



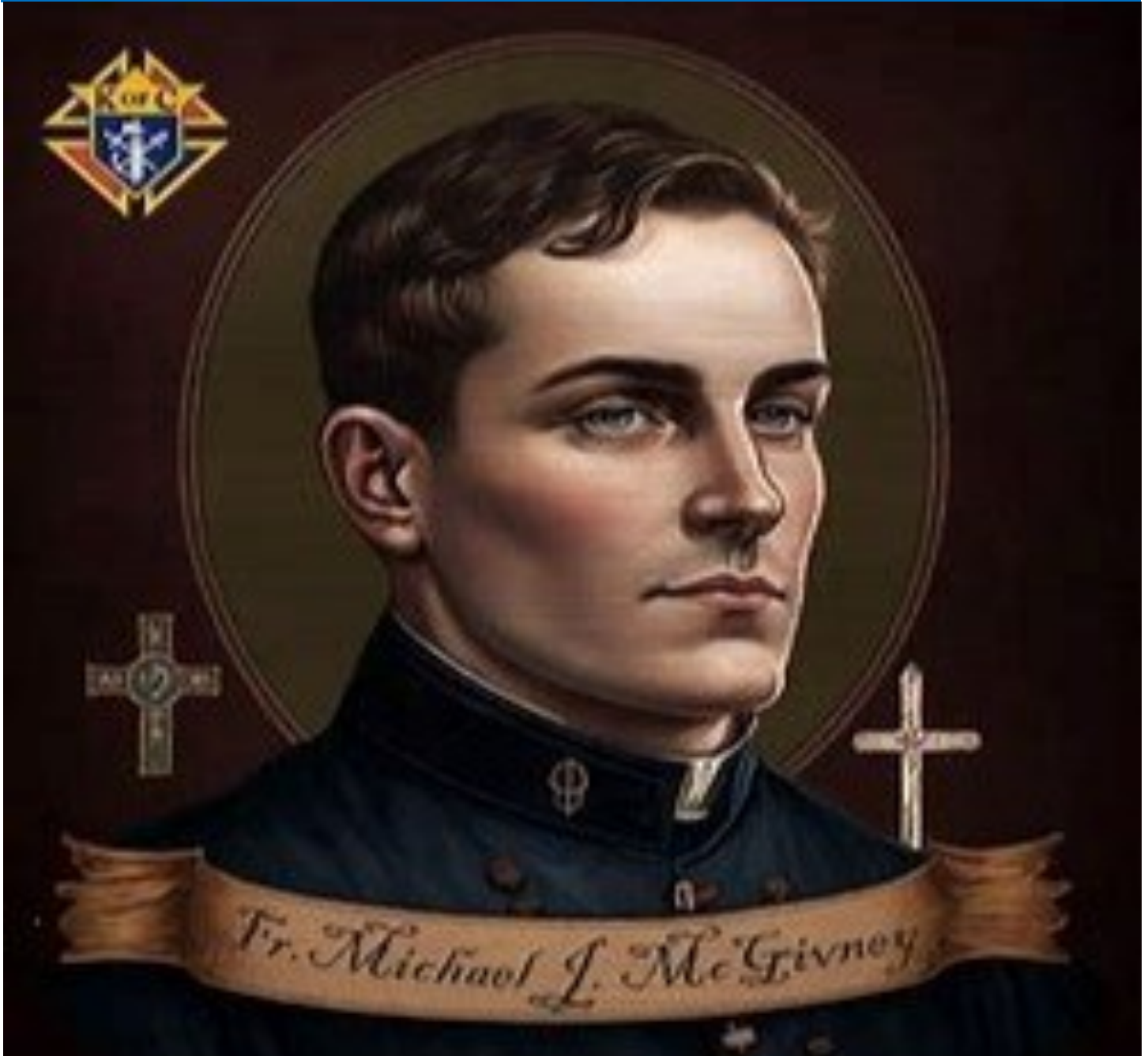
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The Maryland State Council Newsletter is formatted to provide you with information and to show you what's getting done and who's doing it. Its purpose is to keep you informed as to Supreme, State and Council aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We also 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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A few weeks ago we heard the Sunday Gospel that included the parable of the Good Samaritan. How powerful that parable is when reflecting on service to a neighbor: by actual deeds, by volunteering, by prayer for those in need, by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, by supporting charities. It certainly fits in with our State Deputy's call to "make a difference in someone's life—be a force for good."

At my council's installation Mass that weekend I also reflected on how we see Blessed Fr. McGivney being the Good Samaritan: in founding an order that has care of widows and orphans as an important mission; in his personal financial commitment to support a fatherless family so the children were not dispersed; in ministry to a convicted murderer in the New Haven jail all the way to his presence at the gallows. There had to have been so many smaller acts of charity and mercy, or I don't think these more significant ones would have taken place.

That same weekend a deacon at a parish where I was having Mass shared a point with me that he had been reflecting upon. If we think of Jesus as the Good Samaritan, when he takes the injured man to the inn, he gets the innkeeper involved in the act of charity, handing over two silver coins and promising he will provide more if it is needed. I thought it was a great point of reflection. Isn't this what Jesus the Good Samaritan asks of us? He asks us to carry out those deeds, to be His hands and heart in that moment, but that He will provide what we will need for this service (grace, strength, courage, the right thing to say, etc.).

Acts of charity stretch us, and help us to be more fully human even as we strive to be more faithful disciples. This month we will celebrate the feast day of Blessed Michael on August 13th, placed between his birthday (August 12) and his death anniversary (August 14). May Blessed Michael's life example, and his intercession, make us more faithful to our order's ideals, and help us to grow in faith as we reach out in charity. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

- 1 Aug **Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- 4 Aug **Saint John Vianney, Priest**
- 6 Aug **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
- 8 Aug **Saint Dominic, Priest**
- 11 Aug **Saint Clare, Virgin**
- 14 Aug **Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
- 15 Aug **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 20 Aug **Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**
- 22 Aug **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 27 Aug **Saint Monica**
- 28 Aug **Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- 29 Aug **The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**



State Deputy's Message

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Is your Council striving to meet the Maryland State Council's 2025 Fast Start Initiative. If not, you and your Council are missing out on a big opportunity. If a Council meets its membership goal by September 30th, that Council's State per capita assessment for the second half of this Fraternal year will be completely waived. Grand Knights and Membership Directors should be planning to take advantage of this incentive by holding Church Drives. Remember that your council's goals for this year are based on the number of members in your council as of July 1, 2025. Council goals are available through Officer's Online. The State Council Growth team stands ready to assist you in any way they can. Feel free to reach out to any member of the State Growth team, for assistance.

Has your Council mailed out its sweepstake tickets to its members? Selling this year's sweepstake tickets is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for your Council.

During the week of August 4-7, the Maryland State Council Delegation will be attending the 143rd Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. The Supreme Convention is a time when Knights from all over the world gather to acknowledge the charitable work done in the previous fraternal year, while announcing initiatives for the year ahead.

If you would like to follow the Convention proceedings you can do so by visiting kofc.org/convention for daily updates, live videos of major events, and photo galleries. For a closer look at the events, follow the Order's social media channels including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and, the hashtag #KnightsCon24. In addition, broadcasts will be made available by several Catholic media outlets: EWTN, Catholic TV, Salt + Light TV, and The Catholic Channel (SiriusXM 129). The Convention Schedule is as follows: Tuesday, Aug. 5: Pre-Convention Broadcast (EWTN) – 9 a.m. ET, Opening Mass – 9:30 a.m. ET, Opening Business Session & Annual Report of the Supreme Knight – 1 p.m. ET, States Dinner – 6:30 p.m. ET, Wednesday, Aug. 6: Concelebrated Mass – 8:30 a.m. ET Thursday, Aug. 7: Concelebrated Mass – 8 a.m. ET.

Wednesday, August 13th, is Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day. I encourage each Grand Knight to make the day special for their Council and share the story of Blessed Michael McGivney with their parish.

As District Deputies are meeting with newly elected grand knights, please remind them that the EFF Director position is not listed on Form #365 and needs to be submitted via the separate **Council EFF Director Submission Form**. Supreme has asked for this form to be submitted even if the current EFF director is being re-appointed for the upcoming fraternal year.

New Faith in Action Programs

Resources for two new Community programs – Bright Futures and Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage – are now available at kofc.org/community. The **Bright Futures** program invites councils to support the students and schools in their communities. **Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage** encourages councils to celebrate the cultures and traditions of their parish communities through festivals and other events. While these programs appeal to all councils, they will have special appeal to those serving Hispanic parish communities. **Explore the new programs by watching this video**. Print resources can be found on Supplies Online now. If you have any questions please contact Program Director Alan Pultyniewicz.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



Supreme Knight's Meeting With Pope Leo XIV



Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight and Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain meet with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican July 4, 2025.

On July 4th, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori met in a private audience with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican to discuss the work of the Order around the world. .

Pope Leo already had some awareness of the Knights, through parish experience in Chicago and because his brother is a Knight. “But it was an opportunity to present a comprehensive picture of who the Knights are and what the Knights do and what some of its current initiatives are,” Archbishop Lori said.

A statement from the Knights of Columbus on the social media platform X said, “The Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain pledged the order’s loyalty to Pope Leo and promised ongoing prayers and support for his pontificate. They also provided the Holy Father with an overview of the Knights of Columbus, highlighting the order’s charitable activity and men’s faith formation initiatives.”

The two leaders presented the pope a framed archival photo of the launching of LST-286, the tank-landing ship on which Louis Prevost, the pope’s father, served during the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. Archbishop Lori’s father, Francis Lori, also served on an LST during World War II, but in Okinawa, south of mainland Japan.



The Knights leadership also presented two early English editions of works by St. Augustine of Hippo: his famous autobiographical “Confessions” (printed in 1660, London) and “Meditations” (printed in 1728, London), consisting of selections from three Augustinian works of piety: “De meditatione,” “Soliloquies” and “Enchiridion.” Pope Leo is a member of the Augustinian order, which while not founded by him, follows the Rule of St. Augustine, written in the A.D. 400s. The order dates to the 12th and 13th centuries.

Archbishop Lori said he also presented to Pope Leo a copy of a letter from Cardinal James Gibbons, who served as archbishop of Baltimore from 1877 to 1921. The letter to the current pope’s predecessor and namesake, Pope Leo XIII, thanked the pontiff for his 1891 landmark encyclical “Rerum Novarum” (“Of New Things”) on capital and labor. The gift also included a copy of Pope Leo XIII’s reply in Latin to Cardinal Gibbons.



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

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Hello Ladies and Warm Summer Greetings!

This is a wonderful time of year for Tony and me, along with the other State Officers and their wives. We have the privilege of attending many of your Council installations around the state, and I thank you for the generous hospitality and warm welcome you have given us.

Congratulations to the newly installed Ladies Auxiliary officers! Please refer to the State Ladies Auxiliary article for a list of completed installations as of July 31. Check back next month to view the completed August installations.

If you're reading this at the beginning of the month, it's not too late to attend the Supreme Convention 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 participate in one event, I highly recommend the opening Mass on Tuesday, August 5th, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 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 complete a free registration for the convention to attend. Please visit the Supreme website for details, www.kofc.org.

Next month, I'll add some pictures from the Supreme Convention to my article.

As always, thank you to each of you for everything you do for your loved ones and the Knights of Columbus. Remember to ***Make a Difference in Someone's Life and Be a Force for Good!***

Kathy



Training Message

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If you haven't done so already, add "training" to one of the four inevitabilities of life. This is not a bad thing. Whereas, STAPLES has its EASY button ("That was Easy!") Maryland Knights have an EASY link: each one coming with a money back guarantee! These links will help you to realize your desired end state. Use one. . . use them all. They're FREE!

Training Can Make a Difference in Someone's Life!

On-Demand-Training-Is-Always-Available

Visit 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:

Conducting Church Drives - Find out what a successful Church Drive looks like, and how to plan one for your council.

Conducting Activity Drives – Make your council a visible part of the Church and Community.

Online Tools and Resources – How to find the guides, forms and information housed in the Officers Online and For Members portals of the kofc.org website.

Time Management – An opportunity to learn some best practices for handling everyday tasks and long-term goals when limited time is available to manage the day-to-day operations of a council.

Working With Your Pastor – We discuss the necessity of building strong relationships with our pastors, so that we can assist them in strengthening and growing parish communities.

Vivat Jesus,

Rob



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Membership



Worthy Brothers All,

This month I am sharing an article that State Online Membership Director Bill Newbrough contributed last fall. With 90% of new members now joining Maryland councils through the online registration process, I felt it was good timing to once again remind and encourage all Knights to understand how this tool can have an enormous impact on a council's ability to recruit men to join us on our great mission.

Comments from Bill Newbrough are included below:

Having had the honor to serve as your State Online Membership Director for these past 2 years and 3 months, I have had the privilege of personally welcoming over 1,300 new Brother Knights to our Order. These men come to us from many varied faith journeys. I have welcomed men who are lifelong Catholics and have served the Church as pillars of their parishes and who, after many years of witnessing the good works of the Knights of Columbus, have decided to join our ranks. I have seen "Pro Life Warriors" who never thought to join the Knights but later came to see the impact of the K of C Ultra Sound, Pregnancy Center Support and ASAP programs and chose to become a Knight. One future Brother Knight had personally witnessed the work of the Knights of Columbus in Iraq to support persecuted Christians and was inspired to join. On the other end of the spectrum, I have seen a young man who had just moved his young family to Maryland and had recently joined the Church through R.C.I.A. at Easter reach out through the KofC Online Join Application because he had seen and heard of the good works of the Knights of Columbus all his life! All of these individuals had one thing in common.....they were invited to join! That invitation is the key to success in building a bright future for our Councils, our Jurisdictions and our Order.

One thing has become clear to me during my last 2 years in service to you as your State Online Membership Director; Councils that are not growing are in serious jeopardy of fading and closing. Regardless of their many good works and faith filled programs of the past, the Council that is not actively issuing the invitation to new members will face nearly insurmountable challenges. As we move into the busiest months of the fraternal year, let us commit ourselves to telling our story at the personal and Council level. Your personal witness as to "why" you became a Knight and "why" you stay a Knight will change and convert hearts and minds to help build and sustain the Body of Christ. The Online Join Process at www.kofc.org provides a 365 day a year, 24/7 opportunity for our newest members to join (following that invitation) at a time and place that works for them. Once they've joined, the challenge for our Councils is to reach out, welcome and engage our new members and their families.

Please know that Terry, our entire membership team and myself are committed to supporting you and your Councils in becoming "Fishers of Men" and working to sustain your Councils and your good works for many years to come. All the best and Vivat Jesus! Bill.

Vivat Jesus,

Terry

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kofc.org/unite





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



My Brothers All,

The FIA Program team thanks everyone who attended the Program and Growth Seminars this summer. We have one more scheduled for Monday, August 11 at St. Katharine Drexel Council 14011 located at 8428 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick. If you didn't get a chance to attend the program seminars in July, this is your chance to talk one-on-one with the activity directors to learn more about the Faith in Action (FIA) programs and network with brothers from across the Be sure to visit the state website at www.kofc-md.org and click on the Faith in Action tab to access more information about all of the Faith, Family, Community and Life programs.

During the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year, councils submitted over 4,000 Faith in Action Report #10784 forms to Supreme. That's over 4,000 times that councils made a difference in their parishes and communities. Send a copy of your Faith in Action Program Form 10784 to your DD with a copy to reports@kofc-md.org after your council completes an event or activity. Do not wait to send in your reports. Let's keep up the great effort this new fraternal year. Programs are great opportunities to be a force for good, and we can easily recruit more Catholic men to the Order through these programs.

The back-to-school sales are back. Does your council buy school supplies or support school supply drives in your parish to help students start the school year off with all of the supplies they need? If so, you just completed a Bright Futures program – one of the two newest community Faith in Action programs announced by Supreme in June. The other new community program is Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage – celebrating our cultures and diversity through parish festivals. For more information and resources, visit Supreme's website at www.kofc.org.

The Cash Incentive Sweepstakes tickets (benefitting charity and scholarship programs) have been distributed. We still have some sweepstakes tickets available if you need extras or if your council hasn't picked them up yet. Remember, like last year, the tickets can be mailed. Councils get \$2.00 for every ticket they get donations for – an easy way for councils to make some money to support their great work. Ticket stubs and money collected must be turned into the State Council at the Columbus Day Ball (October 11) or before. The turn-in form is posted on our website at: <https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fkofc-md.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2025%2F05%2FCash-Incentive-Turn-In-Form-2025-1.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>.

Also, don't wait to send in your ticket forms and payment for the Columbus Day Ball which will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Columbus Gardens. Enjoy an evening of fellowship, great food, drinks, music, and dancing, and see who wins the Cash Incentive Sweepstakes. Tickets are going fast, and space is limited. Check out the flyer at <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Final-2025-Columbus-Day-Ball-Flyer.pdf>.

If you have any questions about Faith in Action, please call or email any of the FIA Program Team members; their contact information is in the state directory. Thanks for being a force for good and making a difference in someone's life.

Vivat Jesus,
Alan Pultyniewicz



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”

Ya entramos en Agosto y felicitamos a los consejos que ya fueron instalados, El Consejo San Oscar Arnulfo Romero No. 17192 de Hyattsville MD fue Instalado el Domingo 13 de Julio. El Consejo San Jose Custodio de Columbia MD No. 18170 fue Instalado el Domingo 20 de Julio, y el Consejo San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore No. 16611 fue Instalado el 27 de Julio. Muchas felicidades a todos los funcionarios instalado, recuerden que no estan solos y su Guardian de Distrito, su Diputado de Distrito asi como los funcionarios de el Estado y de Supremo estamos para ayudarlos

Como orden fraternal tenemos que seguir reclutando para poder tener mas Hermanos Caballeros (guerreros) que nos ayuden a hacer las obras que son necesarias todos los dias. 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, se le regresara el pago de la cuota estatal per cápita de membresía durante el semestre de Enero a Junio de 2026. (osea que pagaran la percapita pero se les reenvolsara lo que pagaron inmediatamente)

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 ultimo seminario de programas que queda y la fecha y direccion es:

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

Recordemos que empezamos un nuevo año fraternal pero tenemos las mismas metas y debemos continuar con el trabajo para mantener el rotmo y seguir progresando Unidos en fraternidad.

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

Vivat Jesus,
Armando Fernandez



Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



We hope you have enjoyed your summer break! Auxiliary installations are still being held around the state – please contact us if you need to schedule yours! Congratulations to the following auxiliaries on their completed installations:

K.C. Ladies (Father Burggraff #6021) 5/14/2025
 Juliennas (Father Edmund Julien #11616) 6/3/2025
 K Ladies (Father O'Neill #4011) 6/5/2025
 Knights Ladies of South County (South County #8251) 6/17/2025
 Our Lady of the Angels (Our Lady of the Angels #13069) 6/25/2025
 Belles of St. Mary's (Mason-Dixon #10100) 7/12/2025
 Maryknights (Father Rosensteel #2169) 7/12/2025
 K of C Ladies (Father Maurice J. Wolfe #11372) 7/19/2025
 Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville (Father Michael C. Kidd #14455) 7/20/2025
 The Friendly Circle (St. Ignatius of Loyola #11815) 7/26/2025
 Catholic Ladies Service Organization (Bel Air #4714) 7/27/2025
 Cumberland Lady Knights (Cumberland Council #586) 7/30/2025
 Ladies of Mary (Columbia Council #7559) 7/31/2025

Thank you to those who attended our program seminars in July. If you missed the first two, the third and final one will be held on Monday, August 11, at 6:30 PM at Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Frederick. Program Seminars are a great way to get some ideas for the coming year. Whether at your installation or a seminar, it's always nice to see you face-to-face and get to know you better.

As you start the new Fraternal year, here are a few suggestions to get you started: Take a look at your finances by having an audit, reviewing your donations, and even looking at current fees and assessments on your account. It may be time to update your procedures or switch banking institutions. Another idea is to prepare in advance for end-of-year reports by assigning a member or a committee to be in charge. Your report committee can assemble pictures and take notes about each event. You'll be able to refer back to these next year if you want to duplicate (or change) an event, and it makes filling in the report forms at the end of the year really easy!

The first day of the new school year is around the corner, and this is a great time to help your local school children by sponsoring a school supply fundraiser. Contact your local schools to see what is needed. Some local pantries accept school supplies, so be sure to check with yours to see if they are in need.

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

Ruth, Juana, and Annette



Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares



¡Esperamos que hayan disfrutado de las vacaciones de verano! Las instalaciones auxiliares siguen realizándose en todo el estado. ¡Póngase en contacto con nosotros si necesita programar la suya! Felicidades a las siguientes auxiliares por haber completado sus instalaciones:

Damas K.C. (Padre Burggraff #6021) 14/5/2025
 Juliennas (Padre Edmund Julien #11616) 3/6/2025
 Damas K. (Padre O'Neill #4011) 5/6/2025
 Damas del Condado Sur (Condado Sur n.º 8251) 17/6/2025
 Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles (Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles #13069) 25/6/2025
 Belles of St. Mary's (Mason-Dixon #10100) 12/7/2025
 Maryknights (Padre Rosensteel #2169) 12/7/2025
 K of C Ladies (Padre Maurice J. Wolfe #11372) 19/7/2025
 Damas de la Sagrada Familia Mitchellville (Padre Michael C. Kidd #14455) 20/7/2025
 El Circulo Amistoso (San Ignacio de Loyola #11815) 26/7/2025
 Organización Católica de Damas de Servicio (Bel Air #4714) 27/7/2025
 Damas de Cumberland (Consejo de Cumberland n.º 586) 30/7/2025
 Damas de María (Consejo de Columbia n.º 7559) 31/7/2025

Gracias a todos los que asistieron a los seminarios de nuestro programa en julio. Si se perdieron los dos primeros, el tercero y último se celebrará el lunes 11 de agosto a las 6:30 p. m. en la iglesia católica Saint Katharine Drexel de Frederick. Los seminarios del programa son una forma estupenda de obtener ideas para el próximo año. Ya sea en su instalación o en un seminario, es un placer verlas en persona y conocerlas mejor.

Al comenzar el nuevo año fraternal, aquí tienes algunas sugerencias para empezar: Echa un vistazo a tus finanzas haciendo una auditoría, revisando tus donaciones e incluso mirando las cuotas y los gastos actuales de tu cuenta. Puede que sea el momento de actualizar tus procedimientos o cambiar de entidad bancaria. Otra idea es prepararse con anticipación para los informes de fin de año asignando a un miembro o a un comité que se encargue de ello. El comité de informes puede recopilar fotos y tomar notas sobre cada evento. Podrás consultarlos el año que viene si quieres repetir (o cambiar) un evento, ¡y te resultará muy fácil rellenar los formularios del informe al final del año!

El primer día del nuevo año escolar está a la vuelta de la esquina, y este es un buen momento para ayudar a los niños de su escuela local patrocinando una recaudación de fondos para material escolar. Póngase en contacto con las escuelas de su localidad para ver qué se necesita. Algunas despensas locales aceptan material escolar, así que asegúrese de consultar con la suya para ver si lo necesitan.

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

Sus copresidentas,

Ruth, Juana, Annette



Maryland Knights In Action

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Council 1442 Entrant



Council 1442 Elks Derby Day Races



Dundalk 4th of July Parade



Council 1442 Camp Hope Dinner



Council 2797 Food Drive



District 31 Exemplification



Council 5567 Dinner with Parish Clergy



Council 1442 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 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

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. 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

Sponsored by
The Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus



Vs.



Saturday, November 15, 2025

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



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 7/08/25



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
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	10/4	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
	10/11	COLUMBUS DAY BALL	COLUMBUS GARDENS	STEVE COHEN E. PAUL JONES
	10/18	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	BOSWELL HALL BOWIE, MD	SK GUS GUSMAN
	10/25	FALL MEETING	SETON SHRINE	JEFFREY WILK
	TBD	STATEWIDE SOCCER SHOOTOUT FINALS	TBD	WALT WILLIAMS TOM REUMONT BRIAN TROTT
Nov 2025	11/9	STATEWIDE MEMORIAL MASS	SHRINE OF ST ANTHONY ELLCOTT CITY, MD	MICHAEL WATSON



2024-2025

State Planning Calendar



UPDATED 07/08/25

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Nov 2025	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
APR 2026	4/8	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN