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

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



State Chaplain's Message

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As I write my last letter as State Chaplain I would like to share some thoughts I shared at the state convention. As I reflected, I realize that it has been quite an honor to be asked to serve as an Associate State Chaplain and State Chaplain for all these years, in the administrations of 11 state deputies. Like others who have served in so many different state roles, somehow it just happens when we keep saying 'yes.'

When Past State Deputy Ron White asked me to become an associate state chaplain, I asked "what is expected?" I'm grateful that he was somewhat bold and said he would like me to be present for four things: the state installation, the Memorial Mass, Founder's Day, and the convention. In doing that, I, of course, started to meet Knights and Ladies from all over Maryland, whose example of service and friendship have been a real blessing in my life.

Over these years, because of meeting moments, prayer moments, service moments, and social moments, I have come to see so much generosity, so much support for projects, and the resulting growth in fraternity. I've remarked that one of the special roles the state chaplain is called upon to perform is pulling that "sweepstakes ticket" at the Columbus Ball. Digging deep into those tickets is a reminder of how the Knights support so many things; how many people contribute.

It has also been an honor to share the chaplain brotherhood both in Maryland and with priests from across the Order when we gathered in New Haven, or other cities at convention time. It's been an honor to attend those supreme conventions, and to see what the Order accomplishes world-wide—indeed to have occasions to meet and chat with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his two predecessors. It also gave me the opportunity to know Archbishop Lori even before he came to Baltimore, and that was through the various meetings with state chaplains.

I have come to see how the state officers give a lot of themselves, and I have come to know that each of them is very committed to the growth and well-being of the Maryland State Council. Getting to know each of them and their wives has been a special honor.

I'm sharing these things because I certainly didn't imagine most of them when I responded to that first invitation, or that of the succeeding state deputies. I'm sure I am not alone there. Perhaps many didn't realize what their "yes" actually meant, but isn't it amazing what it means? As people of faith, when there is a call for service, we should think about it, pray about it, but don't fear saying "yes." Our Blessed Mother always models, "let it be done to me according to your word."

Thank you, worthy Knights and Ladies across Maryland, for you have honored me with your friendship, your support, your good example, and your prayers. I pray I can also offer those to you in return.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

- 1 Jun** Saint Justin, Martyr
- 3 Jun** Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- 5 Jun** Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- 7 Jun** THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)
- 11 Jun** Saint Barnabas, Apostle
- 12 Jun** THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
- 13 Jun** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24 Jun** THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
- 29 Jun** SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



State Deputy's Message

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As we enter the final month of the fraternal year, it is both an honor and a privilege to reflect on the unparalleled success you have achieved. Your dedication to the values and vision of Blessed Michael McGivney has been nothing short of remarkable. On behalf of the State Officers, Membership, and Program Teams, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. Your tireless efforts and steadfast commitment have truly made a difference, not only within our community but also in the lives of countless individuals.

This year has demanded great effort, resilience, and sacrifice. Yet, because of your unwavering dedication, the best is yet to come. Your accomplishments are a testament to what can be achieved when faith and determination guide our actions. Each act of kindness, every initiative undertaken, reflects the core values that define our mission and inspires others to follow in your footsteps.

As we celebrate the remarkable achievements of this past year, let us not rest on our laurels. The new Fraternal year presents an opportunity to continue making a positive impact. By carrying forward the spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity, we can touch more lives, strengthen our communities, and reaffirm our commitment to being a Force for Good.

Thank you for all that you do. Your efforts, both seen and unseen, have created ripples of hope and change that will resonate far beyond what you may ever realize. Stand proud of your accomplishments and let them fuel your resolve to make an even greater difference in the year ahead.

Together, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities of the new Fraternal year with faith, courage, and a renewed sense of purpose. May we continue to inspire, uplift, and serve, living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney and leaving an indelible mark on the world around us.

I personally thank my Executive Team of Terry Waters, Alan Pultyniewicz, William Newbrough and Jeff Wilk for the outstanding job they have done both fraternal years of my administration. These men have truly made a difference in many lives and lived the motto of being a force for good. Thank you gentlemen!

To all 27,863+ members of the Maryland State Council, both Kathy and I send our congratulations on a fantastic year and may the road ahead be filled with even greater success and blessings.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



Greetings from the First Lady of the Maryland State Council

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Greetings, Dear Friends!

It was great seeing so many of you at the State Convention. Once again, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our Ladies to my selected charity, the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. The pickup team told me that this was the largest single donation of goods that they have ever received – thanks to each of you and your thoughtfulness.

A very Happy Father's Day to all the men who are fathers or father figures and who have contributed to raising a child by providing care, support, and nurturing. Your actions are making a difference in the life of a child!

I have had a wonderful time as the Jurisdiction's First Lady over the past two years. I owe a big thank you to all of the incredible women around the state who welcomed me with open arms and offered support and friendship. The wives of the other state officers are included in this group, and I appreciate each of them and each of you.

A huge round of applause goes to my Ladies Activity Committee, starting with Chair Josie Boisvert, and my co-chairs Vicki Cohen, Maria Little, and Linda Wilk. These women were my constant support group, providing me with encouragement and assistance, and an endless supply of enthusiasm and hard work. They kept me energized and focused through many stressful times.

My State Ladies Auxiliary Co-Chairs Ruth Gusmand, Juana Fernandez, and Annette Bishop have done a tremendous job. They helped establish 4 new auxiliaries and revitalized countless others. Installations and materials are now offered in English and Spanish, and they have laid the groundwork for expanding into additional languages. I'm expecting to hear great things about the Maryland auxiliaries in the years to come, thanks to their efforts.

As my final health note, June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, a global movement to highlight brain health, raise awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementias, and encourage early detection and research funding. It is never too early or too late to adopt brain-healthy habits to reduce the risk of cognitive decline:

- Stay Physically Active: Regular exercise boosts blood flow to the brain and body.
- Eat Well: Prioritize heart-healthy, brain-nourishing diets (like the Mediterranean diet).
- Stay Socially Active: Interacting with others and staying engaged with your community helps maintain cognitive function.
- Challenge Your Brain: Learn new skills, read, or do puzzles to keep your mind active.

Old age is a gift - treat it carefully. I wish each of you a happy, healthy, and long life.

A special thank you goes to my husband, State Deputy Tony Salvemini. His constant encouragement and support made all the difference. It's one thing to work hard at something, but having your own loving cheering section while doing it is a game-changer. Thanks, honey, for an incredible experience over the past two years. I loved it, and I'm looking forward to the next phase of our lives!

