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### EDITOR'S CORNER

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

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



# State Chaplain's Message



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I'm sure we have all seen how doubling numbers can make them add up very quickly. For example, imagine over 7 days 1 (one) becomes 1+2+4+8+16+32+64 or 127. So think of the power of 12 the same way: 12+24+...=1529. In the Gospel passage for the first Sunday in July (Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20) Jesus sends out 72 additional disciples, who are delegated to share the Good News, cure the sick, and so on. They come back in amazement of what was accomplished. Doing that same math exercise beginning with 72, and the total after 7 days is 9144.

The point is, if the influence of one person can often be profound, that of 12 can be really powerful, and of 72 might be unbelievable. That is the influence a good disciple, and a community of disciples, can have.

In June I attended both a State Chaplains' meeting in New Haven (CT), and Maryland's leadership training for Grand Knights and District Deputies. Each of these gatherings reminded of the benefit when a Knight is truly involved, and each included time on inviting men to join the ranks of the Knights. The latter reminded that it's not just about numbers, it's about the good an increased number can accomplish. More committed Knights means more charity, more service to the Church and community, more support of pregnancy centers and coats for kids, and so on.

From another perspective, at times many men can tend toward being solitary. While this is not necessarily bad in itself (e.g. the life of a monk or hermit is rather solitary), too many men are becoming lonely as a result, perhaps feeling they have no purpose for which to live. More worrisome, the number of younger men experiencing this loneliness has become unusually high. Our faith has something to recommend if this happens. Every Christian has a God-given purpose, a "vocation" he or she has to discover. Inviting others to follow Jesus, and inviting other men to be a Knight, can be a very meaningful invitation to extend. It might very well change a life, and change it for the good.

As the new fraternal year gets underway, may Jesus the Lord, Mary as Queen of the Knights, and Blessed Michael McGivney inspire each of us in our call. Vivat Jesus!

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Fr. Donald*

## Liturgical Calendar

- 1 July** Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
- 3 July** Saint Thomas, Apostle
- 11 July** Saint Benedict, Abbot
- 14 July** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- 15 July** Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 18 July** Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- 22 July** Saint Mary Magdalene
- 25 July** Saint James, Apostle
- 26 July** Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 29 July** Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
- 31 July** Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest



# State Deputy's Message

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As we embark on the journey of the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year, it is with great honor and privilege that I welcome each of you to this new chapter. This year promises new opportunities to strengthen our bonds, serve our communities, and continue the noble traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Let us embrace this fresh beginning with enthusiasm and purpose.

One of the distinctive privileges of serving as State Deputy is the opportunity to select the Honored Guest for the Fraternal Year. For 2025-2026, I am delighted to announce that our Honored Guest is Father Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

Father Donald epitomizes the values and virtues that define a Knight of Columbus. His unwavering dedication, tireless work ethic, and profound spirituality shine as examples for all of us. Father Donald is always willing to lend a hand or offer guidance, embodying the true essence of brotherhood and service. As Maryland State Chaplain, he has been instrumental in keeping us on the right track, ensuring that our work aligns with the principles and mission of our Order. On behalf of all Knights, Thank You, Father Donald, for your invaluable contributions and for setting such an inspiring example.

As we look back on the achievements of the past year and set our sights on the future, it is only fitting to express heartfelt gratitude to those who make our jurisdiction thrive. This success is not the work of one individual, but of a collective effort supported by dedicated leaders and teams.

Thank you to all the Grand Knights and Council members for all you accomplished last fraternal year. Thank you to Terry Waters and his Membership Team for their diligent efforts in growing our ranks and fostering unity. Bill Newbrough deserves recognition for his exceptional work in E-membership, ensuring that we remain accessible and welcoming to new members. Alan Pultyniewicz and his Program Team have worked tirelessly to organize meaningful initiatives that align with our mission, and Jeff Wilk has consistently demonstrated commitment and availability to address needs that arise. To Dale Trott, who carries the load in the executive office with grace and efficiency, your contributions are invaluable.

No acknowledgment is complete without recognizing a group whose sacrifices and support often go unseen but are deeply felt: our wives. To our beloved spouses, let me say that your contributions are equal to and, at times, even greater than ours. You serve alongside us, sacrificing your time, energy, and sometimes even your own ambitions to support the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus would not be what it is today without your love, your support, and your dedication. On behalf of all of us, I extend a heartfelt thank you for the countless ways you enrich our lives and our work. Your sacrifices are not taken for granted, and your partnership is cherished beyond measure.

In the previous Fraternal Year, I encouraged each of you to “Make a Difference in Someone’s Life.” This year, I ask you to take that spirit further — to leave a positive impact on someone by being a force for good. This is more than a motto; it is a call to action that challenges each of us to embody the values of compassion, leadership, and service in every aspect of our lives.

As we step forward into the unknown future, let us aim to become the leaders our Councils and Districts need. The challenges of this era demand leaders who are not only caring and responsible but who are also committed to making a difference for the betterment of society. Leadership is not defined by titles but by actions, by the ability to inspire and uplift those around us.

The Fraternal Year ahead is an opportunity for us to rise to this challenge. Whether through outreach programs, community service, or spiritual guidance, let us all strive to be the leaders who bring positive change and hope to those we serve.

One way to make a meaningful difference is shared by Tiffany Farley, Executive Director of the Gabriel Network. Her work exemplifies the values we hold dear, providing support and resources to mothers and families in need. Stories like hers remind us of the power of collective action and the importance of being present in the lives of others.

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# *State Deputy's Message*

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Tiffany stated, “Every moment is precious when it comes to supporting a vulnerable pregnant woman, particularly if she is facing pressure to consider abortion. These women often live in a whirlwind of emotions and decisions, and the opportunity to touch their hearts can be fleeting. Whether she’s scrolling through her phone, gazing out the window of a bus on her way to work, or passing by a familiar community spot, a simple message of hope can make all the difference.

You might be surprised to learn how many women in need discover Gabriel Network through something as simple as a sign in front of a church or even a bumper magnet on a car. These small, visible acts of outreach can lead to life-changing support and guidance for both the mother and her unborn child.

This is where you can help. We are thrilled to offer **\*\*FREE YARD SIGNS\*\*** about the Gabriel Network for anyone willing to display them. These signs are a powerful way to share our mission and provide hope to women who may feel isolated and overwhelmed. Where can you place a sign, outside your church or parish building (with the Pastor’s permission), at your Knights of Columbus council's location (with the Grand Knights permission), or in your own front yard or garden, or community spaces where they’ll catch people’s attention.

We’re ready to deliver as many signs as you are willing to display. All you need to do is provide a location, and we will handle the rest. Let these signs become a beacon of hope, offering tangible support to those who need it most.

If you’re ready to make a difference, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We can’t wait to partner with you in spreading love and hope to women in need. **\*\*Call or Email Today: \*\***

Laura Best: **\*\*Laura.Best@gabrielnetwork.org\*\*** Phone: **\*\*800-264-3565 ext 302\*\***

Together, let’s ensure that no woman feels alone during one of the most challenging times of her life. Your willingness to display a simple sign can change lives—one heart at a time.”

Brothers, as we continue to serve, let us look for opportunities to strengthen partnerships and amplify the impact of our initiatives. Whether through collaboration with organizations like the Gabriel Network or by developing our own programs, we can be a force for good that resonates far beyond our immediate communities.

The 2025-2026 Fraternal Year is not just a period of time; it is a chance to make a lasting impact — to serve, to lead, and to inspire. Let us embrace this opportunity with open hearts and determined minds, carrying forward the legacy of the Knights of Columbus.

Together, we can achieve greatness. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others. And together, we can be a force for good.

May this year be one of growth, unity, and profound service. Welcome, brothers, to the start of a new Fraternal Year!

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Tony**



# Organizational Meeting Of State Deputies



## ‘Christ at the Center’

Knights of Columbus leaders representing more than 70 jurisdictions gathered in New Haven, Connecticut, June 4-8 for the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies, uniting in prayer and preparing for the upcoming fraternal year.

On June 6, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly conferred medals of office on 37 newly elected state deputies at the conclusion of Mass at St. Mary’s Church — the birthplace of the Order. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore was the principal celebrant, joined by more than 35 Knights of Columbus chaplains as concelebrants.

In his homily, Archbishop Lori reflected on the Gospel passage in which the risen Lord asks St. Peter, “Do you love me?” — a question he said is also directed to Knights of Columbus leaders.

“Indeed, it is directed to us in a particular way, we who form the leadership of the Knights of Columbus,” he said. “For we are the leaders, the guardians, and in a sense, the shepherds of an Order that is founded on love — on the principle of charity.”

Leadership in the Order, Archbishop Lori emphasized, is rooted in discipleship: “There will be days when you are asked to go where you would rather not go, to perform tasks and take on responsibilities you might prefer to avoid. Then hear the Lord say, ‘Follow me!’ ... Disciples are those who have learned to love as the Lord loves.”

The supreme knight also underscored the Order’s achievements over the past year — including 48 million volunteer hours and a record \$197 million donated to charity. The Order’s RSVP (Refund Support for Vocations Program) reached a new milestone, surpassing \$100 million in total support for seminarians and postulants since its inception. In 2024, Knights also donated over \$5 million to pregnancy care centers and maternity homes through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. In the past year alone, Cor has expanded from about 600 councils participating to more than 5,000, and the importance of advancing its growth was a central theme throughout the meeting of state deputies.

During the meeting, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly also recognized Archbishop Lori with a resolution from the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors honoring him on the occasion of two recent milestones — the 30th anniversary of his episcopal ordination and his 20th anniversary as supreme chaplain.

“My ministry as a priest and as a bishop — being closely associated with the work of the Knights of Columbus — is one of the great, great graces in my life,” Archbishop Lori said. “I am humbled and honored to do it, and I appreciate all of the support and all of the encouragement I receive in being part of this great mission.”



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

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Hello Ladies,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! It's hard to believe that a new Fraternal Year is starting for our councils.

Thank you to all of the ladies who attended Leadership in June. Friday, we had a delicious lunch and learned how to do iris folding to make cards. A big thank you to Josie for sharing this fun craft with us. On Saturday, the ladies were most generous in providing donations for the Light House, a homeless prevention support center. Diane McBee gave an informative talk, and in return, we provided a carload of supplies plus \$700 for her to take back to this terrific charity. After this, we visited Fort McHenry to celebrate Flag Day, followed by a trip to the B & O Museum for lunch and a tour before returning to Holy Family for Mass and the Installation of Officers. It was a wonderful weekend for making friends and learning new things.

Several ladies have expressed an interest in starting an auxiliary, and our State Ladies Auxiliary Co-Chairs are working with them. If you are interested in starting an auxiliary, please let me know or reach out to one of the Co-Chairs. You can also attend one of the program seminars later this month or in August. Please see the auxiliary article in this newsletter for more details.

Council installations start this month. Whatever role you and your husband are filling, I wish you another successful year. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Supreme Convention is August 5 – 7, 2025, and it will be held in Washington, DC. If you have never attended a Supreme Convention, here is your chance while it's in our backyard. If you can only attend one event, I highly recommend the opening Mass, which will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of Catholic University on the morning of Tuesday, August 5. It is an amazing experience to see the dozens of Cardinals and Bishops, along with an incredible number of Color Corps members, process at the start of Mass. We rarely have the chance to celebrate our faith together in such a unique way, and I hope you will be able to attend. You will need to register for the convention (free) to attend. Please visit the Supreme website for details [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

On a final note, my husband's motto of the past year has been expanded to ***Make a Difference in Someone's Life and Be a Force for Good***. I hope each of you will take this to heart. If we all join in, the world will be a better and kinder place.

Happy 4th of July to all of you!

Kathy





# Training Message

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Worthy Brother Knights, as we approach the end of the Fraternal Year we must once again acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and resolve to commit ourselves to those things which give our lives as Knights purpose and direction. A smooth transition in Council leadership is dependent on lessons provided below.

## Training Can Make a Difference in Someone's Life!

### On Demand Training Is Always Available

Visit [kofc.org/training](https://kofc.org/training) to find our complete library of on demand training, where state, district and council officers can go to learn more about their duties and responsibilities, as well as review best practices for the daily operations of an assembly or council, tips for membership growth, and timely suggestions for using programs to keep members actively engaged.

**Here's an example of what you will find – click on the links below to register and view at any time:**

**[Completing Forms 185 and 365](#)** – The most efficient way to update your Council Officers and Directors post-election is seamless updating through Member Management in Officer's Online.

**[Fraternal Year Transition Tips for Councils](#)** – A review of best practices for putting the finishing touches on the current Fraternal Year and handing over leadership to the next team, to prepare for the new Columbian year.

**[Membership Records Management](#)** – Outlines member types, the methods to process them, and how to perform membership maintenance to our rosters.

**[Completing the Columbian Award Application](#)** – Every Council has a story to tell, and the Columbian Award Application is the essential form that councils should submit each fraternal year to tell their programming story.

Forma	Título	Fecha de vencimiento	Información
Formulario 185	Oficiales elegidos	30 de junio de 2025	Lista de todos los cargos electos y designados del Consejo
Formulario 365	Personal del Programa de Servicios	30 de junio de 2025	Identifica a los directores y presidentes de los programas
Formulario 1295	Auditoría semestral	15 de agosto 15 de febrero	Revisión financiera por los <a href="#">Fidecomisarios</a>
Formulario 1728	Encuesta anual sobre la actividad fraternal	31 de enero	Documenta las horas de voluntariado y las donaciones benéficas
SP-7	Solicitud del Premio Columbian	30 de junio de 2026	Informa de los programas de servicio para el Premio Columbian

Vivat Jesus,

Rob



# Council Growth

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## Membership



Worthy Brothers All,

Anyone who has ever served in a Knights of Columbus leadership role probably has learned a lot from the experience! I certainly have! In fact, working over the past fraternal year as your State Membership Director has taught me plenty of lessons that I felt might be worth sharing. So, here are my “8 Lessons Learned” regarding council membership growth. Feel free to debate any on the list, but at the end of the day I stand behind each of these!

### 1. The Grand Knight sets the tone and creates the focus. Period.

If the Grand Knight encourages his council to build a culture of invitation, then he is almost certain to achieve his membership growth objective. Over the past year I have seen some remarkable Grand Knights resurrect councils that have recruited almost no one in years. On the other hand, I have seen some who simply failed to create any level of excitement, purpose, or focus around building their council for the future. Let’s be the ones who always stay focused!

### 2. A quality Membership Director is a game changer.

The most undervalued and least understood role in the Order is the council Membership Director. Getting the right man in the position- someone with a good personality, connects well with people, and who can inspire- makes all the difference in a council’s growth performance. Take time to select that man.

### 3. Church drives deliver results.

When I started in this role, I was lukewarm on church drives. However, what a change in attitude since those early days! Seeing so many amazing results over the past year has convinced me that the most impactful way to grow a council is to activate a church drive. And these don’t have to be perfect. They just need to be done!

### 4. Prospect tab awareness and action is critical.

Councils that continually review men listed in their prospect tab- and quickly reach out to these men with a warm welcome- are councils that rank high on my list of rock stars.

### 5. Timely exemplifications matter.

Once the admissions team interviews a prospective new member, proactive councils find a way to celebrate an exemplification with him within weeks. There is never an excuse to keep a man “on ice.”

### 6. Star councils make recruitment part of every program activity.

When a council runs a program, the best ones make sure that at least one brother Knight is connecting with men and extending an invitation. (By the way, when was the last time that you had too many Knights volunteer at an event? Here’s the perfect opportunity to address that issue)!

### 7. Never underestimate the importance of recognition.

I am a huge fan of this. Every brother Knight who steps up and contributes to the success of the council deserves to be thanked and recognized. There are countless opportunities to do this and men will never forget the feeling of being appreciated. Good councils excel and even over-index on this.

### 8. Young guys really do like being members of the Knights of Columbus.

I have been surprised by the number of young men who have become brother Knights over the past year. These guys often are looking for a “safe” place to deepen their Catholic faith within a community of men who put that faith into action. Get fearless and reach out to them!

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# Council Growth

## Membership

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And I would like to add a “9th lesson learned. I have been amazed at the capacity of councils to find so many creative ways to invite men into the Order. Over the past year Knights from throughout Maryland have welcomed over 1,100 Catholic men to join us on our mission. That is a remarkable accomplishment, and I am sure this trend will continue during our new fraternal year.

Thanks to all of you who are making a difference in so many lives. And never stop learning! Your efforts are deeply appreciated, and my entire Membership Growth team is looking forward to serving you in your efforts to build councils that thrive for years to come!

*Vivat Jesus,  
Terry*

### District 21 Honor District 2024-2025



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# State Programs

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



My Brothers All,

Congratulations to the new District Deputies and newly elected and re-elected Grand Knights for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year. Your Maryland State Council Faith in Action (FIA) Program Team is looking forward to working with you and your councils to conduct programs that Make a Difference in Someone’s Life. I would like to introduce the newest member to the State Program Team: Tim Lynch – Family Director. Tim joins Michael Watson – Faith Director; Walter Leskuski – Community Director; and Rick Cassaza – Life Director. These men and their teams are ready to support you and your councils!

We had a great year last year and we look forward to continuing that trend this coming fraternal year. Through the end of May 2025, councils across the jurisdiction submitted a total of 4,339 Faith in Action program reports to Supreme. This represented well over 4,300 opportunities in which brother Knights in Maryland made a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!!

As mentioned during the GK Leadership Seminar and in the June 19, 2025 issue of the Fraternal Leader Advisory, Supreme will be rolling out eight (8) new Faith in Programs this fraternal year. Resources for the first two new programs (under Community): Bright Futures and Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage are now available on Supreme’s website at: <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/>.

To assist you and your councils in learning about these new programs and to plan your FIA programs this fraternal year, we are hosting three Programs and Membership Growth Seminars this summer. These interactive gatherings will provide you with valuable information on the “how-to” of conducting successful FIA Programs. The schedule of the 2025 Programs and Membership Growth Seminars is as follows:

Thursday, July 17 at Sacred Heart Council 2577, Bowie

Thursday, July 24 at Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521, Nottingham

Monday, August 11 at St. Katharine Drexel Council 14011, Frederick

Each session begins with food and beverages served at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. During these seminars, you will have the opportunity to meet with the FIA program activity chairpersons to learn more about the FIA programs as well as information on membership. All District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights, Council Officers, Council Program and Membership Directors, and Presidents and Ladies Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. You do not need to attend each session. - just pick the meeting location that best fits your schedule.

The listing of Districts for each session is merely a suggestion – councils in those districts may attend any of the Programs and Membership Seminar of their choosing. **Again, you are encouraged to attend any session that is most convenient for you.**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025 - Sacred Heart Council No. 2577 (6111 Columbian Way, Bowie)**

Districts: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, and 33

**Thursday, July 24, 2025 - Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521 (4301 Klosterman Ave, Nottingham)**

Districts: 4, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 27, 28, and 32

**Monday, August 11, 2025- St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011 (8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick)**

Districts: 5, 8, 11, 18, 20, 25, 30, and 31

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# State Programs

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

In addition, councils can pick up extra 2025 Cash Incentive Sweepstakes tickets at these seminars. Remember, you can now send these tickets through the U.S. Mail (tip: send five tickets to each brother in your council). This is an easy way for councils to make much needed money - \$2 from each ticket goes directly to your council.

Also, please mark your calendars and save the dates for the following events, which are open to all brother Knights in the state:

Columbus Day Ball – Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Columbus Gardens

Statewide Memorial Mass – Sunday, November 9, 2025 at Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City

Navy Football Game & Tailgate – Navy vs University of South Florida – Saturday, November 15, 2025

To learn more about these events and other events currently scheduled for 2025-2026, please visit [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org). We look forward to seeing you and your lovely ladies and beautiful children at these events.

Your State Faith in Action Program Team is looking forward to another successful year. Do not hesitate to contact any of our team members for assistance.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Alan Pultyniewicz*



### Fe en la acción Participación

**Programas de fe**

- Apoyo a las Vocacione RSVP
- Hora Santa
- Retiro espiritual
- Firma en n la brecha

**Programas Life**

- Marcha por la Vida
- Olimpiadas Especiales
- Programa de ultrasonidos
- Apoyo a los Centros de Embarazo / ASAP



**Programas familiares**

- Alimentos para las familias
- Noche de oración en familia
- Familia del mes/año
- La Familia plenamente viva

**Programas comunitarios**

- Abrigos para niños
- Misión mundial en silla de ruedas
- Hábitat para la Humanidad
- Preparación ante catástrofes

El modelo del programa Fe en Acción proporciona un enfoque equilibrado de las actividades del consejo. Como Gran Caballero, designe directores de programa capaces para cada categoría y trabaje con ellos para seleccionar los programas específicos que mejor se adapten a las capacidades de su consejo y a las necesidades de la parroquia.



### Liderazgo y manejo del Consejo

**Establecer objetivos claros**

Establecer objetivos específicos y mensurables para el año fraternal.

**Desarrollar planes de acción**

Crear estrategias detalladas para alcanzar los objetivos del Consejo



**Supervisar los progresos**

Seguimiento de actividades y ajustes planes según sea necesario

**Delegar responsabilidades**

Asignar tareas a los funcionarios y presidentes de comités



# Hispanic Activities



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¡Hola Hermanos Caballeros! Ruego que ustedes y sus familias estén bien.

Les extiendo un caluroso saludo fraternal de parte de nuestro Diputado de el Estado el Hermano Antony N. Salvemini, quien nos invita a que:

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

El quiere que los felicite y al mismo tiempo darles las gracias por compartir y trabajar con todos los oficiales de el estado este pasado Año fraternal 2024-2025 Hacieno una diferencia en la vida de alguien, donde tambien tuvimos muchos logros a nivel estado y los felicita por todos sus logros en sus consejos.

El Sabado 14 de Junio tuvimos el “Leadship Seminar” que es donde los Dignos Gran Caballeros de todos los consejos en Maryland se reunieron para recibir informes acerca de los logros de el 2024-2025 y que planes y eventos vienen para este Nuevo Año 2025-2026 los dignos Gran Caballeros llevaran esta informacion a sus consejos para compartirla, el Diputado de Distrito junto con el Guardian de Distrito les compartira tambien la informacion ya sea el la reunion de Distrito y/o durante las reuniones de cada mes, el Estado pondra las presentaciones en su pagina de <https://www.kofc-md.org>. las encontraran usando el tab que dice “Meeting Slides” ya entrando alli pueden hacer click en las frases de color y los llevara a la presentacion que dieron, pueden ver las de la reunion de el Viernes 13 de Junio que fue para los DD’s y claro las de el Sabado Junio 14

El Diputado de el Estado tambien les agradece por haber enviado todas las formas correspondientes y al mismo tiempo si no lo han podido hacer los exorta a mandarlas lo mas ante posible, la Forma 185-S que es la lista de Funcionarios elegidos para el period 2024-2024 y la forma 365-S que es el Informe de Personal del Programa de Servicio.

Tambien les recuerda de Programar su Instalacion de oficiales, coordinarla con su Capellan, su Diputado de Distrito, Guardian de Distrito y sus Familias para lograrlo en el mes de Julio o Agosto.

Como orden fraternal tenemos que seguir reclutando para poder tener mas Hermanos Caballeros (guerreros) que nos ayuden a hacer las obras que que son necesarias todos los días. El Director de membresias de el Estado el Hermano Terri Waters les ofrece su apoyo y ayuda y no duden en preguntar si necesitan algo. Tambien nos informa que se repetira el Incentivo de Crecimiento “Fast Start” Funciona de la siguiente manera:

- Cada consejo tiene una meta anual de crecimiento de membresía.

- Si un consejo alcanza su meta antes del 30 de Septiembre 2025, sera exento del pago de la cuota estatal per cápita de membresía durante el semestre de enero a junio de 2026.

Tambien Supremo ofrece un Incentivo que se llama Concurso "Pescadores de hombres" de Supremo

Y funciona de la siguiente manera:

Los consejos de Maryland compiten con otros consejos de nuestra región.

Hay dos maneras de ganar:

Los consejos que alcancen la cantidad total de nuevos miembros durante el período del programa pueden ganar hasta \$2,000. Hay tres ganadores en esta categoría.

Los consejos que alcancen el mayor porcentaje de su meta durante el período del programa pueden ganar hasta \$2,000. Hay tres ganadores del primer lugar y 25 ganadores del cuarto lugar en esta categoría.

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# Hispanic Activities

## (Continued)



Nota: Los consejos deben alcanzar minimo el 100% de su meta anual para calificar para cualquier premio.

Recuerde: Tanto el programa de incentivos Inicio Rápido ("Fast Start") como el de "Pescadores de hombres" de Supremo ofrecen una enorme oportunidad de ganar para los consejos que los aprovechen con rapidez y decisión. ¡Nuevos miembros más dinero en efectivo equivalen a una combinación ganadora para cualquier consejo! No se quede atrás. ¡Sea el consejo que marque el ritmo para que todos los demás lo sigan!

Como orden fraternal tambien tenemos la obligacion de reportar las obras que hacemos por medio de el reporte fraternal debemos llenar la forma 10784-S que debe de ser llenada inmediatamente despues de terminar el evento realizado el mismo dia para que no se les olvide, todos los miembros de caballeros de colon pueden llenar esta forma no solo los directores de programas y/o oficiales. El director de programas de el Estado el Hermano Alan Pultyniewicz tambien les ofrece su apoyo y su ayuda, tambien los invita al seminario de programas mas cercano a usted, hay 3 y seran:

Jueves 17 de Julio en el Consejo del Sagrado Corazón #2577 en Bowie, MD

Jueves 24 de Julio en el Consejo Cardenal Gibbons #2521 en Nottingham, MD

Lunes 11 de Agosto en el Consejo Katherine Drexel #14011 en Frederick, MD

Recuerden estos seminaries son para todos los Caballeros de Colon y sus esposas pueden asistir tambien, hay una cena para empezar y despues mucha pero mucha informacion y oportunidades de comunicacion con los Directores de los programas de el Estado

Quiero aprovechar este momento para agradecer infinitamente a SK Jhon (Jairo) Neira por su apoyo y ayuda como Guardian de el Distrito 14 durante el pasado Año fraternal 2024-2025. El siempre ha apoyado y dedicado su tiempo y esfuerzo para el bien de su Consejo, de su Distrito, de el Estado y de la Orden. Por causas de fuerza mayor no puede continuar como Guardian de Distrito y le deseamos mucho exito en su futuro

Tambien quiero anunciar que tenemos un Nuevo Guardian de Distrito 14 le damos la bienvenida a SK Luis Corona Miembro de el Consejo San Jose custodio de Columbia MD 18170. Agradecemos el haber aceptado el llamado y confiamos que juntos como Hermanos que somos unidos seguiremos avanzando y sirviendonos los unos a los otros para que:

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

Vivat Jesus,  
Armando Fernandez



### Grandes Caballeros... Hacen esto bien

- Se dan cuenta de que dirigir a los demás es un privilegio
- Celebrar los éxitos juntos
- Reconocer y dar las gracias a los miembros del equipo/consejo
- Son unos grandes embajadores de la Orden





# Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



Happy 4th of July, Ladies! Installations are beginning! It's a busy couple of months for us with installation dates, so book yours soon to secure the date you want. Many of you are embarking on your second term this year. Congratulations on your first year, and continue the great work. For new officers, please remember to email us with updated contact information, including names, emails, phone numbers, and home addresses for your new presidents, so they don't miss out on receiving information from us. Our emails are:

rthgsmn@gmail.com  
Bononasachez.jf@gmail.com  
cannettebishopsc@gmail.com

Remember to use our Facebook page to highlight your auxiliaries' events. Everyone loves seeing all the great things going on across the state! You will find us at:

Maryland Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliaries

Program Seminars are around the corner. This is your opportunity to see us in person, ask questions, and share ideas with other auxiliaries. Women who want to start an auxiliary are welcome to come and get information and advice.

Thursday, July 17 @ Sacred Heart Council #2577 in Bowie, MD

Thursday, July 24 @ Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521 in Nottingham, MD

Monday, August 11 @ Katherine Drexel Council #14011 in Frederick, MD

In the past, all seminars have started at 7:30 PM, and dinner is served. Updated information will be on the Facebook site and on the State Calendar at <https://www.kofc-md.org>.

Have a great summer!

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

**Ruth, Juana, and Annette**



# *Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares*



¡Feliz 4 de julio, Damas! ¡Comienzan las instalaciones! Son un par de meses muy ajetreados con las fechas de instalaciones, así que reserven la suya pronto para asegurar la fecha que desean. Muchas de ustedes comienzan su segundo mandato este año. ¡Felicidades por su primer año y continúen con el excelente trabajo! Para las nuevas directivas, recuerden enviarnos un correo electrónico con la información de contactos actualizada, incluyendo nombres, correos electrónicos, números de teléfono y direcciones particulares de sus nuevas presidentas, para que no se pierdan la información de nuestra parte. Nuestros correos electrónicos son:

rthgsmn@gmail.com  
Bononasachez.jf@gmail.com  
cannettebishops@gmail.com

Recuerden usar nuestra página de Facebook para publicar los eventos de sus grupos auxiliares. ¡A todos nos encanta ver todo lo que sucede en todo el estado! Nos encontrarás en:

Maryland Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliaries

Los seminarios de programas están a la vuelta de la esquina. Esta es tu oportunidad de vernos en persona, hacer preguntas y compartir ideas con otras Damas auxiliares. Las mujeres que deseen formar una auxiliar están invitadas a venir y recibir información y consejos.

Jueves 17 de Julio en el Consejo del Sagrado Corazón #2577 en Bowie, MD  
Jueves 24 de Julio en el Consejo Cardenal Gibbons #2521 en Nottingham, MD  
Lunes 11 de Agosto en el Consejo Katherine Drexel #14011 en Frederick, MD

Anteriormente, todos los seminarios comenzaban a las 7:30 p. m. y se servía la cena. La información actualizada estará disponible en el sitio de Facebook y en el Calendario Estatal.visitando:

<https://www.kofc-md.org>.

¡Que tengan un bonito verano!

Hagamos una diferencia en la vida de alguien y seamos una fuerza para el bien.

**Sus copresidentas,**

**Ruth, Juana, Annette**



# Maryland Knights In Action



**Council 1622 Family Picnic**



**Council 4011 Priest Appreciation Dinner**



**Council 9462 Golf Tournament**



**Council 7612 Awards Dinner**



**Council 2577 Icon Display**



**Council 8736 Hawaiian Themed Meeting**



**Council 7612 Donation**



**Council 7941 Council Social Event**





June 2025

Worthy Brother Knights:

Welcome to the new fraternal year! To prepare you for an outstanding year, the Maryland State Council is hosting several interactive and engaging Programs and Membership Growth seminars this summer to inform and inspire you and your council leaders! These seminars provide important information on ways to strengthen your membership efforts and highlight the many outstanding Faith in Action (FIA) programs available to councils throughout Maryland. These programs are aimed to help you and your councils ***“Make a Difference in Someone’s Life – Be A Force for Good.”***

Here are the details about the upcoming Programs and Membership Growth Seminars:

- Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with food and beverages provided at no cost.
- Each seminar begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude no later than 9:00 p.m.
- Door prizes will be awarded at each seminar! You must be present to win, so please don’t leave early!
- Attire is meeting casual, i.e. council polos and dress slacks (no t-shirts, tank-tops, shorts, or flip-flops).
- All Grand Knights, Council program and membership chairmen and officers, District Deputies and District Wardens should attend. If a member is unable to attend, please ensure that an alternate is there to take his place and bring the information back to the council.
- Presidents and officers of the Ladies Auxiliaries are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Activity chairmen from the four Faith in Action program teams will be available to share details about their programs and answer your questions. Also, members of the State Council Growth Team and Online Membership, will be in attendance to answer questions you have about membership. The entire state team is here to help you!

These are great opportunities for you to inform and engage your council leaders and to put your entire team in a position to experience another amazing year while having a great time!

Thanks to all of you for your leadership and engagement this fraternal year! Let’s fill up these exciting and informative seminars and discover how we all can ***Make a Difference in Someone’s Life*** and ***Be a Force for Good*** as Knights here in Maryland! Vivat Jesus!

*Alan*

Alan Pultyniewicz, FDD, PGK, PFN  
State Program Director

*Terry*

Terry Waters, FDD, PGK  
State Growth Director

The 2025-2026 Programs and Membership Seminars will be conducted on the dates and locations noted below. The listing of Districts for each session is merely a suggestion – councils in those districts may attend any Programs and Membership Seminar of their choosing. **Again, you are encouraged to attend any session that is most convenient for you.**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025** – Sacred Heart Council No. 2577 (located at 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie)

- Districts: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, and 33

**Thursday, July 24, 2025** - Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521 (located at 4301 Klosterman Ave, Nottingham)

- Districts: 4, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 27, 28, and 32

**Monday, August 11, 2025** - St. Katharine Drexel Council No. 14011 (located at 8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick)

- Districts: 5, 8, 11, 18, 20, 25, 30, and 31

## PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon 2025 – 2026 Schedule

**Mike Novak, FDD – Pilgrim Icon Chairman [j.michael.novak@verizon.net](mailto:j.michael.novak@verizon.net) 443-695-1862**

#### **Sacred Heart ICON - 89**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District:**

District 03  
 District 17  
 Districts 23  
 District 21  
 District 04  
 District 25  
 District 08  
 District 20

#### **General Area**

Glen Burnie  
 Catonsville  
 Elkridge  
 Ellicott City  
 Sykesville/Owings Mills  
 Frederick/Taneytown  
 Frederick/Hancock  
 Cumberland & West

#### **Sacred Heart ICON – 93**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District**

District 31  
 District 28  
 District 27  
 District 16  
 District 32  
 District 19  
 District 07  
 District 13

#### **General Area**

Ijamsville/Mt. Airy  
 Baltimore City  
 Abingdon / Parkton  
 Aberdeen/Forest Hill  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore City  
 Dundalk  
 North Baltimore

#### **Sacred Heart ICON - 94**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District:**

District 24  
 District 22  
 District 26  
 District 12  
 District 09  
 District 29  
 District 06  
 District 01

#### **General Area**

Annapolis  
 Salisbury/Ocean City  
 Easton/Chestertown  
 Waldorf  
 Prince Frederick  
 Lexington Park  
 Hollywood  
 Largo/Upper Marlboro

#### **Sacred Heart ICON - 103**

November 11, 2025 – December 07, 2025  
 December 08, 2025 – January 04, 2026  
 January 05, 2026 – February 01, 2026  
 February 02, 2026 – March 01, 2026  
 March 02, 2026 – March 29, 2026  
 March 30, 2026 – April 26, 2026  
 April 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026  
 May 25, 2026 – June 21, 2026

#### **Host District**

District 15  
 District 02  
 District 14  
 District 10  
 District 11  
 District 18  
 District 30  
 District 05

#### **General Area**

Forestville  
 Bowie/Mitchellville  
 Greenbelt/Takoma Park  
 Laurel  
 Silver Spring  
 Bethesda/Rockville  
 Olney/Gaithersburg  
 Germantown/Damascus

Instead of the log book enclosed with the Icon use the online link for councils to fill out. Please see the link below.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8124274/State-Pilgrim-Icon-Program-Form>



# Columbus Day Ball

October 11, 2025

## Cocktails 6:00 PM

Vegetable and Cheese Platters

## Dinner 7:15 PM

House Salad – choice of dressing

Boneless Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast &

Baked Honey Ham w/Pineapple Sauce on the side

Baked Potato w/Butter & Sour Cream

Glazed Baby Carrots

Freshly Baked French Bread Rolls, Butter

Apple Pie

Water/Coffee/Tea

Vegetarian Option Available

## Open Bar All Night

Dinner and Dancing Music

By VeeGee

Media Productions

Cost: \$75 per person

Reservations Required



## Columbus Gardens

4301 Klosterman Ave  
Nottingham, MD 21236



Dress: Men: Black Tie or Business Suit /Ladies: Evening Gown



# Columbus Day Ball

## October 11, 2025

**Mail completed form with check (payable to MD State Council) for all attendees to Gil Boisvert, 626 Harmony Way, Centreville, MD 21617. 10 people per table. NO "walk-ins". \*Confirmation to be emailed to the contact person only, no paper tickets issued.**

*Saturday, October 11, 2025  
 Dinner/Dancing Music  
 By VeeGee Media Productions  
 Columbus Gardens  
 4301 Klosterman Ave  
 Nottingham, MD 21236*

*Doors open at 6pm  
 Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres  
 Dinner 7:15 pm  
 Men - Black Tie or Business Suit  
 Ladies - Formal or Cocktail Attire  
 Cost: \$75 per person (check only)*

**Type or print clearly, complete all sections of reservation form.** Note Meal Choice 1 or 2.

Meal Choice: 1 - Double entree: Baked Honey Ham & Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast

2 - Vegetarian Plate

Includes: Open Bar, hors d'oeuvres (Vegetable and Cheese Platters), House Salad, Baked Honey Ham & Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast (or Vegetarian Plate ), Baked Potato, Glazed Baby Carrots, Freshly Baked French Bread Rolls, Butter, Apple Pie, Water, Tea, and Coffee

**Full Name (email/phone of contact person)      Meal # 1 or 2      Title/Council      Check #**

Full Name (email/phone of contact person)	Meal # 1 or 2	Title/Council	Check #
Contact *			

## ANNUAL Columbus Day Ball Program Book

Worthy State Officers, Masters, Past State Deputies, Executive Staff, District Deputies, Special Project Staff, Supreme Insurance Directors, State Directors and Chairmen, Ladies Activities Chairladies, Wardens to the State Deputy, Chapter Presidents, District Wardens, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents.

Enclosed is a contract for advertising space in the annual Columbus Day Ball, Program Book, which will be published and distributed at the Columbus Day Ball, on October 11, 2025. Prices for the AD and the sizes are noted on the enclosed CONTRACT FORM. Again, this year you will have the opportunity to place your council's color Ad in the Program Book. The price is the same as last year's cost.

We earnestly solicit your whole-hearted support for the 2025 Columbus Day Ball Program Book. Monies derived from the Program Book play a major role in defraying Columbus Day Ball costs. Our Worthy State Deputy is striving for 100% AD participation from every council.

We encourage all ads to be sent to Thom Stevenson by email, [tnpstevenson@verizon.net](mailto:tnpstevenson@verizon.net). Payments and accompanying ad contracts to be mailed to Thom's home address of 3419 Northwind Rd Parkville, MD 21234. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Please list the name of the council and **NAME** and **CHECK NUMBER** of the account it is being drawn on.

All Ads should be forwarded to me **NO LATER THAN September 14, 2025**, and should be camera ready. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Please forward your AD at your earliest convenience.

We thank you for your prompt attention on this matter

Fraternally,

*Thom Stevenson*

Thom Stevenson

**Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus  
Columbus Day Ball Program Ad Book  
Advertising Contract  
Cost and Choices**

**Full Page \$100 \_\_\_\_\_**

8 ½ x 5 ½

**Half Page \$60 \_\_\_\_\_**

4 ¼ x 5 ½

**Quarter Page \$35 \_\_\_\_\_**

4 ¼ x 2 ¾

With a purchase of three quarter page ads, receive a half page ad free!!!!!!

Name on check \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Council, Assembly or Business name and number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Send Check made payable to Maryland State Council to:**

**Thom Stevenson**

**3419 Northwind Rd**

**Parkville, MD 21234**

**443-388-1871**

**Send Camera Ready Art To:**

**Thom Stevenson, tnpstevenson@verizon.net**

**Deadline: September 14, 2025**

**Columbus Day Ball October 11, 2025**



# NAVY FOOTBALL GAME AND TAILGATE PARTY



2025

Sponsored by  
The Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus



Vs.



Saturday, November 15, 2025

University of  
South Florida...

Game Time 12 Noon

Tailgate 9:00 AM

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, MD

The Pregame Tailgate  
Cost: \$10.00 per person

To attend please RSVP !!  
Send RSVP and Questions to:  
Thom Partenope, Chairman  
[Thom.pfn379@gmail.com](mailto:Thom.pfn379@gmail.com)

**SAVE the DATE!!**

**More Information  
Will be coming  
forthwith!!!**

# Maryland State Council - Knights of Columbus

## 56th Annual Cash Incentive Sweepstakes

*Benefiting Charity and Scholarship  
Programs*

**1st Prize \$7,000,  
2nd Prize \$2,000,  
3rd Prize \$1,000**

*Drawing: October 11, 2025,  
Columbus Day Ball  
Columbus Gardens,  
4301 Klosterman Ave, Baltimore, MD*

**Donation: \$5.00**

*Donations are NOT tax deductible as charitable contributions  
Winner need not be present to win and is responsible for all  
taxes. A Donation is not required to participate but we depend  
on your help.*



2025-2026

# State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 6/16/25



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
JUL 2025	7/1	SERVICE PERSONNEL CHOSEN 185		
	7/10	QUO VADIS	ST MARY'S SEMINARY BALTIMORE, MD	STATE OFFICERS
	7/17	PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	SACRED HEART COUNCIL #2577	ALAN PULTYNIOWICZ TERRY WATERS
	7/24	PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	CARDINAL GIBBONS COUNCIL #2521	ALAN PULTYNIOWICZ TERRY WATERS
AUG 2025	8/5-7	143RD SUPREME CONVENTION	HILTON DC WASHINGTON, DC	TONY SALVEMINI
	8/11	PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR	ST KATHARINE DREXEL COUNCIL #14011	ALAN PULTYNIOWICZ TERRY WATERS
	8/17	BALTIMORE CHAPTER INSTALLATION	ST URSULA CHURCH PARKVILLE, MD	MIKE NOVAK
	8/28	SETON CHAPTER INSTALLATION	SETON SHRINE	PATRICK JOY
	TBD	FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING	TBD	DALE TROTT PSD
SEP 2025	9/21	BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER INSTALLATION	ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH PRINCE FREDERICK, MD	
OCT 2025	10/11	COLUMBUS DAY BALL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	STEVE COHEN E. PAUL JONES
	10/25	FALL MEETING	SETON SHRINE	JEFFREY WILK



# 2024-2025

## State Planning Calendar



UPDATED 04/25

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
OCT 2025	TBD	STATEWIDE SOCCER SHOOTOUT FINALS	TBD	WALT WILLIAMS TOM REUMONT BRIAN TROTT
NOV 2025	11/9	STATEWIDE MEMORIAL MASS	SHRINE OF ST ANTHONY	MICHAEL WATSON
	11/15	NAVY FOOTBALL GAME VS SOUTH FLORIDA	NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL STADIUM	THOM PARTENOPE
DEC 2025	12/13	STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
JAN 2026	1/10	MIDTERM MEETING	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK