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Make a Difference in Someone's Life



A Knight Before Christmas Sweepstakes!

Invite Catholic men to receive the
gift of Knighthood this Christmas!

1st Prize \$1,000

2nd Prize \$750

3rd Prize \$500

DECEMBER 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025



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Reminder: To receive credit for a new member, the Knight must include his membership number on the candidate's application.



Sorteo!!!

Un Caballero Antes de Navidad

Invita a hombres católicos a recibir el regalo de ser Caballero de Colón esta Navidad

1.º Premio: \$1000

2.º Premio: \$750

3.º Premio: \$500



Fecha: del 1 de Diciembre de 2025 al 31 de Diciembre de 2025

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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 platforms.



State Chaplain's Message

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A prominent figure of the Advent Season is John the Baptist. On the second Sunday of Advent we will hear of John's preaching in the wilderness, and people are going out from the cities to hear his message and to accept a baptism of repentance. We know from the Scriptures that there was chatter, "could John be the promised Messiah?"

In such a position it might be easy for a person to develop a "messiah complex," where they feel a heightened importance, and that they have all the answers. In its worst form, that can be a psychological issue. In lesser forms, and where it more likely occurs, it's the person who believes they can "fix" things, but more for the praise or rewards that will come to them. John the Baptist did not suffer with that. He was clear, "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." He senses the Messiah is Jesus, and in the Gospel reading of the third Sunday of Advent, when John is in prison, he sends others to ask Jesus this question. Jesus admits that he is, but in veiled terms, noting that he is fulfilling what the prophets had said the Messiah would do.

Advent thus invites us to consider who Jesus is, and what his coming into the world as a child, and as the Messiah, continues to mean to us and to the world. Christianity sees the incarnation as a pivotal moment in salvation and human history (think of using BC and AD in our calendar). It's also a time to remind us that while each of us has been blessed with talents and gifts, and while we are invited to use those in service to others, we are not the Messiah. Rather, our motivation should be that our efforts, done "for the love of God," will help others to find Jesus, and to see the ways Jesus' work continues in the world. The various works of the Knights of Columbus are indeed a wonderful and powerful sign of faith in action. "We do these things because we are Catholic, and because we are Knights."

While preparing during Advent and celebrating during the Christmas season we Knights and Ladies know the importance of the spiritual nature of these seasons. It could be so easy to give in to fatigue from preparations, but we can also try to fill those preparations with meaning and holy anticipation. That's not always easy to do (I have those "bah, humbug" moments as well), but it's worth the effort. It is my prayer and wish that you and your loved ones will be blessed with a very Merry Christmas, know the true spirit of these seasons, and experience happiness as we move into the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

- 3 Dec **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**
- 8 Dec **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 12 Dec **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 13 Dec **Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
- 25 Dec **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**
- 26 Dec **Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**
- 27 Dec **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
- 28 Dec **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



State Deputy's Message

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The State Deputies midyear meeting, held during the third weekend in November, brought together Knights of Columbus leaders from across the world to review progress, share ideas, and set the stage for a season of renewal and impact. The gathering served as an essential touchpoint for addressing the organization's core initiatives, fostering unity, and encouraging personal and collective growth, especially as the holiday season approaches.

Listed below are some of the video presentations presented to the State Deputies.

Presentation: Evangelization & Faith Formation (review & download)

[Review Presentation](#)

Presentation: Fraternal Operations (review & download)

[Review Presentation](#)

Go For Two Promo Video featuring Matt Birk: Extend the Hand of Brotherhood

[View Go For Two](#)

Central to the meeting were three main areas of focus: the Cor initiative, recruitment efforts, and the importance of insurance for Knights and their families. The Cor program was highlighted as a vital resource for spiritual growth and community engagement, reinforcing the mission of the Knights to support faith and fraternity. Recruitment was addressed as a cornerstone for sustaining the organization's vitality, with strategies discussed to welcome new members and nurture existing ones. Insurance was emphasized as a fundamental benefit for Knights, safeguarding the well-being of their families and providing peace of mind for the future.

From a Recruiting standpoint remember the Knight Before Christmas Maryland Sweepstakes – lucky winners will walk away with a total of \$2,550 in cash that will certainly help to pay down Christmas bills. This special program is designed to energize recruitment and reward active participation. Knights and their Ladies are encouraged to invite prospective members to learn more about the organization and its values, with the sweepstakes offering exciting opportunities for those who contribute to growth and make a difference in someone's life. See the State Council Website for complete details.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Memorial Mass. Each of you contributed to making a difference in someone's life by providing a moment for collective remembrance and gratitude for Knights and their Ladies who have gone before us. This tradition is a cornerstone of the organization's spiritual life, reminding all members of the enduring bonds of brotherhood and faith. Once again, this year, the State Council celebrated a joint Memorial Mass with the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights. The joint celebration allowed attendees to reflect on the values that unite the Knights and to renew their commitment to service and community.

On December 21st at 10:30 am our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori will celebrate Mass and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, remembering the anniversary of the ordination of Blessed Michael McGivney. The celebration will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD. Blessed Michael McGivney was ordained at the basilica on December 22, 1877, and celebrated his first mass on Christmas Day. The State Officers hope to see many of you at this celebration.

This Christmas season let us not only honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the celebration of his birth but, remember that he made the ultimate difference in all our lives! Remember how blessed we all are on Christmas morning and do something on this special holiday to make a difference in someone's life and be a force for good. Kathy and I wish all of you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. We both look forward to seeing many of you at the midterm meeting on January 10th.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony



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

**Kathy Salvemini
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Hello, Amazing Ladies of Maryland!

November was surely filled with reasons for me to be thankful to you this year! Thank you to each of you who filled a Box of Joy. Your gift will make a huge difference in the life of a needy child and will create a special Christmas memory for years to come. Thank you also to each of you who attended a State, Chapter, or Council Memorial Mass during November. Tony and I attended several, and each one was touching and meant so very much to those who had lost a loved one this past year.

I hope you, your family, and friends had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day filled with love and laughter. For those of you who weren't able to gather with family for Thanksgiving, I hope you will be able to spend time with your loved ones during the coming month.

Last month, I shared that my charity for December is the Apostleship of the Sea. Seafarers at sea during the Christmas season do not have the opportunity to go home to spend the holiday with family. A shoebox gift is our way of spreading the joy of Christmas and Christ's love for all his people. You can do this by collecting items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoos, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, socks, gloves, scarves, caps, pens, pencils, note pads, calendars, playing cards, pocket-sized games, magazines, small paperback books, nonperishable snacks, candy, etc. You can also place a handwritten note or Christmas card inside.

Once you have collected these items, please place them in an empty shoebox or shoebox-sized plastic tote. (Plastic totes are ideal as they can be used for storage on board and don't create paper waste that needs to be disposed of.) If you use a shoebox, you can wrap it in Christmas paper. If you use a plastic tote, simply wrap it with ribbon.

Completed gifts can be brought to the State Christmas Party. If you are not attending this party, please email Andy Middleton, the State Apostleship of the Sea Chairman, or call 443-845-7227 to arrange for delivery/pick-up. Wishing you and your family a Joyous Christmas and a safe journey for everyone who will be traveling.

As always, thank you for everything you do for your loved ones and the Knights of Columbus 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!

How to Find the Fraternal Training That's Right for You

Visit kofc.org/training to find online training for state, council, district and assembly officers, as well as important instruction for handling Operations (including Administration, Finances and Forms), Growth & Retention, and Programs & Engagement.

We recently added 6 new topics for District Deputies and 9 new topics for Grand Knights.

District Deputy:

[District Administration](#)

[District Communications](#)

[District Meetings](#)

[District Reports](#)

[Managing District Growth](#)

[Road to Star District](#)

Grand Knight:

[Administration](#)

[Communications](#)

[Delegation](#)

[Interacting with the District Deputy and Field Agent](#)

[Managing Growth](#)

[Managing Programs](#)

[The Road to Star Council](#)

[Safe Environment Program](#)

[Working with Your Pastor](#)

Not sure which training is right for you? Go to our helpful list of [Suggested Training by Office](#) to find out what is recommended for your officer position. Training is reviewed on a continuing basis, so you will always get the most up-to-date information. Best of all, these on-demand sessions are available to view at any time, on your own schedule, and the average length of each session is only 30 minutes!

Vivat Jesus,

Rob



Council Growth

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Membership



Worthy Brothers All,

Many of you have enjoyed conversations with Bill Newbrough over the past few years. Bill is our State Online Membership Director who is known for his passion around reaching out and connecting with new online members.

Bill often shares the joy of welcoming men into the Order and how it means a great deal to them. In most instances, this is a very meaningful and exciting step the new member is taking, and Bill often is humbled by the gratitude in the man's voice!

I mention this because too often as Knights we seem hesitant to extend an invitation to a Catholic man to join our great Order. This puzzles me. We represent the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, perform countless acts of charity, and do that while working together in fraternity with most priests and other Knights.

This month we are offering all Maryland Knights another reason to step up and extend an invitation and it's an incentive unlike any other ever presented to us during the Christmas season! Announcing "A Knight Before Christmas Sweepstakes!"

You can find the beautiful flyer in both English and Spanish in this newsletter and posted on the State website, and here are the details:

Timing: December 1, 2025- December 31, 2025

Sweepstakes Prizes:

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Wouldn't it be amazing if every Knight in a leadership role in Maryland earned a least one entry in this sweepstakes! And wouldn't it be even more impressive if every council had at least 5 men within their ranks who earn entries in the sweepstakes, as well!

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a healthy 2026! And thanks for all the good work that you are doing each day to make a difference in so many lives. Now let's give the gift of Knighthood to more men than ever before this December so that we can continue expanding our ability to put our faith into action as we march forward into the new year!

Vivat Jesus,

Terry





State Programs

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



Worthy Brothers All,

November was a busy month for councils, including the State Council. On November 1st, we hosted the State Soccer Challenge at St. Andrew Apostle Church and School in Silver Spring. We had participants from as far away as the Eastern Shore and everyone enjoyed friendly competition and hot dogs (compliments of Online Growth Director Bill Newbrough). Congratulations to each of the winners and to everyone who participated!

On November 9th, brother Knights, ladies, and several widows joined the State family for the State Council Memorial Mass at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. District Deputies and several District Wardens read the names of our brothers and ladies who passed away during the past year. State Chaplain and Honoree Fr. Donald celebrated Mass which was followed by a reception.

Brothers who attended the Navy football game on November 15th saw a thrilling game between Navy and the University of South Florida, with Navy winning 41-38. Congrats to the Midshipmen who are having a great season.

As was announced at the Leadership Seminar this past June, Supreme developed eight new Faith in Action Programs. Each of these new programs is now available on Supreme's website and includes numerous resources for each of the new Programs (see list below). This season of Advent is a perfect time to conduct two of the new programs - Imitating St. Juan Diego and Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe. The new programs are as follows:

Community

[Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage](#)

[Bright Futures](#)

Faith

[;Viva Cristo Rey!](#)

[Imitating St. Juan Diego](#)

Family

[Remembering Our Faithful Departed](#)

[Quinceañera Support](#)

Life

[Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)

[Gospel for Life](#)

Here are some other reminders as we close out 2025:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon is traveling through Districts now through June 21, 2026. For the complete schedule, visit <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Sacred-Heart-Icon-2025-2026-Schedule.pdf>.

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State Programs

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Councils are reminded that entries for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest are due to Keep Christ in Christmas Chair Tim Fitzmaurice no later than December 23. Please, do not send entries to the State Office. Winners will be announced at the mid-year meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2026. For more information, visit <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025-Keep-Christ-In-Christmas.pdf>.

All brothers, ladies, and families are invited to join Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori on Sunday, December 21st at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore as he celebrates the 4th Sunday of Advent and the Anniversary of the Ordination of Blessed Michael McGivney. Let's fill up the Basilica as we continue to pray for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Special Olympics Co-Chair Calvin Anthony has issued a challenge to his council that is designed to increase membership while getting more funds to support the Special Olympics of Maryland and its athletes through this year's annual Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. Calvin has challenged any council member or Ladies' Auxiliary member who either brings in a new brother Knight to the Council or donates to their council's fundraising page for the Polar Bear Plunge will get the opportunity to pour a cup of water on Calvin's head at his council's January Membership meeting. Who wants to follow Calvin's example and set up a similar challenge at their council? Thanks for the great idea, Calvin.

Now is the time to prepare your nominations for Family of the Year (https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Family-of-the-Year-2025_-2026.pdf) as well as nominations for the Catholic Teacher, Faith Formation Teacher, Citizen, Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, and Healthcare Worker of the Year (<https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Recognition-Program-letter-2025-2026.pdf>). Nominations are due no later than February 10, 2026, and winners will be recognized at the Founders Day Mass and Recognition Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Lastly, please remember to complete FIA Program Report Form #10784 for all 2nd Period programs conducted between September 1st and November 30th no later than December 15th.

On behalf of your entire State Program Team, Directors Rick Casazza, Walter Leskuski, Tim Lynch, and Michael Watson, and all chairs, co-chairs, and chairladies, we wish you and your family a blessed Advent season, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! We look forward to continuing to help your councils make a difference in someone's life and being a force for good in 2026.

Vivat Jesus,

Alan Pultyniewicz

FEBRUARY AUDIT NO LONGER REQUIRED

Based on the changes noted below, councils are now required to submit only one annual audit due August 15.

Resolution 402 was passed by the delegates of the 2025 Supreme Council Meeting in Washington DC, which changed Section 142 of the Charter Constitution and Laws, to require the Board of Trustees to "audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and report thereon annually to their Council, according to rules set by the Board of Directors."

Subsequently, the Board of Directors voted that these audits are to be based on the period from July 1 to June 30, with the Annual Audit Report due to the Supreme Council on August 15. This change takes effect with the audit for the 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year.

Additional information on the new online Annual Audit Report will be communicated via normal fraternal channels.





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.

Hermanos Caballeros, estan recibiendo por correo electronico (email) el boletin de supremo llamado Avisos al Lider fraternal?



Avisos al Líder Fraternal

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El Director Estatal de membresia, Hemanos Terry Waters me pide que les comparta la siguiente informacion:

¡Presentamos un incentivo navideño en forma de sorteo para todos los Caballeros que recluten a un nuevo miembro durante el mes de diciembre!

Fechas: del 1 de diciembre de 2025 al 31 de diciembre de 2025

Premios del sorteo:

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De parte de todos los Oficiales de El estado, Los Directores de Membresía y programas, su Guardian de Distrito Hermano Luis Corona y un servidor Armando E. Fernandez les deseamos que el Nacimiento del niño Jesús llene nuestros corazones de PAZ, AMOR y FE en DIOS. ¡Felices Fiestas Navideñas! JESÚS no tuvo sitio en la posada. Hagámosle un sitio grande en nuestro CORAZÓN. ¡Felices fiestas de NAVIDAD! Yun Prospero AñoNuevo 2026!!!

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

**Vivat Jesus,
Armando Fernandez**





Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary



We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope the love of Jesus shines brightly upon every family. Please remember to keep Jesus at the center of the holiday season and give your gifts of time and concern to those who need to see the love of Jesus in their lives. Lay your heart under the tree as a gift for Jesus this year. The Christmas season can be sad for some who have lost loved ones, those in nursing homes, or those who are just depressed because they cannot provide for their families. We can be the bridge for the hands of Jesus. Your visit to the nursing home, a gift for a child in need, or a donation of food to a food pantry can be the best gift you can give in the name of Jesus.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the love and generosity you have shown to your parishes and communities this year! You have made such a great impact on those in need, and we appreciate you all.

There will be a Zoom meeting on December 15th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. concerning the award packets for this year. Please keep an eye out for the invitation.

From the three of us to all of you – we wish you the best Christmas filled with love!

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

Ruth, Juana, and Annette



Estado de Maryland Damas Auxiliares



Les deseamos a todas una Feliz Navidad y esperamos que el amor de Jesús brille intensamente sobre cada familia. Por favor, recuerden mantener a Jesús en el centro de la temporada navideña y regalen su tiempo y atención a aquellos que necesitan ver el amor de Jesús en sus vidas. Este año, pongan su corazón debajo del árbol como regalo para Jesús. La temporada navideña puede ser triste para algunos que han perdido a sus seres queridos, para aquellos que están en hogares de ancianos o para aquellos que simplemente están deprimidos porque no pueden mantener a sus familias. Seamos el puente ayudando en nombre de Jesús. Visitando un asilo de ancianos, donando un regalo para un niño necesitado o haciendo una donación de alimentos a un banco de alimentos pueden ser el mejor regalo que podemos dar en nombre de Jesús.

¡Queremos aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecerles a cada una de ustedes por el amor y la generosidad que han demostrado a sus parroquias y comunidades este año! Han tenido un gran impacto en los necesitados, y les estamos muy agradecidas a todas.

El 15 de Diciembre de 2025, a las 7:00PM. se celebrará una reunion virtual por Zoom sobre los paquetes de premios de este año. Estén atentas a la invitación.

De parte de nosotras tres, les deseamos a todas una Feliz Navidad llena de amor.

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

Sus copresidentas,

Ruth, Juana, Annette



State Soccer Shoot Out 2025





Maryland Knights In Action



State Council Visit to Bowie Gabriel House



Council 5567 Turkey Giveaway



Council 18170 Triple Star Council



Council 14455 Star Council



Council 3414 Thanksgiving Food Pick Up



Council 6793 Exemplification



Council 1442 Coats for Kids



Council 11106 Exemplification



PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon 2025 – 2026 Schedule

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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

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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

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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
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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>



Knights of Columbus

Maryland State Council

Worthy Grand Knights,

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is an excellent opportunity to promote Faith and Family. For a successful program, Councils need planning, publicity and recognition.

September - October, Councils should:

- Designate a chairman
- Order supplies from Officers Online > Supplies Online > Faith in Action > Keep Christ in Christmas. Kits, forms, and publicity posters available.
- Determine your Council's deadline for obtaining poster, judging, recognition of winners and participants, and forwarding to State Chairman by Dec. 23.
- If your budget permits, determine monetary awards (1st place only or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, / amounts, example: 1st \$25-\$50 range, 2nd \$20-\$35 range, 3rd \$15-\$25 range.)
- Start contacting Catholic grade schools and parishes informing them of the program and requesting their participation.
- Discuss with the school or parish: time line for submissions, how and when Council will pickup submissions; how and when Council will announce awards. School example: during morning announcements, at assembly (Christmas concert, Christmas pageant) when parents and others students can see and applaud. Parish example: announcements before or after mass, Sunday coffee and donuts, parish Christmas pageant, breakfast with Santa, Council Christmas party.

November,

- Prepare info for school and parish to put in their announcements and bulletins. Provide school and parish with Keep Christ in Christmas info posters with deadline and Council chairman contact info, along with sufficient Entry Forms (form #5025), a PDF of the Entry Form can also be emailed to school/parish to be included with their email announcements. **Note, poster size limit of 12 x 14** (so that State winners can be sent to Supreme in a standard USPS package).

December,

- Collect and judge posters.

- Announce and present winners. Publicize winners on Council social media, website and newsletter, send brief summary of program and winners to parish for submission into bulletin. Note, posters can be returned to families. However, First place winning posters that are sent to State, will be returned at the Mid-Term meeting. Only the State First Place winning posters that will be sent to Supreme will not be returned.
- Send 1st Place winning posters to State Keep Christ in Christmas chairman by December 23. Posters can be:
 - mailed to State Chairman Tim Fitzmaurice: 1593 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD 21114.

January,

- State winners announced at Mid-Term Meeting on Saturday, January 10. With exception of State First placed winners, that will be sent to Supreme for the international judging, posters will be available for pick-up. If a Council representative is not present at Mid-Term, District Deputy can pick up.

Thank you for your efforts in this worthwhile program.

Fraternally,

Tim Fitzmaurice

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Keep Christ in Christmas, Chairman



Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council

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August 2025

Worthy Grand Knight:

This letter outlines the scholarship program sponsored by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Many council members, and often even the Grand Knights, are unfamiliar with the details and processes for our scholarship awards.

The attached information serves as a source of information and provides members with the knowledge to complete an application for one or more of these scholarships. Information and applications may be obtained by accessing our website at www.kofc-md.org and selecting Resources, then High School Scholarship, or directly at the link below.

<https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>

Children of Maryland Jurisdiction Knights of Columbus members in good standing are eligible to apply for both the Gossman and O'Brien Scholarships. All other Catholic students are eligible for the O'Brien scholarship only.

Please include scholarship information in your Council Bulletins or webpage from October through January. Also, please provide a copy of each to the office of the parish or parishes supported by your council as well the parish school office(s) so that they may be shared with parishioners and parents of students. Be sure that the Council Publicity Chairman and/or Bulletin Editor have a copy of each so they can be reproduced for greater distribution. Your cooperation in making this scholarship information available to your membership, parish(s), and parish elementary schools will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to the Maryland State Council high school scholarships, the Supreme Council offers scholarship programs for college and advanced degrees. Encourage your members to explore these options at the link below.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html>

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Powers".

Christopher L. Powers
Scholarship Chairman

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2025-2026

State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 10/14/25



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
DEC 2025	12/13	STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY BY INVITATION	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
JAN 2026	1/10	MIDTERM MEETING	COLUMBUS GARDENS	JEFFREY WILK
	11/17	MARYLAND DISTRICT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WESTMINSTER, MD	SK JIM DURYEE
	1/31	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	ST HUGH OF GRENOBLE CHURCH GREENBELT. MD	SK GUS GUSMAN
MAR 2026	3/7	SPRING MEETING	EASTON VFW POST 5118 EASTON, MD	JEFFREY WILK
	3/14	CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE	ST LOUIS CHURCH CLARKSVILLE, MD	
	3/14	STATEWIDE FREE THROW FINALS	ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL LAUREL, MD	WALT WILLIAMS BRIAN TROTT
	3/22	FOUNDERS DAY MASS	ST JOSEPH CHURCH- FULLERTON BALTIMORE, MD	MIKE WATSON
	3/22	FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET	COLUMBUS GARDENS	MIKE WATSON
	3/22	AWD 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
APR 2026	4/11	AWD BIENNIAL MEETING	NATIVITY CHURCH WASHINGTON, DC	SK GUS GUSMAN
MAY 2026	5/1-3	MD STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION	CROWNE PLAZA ANNAPOLIS, MD	E. PAUL JONES