGHOUT THE FIRST FLOOR.

HOTEL CHECKOUT IS AT 11:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY MORNING. YOU MAY STORE YOUR BAGS IN A SPECIAL ROOM ON THE 1ST FLOOR. PLEASE INFORM YOUR FAMILIES.

BROTHERS, IF THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THIS BODY, LET US STAND AND CLOSE THIS SESSION WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE HAS BESTOWED UPON US. I NOW ASK OUR STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRYZMSKI, TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSING PRAYER, THE STATE DEPUTY ANNOUNCED THE SECOND SESSION NOW STANDS ADJOURNED (12:32 P.M.).

CLOSING SESSION

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND REPORT OF THE STATE WARDEN

STATE DEPUTY ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI CALLED THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONVENTION TO ORDER AT 9:29A.M. STATE WARDEN MICHAEL E. LYNCH ASSURED THE STATE DEPUTY THAT ALL PRESENT WERE QUALIFIED THIRD-DEGREE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

OPENING PRAYER

STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRYZMSKI, LED THE OPENING PRAYER AND ASKED GOD'S BLESSING UPON OUR DELIBERATIONS. THE STATE DEPUTY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON STATE SECRETARY JOHN F. WINFREY FOR THE ROLL CALL. HE ANNOUNCED THAT EACH STATE OFFICER AND PAST STATE DEPUTY WILL ANSWER FOR HIMSELF.

STATE OFFICERS

STATE CHAPLAIN, FATHER DONALD GRZYMSKI – PRESENT
STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI – PRESENT
STATE SECRETARY, JOHN F. WINFREY – PRESENT
STATE TREASURER, RONALD G. HASSAN – PRESENT
STATE ADVOCATE, THOMAS O. GREUL – PRESENT
STATE WARDEN, - MICHAEL E. LYNCH - PRESENT
IMMED. PAST STATE DEPUTY, CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS – PRESENT

PAST STATE DEPUTIES

JOSEPH A. SAURO – ABSENT
ANDREW C. BAUER – ABSENT
JAMES OLIVARRI – ABSENT
FRANCIS M. FEELEY – ABSENT
RICHARD L. SHERBERT – ABSENT
RONALD B. WHITE – ABSENT
EDGAR D. HAYNES - PRESENT

PAST STATE DEPUTIES (CON'T)

**RICHARD V. SIEJACK - ABSENT
STEPHEN J. ADAMCZYK - ABESENT
STEPHEN N. COHEN - PRESENT
DALE W. TROTT - PRESENT
VINCENT GRAUSO - PRESENT**

THE WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY SUBMITTED THE ROLL OF ALL OTHERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON.

NEW BUSINESS

THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES STATE ADVOCATE GREUL TO GIVE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES

THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

**SUPREME KNIGHT - 1
STATE OFFICERS - 6
IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY - 1
GRAND KNIGHTS - 137
DELEGATES - 137
TOTAL - 282**

(EACH COUNCIL ALSO HAS A 1ST AND 2ND ALTERNATE WHO, IF PRESENT, WILL BE SEATED AND HAVE A VOICE AND VOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE GRAND KNIGHT AND/OR DELEGATE.)

HAVING A VOICE ONLY:

PAST STATE DEPUTIES - 4

THE EXCEPTION IS THAT 1 PAST STATE DEPUTY IS EITHER A GRAND KNIGHT OR A DELEGATE AND HAVE A VOTE

DISTRICT DEPUTIES - 33

THE EXCEPTION IS THAT 11 DISTRICT DEPUTIES ARE DELEGATES AND HAVE A VOTE.

ALL 3RD DEGREE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION ARE THE FOLLOWING HAVING A VOICE AND VOTE

SUPREME KNIGHT - 0

STATE OFFICERS - 6

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY - 1 GRAND KNIGHTS - 42

DELEGATES - 33

ALTERNATES - 27

TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTES - 102

THIS REPORT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

THOMAS O. GREUL, STATE ADVOCATE, MD STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS WAS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE CHAIR. THEREFORE, THE STATE DEPUTY CALL FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPORT OF THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

REVEREND FATHER, WORTHY SUPREME ADVOCATE, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, STATE OFFICERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL, IT IS MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE, AS MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, TO PRESENT THIS REPORT FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2024 - 2025.

THE STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE STATE DEPUTY AND PAST STATE DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY THE STATE DEPUTY. MY THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR TIME AND DUE DILIGENCE IN SELECTING THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS. ALSO, MY THANKS TO THE STATE WEB MASTER, FOR PLACING THE APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION ON THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL WEB PAGE.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONSIDER THIS APPOINTMENT AN HONOR. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED EACH CANDIDATE'S ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS, INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHURCH, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS, AND THEIR FINANCIAL NEED. THE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ARE:

THE WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, JR. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: THREE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS OF \$1,500 PER YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR. GRANTS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND THEIR FAMILY'S FINANCIAL NEED.

THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: THREE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS OF \$1,500 EACH YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE FATHER OR GRANDFATHER OF THE APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN GOOD STANDING. GRANTS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND THEIR FAMILY'S FINANCIAL NEED.

THE ANDY GLEESON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: ONE TUITION GRANT OF \$1,500 PER YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR. TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE STUDENT'S FATHER MUST BE AN INSURANCE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. THE CRITERIA OF THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN SCHOLARSHIP ARE USED FOR THIS GRANT.

IN THE FALL OF 2024, WORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE, AND DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGES WERE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY TO HIGH SCHOOLS AND PARISHES. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS WERE PROVIDED AND DETAILS OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP WERE INCLUDED. THE RECIPIENTS WERE THE PASTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH PARISH IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND; PRINCIPAL OF EVERY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; THE PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND STUDENT COUNSELOR OF EVERY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE. THE STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, AND GRAND KNIGHTS IN MARYLAND JURISDICTION WERE NOTIFIED VIA THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL'S .IO MESSAGING GROUP AND ROBOCALLER EMAIL. APPLICATIONS WERE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEB SITE, AND, PROVIDED AS NECESSARY, IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY TELEPHONE OR BY MAIL.

WE RECEIVED 129 TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS; 38 FOR THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN AND 91 FOR THE WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN. THE APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE STATE OFFICE AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED AND EVALUATED. THIS PROCESS LED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE'S ASSESSMENT OF THE TEN (10) FINALISTS IN EACH OF THE TWO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THEN RATED EACH OF THE FINALISTS AND SUBMITTED THEIR EVALUATION TO THE CHAIRMAN. THE CHAIRMAN TABULATED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' SCORES AND IDENTIFIED THE WINNERS. AS THE CHAIRMAN, MY ROLE AT THIS STAGE WAS TO BREAK TIES.

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

EVAN BEHUM - HIS FATHER IS A MEMBER OF FATHER BERNARD HARDING COUNCIL #12180

ISSAC CERNA - HIS FATHER IS A MEMBER OF REGINA COELI COUNCIL #2274

ANGELY ZACARIAS- HER FATHER IS A MEMBER OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL #11171

THE ANDY GLEESON MEMORIAL INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

VICTOR BITTNER - HIS FATHER IS AN INSURANCE MEMBER OF WILLIAM E. BALDWIN COUNCIL #17990

WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

**AUSTIN JOHN PITARRA
ANNABELLE DELORIS ELIZABETH SHAI
ALEXANDRA STEINHICE**

MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION TO THE TASK OF SELECTING THE BEST OF THE BEST. SERVING WITH ME WERE STATE DEPUTY TONY SALVEMINI, AND PAST STATE DEPUTIES EDGAR D. HAYNES, STEVE COHEN, AND VINCE GRAUSO.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE O'KEEFE AND REGAN AGENCIES FOR THEIR CONTINUED DONATIONS TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND THROUGHOUT THE COLUMBIAN YEAR.

FINALLY, A HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, FOR ACCORDING ME THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF SERVING ON THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS, IPSD
CHAIRMAN, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORT BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN CALLED FOR THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY ADVISOR TO THE SUPREME KNIGHT, WORTHY

STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, MY BROTHERS ALL.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STATE DEPUTY ANTHONY SALVIMINI AND FIRST LADY KATHY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THEM AND THE MARYLAND STATE JURISDICTION FOR THIS 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION. ON BEHALF OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE, I OFFER CONGRATULATIONS TO HONOREE PAST STATE DEPUTY EDGAR D. HAYNES, FM AND HIS FAMILY. THIS EVENT REQUIRES A TEAM EFFORT AND I THANK MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS; MY WIFE SANDY, PAUL & MARY WEBER, JOE & AMY MASSIMINI, RAY CILENTO, PAUL & MARY MESSINA, TOM DERAMO, RICK AND PATTY ASKINS AN RALPH ASKINS. THIS CONVENTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS WITHOUT THE STATE CHAIRMEN, WARDENS TO THE STATE DEPUTY, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, DISTRICT WARDENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, THE BALTIMORE, MCNAMARA AND SETON CHAPTERS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WIVES WHO, WITHOUT THEIR GUIDANCE WE COULD NOT DO WHAT WE DO. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT THANK PAULA SCHULZE AND THE STAFF OF HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB PROVIDING FOR OUR EVERY NEED.

THERE WILL BE TWO REPORTS ONE FROM GOLF CHAIRMAN PAUL WEBER AND THE OTHER FROM GRAND KNIGHT OLYMPICS CHAIRMAN PAUL MESSINA.

THERE WERE 397 TOTAL REGISTRATIONS; 278 MEMBERS, 108 LADIES, 4 WIDOWS, 2 MALE GUESTS AND 5 FEMALE GUESTS. TICKETS SOLD FOR THE BANQUET WERE 226.

VIVAT JESUS

E. PAUL JONES, SR

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT FOR 2025

ON THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 1ST, THE ANNUAL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS HELD AT THE BOWIE GOLF CLUB. THERE WERE 67 PARTICIPANTS. A DELICIOUS BUFFET WAS SERVED FOLLOWING GOLF AT AFTER THE TOURNAMENT. THE WINNERS ARE:

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES:

CLOSEST TO THE PIN:

MEN – FR. JOE BOCHENEK

LADIES – SANDY NELSON

LONGEST DRIVE:

MEN – GREG FRANKLIN

LADIES – MAGGIE IVUSICH

TEAM PRIZES:

THIRD PLACE:

JOHN LEE, DAVID FOUST, ROBERT GARCIA & MIKE MOORE (COUNCIL 2279)

SECOND PLACE:

VIC KLINE, PAT ST. MARIE, ROGER JOHNSON & ROB WORMAN (COUNCIL 2279)

1ST PLACE:

CHRIS PHILLIPS, TOM ROWAN, CHUCK DUVALL & TED DANIECKI (COUNCIL 8736)

THANKS TO RAY CILENTO FOR HIS ASSISTANCE AT THE GOLF COURSE AND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR ON APRIL 30, 2026. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY AT THE MID-TERM MEETING.

**RESPECTFLY SUBMITTED, PAUL WEBER
CONVENTION GOLF CHAIRMAN**

GRAND KNIGHTS OLYMPIC GAMES REPORT

05/5/2023



THE 127TH GRAND KNIGHT OLYMPICS WAS HELD ON MAY 3, 2025 AT THE CROWNE PLAZA COLISEUM (PARKING LOT) IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. THE WEATHER WAS GREAT. THERE WERE PLENTY OF SPECTATORS WATCHING THEIR FAVORITE DISTRICTS COMPETE.

THE GAMES THIS YEAR WERE BASKETBALL FREE THROW, CORN HOLE, HORSESHOES, SLAP SHOT, AND SOCCER. THE KNIGHTS WERE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE. TWENTY-FIVE OF THE ACTIVE THIRTY-THREE DISTRICTS PARTICIPATED. I AM PROUD TO REPORT ANOTHER YEAR WITH NO INJURIES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNING DISTRICTS AND THE CHARITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THEIR EFFORTS:

1st Place – District 12 – Anthony McGrath, DD
Designated Charity: Catherine Foundation - \$500.00

2nd Place – District 2 – Charles L. Briscoe, DD
Designated Charity: Bowie Pregnancy Center - \$300.00

3rd Place – District 20 – Larry Smith, DD
Designated Charity: Maryland State Council Charity Fund - \$200.00

I THANK STATE DEPUTY, ANTHONY SALVEMINI, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL. THANKS TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES, DISTRICT WARDENS, GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE JUDGES AND SET UP AND TEAR DOWN BROTHER KNIGHTS.

**FRATERNALLY,
PAUL MESSINA
GRAND KNIGHT OLYMPICS CHAIRMAN**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORTS BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN CALLED FOR THE WARDENS COMMITTEE REPORT.

REPORT OF THE WARDENS COMMITTEE

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAINS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE, MY BROTHER STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITATIES AND BROTHER KNIGHTS,

WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THE FOLLOWING BROTHER KNIGHTS WERE APPOINTED TO THE WARDEN'S COMMITTEE FOR THE 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. I ASK THEM TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED:

**JOHN TRAINOR
BOB BOWLES
SANTO GRASSO
MIKE RAGOLIO
BUZZY STOCKMAN**

**ROMEO PATERNOSTER
JONATHAN TALLMANDGE
LARRY PERKINS
STEVE LAW**

EACH OF THESE MEN GAVE UNSELFISHLY OF THEIR TIME AND PERFORMED THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS WITH TACT AND DISTINCTION. TO EACH OF THEM, I EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS AND THE THANKS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FOR THEIR FRATERNAL SUPPORT.

I ALSO THANK THE STAFF OF THE CROWNE PLAZA FOR THEIR UNTIRING ASSISTANCE TO THE WARDENS COMMITTEE THROUGHOUT THIS WEEKEND.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
MICHAEL E. LYNCH
MD STATE COUNCIL WARDEN
WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.**

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE REPORTS BE ADOPTED. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

REPORT OF THE MASTERS AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND FATHERS AND DEACONS, STATE DEPUTY, STATE OFFICERS, VICE SUPREME MASTER, DISTRICT MASTERS, PAST STATE DEPUTIES, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, FORMER MASTERS, STATE DIRECTORS, GENERAL AGENTS, CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, GRAND KNIGHTS, MY BROTHERS ALL;

THERE ARE THREE CHAPTERS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND STARTING WITH THE YOUNGEST:

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

JOHN NAVARRO, PRESIDENT

MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ONE OF ITS AFFILIATED COUNCILS ON A ROTATING BASIS.

SETON CHAPTER CONTINUES TO RUN THE USHER PROGRAM AT THE ST. ELIZABETH SETON SHRINE CURRENTLY STAFFING TWO MASSES EVERY WEEKEND AS WELL AS SPECIAL MASSES. THEY RAISED AND DONATED AROUND \$30K FOR COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM. SUPPORT THE WESTERN MARYLAND COUNCILS BY HOSTING A PROGRAM SEMINAR AND COORDINATING CROSS COUNCIL FUNDRAISING. FOR THE CHAPTER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY THEY DESIGNED A CHALLENGE COIN AND ARE SELLING THEM AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHAPTER. CONTACT DIRK GRIFFIN IF

YOU WANT BY BUY ONE FOR \$10.

BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

STEVE LAW, PRESIDENT

MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ONE OF ITS AFFILIATED COUNCILS ON A ROTATING BASIS.

THE MCNAMARA CHAPTER SUPPORTED COATS FOR KIDS, MD SPECIAL OLYMPICS, CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES. AT EACH MEETING THE CHAPTER PROVIDED A GUEST TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION AREA. IN ADDITION, TO THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE, INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES, BIRTHRIGHT OF PRINCE FREDERICK, BUILD A BED, ALONG WITH STATE COUNCIL OFFICERS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS. THE CHAPTER REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THEIR PRIESTS AND PARISHES. IT WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST AND MENTOR ITS COUNCILS AND WORK DILIGENTLY IN ALL IT DOES, FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY AND PATRIOTISM.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

PETER D. HAMMERER, PRESIDENT

MEETS THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ONE OF ITS AFFILIATED COUNCILS ON A ROTATING BASIS.

IT SERVES AS A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN CHAPTER OFFICERS, PAST GRAND KNIGHTS, CURRENT GRAND KNIGHTS AND THE STATE DEPUTY AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL. WHEN POSSIBLE, THE CHAPTER WILL ARRANGE FOR A GUEST SPEAKER TO SPEAK ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION AND HOW COUNCILS MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST THEM.

THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 115 YEARS. OVER THOSE MANY YEARS, THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THEIR AFFILIATED COUNCILS PERFORMING MANY CHARITABLE ACTS. THE CHAPTER CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DURING THE 2024-25 FRATERNAL YEAR WITH HELP FROM VARIOUS AFFILIATED COUNCILS:

- 1. PROVIDE OVER \$1,200 IN ASSISTANCE TO A BROTHER KNIGHT;**
- 2. CONTRIBUTED \$500 TO THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE;**
- 3. CONTRIBUTED \$300 TO ST. BERNADETTE COUNCIL AFGHAN REFUGEES;**
- 4. HELD ITS ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS AND HONORED 17 PAST GRAND KNIGHTS;**
- 5. DECEMBER 2024: THE CHAPTER WITH HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS FROM SEVERAL COUNCILS PREPARED BREAKFAST AND PASSED OUT GIFTS TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE GALLAGHER CENTER. THE CHAPTER COVERED THE \$1,749.31 EXPENSE;**
- 6. CHAPTER HOSTED IT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND COLLECTED A LARGE BOX**

- OF SOCKS WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE BASILICA;**
- 7. RE-ESTABLISHED A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF THE CHAPTER WAS BROUGHT BACK THIS YEAR WITH THE ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF THE LADIES. EACH LADY IN ATTENDANCE RECEIVED A SPECIAL GIFT FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT;**
 - 8. IN MARCH MEETING THE CHAPTER COUNCIL RECOGNIZED HONOREES FROM 17 COUNCILS WHO SUBMITTED NAMES;**
 - 9. DURING THE APRIL MEETING THE PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED AND RECEIVED A PULLOVER V-NECK WINDBREAKER FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT. THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT ALSO RECOGNIZED HIS HONOREE, GARRY A. GRAY, SR., THE CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, MSGR. RICHARD BOZZELLI, AND THE RECIPIENT OF THE SAMUEL P. ORLANDO PRESIDENT'S AWARD, STEPHEN M. COHEN;**
 - 10. WILL CONTRIBUTE \$500 TO MD SPECIAL OLYMPICS;**
 - 11. ON MAY 31ST THE CHAPTER WILL HOST A COOKOUT FOR THE RESIDENCE OF THE GALLAGHER CENTER; AND,**
 - 12. WILL CONTRIBUTE \$500 TO ANDREWS LAUGHING GAS.**

THE CHAPTERS PROVIDE A FORUM FOR MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE STATE COUNCIL AND THE COUNCILS AND OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILS TO JOIN COLLECTIVE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES RESOURCES. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FRATERNAL YEAR, OUR WORTHY STATE DEPUTY MET WITH THE THREE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS. AT THAT TIME HE CHARGED THE CHAPTERS WITH THE TASK OF REACHING OUT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNCILS TO PROMOTE AND SECURE FUNDING FOR THE GABRIEL PROJECT HOME. AS YOU HAVE HEARD SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS ALL INVOLVED WERE ABLE YO COME TOGETHER TO SURPASS THE GOALS SET AND RAISED OVER \$70,000. THE THREE CHAPTERS ALSO COLLABORATED TO FUND AND EXECUTE A SUCCESSFUL FOOD PACKING EVENT SPONSORED BY CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH WHERE 50,000 VITAFOD MEAL PACKETS WERE ASSEMBLED AND PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT TO HUNGRY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS IS TRULY HOW A CHAPTER COMES TOGETHER AND WORKS TOGETHER. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CHAPTERS IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE TO ASSIST AFFILIATED COUNCILS IN CHARITABLE PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE TOO BIG FOR THEM TO HANDLE ALONE. COMBINED TOGETHER, THE CHAPTERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED OVER \$75,000 TO CHARITABLE CAUSES. AS ALWAYS, AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE CHAPTERS. WE ASK THAT EACH OF YOU CONSIDER BECOMING INVOLVED WITH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER. PLEASE ATTEND MEETINGS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPECTIVE CHAPTER.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
PETER D. HAMMERER, FDD, PGK, PFN, PRESIDENT
BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS**

MASTER OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

REVEREND FATHER, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY CHIEF STRATEGIC ADVISOR AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADER DEVELOPMENT, WORTHY VICE SUPREME MASTER, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL, THE TWO FOURTH DEGREE DISTRICTS IN THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION, THE MARYLAND DISTRICT AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT, ARE DOING WELL. THE LARGE NUMBER OF PATRIOTIC, CIVIC, AND CHURCH EVENTS THAT WE SUPPORT ENABLE US TO FOCUS PATRIOTIC MEMBERS ON CHARITABLE WORK FOR ACTIVE DUTY, VETERANS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES.

WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FOUR DIOCESES IN THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION: THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON, THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILITARY SERVICES, USA. OUR COLOR CORPS NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW IN RESPONSE TO THE POSITIVE RECEPTION OUR MEMBERS OBSERVE WHEN WE TURN OUT FOR CHURCH OR CIVIC EVENTS, AND ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY WITNESS OUR CARE AND SUPPORT AT WAKES AND FUNERALS. THIS GROWTH IS ALSO AIDED BY OUR ASSEMBLIES' OFFERS OF COST-SHARING WHEN PURCHASING THE 4TH DEGREE UNIFORM.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE. THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR WAS LAUNCHED ON FEBRUARY 22ND WHEN THE REVISED EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM WAS PUBLICLY PRESENTED IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR NEARLY 700 NEW SIR KNIGHTS. ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATIONS ARE NOW PUBLIC, GIVING OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE GREAT MESSAGE OF THIS PATRIOTIC LESSON ON THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION AND CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA.

THE NEW CEREMONY IS NOW IN USE BY BOTH OUR DISTRICTS. IN CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY, MARYLAND DISTRICT MASTER JIM DURYEE'S TEAM IS PRESENTING THE NEW CEREMONY NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP LORI WHO WILL PRESENT THE EXPOSITOR OF THE FAITH ROLE. DISTRICT MASTER JIM WANTS AT LEAST 125 CANDIDATES AT THE BALTIMORE BASILICA TO CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY – YOU HAVE TIME TO BE A PART OF THIS HISTORIC EVENT! TWO WEEKS LATER, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT WILL PRESENT THE EXEMPLIFICATION IN THE ST. JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE. THIS IS THE MONTH TO BECOME A SIR KNIGHT IF YOU'RE NOT ONE TODAY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADVANCING EVERY KNIGHT TO THE 4TH DEGREE, ESPECIALLY AS WE APPROACH THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION WHICH WILL CERTAINLY INCLUDE MANY MORE PATRIOTIC EVENTS. THE MANY COUNCIL-LEVEL COMBINED DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS PRODUCE FAR MORE 3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS THAN IN THE PAST. AT EACH OF THESE EXEMPLIFICATIONS, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INVITE THE NEW KNIGHTS TO CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCEMENT TO FULL KNIGHTHOOD AS SIR KNIGHTS!

ON BEHALF OF SIR KNIGHT FRITZ LEACH, VICE SUPREME MASTER OF THE CALVERT PROVINCE, AND SIR KNIGHT JIM DURYEE, MASTER OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT, I OFFER OUR THANKS TO YOU WORTHY STATE DEPUTY FOR THE SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR TEAM PROVIDE TO THE FOURTH DEGREE IN THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR CLOSE COORDINATION, AND WE WISH YOU AND LADY KATHY ALL THE BEST AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR KOFC JOURNEY.

GOD BLESS AMERICA & VIVATY JESUS

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTOPHER L. POWERS, IPSD
ARCHDIOCES OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT MASTER**

PAST STATE DEPUTIES REMARKS

THE PAST STATE DEPUTIES WERE RECOGNIZED. EACH MADE BRIEF REMARKS CONGRATULATING THE STATE DEPUTY ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND CONVENTION. THEY CONGRATULATED THE NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS AND WISHED THEM WELL IN THE UPCOMING FRATERNAL YEAR.

NEXT YEARS CONVENTION

THE STATE DEPUTY CALLED UPON THE STATE SECRETARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE FOLLOWING MOTION.

THAT THE 128TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BE HELD AT THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND THE WEEKEND OF MAY 1, 2 AND 3, 2026.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

THE STATE DEPUTY THEN CALLED ON EACH OF THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED THE ELECTED STATE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES THAT THEY MUST SEE THE STATE SECRETARY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION AND PROVIDE HIM WITH THEIR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, INSURANCE OR ASSOCIATE STATUS AND THEIR COUNCIL'S NAME AND NUMBER.

STATE WAREN ELECT – MICHAEL E. LYNCH

AS I MENTIONED AT LAST YEAR'S CONVENTION, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THANKS BE TO GOD SHW HAS GATHERED US IN FRATERNITY.

I'M HONORED THAT YOU, MY BROTHERS, HAVE ELECTED ME TO A SECOND YEAR ON THIS PILGRIM JOURNEY OF BEING A STATE OFFICER. I AM HUMBLLED BY THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE WORKED SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH ME THIS YEAR, AND I WILL CONTINUE

TO WORK FOR YOU. THE HARVEST CONTINUES TO BE GREAT, AND THE LABORERS FEW....BUT YOU ARE GREAT LABORERS, AND I'M HONORED TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU.

LASTLY, I MUST THANK MY FAMILY, AND IN A PARTICULAR WAY, AMY, FOR RUNNING WITH ME AS WE PLAN OUR GOALS AND CHASE THEM. I THANK GOD EVERY DAY FOR PUTTING YOU IN MY LIFE, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR "YES" TO ME.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO OVERSEE AND BLESS THE WORK OF OUR ORDER, MAY HE GRANT WISDOM TO THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY BE DISCERNING A CALL TO RUN FOR STATE OFFICE, AND MAY HE SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO STRENGTHEN YOU ALL FOR YOU JOURNEY.

VIVAT JESUS!

STATE ADVOCATE ELECT – THOMAS GREUL

I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR PUTTING ME IN THIS PLACE NOW. HE HAS ALWAYS PUT ME WHERE I NEED TO BE TO HELP OTHERS. I WANT TO THANK MY SPONSOR AND LONG-TIME FRIEND THOM PARTENOPE. THOM BROUGHT ME INTO THE KNIGHTS, SO THIS IS HIS FAULT!

I WANT TO THANK THE STATE COUNCIL AND ALL OF YOU FOR HAVING FAITH IN ME TO BE THE LEADER THAT YOU NEED. I DO LOVE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE STATE COUNCIL AND PROMISE TO DO ALL IN MY POWER TO ALWAYS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE GOOD.

FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE, PRINCESS HEATHER. I COULD NOT DO ANY OF THIS WITHOUT HER LOVE AND SUPPORT. SHE HAS TRAVELED ALL OVER THIS STATE WITH ME GOING TO MEETINGS AND MASSES. SHE HAS KEPT ME AWAKE ON LONG CAR RIDES HOME. THANK YOU, HEATHER, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!

STATE TREASURER ELECT- RONALD G. HASSAN

REVEREND FATHERS, WORTHY STATE DEPUTY, WORTHY SUPREME ADVOCATE, WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL,

THANKS, FIRST TO GOD WHO HAS BLESSED ME TO BE STANDING HERE TODAY.

THANKS TO YOU, MY BROTHERS, WHO SAW FIT TO RE-ELECT ME AS THE STATE ADVOCATE. I AM TRULY HUMBLLED BY YOUR TRUST AND SUPPORT.

TO MY FELLOW STATE OFFICERS WHO HAVE GUIDED ME. I TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME.

TO MY FRIEND AND PROPOSER, FORMER MASTER FRITZ LEACH, I APPRECIATE YOU, MY FRIEND.

FINALLY, TO MY WIFE YOLANDA, MY ROCK, MY PARTNER, MY BIGGEST CHEERLEADER, I COULDN'T DO ANY OF THIS WITHOUT YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU, AND I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.

STATE SECRETARY ELECT- JOHN F. WINFREY

IT IS WITH DEEP AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE THAT I ACCEPT THE POSITION OF MARYLAND STATE SECRETARY. I AM HUMBLLED BY THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE SHOWN IN ME TO CONTINUE AS YOUR STATE OFFICER. WHEN I STOOD HERE AS A NEWLY ELECTED STATE WARDEN, I SAID IN EVERY POSITION I TAKE AND EVERY DECISION I MAKE MY GUIDING THOUGHT WILL BE THE BETTERMENT OF YOUR COUNCILS AND THE MEMBERS WITHIN. I SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT THIS IS THE SAME GUIDE I WILL USE AS STATE SECRETARY. I BELIEVE WE EARN THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS A STATE OFFICER EVERY YEAR. IT IS OUR JOB TO EARN THAT PRIVILEGE EVERY SINGLE DAY THROUGH OUR ACTIONS.

I WANT TO THANK A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ACTED AS A GUIDE AND MENTOR TO ME THROUGHOUT MY KNIGHT'S CAREER. STARTING WITH JOE MURTHA, BILL MCMAN, ROMEO GAUTHIER AND OF COURSE DALE TROTT. EACH OF THESE BROTHERS PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN SHAPING ME AS A KNIGHT AND A MAN YOU SEE TODAY. I OF COURSE WANT TO SINGLE OUT AND THANK MY NOMINATOR AND CLOSE FRIEND CHARLES SMALLWOOD. CHARLES HAS IN MANY WAYS STOOD IN AS A FATHER FIGURE, AND I AM DEEPLY GRATIFIED BY HIS ASSISTANCE AND MOST OF ALL HIS FRIENDSHIP.

I WOULD BE REMISED IF I DID NOT THANK MY FELLOW STATE OFFICERS. THEY ARE ONE OF THE FINEST GROUPS OF MEN I HAVE EVER HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING WITH. EACH OF THEM BRINGS A PARTICULAR SET OF SKILLS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT THE ONE THING THAT EACH SHARE IS A DRIVING SENSE OF LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR ORDER. I AM PROUD TO STAND WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

OF COURSE, I WANT TO WELCOME AND CONGRATULATE THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR STATE OFFICER'S FAMILY. YOU SIR HAVE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AND GREAT RESPONSIBILITY IN FRONT OF YOU TO HELP CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES. I KNOW YOU ARE UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

IN CLOSING LET ME SAY I BELIEVE YOU AND I AS KNIGHTS OF THIS GREAT ORDER HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY "NO CHECK THAT A DUTY!" IN FRAMING OUR WORLD AND MAKING IT A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE. I INVITE YOU TO STAND NEXT TO US ON THIS GREAT MISSION.

ONE LAST THANKS YOU. I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY, AND SPECIFICALLY MY WIFE

GLORIA. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE. THANKS, AND I LOVE YOU.

STATE DEPUTY ELECT – ANTHONY N. SALVEMINI

WORTHY STATE CHAPLAIN, WORTHY SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE, MY BROTHER STATE OFFICERS, COLUMBIAN DIGNITARIES, MY BROTHERS ALL;

I AM TRULY HONORED AND HUMBLLED BY THE TRUST YOU HAVE PLACE IN ME TO CONTINUE AS YOUR STATE DEPUTY FOR THE COMING YEAR

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORK WITH EACH OF YOU AS WE CONTINUE TO TAKE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEEDED CHANGE AND GROWTH THAT LIE AHEAD OF US. TOGETHER, WE CAN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BRING THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION INTO THE FUTURE BY WORKING IN ALL OUR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES AND BEING A FORCE FOR GOOD BY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE.

ON YOUR BEHALF, I THANK THE STATE TEAM FOR THEIR SELFLESS DEDICATION TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. AT THIS TIME, I ALSO THANK FATHER DONALD FOR THE SOUND ADVICE AND SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE HE HAS PROVIDED US DURING THE PAST YEAR.

MOST IMPRTANTLY, I THANK MY BEAUTIFUL AND LOVING WIFE KATHY, A TRULY REMARKABLE AND INTELLIGENT WOMAN AND A STAUNCH OF ALL I DO FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. KATHIE’S VOLUNTEER WORK AS AN EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR AT THE JOHNS HOPSKINS UNIVERSITY AND HER PRO BONO WORK WITH DISABLED CHILDREN SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR THE GIVING PERSON, SHE IS. WITHOUT HER SUPPORT AND BEHIND THE SCEENS WORK, I WOULD NOT BE HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY. I LOVE YOU MADLEY HONEY.

I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY YO THANK THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL FOR AN OUTSTANDING WEEKEND AND FOR THE HOTEL’S WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COST OF THIS CONVENTION.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. VIVAT JESUS

STATE DEPUTY’S CLOSING REMARKS BROTHER KNIGHTS,

WORTHY SUPREME CHIEF STRATEGIC ADVISOR AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADER DEVELOPMENT, JOSEPH MCINERNEY AND FRIEND OF THE MARYLAND JURISDICTION, ON BEHALF OF MY BROTHER KNIGHTS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR REMARKS THIS MORNING (APPENDIX NO. 4)

WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU AND LADY ELLEN SPENT THE WEEKEND HERE IN MARYLAND.

**WE WISH YOU SAFE TRAVELS HOME AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SOUND
ADVICE AND GUIDANCE IN THE YEARS TO COME.**

**BROTHERS, HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO TRANSACT, WE SHALL NOW CLOSE THIS
THIRD AND FINAL SESSION OF THE 125TH CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE
COUNCIL.**

**I NOW CALL UPON OUR STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. DONALD GRZYMSKI AND ALL ASSOCIATE
STATE CHAPLAINS AND PRIESTS PRESENT FOR THE CLOSING PRAYER AND THEIR
BLESSINGS.**

**AFTER THE BLESSING THE STATE DEPUTY OFFICIALLY ADJOURNED THE 127TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL (10:23 A.M.).**