As always, 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!**

Kathy





Council Growth

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Membership



Congratulations to all the Grand Knights and councils that were recognized at the Maryland State Convention last month for their outstanding work in membership growth! It was truly inspiring to see so many men step forward and receive an award this year! And it wasn't lost on me that the award reflected a lot of focus, commitment and effort around successfully creating a culture of invitation!

By the way, we now have 56 councils that have earned the McGivney Award for achieving their annual membership growth goal. Congratulations to these 18 councils that moved into the winners circle in May including 1365, 1393, 2605, 2942, 5482, 6021, 6188, 7025, 8736, 9302, 9808, 10100, 11214, 11422, 11615, 11618, 12524, and 18656. What I find remarkable is how some of these councils have rebounded from some difficult years in the past. That's great leadership in action!

As we move into the final weeks of the fraternal year, let's continue reaching out to Catholic men in our parishes and communities – and let's share our story about the impact we are making on so many lives. Why would any man not want to be part of that unique and fulfilling experience!

For those of you who have not yet invited a man to join the Order this year, let's also make June your time to change a life! That's your challenge! Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor who is waiting for the offer? Are you part of a church drive this month that will provide you with a special opportunity to invite a brother Catholic man? Are you attending a social event hosted by your council or a family event such as a picnic or graduation party, or are you participating in an upcoming golf tournament? The encouraging news is this: It is amazing to discover the thousands of Catholic men throughout our state who have never received an invitation to serve alongside us, but who are excited and waiting to join! Let's be the men who make it happen!

As always, a heartfelt thanks to all of you who are committed and dedicated to growing your councils. This is an exciting time to be a Knight of Columbus so let's give others the opportunity to experience how we work together to make a meaningful difference in so many lives.

On a final note, special thanks to the rock stars on our State Membership team who have worked tirelessly this year on so many occasions to lend a hand. Joining me are Bill Newbrough, Armando Fernandez, Bob Sweitzer, John Hershberger, John Ohmer, Peter Hammerer, Dave Czarnecki, Gus Gusman, Mickey Dillow, Larry Houck, Charles Doherty, Mike Jacobs and Steve Conley. My appreciation to all these men and to all of you who made it a priority to extend that special invitation to become a Catholic man in the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Terry

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State Programs

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



Thank you to everyone who attended the State Family Picnic at Seneca Creek State Park. We couldn't ask for better weather and the food, activity, and fraternity were absolutely wonderful. A special shout out to the team: Tim Lynch, Family Activities Director, Danny Hall and Craig Van for serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, pit beef, and fried fish, and Karl Caton for planning and running exciting horse-shoe and corn hole tournaments, complete with prizes.

The month of June has many liturgical feasts that provide the opportunity for brother Knights to serve our parishes while deepening our faith. We celebrate the Feasts of Corpus Christi and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Schedule the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon, Holy Hours, and Eucharistic Adoration. Also, consider participating in the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage with the theme “One Nation Under God” as we prepare to celebrate America 250. The St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route will travel through portions of Maryland between June 9-11. For details, visit www.EucharisticPilgrimage.org.

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 21. This weekend is a wonderful opportunity for councils to work with your Pastor and provide coffee, donuts, bagels, rosaries, or prayer cards to the men in your parish, along with a personal invitation to join the order.

This is also a final reminder that there are few reports due by June 30. The Columbian Award Application (SP-7) is due to Supreme no later than June 30th and is one of the requirements for Star Council. Councils that provided monetary donations and are requesting their RSVP Refund, ASAP Grant, and Food for Families Refund must submit their applications to Supreme by June 30th to be eligible for the Supreme reimbursement for these programs.

Finally, as this is my last newsletter article as your State Program Director, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank State Deputy Tony Salvemini for his trust in selecting me as Program Director for the past two years. It has been an honor serving my brothers across Maryland and increasing council participation in the Faith in Action Program. Also, thank you to the entire FIA Program team, especially Walter Lesuksi and lady Beth, Michael Watson and lady Karen, Rick Cassaza and lady Regina, Tim Lynch and lady Claudette, and the late Gregory McClain and lady Cathy, for their support and efforts over the past two years. I couldn't have done this without the commitment and dedication of these brother Knights and their lovely ladies.

Thank you for being a force for good and making a difference in someone’s life in your council, parish, and communities.

**Vivat Jesus,
Alan**



State Programs

Pregnancy Support



As we are winding down the 2025-2026 Fraternal year, this is a reminder to submit your Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) grant requests to Supreme by the end of the month (June). These Grants from Supreme are a bonus to the hard work and effort our councils made to support the Pregnancy and Maternity Centers. For every \$500 in monetary or item donation to an approved Center, Supreme will provide an additional \$100 grant up to \$400 for \$2000 in donations.

What is an approved center? The centers listed on the Supreme website at www.kofc.org/ASAP has a map with all the approved centers. If the center your council supports a center that is not listed at the Supreme website, the council will need to obtain a W4 form from the center and submit with the grant application so Supreme can verify its 501(c)3 status. Centers listed on the website are verified and the W4 form is not needed.

As of mid-April, Maryland as a jurisdiction has been doing well. But we can do better. From our 140+ councils in Maryland, Supreme received 33 ASAP grant applications with a total of over \$57,000 with Supreme providing Maryland pregnancy centers nearly \$10,000. These statistics will surely go up by the end of the Fraternal Year, but we'd like to maximize this support.

These centers have the same monthly bills we have: rent, utilities, insurance, etc. The Knights of Columbus support is essential for these centers to stay open and continue serving the public. Please visit the Respect Life sites from your Diocese to see how you can help.

Archdiocese of Baltimore: <https://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/>

Archdiocese of Washington: <https://adw.org/archdiocesan-offices/office-of-life/>

Diocese of Wilmington: <https://cdow.org/ministries/respect-life/pregnancy-care-centers/>

A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

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ORACIÓN POR LAS EMBARAZADAS¶

Oh Madre Santa, recibiste la buena nueva de la encarnación de Cristo, tu Hijo, con fe y confianza. Concede tu protección a todas las embarazadas que enfrentan dificultades. ¶

¶ Guíanos en nuestro esfuerzo por hacer de nuestras comunidades parroquiales lugares de acogida y asistencia para las madres necesitadas. Ayúdanos a convertirnos en instrumentos del amor y la compasión del Dios bondadoso. ¶

¶ María, Madre de la Iglesia, ayúdanos a crear la cultura de la vida y la civilización de amor, junto con todas las personas de buena voluntad, para alabanza y gloria de Dios Creador, y amante de la vida.* Amén. ¶

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Vivat Jesus,
Jeff

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State Council Program Award (Form STSP)

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

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



Family of the Year Nominations (Form 10680)

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

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



Columbian Award (Form SP-7)

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

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



RSVP Program Refund Application

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

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





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Food for Families Program Refund Application

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

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



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



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.

Junio es el ultimo mes del Año fraternal 2025-2026 y eso quiere decir que debemos estar preparados para terminar con los compromisos administrativos, como enviar la forma SP-7, cumplir con las 2 noches/juntas de beneficios fraternales, mandar la forma 1728 (que es la encuesta fraternal annual), hacer sus elecciones, y formar su equipo de servicio de los programas junto con su director de membresia.

Tambien deben de coordinar con su Capellan la fecha de su instalacion de oficiales para el siguiente Año fraternal 2026-2027 que empezara el 1 de Julio. No se olviden de avisarle a su Diputado de Distrito con anticipacion para que el pueda coordinar con su agenda y el Digno Guardia de Distrito.

Yo me siento un poco triste, no porque ya no sere el Diputado de Distrito si no porque ya no frecuentaremos mucho como lo hemos hecho por los ultimos 3 Años. Pero quiero que sepan que siempre recordare que ustedes me tuvieron paciencia, que me atendieron respetuosamente a pesar de no tenia ni idea de quien era yo, la persona que el estado puso como su Diputado de Distrito me abrieron las puertas de su consejo y permitieron que diera mi reporte mes tras mes.

Les deseo lo mejor de lo mejor, que Dios los guie por el buen camino, que les de fuerzas y mucho amor para seguir cuidando de los olvidados y los mas necesitados, sigan evangelizando, invitando a mas familias de caballeros a unirse a nuestra mision para poder ayudar a mas personas y a nustrros sacerdotes.

Su nuevo Diputado de Distrito el Hermano Luis Corona sera instalado el 27 nde Junio y el a su vez instalara al Digno Guardi-an de Distrito cuando haga la instalacion de opficiales del consejo de el. El Hermano PGK, Jhon Neira sera el Digno Guardian de Distrito.

No les digo adios si no hasta pronto, ha sido un honor y privilegio haberlos conocido como mis Hermanos del Distrito 14 El Distrito Hispano del Estado de Maryland! Mis hermanos de los siguientes consejos:

16611 San Juan Neumann de Baltimore MD

17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero de Hyattsville MD

17545 San Bernadino de Sienna de Suitland, MD

18170 San Jose Custodio de Columbia, MD

«Asi que, hermanos mios amados, esten firmes y constantes, abundando siempre en la obra del Señor, sabiendo que su arduo trabajo en el Señor no es en vano.» – 1 Corintios 15:58

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

Vivat Jesus,

Armando Fernandez

Councils 7557 and 18170 Charity Donation



Councils 7557 and 18170 Marigold Program





Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Happy Father’s Day to all of the dads who have left a mark on our lives!

We enjoyed the convention this year and were glad to see everyone! We were happy to be a part of congratulating Each Auxiliary that won awards! We encourage all auxiliaries to participate in these reports to showcase the wonderful work you have done. Here are this year's winners!

2026 Ladies Auxiliary Award Winners

Best New Activity

Division A

- 1st 2169 Maryknights: Santa’s Workshop -The Spirit of Giving
- 2nd 11372 K of C Ladies
- 3rd 7612 The Sheen’s Colleens

Division B

- 1st 2002 Angels of the Knights—SARC Fundraiser
- 2nd 8736 The Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley
- 3rd 4076 Queen of the Knights
- 3rd 6021 Father Burggraff Ladies Auxiliary
- 3rd 3489 Daughters of Grace

Division C

- 1st 14455 Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville—Holy Family Got Talent
- 2nd 9302 St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies

Best Recurring

Division A

- 1st 9053 Ocean City Lady Knights, Inc—Baby Bingo Fundraiser
- 2nd 11372 K of C Ladies

Division B

- 1st 4076 Queen of the Knights - Teddy Tea

Division C

- 1st 14455 Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville St. Jude Walk Fundraiser

Division D

- 1st 13069 Our Lady of the Angels—Eucharistic Adoration

Best Auxiliary

Division A

- 1st 11372 K of C Ladies (Father Maurice J. Wolfe)
- 2nd 2521 Ladies of the Knights (Cardinal Gibbons)

Division B

- 1st 8159 IC Angels (Immaculate Conception)
- 2nd 6021 Father Burggraff Ladies Auxiliary (Father Burggraff)
- 3rd 4076 Queen of the Knights Auxiliary (St. Pius X)
- 3rd 2002 Angels of the Knights (Havre de Grace)

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Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



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Division C

1st	9302	St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies (St. Mary of the Assumption)
2nd	14455	Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville (Father Michael C. Kidd)
3rd	2065	The Belles (St. Michael's)

Division D

1st	13069	Our Lady of the Angels Auxiliary (Our Lady of the Angels)
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Thank you for all you do! It has been our pleasure to work with you, and thank you for your support and friendship over the past two Fraternal years. Remember to 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



¡Feliz Día del Padre a todos los papás que han dejado huella en nuestras vidas!

¡Disfrutamos mucho de la convención de este año y nos alegró mucho ver a todas! ¡Nos encantó poder felicitar a cada grupo de Damas Auxiliares que ganaron premios! Recomendamos que todos los grupos auxiliares a reportar sus actividades para mostrar el maravilloso trabajo que han realizado. ¡Aquí están las ganadoras de este año!

Ganadoras de los premios de la Asociación de Damas de 2026

Mejor Actividad Nueva

División A

1. 2169 Maryknights: El taller de Papá Noel: el espíritu de dar
2. 11372 Damas de K of C
3. 7612 The Sheen's Colleens

División B

1. 2002 Ángeles de los Caballeros: Recaudación de fondos para el SARC y el
2. 8736 Las Damas de los Caballeros de Long Green Valley
3. 4076 Reyna de los Caballeros
3. 6021 Auxiliar Femenina del Padre Burggraff
3. 3489 Hijas de la Gracia

División C

1. 14455 Damas de la Sagrada Familia de Mitchellville
La Sagrada Familia tiene talento
2. 9302 Mujeres de Santa María de la Asunción

Mejor Actividad Recurrente

División A

1. 9053 Ocean City Lady Knights, Inc
Recaudación de fondos Baby Bingo
2. 11372 Damas de K of C

División B

1. 4076 Queen of the Knights
Teddy Tea

División C

1. 14455 Damas de la Sagrada Familia de Mitchellville
Recaudación de fondos de la Caminata de San Judas

División D

1. 13069 Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles
Adoración Eucarística

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Estado de Maryland

Damas Auxiliares



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Mejor Grupo Auxiliar

División A

1. 11372 Damas de los Caballeros de Colón (Padre Maurice J. Wolfe)
2. 2521 Damas de los Caballeros (Cardenal Gibbons)

División B

1. 8159 Ángeles de la Inmaculada Concepción (Inmaculada Concepción)
2. 6021 Auxiliares de Damas del Padre Burggraff (Padre Burggraff)
3. 4076 Auxiliar Reina de los Caballeros (San Pío X)
3. 2002 Angels of the Knights (Havre de Grace)

División C

1. 9302 St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies (St. Mary of the Assumption)
2. 14455 Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville (Father Michael C. Kidd)
3. 2065 The Belles (St. Michael's)

División D

1. 13069 Auxiliares de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles (Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles)

¡Gracias por todo lo que hacen! Ha sido un placer trabajar con ustedes, y gracias por su apoyo y amistad durante los dos últimos años fraternales. ¡Recueden marcar la diferencia en la vida de alguien y ser una fuerza para el bien!

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Benefits Advisor Corner



AVOIDING THE RETIREMENT TIME BOMB ROTH IRA'S AND LIFE INSURANCE

The biggest obstacle between you and your retirement savings are taxes. Taxes are the single biggest threat to your retirement accounts. Taxes are the single biggest expense in your life. How can you reduce or eliminate this threat?

Roth IRA's and life Insurance are the best ways to create tax-free money while living and at death.

If income is eligible, Roth IRAs allows you to grow tax-free assets and take distributions at a future time when both Federal and State Taxes are sure to be much higher than today's rates.

Life insurance is the single biggest benefit in the tax code. The best available leverage in the tax code is using the smallest amount of money now to create the biggest source of tax-free money in the future.

Life insurance is better than investment because it is earned tax free and it comes with something you can't get from a stock market investment-a guarantee.

Life insurance takes care of families without having to go through the government first.

Where do you find money to fund life insurance? Take inventory of your assets. Which ones are dead or not performing and can be leveraged. Which one can be turned into tax free money? Which ones have no long-term benefit?

There are three kinds of money. Money you need now, money you will need later, and money you will never need. The money you never need should not die on the vine. Use it, lose it, or leverage it.

Of the two products, life insurance can be the better of the two, because it allows you to leverage your assets while enjoying many of the tax benefits of a Roth IRA. It also provides a better way to leave money to your heirs.

In an ever-increasing tax environment, you want to move your money from forever taxed accounts to never taxed accounts, Roth IRA's and life insurance. Pay taxes and premiums now so you can have as close to a 0% tax rate in the future as possible.




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GROWTH AWARDS

Highest total increase in council growth per division:

Division "D"

3rd with 14 new members

Loyola University Maryland Council No. 15000

Grand Knight – Nicholas Blanchfield

2nd with 15 new members

San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170

Grand Knight – Miguel Velasquez

1st with 23 new members

Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534

Grand Knight – Jacob Wilhelm

Division "C"

3rd with 14 new members

William E. Baldwin, Sr. Council No. 17990

Grand Knight – William (Bill) Giblin

2nd with 16 new members

St. Jerome Council No. 5564

Grand Knight – John Wells

1st with 22 new members

St. Rose of Lima Council No. 14297

Grand Knight – Justin Sadrakula

Division "B"

3rd with 16 new members

Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council No. 11024

Grand Knight – Jerome D. Faison

2nd with 20 new members

Bel Air Council No. 4714

Grand Knight – Bruno Baran

1st with 26 new members

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

Division "A"

3rd with 20 new members

St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino

2nd with 27 new members

Rock Creek Council No. 2797

Grand Knight – Jonathan Schneider

1st with 36 new members

Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – James F. Ryan, Jr.

GROWTH AWARDS (Continued)

Highest percentage of growth goal

Division "D"

3rd with 280% of goal

Loyola University Maryland Council No. 15000

Grand Knight – Nicholas Blanchfield

2nd with 300% of goal

San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170

Grand Knight – Miguel Velasquez

1st with 460% of goal

Commodore John Barry Council No. 14534

Grand Knight – Jacob Wilhelm

Division "C"

3rd with 233% of goal

William E. Baldwin, Sr. Council No. 17990

Grand Knight – William (Bill) Giblin

2nd with 320% of goal

St. Jerome Council No. 5564

Grand Knight – John Wells

1st with 440% of goal

St. Rose of Lima Council No. 14297

Grand Knight – Justin Sadrakula

Division "B"

3rd with 167% of goal

Bel Air Council No. 4714

Grand Knight – Bruno Baran

2nd with 178% of goal

Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council No. 11024

Grand Knight – Jerome D. Faison

1st with 289% of goal

Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

Division "A"

3rd with 133% of goal

St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino

2nd with 180% of goal

Rock Creek Council No. 2797

Grand Knight – Jonathan Schneider

1st with 240% of goal

Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – James F. Ryan, Jr.



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DON KUTZERA AWARDS FOR TOP RECUITER

Top Membership Recruiter July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

Grand Knight Mearland Rusaw
Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159.

ROYAL RECRUITER AWARD

Recruited at least five men into the Order
Nr Recruited, Name, Council

- 19 DENIS IVAN MAYORGA ARAUZ St. Rose of Lima 14297
- 15 BRIAN GRAHAM Father Rosensteel 2169
- 13 GK ISIDORE SOBGO Sainte Terre D'Acceuil 18156
- 12 BROTHER CORNELIS HEESTERS Notre Dame 2901
- 12 GK JAMES RYAN, JR Annapolis 1384
- 12 GK JACOB WILHELM Commodore John Barry 14534
- 12 GK DR EFFI USEN Resurrection of Our Lord 14099
- 11 DANIEL C LECH Westminster 1393
- 10 GK GARY NAGY Jesus the Divine Word 14775
- 9 DD HERMAN STEWART St. Louis the King 11898
- 9 GK MARTIN CARTS John F. Kennedy 5482
- 9 GK GERARD POHLNER St. Bartholomew 9127
- 9 DD CHRIS DAIGLE Cardinal Gibbons 2521
- 9 GK WILLIAM GIBLIN William E. Baldwin, Sr. 17990
- 9 JHON NEIRA San Jose Custodio de Columbia 18170
- 8 GK FRANK KLEIN South County 8251
- 8 JOSEPH LAVALLEE Sedes Sapientiae 13295
- 8 GK ANIEL YOUNG St. Philip Neri 14612
- 8 GK PEDRO GARCI Immaculate Lady 5208
- 7 ROBERT GOLDSACK JR Pangborn 1365
- 7 MATTHEW SENNETT Bel Air 4714
- 7 GK JOE MIZELL Pope John Paul the Great 13859
- 6 LARRY PERKINS Dr. John Henry Griffin 2293
- 6 HENRY O ARRUE-PLEITEZ Annapolis 1384
- 6 TERRY WATERS Our Lady of Guadalupe 12127
- 6 GK LUKE KUDWA St. Jose Sanchez del Rio 18656
- 6 FRANCIS BLATTERMANN St. Vincent Pallotti 14535
- 6 JOSEPH EMEKA ABIAMIRI JR St. Matthew's Int 11787
- 6 JESSIE SAYO Santo Nino 9462
- 6 CATALINO FREOLO JR St. Michael the Archangel 15084
- 5 JUAN SERRANO Annapolis 1384
- 5 DD JOE KNIGHT St. Louis the King 11898
- 5 GK PAUL HINTON Havre de Grace 2002
- 5 GK JD PARSONS St. John Neumann 11618
- 5 DW JAMES ZERR St. John Neumann 11618
- 5 ROBERT HICKEY Corpus Christi 6188

INSURANCE AWARDS

Highest percentage gain in council insurance members.

Division "D"

- 3rd Father Edmund Julien Council No. 11616
Grand Knight – Francis J. Smith
Field Agent- Robert Marlowe, III
- 2nd Msgr. John R. Pennington Council No. 9808
Grand Knight – Marion Johnson
Field Agent – Matthew Singleton
- 1st San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170
Grand Knight – Miguel Velasquez
Field Agent – Diego De Sande

Division "C"

- 3rd Resurrection Council No. 11341
Grand Knight – Martin N. Fienkeng
Field Agent – Matthew Singleton
- 2nd Msgr. Thomas Wells Council No. 13008
Grand Knight – Jaime Narbon
Field Agent – Reggie Stuart
- 1st St. Rose of Lima Council No. 14297
Grand Knight – Justin Sadrakula
Field Agent – Reggie Stuart

Division "B"

- 3rd Father Michael J. McGivney Council No. 7025
Grand Knight – George Adeponle
Field Agent – Jerry Kane
- 2nd St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011
Grand Knight – Brian E. Woerner
Field Agent – Craig Traverson
- 1st Calvert Council No. 7870
Grand Knight – William de la Cerda
Field Agent – John Canter

Division "A"

- 3rd Pangborn Council No. 1365
Grand Knight – Joseph R. Wolfensberger
Field Agent – Jerry Kane
- 2nd Cumberland Council No. 586
Grand Knight – Edward E. Kidwell
Field Agent – Jerry Kane
- 1st Patuxent Council No. 2203
Grand Knight – Chieloka Ifudu
Field Agent – Reggie Stuart



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INCENTIVE CASH SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

3rd Father Burggraff Council No. 6021

Grand Knight – William P. Lane

Total number of tickets sold – 1,099

2nd Montgomery Council No. 2323

Grand Knight – Steven A. Willer

Total number of tickets sold – 1,109

1st San Jose Custodio de Columbia Council No. 18170

Grand Knight – Miguel Velasquez

Total number of tickets sold – 1,111

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

Councils that collected the highest total amount of dollars

Division "D"

3rd Msgr. John R. Pennington Council No. 9808

Grand Knight – Marion Johnson

Total Dollars Collected: \$1,190.25

2nd Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight - David Reumont

Total Dollars Collected: \$2,512.42

1st Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Carl S. Wolf

Total Dollars Collected: \$4,441.70

Division "C"

3rd William E. Baldwin, Sr. Council No. 17990

Grand Knight – William (Bill) Giblin

Total Dollars Collected: \$1,663.82

2nd Resurrection Council No. 11341

Grand Knight – Martin N. Fienkeng

Total Dollars Collected: \$3,495.00

1st Frostburg Council No. 1442

Grand Knight – Nicholas J. Costello

Total Dollars Collected: \$8,178.15

Division "B"

3rd South County Council No. 8251

Grand Knight – Frank Klein

Total Dollars Collected: \$2,800

2nd St. Agnes Council No. 4449

Grand Knight – Robert Knight

Total Dollars Collected: \$3,264.13

1st Father Burggraff Council No. 6021

Grand Knight – William Lane

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM (Continued)

Division "A"

3rd Mater Dei Council No. 9774

Grand Knight – Thomas DeGraba

Total Dollars Collected: \$3,052.17

2nd Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – James Ryan, Jr.

Total Dollars Collected: \$6,193.00

1st Ocean City Council No. 9053

Grand Knight – John Sharkey

Total Dollars Collected: \$6,319.00

BOX OF JOY PROGRAM

Councils

3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290 – with 408 boxes

Grand Knight – Douglas Koch

2nd St. Mary's Council No. 1470 – with 860 boxes

Grand Knight – Christopher McDaniel

1st St. Joseph Manyanet Council No. 5567 – with 1,438 boxes

Grand Knight – Ricardo (Rick) Ibanez

Ladies Auxiliaries

3rd Maryknights – Father Rosensteel Council No. 2169 – 111 boxes

President – Patricia Haley

2nd Ladies of the Maryland State Council – 176 boxes

First Lady Kathy Salvemini

1st Queen of the Knights Auxiliary – St. Pius X Council No. 4076 - 283 boxes

President – Catherine Weiler

LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS

Best New Activity

Division "C"

2nd St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies

St. Mary of the Assumption Council No. 9302

President – Linda M. Trott

1st Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville

Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

Holy Family Got Talent



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LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS (Continued)

Best New Activity

Division "B"

3rd 3- way tie

Daughters of Grace

Holy Face Council No. 3489

President – Jodi Conway

Queen of the Knights

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President – Catherine Weiler

K.C. Ladies

Father Burggraff Council No. 6021

President – Kathy Klein

2nd Knights' Ladies of Long Green

Long Green Valley Council No. 8736

President – Martha Schumacher

1st Angels of the Knights

Havre de Grace Council No. 2002

President – Carol Barnett

SARC Fundraiser

Division "A"

3rd The Sheen's Colleens

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council No. 7612

President – Tami Dolinsky

2nd K of C Ladies

Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Co-Presidents – Angie Rebbert and Maha Saah

1st Maryknights

Father Rosensteel Council No. 2169

President – Patricia Haley

Santa's Workshop – The Spirit of Giving

LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS

Best Recurring Activity

Division "D"

1st Our Lady of the Angels Auxiliary

Our Lady of the Angels Council No. 13069

President - Mildred "Millie" Finck

Eucharistic Adoration

Division "C"

1st Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville

Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

St. Jude Walk Fundraiser

LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS (Continued)

Best Recurring Activity

Division "B"

1st Queen of the Knights Auxiliary

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President – Catherine Weiler

Teddy Tea

Division "A"

2nd K of C Ladies

Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Co-Presidents – Angie Rebbert and Maha Saah

1st Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary

Ocean City Council No. 9053

President – Bernadette Sohn

Baby Bingo Fundraiser

LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS

Best Full Year Auxiliary

Division "D"

1st Our Lady of the Angels Auxiliary

Our Lady of the Angels Council No. 13069

President – Mildred "Millie" Finck

Division "C"

3rd The Belles

St. Michael's Council No. 2065

President – Linda Biscoe

2nd Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville

Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

President – Ngozi Maria Bernadette Ikeji

1st St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies

St. Mary of the Assumption Council No. 9302

President – Linda M. Trott

Division "B"

3rd 2-way tie

Angels of the Knights

Harve de Grace Council No. 2002

President – Carol Barnett

Queen of the Knights

St. Pius X Council No. 4076

President – Catherine Weiler



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LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS (Continued) Best Full Year Auxiliary

Division "A"

2nd Ladies of the Knights

Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521

President – Pam Moudry

1st K of C Ladies

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Co-Presidents – Angie Rebbert and Maha Saah

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM AWARDS Faith Activities

Division "D"

3rd Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

2nd 2-way tie

Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

1st Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Carl S. Wolf

Division "C"

3rd Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Morgan W. Walubita

2nd Santo Nino Council No. 9462

Grand Knight – Jessie Sayo

1st Resurrection Council No. 11341

Grand Knight – Martin N. Fienkeng

Division "B"

3rd James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

Grand Knight – Harold Sanders, Jr.

2nd Long Green Valley Council No. 8736

Grand Knight – Thomas P. Rowan, Sr.

1st St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Douglas Koch

Division "A"

3rd Prince Georges Council No. 2809

Grand Knight – Michael Smith

2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Phillip Pfarr, III

1st St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Family Activities

Division "D"

3rd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Carl S. Wolf

2nd 2-Way tie

Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

Father Sebastian de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

1st Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

Division "C"

3rd St. Columille Council No. 5317

Grand Knight – Ryan Esterinos

2nd Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Morgan M. Walubita

1st St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524

Grand Knight – Anthony P. Gigioli

Division "B"

3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Douglas Koch

2nd 2-Way Tie

Long Green Valley Council No. 8736

Grand Knight – Thomas P. Rowan, Sr.

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

Grand Knight – Harold Sanders, Jr.

1st Mother Seton Council No. 5381

Grand Knight – Cosmas Nwokeafor

Division "A"

3rd Patuxent Council No. 2203

Grand Knight – Chieloka Ifudu

2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

1st St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino



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Community Activities

Division "D"

3rd 2-way tie

Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

2nd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Carl S. Wolf

1st Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

Division "C"

3rd Columbia Council No. 7559

Grand Knight – Robert Germano

2nd Resurrection Council No. 11341

Grand Knight – Martin N. Fienkeng

1st Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Morgan W. Walubita

Division "B"

3rd James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

Grand Knight – Harold Sanders, Jr.

2nd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Douglas Koch

1st Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

Division "A"

3rd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino

2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

1st Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – James F. Ryan, Jr.

Life Activities

Division "D"

3rd 2-way tie

Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511

Grand Knight – Jean Chery

Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091

Grand Knight – David Reumont

2nd Holy Face Council No. 3849

Grand Knight – Carl S. Wolf

1st Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

Division "C"

3rd St. Columille Council No. 5317

Grand Knight – Ryan Esterinos

2nd 3-way tie

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council No. 11259

Grand Knight – Robert Gionfriddo

Resurrection Council No. 11341

Grand Knight – Martin Fienkeng

Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Grand Knight – Morgan M. Walubita

1st Columbia Council No. 7559

Grand Knight – Robert Germano

Division "B"

3rd Mother Seton Council No. 5381

Grand Knight – Cosmas Nwokefor

2nd Long Green Valley Council No. 8736

Grand Knight – Thomas P. Rowan, Sr.

1st 2-way tie

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422

Grand Knight – Harold Sanders, Jr.

St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290

Grand Knight – Douglas Koch

Division "A"

3rd Patuxent Council No. 2203

Grand Knight – Chieloka Ifudu

2nd St. Louis the King Council No. 11898

Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino

1st Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III



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GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Division "D"

- 3rd Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council No. 13091**
Grand Knight – David Reumont
- 2nd Holy Face Council No. 3849**
Grand Knight – Carl S. Wolf
- 1st Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156**
Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

Division "C"

- 3rd 2-way tie**
Columbia Council No. 7559
Grand Knight – Robert Germano
- St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524**
Grand Knight – Anthony P. Gigioli
- 2nd Father Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455**
Grand Knight – Morgan M. Walubita
- 1st Resurrection Council No. 11341**
Grand Knight – Martin N. Fienkeng

Division "B"

- 3rd Long Green Council No. 8736**
Grand Knight – Thomas P. Rowan, Sr.
- 2nd James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422**
Grand Knight – Harold Sanders, Jr.
- 1st St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290**
Grand Knight – Douglas Koch

Division "A"

- 3rd Patuxent Council No. 2203**
Grand Knight – Chieloka Ifudo
- 2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372**
Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III
- 1st St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**
Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S AWARD

- St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290**
Grand Knight Douglas Koch

Honor District

District No. 21

- District Deputy – Herman Stewart**
District Warden – John Sniezek
- The Councils that are included in District 21 are:**
- Fr. Joseph Comyns Council No. 9638
Grand Knight – Gilbert Conner
- Resurrection Council No. 11341
Grand Knight – Martin N. Fienkeng
- St. Louis the King Council No. 11898
Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino
- St. Francis of Assisi Council No. 12524
Grand Knight – Anthony P. Gigioli
- St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council No. 13294
Grand Knight – Barry Frederick

SUPREME COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

Faith Activities

- 3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290**
Grand Knight – Douglas Koch
- 2nd Resurrection Council No. 11341**
Grand Knight – Martin N. Feinkeng
- 1st St. Louis the King Council No. 11898**
Grand Knight – Paul Pellegrino

Crab Raffle for Seminarian Education

St. Louis the King Council No. 11898 traditionally sponsors three to four seminarians via the RSVP Program each year raising donations from within the council with no parish engagement. However, the council has expanded their support to seminarians and novices through engagement of the parish community by conducting a parish-wide crab feast raffle. A council member donned a crab mascot (only in Maryland) after each Mass in all types of weather to help sell tickets. Over 200 tickets were sold and a donation of \$2,000 was received. Raising over \$4,000 and through the generosity of the parish, the council supported four seminarians from their pastorate, as well as two Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara novices, their transitional Deacon, and a Franciscan seminarian. In addition, the council also presented a check to Fr. Thomas O'Donnell, a newly ordained priest who previously was stationed at their pastorate and was supported by the council.



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SUPREME COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

STATE BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AWARD

Community Activities

3rd Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

2nd Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159

Grand Knight – Mearland Rusaw

1st Annapolis Council No. 1384

Grand Knight – James F. Ryan, Jr.

Bingo for a Better Tomorrow

During the past three years, Annapolis Council No. 1384 has planned, hosted, and conducted a community-wide fundraising event called “Bingo for a Better Tomorrow” to raise funds to support the International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association (IOFPA), an ultra-rare and progressively disabling genetic condition. The council has a personal connection to this cause as the son of a brother Knight was diagnosed with this rare condition at just two and a half years of age. The money raised from this bingo fundraiser is donated to IOFPA to fund research, find a cure, and support families dealing with this rare condition. The council exceeded their 2025 goal of \$35,000 by over 150 percent, and over the past three years, Council 1384 has raised \$108,948.

Life Activities

3rd Columbia Council No. 7559

Grand Knight – Robert Germano

2nd Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council No. 11372

Grand Knight – Philip Pfarr, III

1st Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156

Grand Knight – Isidore Sobgo

Support for a Newborn and Family

Sainte Terre D'Accueil Council No. 18156 organized a collection drive to support the family of a member upon the birth of their child. Working in close collaboration with their spouses through the Clementines of Sainte Terre D'Accueil, the Knights purchased essential items for the newborn, including diapers, baby clothing, blankets, and other care necessities. Sixteen Knights and their spouses delivered the gifts to the mother and her newborn child. The team spent meaningful time with the family, offering encouragement, prayers, and fellowship. The visit served as a living example of faith in action, showing that the Knights' commitment to life extends far beyond advocacy into direct, hands-on, personal service to those entrusted to their care.

This year the State Blessed Michael McGivney Award winner is Father Matt Buening, Pastor of St. Katharine Drexel and Chaplain of St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011.

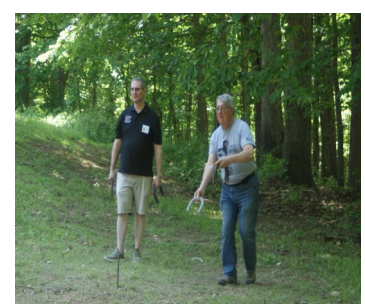
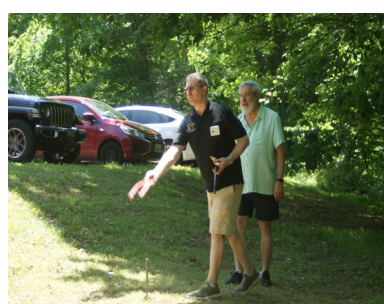
Fr. Matt, who was ordained in 2003, is a passionate, caring priest who has a special connection with young people, building a vocation of witness, love, respect for others, and devotion to God. Fr. Matt shines as both a mentor and leader, providing compassionate pastoral care, making himself readily available for parishioners, offering encouragement and a listening ear. He serves as the celebrant for Saint John Regional School students, clearly explaining the various aspects of the Mass. As Council Chaplain, Fr. Matt actively engages in council meetings, shares insightful messages and brings his infectious enthusiasm as a caller during the council's quarterly Bingo nights. Demonstrating a spirit of charity, he generously dedicates his time to support various charitable initiatives. Above all, Fr. Matt is a role model for both young and old, embodying the Catholic faith by warmly welcoming every parishioner and nurturing a community of loving disciples committed to realizing the Kingdom of God.

As the State Blessed Michael McGivney Awardee, Fr. Matt is Maryland's nominee for Supreme's Blessed Michael McGivney Medal.



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State Picnic





Maryland Knights In Action



Council 1384 Boys—Girls Club Donation



Council 1442 Exemplification



Council 18170 Membership Drive



Council 18170 Exemplification



Council 18170 Vocations Support



Council 16611 Church Cleaning



Council 10966 Donation



Council 16611 After Mass Celebration



Marshmallows and Memories!

MD State Knights of Columbus Family Camping Trip

at Homestead Campground, Georgetown, DE



Friday - Sunday

June
5-7
2026

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Fellowship

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National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Brother Knights,

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will travel through Maryland and the Archdiocese of Baltimore from the morning of June 9 to the morning of June 11 as part of the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route from Florida to Maine and then to Pennsylvania to honor the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and celebration of “One Nation Under God.”

- Perpetual pilgrims will bring sacramental encounters with Christ through the Eucharist to a series of processions, public events, and service projects at stops throughout Maryland.
 - **Stops are planned in Boonsboro, Hagerstown, Baltimore, Severna Park, Annapolis, Easton, and Ocean City.** All Knights and their families are asked to renew the Church by inviting all to deepen their devotion to Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist and attend one of the processions or to spend a day with the Eucharist at a parish event. This is a great opportunity for Councils to participate and support the pilgrims on their trek across Maryland. Knights are needed to carry the canopy during the Eucharist Processions, and to provide support to pilgrims during the processions and at parish events. This will be coordinated by local Councils in each area, but all Knights are invited to participate as pilgrims anywhere along the route. Let's celebrate the Eucharist and the birthday of our great country.
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- Route details can be found at these links: **Archdiocese of Washington:** <https://web.cvent.com/event/0458e53d-a5e3-4a6c-67ab-61f4c52e7319/summary>. **Archdiocese of Baltimore:** <https://web.cvent.com/event/582ae7be-c110-4da0-9c67-f4d6656ed1be/summary>. **Diocese of Wilmington:** <https://web.cvent.com/event/c3a3e9ad-3014-49b2-947a-f856a5fac8cf/summary>.
 - **National Route Highlights.** The Patroness for the pilgrimage is St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized. Pilgrims will begin their 2,000-mile journey on May 24 in the Diocese of St Augustine in Florida, where they will celebrate Mass near the site of the first Mass on American soil. They will travel through 18 dioceses on the East Coast and arrive in Maine on June 23 before heading south to Philadelphia over the Fourth of July weekend.
 - The pilgrimage coincides with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the 75th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus' effort to add “One Nation Under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. The pilgrimage also coincides with the U.S. bishops' call to consecrate America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
 - This pilgrimage extends the fruits of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival (2022–2024) and the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress. The four routes in 2024 engaged 250,000 participants. The 2025 pilgrimage engaged 500,000.
 - This is not a political event or focused on American nostalgia; it focuses on our posture to live under the sovereignty of the King of the Universe. Our nation is unfinished, itself on a pilgrimage. One Nation Under God claims that freedom itself requires acknowledgment of a higher moral authority than the state.
 - **Other Important links include: Archdiocese of Baltimore Eucharistic pilgrimage:** <https://www.archbalt.org.org/2026-eucharistic-pilgrimage>. **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:** <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>. **Perpetual pilgrims:** <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/pilgrims>. **Pilgrimage Registration:** <https://web.cvent.com/event/582ae7be-c110-4da0-9c67-f4d6656ed1be/register>.
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BOCCE, ATHLETICS, SWIMMING, CHEER @ TOWSON UNIVERSITY
SOFTBALL @ KIWANIS WALLAS PARK, ELLICOT CITY, MD



WHY VOLUNTEER AT SUMMER GAMES?

SUMMER GAMES IS ONE OF SOMD'S LARGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR AND WILL FEATURE 1250 ATHLETES FROM ALL ACROSS THE STATE OF MARYLAND COMPETING IN BOCCE, SOFTBALL, CHEERLEADING, SWIMMING, AND TRACK & FIELD. WITH WEEKEND LONG COMPETITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS, SUMMER GAMES HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

CAN I BRING MY FRIEND, FAMILY, GROUP?

Absolutely! Summer Games has enough opportunities to accommodate large groups, whether a duo or a group of 45, there's room for everyone! We welcome volunteers as young as 8 w/a trusted adult. 13+ may begin volunteering on their own!

While sports knowledge is always a plus, no experience is needed to volunteer with Summer Games! All events will have an on-site training day to get you ready to help with the competition/event! For Summer Games, many volunteers will be needed as timers, scorekeepers, athlete escorts, awards assistance, etc.

DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL SKILLS TO VOLUNTEER?

ALL SUMMER GAMES VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE:

- A Volunteer T-shirt
- Lunch
- Volunteer Service Hours Verification Letter



www.somd.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities



QUESTIONS?
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REGISTER UNDER THE
"COMPETITIONS" TAB

CHOOSE YOUR OWN COURSE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT TOWSON UNIVERSITY EXCEPT FOR THE SOFTBALL COMPETITION, HELD AT KIWANIS WALLAS PARK

	Thurs. Jun. 10th	Fri. June 11th	Sat. Jun. 12th	Sun. Jun. 14th
Cheerleading Towson Center	Set-Up 10AM-3PM	9AM-2PM		
Swimming Burdick Hall	Set-Up 10AM-3PM	11:30AM-4:30PM	7:30AM-3:30PM	7:30AM-3PM
Bocce Burdick Field	Set-Up 10AM-3PM			7:30AM-4PM
Athletics (Track & Field) Unitas Stadium	Set-Up 10AM-3PM			7:30AM-4PM
Softball			8AM-4PM	8AM-3PM



YOUNG ATHLETES PROGRAM

**FRI. JUN. 11TH
5PM-6:30PM**

Our Young Athletes Program focuses on all children, birth to age 8, with opportunities for play that focuses on development of gross motor skills.

BLOCK PARTY

**FRI. JUN. 11TH
5PM-7PM**

Block Party is a social event for all athletes featuring games, music, and more. An Olympic Park style event to get athletes ready for a great weekend!

OPENING CEREMONIES

**FRI. JUN. 11TH
5:30PM-9PM**

SOMD takes over SECU Arena for our Opening Ceremonies Celebration to officially begin Summer Games 2024! Volunteers are needed to help escort athletes into the arena as they represent their counties!

ATHLETE SOCIAL

**SAT. JUN. 12TH
5PM-7PM**

The Athlete Social is one of the premiere events of Summer Games! Featuring dancing, games, food, and more! Come join SOMD athletes on the dance floor for a themed night of fun!

Volunteer as much as you would like! All volunteers welcome to join us for the above social events! Be a part of the celebration of Summer Games!




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MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
JUN 2026	6/5-7	MD STATE KofC FAMILY CAMPING TRIP	HOMESTEAD CAMPGROUND GEORGETOWN, DE	ROBERT & TRACY MAYER
	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
	6/27	MD STATE INSTALLATION DINNER (BY INVITE)	BOSWELL HALL BOWIE, MD	JEFFREY WILK
JUL 2026	7/1	FORM 185, REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM		
	7/1	FORM 365, SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT		
	7/21	PROGRAMS & MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	SACRED HEART COUNCIL #2577	JEFFREY MAYNARD
	7/23	PROGRAMS & MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY MAYNARD
	TBD	PROGRAMS & MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	TBD	JEFFREY MAYNARD
	7/25	FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING	ZOOM	JEFFREY WILK
AUG 2026	8/4-6	144TH SUPREME CONVENTION	GAYLORD ROCKIES RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER AURORA, CO	
	8/15	ANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT		
	8/15	SALVEMINI TESTIMONIAL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	



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MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
SEP 2026	9/1	CONVENTION CREDENTIALS TO STATE ADVOCATE	BOSWELL HALL BOWIE, MD	
OCT 2026	10/10	COLUMBUS DAY BALL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	
Nov 2026	11/7	MD STATE COUNCIL FALL MEETING	SETON SHRINE EMMITSBURG, MD	JEFFREY WILK
	TBD	STATE MEMORIAL MASS	TBD	
DEC 2026	12/12	CHRISTMAS PARTY (BY INVITATION)	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
JAN 2027	7/1	MIDTERM MEETING	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK