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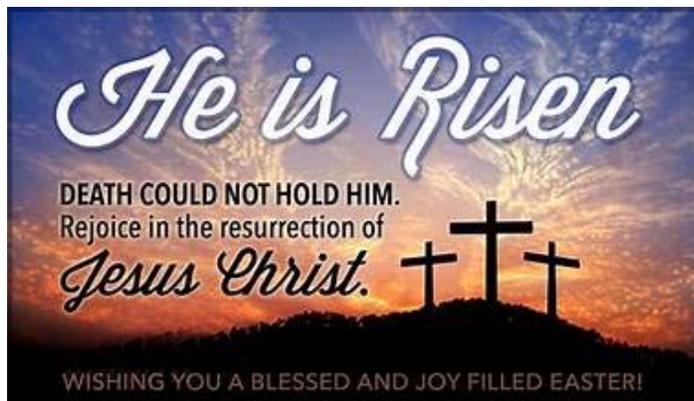
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EDITOR’S CORNER

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, Vernon Hawkins, Jr. (vhawkinsjr@aol.com) for posting on our social media platforms.





State Chaplain's Message



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At the recent State Council Spring Meeting the day began with a Holy Hour. As the day went on several participants told me how much they enjoyed that time of prayer and reflection before the Eucharist. Someone remarked, "it set the spirit for the day." How true, for it reminds that our faith in Jesus is paramount to who we are and what we strive to do as Knights and Ladies.

I can also say I always enjoy celebrating or participating in a K of C Mass, whether at the council, state or supreme level. The participation is generally very real and very active. Again, it reminds that gathered for the Eucharist we are drawn together as a community, and we communally praise our God and share our faith. As we realize fewer people today participate in the weekly Eucharist as compared to past times, we also hear more people experience isolation and depression. It's not just the being together—we could do that at a ball game or a fish fry—but being together and with our Lord. The presence of Jesus, and the nourishment Jesus offers to us, is the difference.

During the Easter Season the first reading at Sunday Mass is generally from the Acts of the Apostles. The first 12 chapters of Acts tell the story of the early Church. Time and again we hear of how the people gather, pray together, share a meal (the Eucharist) as Jesus had told them to do ("do this in memory of me"), and support one another in their needs. It was seeing this behavior that drew many people to become disciples of Jesus (Acts 2:42-47).

Sometimes we hear people say "I get nothing out of going to Mass." Of course, we only grow in appreciation of the Mass by participating. If one doesn't watch or play a sport, the fine points of the game will never be understood. If one rarely listens to music, it is likely the listener will not appreciate the fullness of what they hear. So it is with going to Mass. At Mass we need to be not only present, but also actively participating, attentively listening, and joining in the communal worship. As we continue through the Easter Season, may we continue to meet the Lamb of God, the Risen Lord, in each Eucharist we attend.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Donald

Liturgical Calendar

- 7 Apr SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**
- 8 Apr THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
- 11 Apr Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**
- 25 Apr Saint Mark, Evangelist**
- 29 Apr Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**



...One Nation Under God...



State Deputy's Message

Chris Powers

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Our Supreme Knight is again challenging us to “Pass the Hat for ASAP” – see the flyer included in this newsletter. This year, Supreme Council’s matching funds will be 25%, up from last year’s 20%. The challenge is to raise \$50,000 statewide. Provide your donations to the state office by May 31st so we can apply for these matching funds. Like last year, you may designate a specific PCC or Mothers’ Home, if you wish. Undesignated funds will be spread among all centers across the state.

April marks the start of the final quarter of our fraternal year. This is the time to pick up the pace to finish with another strong year. Last year, 40 councils and 17 districts earned Star Awards. At present, 26 councils and 7 districts have met their minimum growth goals. Let’s engage with all we meet to invite every Catholic man to become a Knight. As a State Team, we can match or exceed last year’s superb performance, but we need to pick up the pace for the last quarter to be recognized as leaders in Catholicism’s largest and most powerful lay ministry. One member per council per month will enable us to reach this level.

I ask you to choose to excel in the remaining weeks for two reasons. First, I freely acknowledge that I absolutely want to see you recognized as one of the premier teams in our Order when our Supreme Knight calls out the top performing jurisdictions of Catholic laity at the August Supreme Convention. You live in the birthplace of Catholicism in America. Catholicism in America’s English-speaking colonies grew from Father Andrew White’s Mass on St. Clement’s Island a few minutes from my home where he celebrated that first Mass in Mary’s Land on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1634. Ever since this memorable Mass, Maryland recognized this calling to be a beacon of Catholicism. As Knights, we should accept this challenge to excel – will you?

Even more importantly, I ask you to recognize that our families, parishes and communities today are in great need of the positive influence you present as Catholic men and families. New Knights and families joining our Order will dramatically strengthen our lay ministry to advance the selfless service of Catholicism, and to counter what has devolved into today’s self-focused nation!

We just finished Holy Week and the incredible lessons of Triduum when we witnessed the institution of the Eucharist, the agony of the Christ’s crucifixion, and His glorious resurrection showing us the path to eternal life with Our Father! Let the lessons of Triduum inspire you with God’s message of love. It will inspire you to *Cry the Gospel with Your Life*, strengthen our Church, and make a positive difference in our community!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris

Brother Knights,

Under the rules established for state officer elections in the Maryland Jurisdiction, I share with you that the following men have notified me of their candidacy for State Warden at the May 2024 State Convention in Annapolis. In alphabetical order, they are:

SK Michael Davenport, SK “Gus” Gusman, and SK Michael Lynch.

To date, no other candidates have applied, but others may apply in the coming months.

Video messages from the 3 current candidates for State Warden are posted on the Maryland State Council website for your review. The direct link to the candidate information page is <https://kofc-md.org/2024-warden-candidates/>



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

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Happy Easter!

First things first. I thank the ladies who attended the Spring meeting. They graciously donated \$620.00 to the Quilts of Honor, and 291.4 pounds of food to a local food pantry. Great job Ladies!

As I write this, we're two weeks until the 125th Anniversary celebration for the Maryland State Council. It should be a great occasion. I hope to see a lot of you there. The next major occasion is the State Convention in Annapolis. Just a month away! The Fairy Godmothers and I are planning a lot of fun for Friday and hope everyone attends. Thursday night of the convention offers a boat ride which is a lovely experience. See you there!

I almost forgot the picnic and camping trip. I always enjoy both and hope you will as well.

So, this month there are a lot of things going on and many opportunities for fellowship!

Annie



Council Growth

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Leadership



I became a Knight of Columbus in 2006. My council leadership welcomed me into the order. In the years that followed, I was introduced into the Council Officer positions and worked my way up to Grand Knight. Currently in my council, none of the officers from 2006 are present – either they moved away and transferred into a different council, or the Lord has called them home.

It also has been a few years since I held the position of Grand Knight. Multiple Brother Knights followed me in the Grand Knight position.

As we start into the Council election cycle, look into your council to see who is prepared to take over the council Leadership positions. Does your council have a healthy group of Brother Knights ready and willing to step into Leadership? Hopefully, this is true. What about next year, or the following year?

To maintain healthy councils, we need new members to replace us in these leadership positions. Even if you are not filling one of these positions, you can help your council by inviting Catholic Gentlemen to become Brother Knights. Let them become Knights and learn how your council operates. Let these new Brother Knights bring their ideas into your council. Work with them on the different officer positions and their responsibilities.

Healthy councils need new members to remain healthy. Invite that Catholic Gentleman to become a Knight. New gentlemen that became Catholic through the RCIA/OCIA process deserve to be invited – continue their enthusiasm into their new faith by becoming a Knight of Columbus. Give these new Knights a chance to become strong members and advocates for the order. Give them the Leadership training and experience they need to run a council. Let's not wait until one of our members goes home to our Lord before we start inviting gentlemen to become Knights.

Each member in the State of Maryland should invite two Catholic gentlemen into the order every month. All that are invited will not accept the invitation, but some will be moved by our Faith and Programs and accept the offer. Some will start running council programs. Some will become leaders in your council such as the Grand Knight. Some will become District Wardens and District Deputies. One may become the State Deputy (or the State Council Growth Director).

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Koscho

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Faith/Family/Community/Life



Ladies and Brothers of the Maryland State Council,

A huge thank you to Walt Williams and Brian Trott for another superbly executed State Basketball Free Throw contest. Contestants from across the state competed at St. Vincent Palotti High School, in Laurel, MD. It's the perfect location to hold this event and I hope we can continue to do so for many years to come. Several Grand Knights, District Deputies, Activity Directors and State Officers assisted with the setup, scoring and rebounding. What a wonderful day it was to see so many children, parents, and Knights of Columbus present for the exciting competition. Some of the competitors may wind up playing professional basketball. You never know.

This year Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 12th. The MaryGold Chairman, Gregory McClain has provided information to purchase flower seeds and everything necessary to nurture and grow a flower, thereby promoting life. All the details can be found on the flier which can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Marigold-Program-flier-2024.pdf>

The State Camping Trip is coming up after the convention on May 17th – 19th. If you're interested in joining the fun, you still can. Just call the campground directly and mention the Knights of Columbus Camping group and the campground will do their best to accommodate you. For more information on the campground visit <https://www.homesteadde.com> Or for general information you can reach out to me or Karen at Tkreumont@outlook.com We hope to see you there. It's a great time to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Many councils submitted for State Faith in Action Awards and the Blessed Michael McGivney Award honoring our council Chaplains for everything they do to advance the order. The activity directors are busily grading all the reports and the winners will be announced at the State Convention in Annapolis during the awards ceremony. Thanks to all the councils for their submissions and I wish you the best of luck.

Councils, continue to Plant the Seeds of our Faith and Fraternity through your Faith in Action programs. Remember that programs from now until the end of the fraternal year, will fulfill your 4th quarter requirement for the Supreme council and count towards your first period for the State Council. Don't forget to send your 10784 forms to Reports@kofc-md.org.

Please ensure your Columbian Award application (SP7) is properly filled out to ensure you all get the credit you deserve. Councils and members have risen to the challenge to meet the physical and spiritual needs of their communities and parishes all throughout the year and the entire program team thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. Should you need help filling out your SP7 we are ready to assist. Do not hesitate to call.

Vivat Jesus,

*Tom Reumont
Program Director*



Maryland State Council Recognition Winners



Family of the Year—Hall Family

Firefighter of the Year—Anthony Hrobar

EMT of the Year—Benjamin Bates



Citizen of the Year—
Michael Goss Representatives

Law Enforcement of the Year—
Amanada Smith

Healthcare Worker of the Year—
Morgan Brown



Catholic Teacher of the Year—
Jody Cacko

Faith Formation Catechist of the Year—
Jill Michaels





Maryland State Council Free Throw Winners





Maryland Knights In Action



Maryland March for Life



Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference



Council 1622 Exemplification



Council 11024 Exemplification





Maryland Knights In Action



Council 2797 Food Donation to NIH Inn



Council 9462 Exemplification



Council 11259 Easter Egg Hunt Preparation



Council 1622 Fish Fry



Council 14455 Fish Fry



Council 13859 Fish Fry





The Mother's Day Marigold Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

In an effort to increase the participation of the recipients we will use flower seeds this year to promote life. The seeds, as part of a planting kit, will still be given to the youngest member of the family along with instructions and supplies for planting and nurturing the seedling. Planting and nurturing the seedling will firmly support the message of life as the child can see a concrete example of a life for which he/she is responsible. Each person will receive a "kit" that will include seeds and a pot along with planting instructions, or a seed bloom. This will mean that the message of life will be lived by the recipients for more than just one day. The elements of the kit can be purchased at the following links. <https://a.co/d/6EGOjEx> <https://a.co/d/ONRsyM7> <https://a.co/d/byFPw95> <https://a.co/d/f1Y81lG>.

The seed bloom can be found at <https://a.co/d/2V5vnBL> . This will be more cost-effective for the Councils and promote the message of life more effectively.

Gregory McClain
Marigold Chair





Marshmallows & Memories...



Join us for a weekend of fun with fellow Knights & their families

2024 Maryland State Camping

@ Homestead Campground, Georgetown DE

Website: homesteadde.com (ctrl+left click)

May 17 – 19, 2024

Friday

Arrive and set up — campfire fun after 7 pm

Saturday

Potluck Breakfast

Fun Day @ Homestead (activities, tournaments & lunch etc.)
Mass on site, Communal Dinner, Campfire fun

Sunday

Pack up and head home



Site Block Ends 1/31/2024

Book now to be in Row F with your
Knight of Columbus friends.



Not into camping? No problem! There are plenty of hotels nearby!

Rates: (2 nights, Pay in Full @ booking*, taxes/fees extra)

Full Hookup 40' x 80' pull thru sites \$204.00; 4 Person Cabin \$386.00**; Tent Site \$164.00**

Contact Karen Reumont via email at: TKReumont@outlook.com for more information

DO NOT CONTACT Homestead directly! Karen will be making all reservations and once you are notified to call you will call Homestead to pay for your reservation (approx. 3/1/24). Reservations must be paid in full when you call. Please view the refund policy at homesteadde.com for more information. You can book additional nights by indicating that when you register with Karen and paying the appropriate amount when calling Homestead. Additional nights will be at same rate as group nights.



*Pass the Hat ASAP 2024!
(As Soon As Possible for
Aid & Support After Pregnancy!)*

Our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly is again challenging you and your council to 'Pass the Hat' to support pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) and maternity homes (MHs). Specifically, you're challenged to raise funds between today and May 31st with special emphasis on collections during our State Convention! Our Ultrasound Fund does a great job of showing mothers that their unborn child is, in fact, their living son or daughter. This is a life-changing moment for even the most skeptical mother and your continued fundraising for ultrasound machines is essential.

Faced with the realization that Mom is carrying her son/daughter, many mothers feel overwhelmed by their calling to carry, birth and raise this new life in their womb. The ASAP program is intended to encourage and support these mothers beyond the ultrasound machines. Supreme's ASAP program provides financial and non-financial support to PRCs and Mothers' Homes. The goal of this drive is to build upon last year's initial ASAP initiative.

Every council is encouraged to pass the hat at your April and May meetings. Councils are also encouraged to donate from their general or charity funds. Additionally, we'll pass the hat during the convention in May.

- Supreme will provide 25% matching funds up to \$10,000 for \$50,000 raised.
- Councils may designate a specific PCC/MH. Undesignated funds will be distributed among the ~40 centers in Maryland.
- Council donations can be listed as ASAP participation as a life program activity on their SP7 awards input form.
- Councils cannot submit an ASAP grant application for their "pass the hat" contributions because it would duplicate the state-level reporting of these funds.
- **All funds must be turned into the Maryland State Council ASAP but no later than May 31st.**

Please Pass the Hat ASAP!

"Pass the Hat" includes a competition among jurisdictions as well. With the prize being an additional \$1,500 donated for state council use.

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

**INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

with Archbishop William Lori
and the Archdiocese of Baltimore



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



[BOOK NOW!](#)





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

Adult Pricing*

\$1,329

Triple/Quad

\$1,529

Double

\$2,029

Single

* Price reflects an early booking discount of \$100 for registrations made before January 15th

Family Pricing

-\$200

off prices above for children ages 3-12

FREE

for lap children (0-2) when rooming with two paying adults in double occupancy

A CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name, so what happens with 80,000?! Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life - and our Church - will never be the same.

Tour Inclusions

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- Four (4) nights' accommodations in or near Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily (pending hotel assignment)
- Roundtrip transportation from Baltimore, MD to Indianapolis, IN via deluxe motorcoach
- Daily transportation to the Indianapolis Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium for the Congress
- Gratuities payable to motorcoach drivers



Tour Does Not Include

- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Items not specifically mentioned above

3 Step Registration Process

1. Scan the QR Code on the cover of the flyer or click [HERE](#) to access our online registration site.
2. Follow the prompts to enter your personal information, select your rooming configuration, enter payment information, and acknowledge our terms and conditions.
3. Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your diocesan code and a video tutorial providing instructions for finalizing your registration on the official National Eucharistic Congress' website.



Payment Schedule:

\$250 per person deposit due upon registration

\$500 per person due January 15th, 2023

Remaining balance due April 17, 2024

All payments are non-refundable. By registering for this tour, you understand and agree to CTS Terms and Conditions and accept our CTS Liability Release. All cancellations must be received in writing.

Travel Insurance: Cancel for any reason ("CFAR") travel protection is highly recommended

See Travel Insured link: www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47907&p=CTS21



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General Agent's Message



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Contact Your KofC Field Agent for a Policy “Spring Cleanup”

Brothers and Ladies of the Maryland State Council,

Beneficiary Updates: Brothers, it is especially important to review your beneficiaries on a regular basis. There are important reasons for this. Changes in marital status due to death or divorce. Making the changes as needed will make things so much easier for the family you leave behind. Do not let procrastination prevent your loved ones from receiving the benefits of your life insurance plans. Be careful with any children with special needs. There are two types of beneficiaries, Primary (first in line) and Contingent (second). Most beneficiaries reflect the spouse as primary and “Children of the Marriage Equally” as contingent. We need to be incredibly careful if a special-needs child is involved, as it is possible to jeopardize their Social Security Disability Income, (SSDI) benefits if they receive life insurance or annuity proceeds.

Contingent Ownership Designations for Juvenile Policies: This is incredibly important! A contingent ownership will do just what it says. In the event the primary owner passes away, the ownership will pass to the contingent owner. These are so important that they are now mandatory when we take electronic applications. It takes less than five minutes to create a contingent owner. Without a contingent owner, the policy will become owned by the decedent’s estate. Once the policy becomes owned by the decedent’s estate, to change the ownership, someone will have to go to the county courthouse and be named as either a representative or executor of the estate depending on whether the estate was probated or not. After having their legal right established as a representative or executor of the estate, they must then sign an Absolute Assignment of Contract over to the new owner and provide their court documentation to the Knights for this assignment to take place. It is more work than a grieving family should have to deal with. If you have juvenile policies without the contingent ownership designation, please contact your field agent so they can correct this situation.

Term Policies Reaching the End of Their Policy Period (Becoming A Yearly Renewable Term): Please keep an eye out for KofC mail! When your term policy is getting ready to renew to a yearly renewable term plan, we send you a notice to indicate that your premium is about to increase substantially. Sometimes people do not read their KofC mail. Our agents will call them before their term period ends to make them aware of the increased premiums. Please pay attention to your KofC mail and please return your field agent telephone calls. When these plans go to a yearly renewable status, the premiums become much larger than what clients are accustomed to. So please read the materials we send to you to avoid paying more than you should.

Allow your field agents to review your policies. You may find that a “Spring Cleanup” is exactly what you need!

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway

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2023-2024



State Planning Calendar

UPDATED 3/1/24.

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 2024	4/6	STATEWIDE FAMILY PICNIC	SENECA CREEK STATE PARK, DOE PAVILION, GAITHERSBURG	MIKE LYNCH
	4/13	MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL 125 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	WHITE ROSE, CALLAWAY, MD	CHARLIE KOHLER
	4/24	MONTHLY PROGRAMS & GROWTH ZOOM CALL		TOM REUMONT & JEFF KOSCHO
		FAMILY FUN DAY AT HERSHEY PARK	CANCELLED	
MAY 2024	5/2	STATE CONVENTION 5/2 – 5/5	CROWNE PLAZA ANNAPOLIS	
	5/17-19	2024 STATE CAMPING TRIP	HOMESTEAD CAMP GROUND GEORGETOWN, DE	TOM REUMONT
	5/29	MONTHLY PROGRAMS & GROWTH ZOOM CALL		TOM REUMONT & JEFF KOSCHO
JUN 2024	6/15	AWD 4 TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION	TBD	JOE MASSIMINI
	6/21-22	LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE <i>TONY SALVEMINI'S TEAM</i>	HOLY FAMILY CH DAVIDSONVILLE	TEAM JEFFREY WILK
	6/29	STATE OFFICERS AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES INSTALLATION <i>TONY SALVEMINI'S TEAM</i>	ST JOHN NEUMANN 620 N. BESTGATE RD ANNAPOLIS	TONY SALVEMINI JEFFREY WILK
AUG 2024	8/17	IPSD TESTIMONIAL	ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL	JACK GIACALONE

ITEMS IN RED ARE TENTATIVE, ITEMS IN YELLOW ARE CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.



Updated: January 8, 2024

126th K of C MD State Convention Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Where do I find the most current information regarding the convention?**
The MD K of C State Web Site.
2. **Where will the convention be held?**
The convention will be at the [Crowne Plaza](#), located at 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401.
3. **What are the IMPORTANT dates and information to remember for the convention?**
 - No Shirt/Hat Refunds after **April 7, 2024**. No Shirt or Hat sales at the convention.
 - Convention Program Book ads are due no later than **April 8, 2024**
 - No Banquet Refunds after **April 23, 2024**
 - Convention golf tournament, the Preserve at Eisenhower will be on **Thursday, May 2, 2024**
 - Convention check-in opens on Thursday, **May 2 and closes May 4, 2023**
 - Convention business meetings begin **Friday, May 3, and conclude Sunday, May 5, 2024**
 - **All PayPal Refunds will be subject to a 5% Fee**
4. **How will I register?**
You will register online for all convention activities and for a room at the Crowne Plaza on the MD State Council Web Site. Rooms will be available at the Crowne Plaza for \$145/night plus tax (handicapped guest rooms available upon request). Online registration is **OPEN! Delegates, Grand Knights, and District Deputies are strongly encouraged to register and reserve their rooms through January 18, 2024**. After you successfully register for the Convention, you will be provided a link to reserve/pay for your hotel room at the Crowne Plaza. While online convention registration will **CLOSE** on April 19, 2024, online convention **post-registration (\$10 late fee)** will remain open thru May 1, 2024. Starting May 2, 2024, "walk-in" registrants will be encouraged to register online prior to arrival to expedite final registration/check-in processing. Continue to visit this page for the latest registration information.
5. **Where will Mass be held?**
Mass will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD and celebrated by Archbishop William Lori at **4:00PM**.

Contact the Convention Team at: convention@kofc-md.org

6. Will there be breakfast and lunch available at the Crowne Plaza?

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase from the Crowne Plaza. Please continue to visit this page for updates on menus and pricing.

7. Will there be Hospitality Friday & Saturday Evening?

We will strive to preserve the legacy, spirit, and camaraderie of “convention hospitality” at the Crowne Plaza. We will be requesting financial support from our Districts, Chapters, Councils and Assemblies to allow us provide food for a successful hospitality event. Alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks will be served at a “cash bar” in the Annapolis Bar & Grill. *We would like to remind everyone the Hospitality Event is a “lite fare” event and invite everyone to also enjoy a meal at a local restaurant or the Annapolis Bar & Grill.*

8. Will there be a Convention Program Book?

The Program Book will continue to offer color ads in 2024. The Program Book provides important financial support for our convention. Plan now to support the Program Book and consider soliciting commercial ads to defray your ad cost. Program Book ads are a great way to showcase the good works of your council! Please contact Ray Cilento (rcilento@verizon.net) for the latest information or questions regarding the Program Book. The Program Book Letter and Contract are posted on this page for easy download.

9. Will there be activities in the Annapolis area to enjoy?

Annapolis has activities for everyone of all ages! The Mayor of Annapolis, the Annapolis Visitors Center, and representatives from the Annapolis business community are excited we returning to Annapolis for our convention! We are actively working to make sure you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy Annapolis and all that it has to offer. (<https://www.visitannapolis.org>) **We are also planning to offer the very popular 2-hour Annapolis waterfront sunset cruise on Thursday, May 2 departing downtown Annapolis.** Please see the flyer on this page or contact Andy Michaels (240.429.6889) for more details on the sunset cruise.

10. What is the location of the Convention Golf Tournament?

The Convention Golf Chairman, A. Paul Weber has selected The Preserve at Eisenhower located at 1576 Generals Highway, Crownsville, MD to host this year’s golf tournament on **May 2, 2024.** (<https://www.thepreserveateisenhower.com>) The course is conveniently located to Route 97 and the Annapolis Crowne Plaza. Registration will open at **7:30AM** and the Shotgun Start will be **8:30AM**. Please see the flyer and the letter on this page for more information.

11. Will there be Grand Knight Olympics?

The Grand Knight Olympics will be held outdoors in the parking lot Friday afternoon at the rear of the Crowne Plaza. Updated information will be provided in the event of inclement weather.

Contact the Convention Team at: convention@kofc-md.org

12. What should Grand Knights be doing now to prepare for the 126th K of C MD State Convention

- Make note of the convention date and share it with your Council, and plan to attend with your Council delegates, members, and their families!
- Budget for an ad in the for the Convention Program Book
- Budget for a contribution to the Convention Hospitality Program

13. Who is the 2023 K of C MD State Convention Team?

- Chairman – Curt Phillips
- Treasurer – Jeffrey Wilk
- Golf – A. Paul Weber
- Banquet – A. Paul Weber/E. Paul Jones
- Olympics – E. Paul Jones
- Program Book – Ray Cilento
- Online Registration – Rick Askins
- Hospitality – Curt Phillips, Mickey Dillow, Tom Plunkett

Please contact the team via email: convention@kofc-md.org

Contact the Convention Team at: convention@kofc-md.org

Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council 2024 Convention Sunset Cruise

Thursday, May 2
6:30pm boarding at Annapolis City Dock (1 Dock Street)



Kick off this year's convention aboard the Harbor Queen for a private, two-hour, sunset cruise of the Annapolis waterfront. Includes two slices of pizza, wings, and a beverage of your choice, courtesy of Marlow Calloway Agencies. A full-service bar is available for additional beverages.

\$78 per couple | \$42 per person.

For more information call Andy Michaels @ 240-429-6889.

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus

Preserve at Eisenhower Golf Club
1576 Generals Highway
Crownsville, Maryland

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Four Man - Best Ball
7:30AM Registration
8:30AM Shotgun Start

\$105.00 per person includes:
Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Beverages & Prizes

Any questions call Paul Weber
410-879-0558 or email apaulweber@verizon.net



Foursomes are limited! Reservation and
payment must be made no later than April 19th.
Send check payable to: Maryland State Council Convention Fund
Mail to: Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston Md. 21047

(please print)	Name	Council	Telephone # or email
Team Captain	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
Player #2	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
Player #3	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
Player #4	_____	_____	_____ @ _____



Maryland Knights of Columbus Ladies
Ladies Activities Committee for First Lady Annie Powers
P.O Box 1468
Bowie, MD 20717

January 2024

Warmest Greetings,

The 126th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Knights of Columbus will be held on May 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Crowne Plaza Annapolis Hotel. The Ladies Activities Committee is busy planning a special evening for Friday, May 3rd for all of the ladies registered for the convention – and we need your help. While the men are attending the opening meeting session, the ladies will enjoy a special evening of entertainment.

As in the past, your financial assistance makes this evening possible. The entertainment, door prizes and ladies' gifts are financed solely through your generous donations. While the State Convention may seem like months away, your donation now enables us to engage entertainment, as well as budget for and order door prizes and gifts in time for the Convention. We are most appreciative of your donation and you will receive full recognition in the evening's program. Please make your check payable to **Maryland State Council – Ladies Activities** and mail it to:

Phyllis Giacalone
3901 Shallow Brook Lane
Olney, MD 20832

If you prefer, you can make your donation online via  **PayPal** at the following link: <https://paypal.me/kofcmd> and add note: Ladies Activities

The Ladies Activities Committee and I are most appreciative of your continued support to enhance the convention experience for the ladies.

Sincerely,

Annie Powers

First Lady, Maryland State Council

Cry the Gospel with Your Life!



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus

ANNUAL CONVENTION YEARBOOK

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 CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK which will be published and distributed at the 126th Annual State Convention in Annapolis, Maryland in May 2024.

Prices for the AD and the sizes are noted on the enclosed CONTRACT FORM.

If your council can secure three (3) commercial Ads of a half (1/2) page or larger, the State Council will print a full page color Ad for your council at no cost.

You may also want to consider selling patron Ads to council members to help defray some or all of the cost for your council Ad. Realizing the size of a quarter (1/4) page Ad, it is prohibitive to print patron names or lists of officers in any Ad smaller than a half (1/2) page.

We earnestly solicit your whole-hearted support for the 2024 Program Book. Monies derived from the Yearbook play a major role in defraying convention costs. Our Worthy State Deputy is striving for 100% AD participation from every council.

All ADs should be forwarded to me NO LATER THAN April 8, 2024, and should be camera-ready. All patron names must be incorporated in your AD which again, for a patrons list, must be ½ page or larger.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Please forward your AD at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally,

Raphael (Ray) Cilento
Convention Yearbook Chairman
1300 Amedoro Court
Abingdon, MD 21009
rcilento@verizon.net

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
126th ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 3, 4 and 5, 2024
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

PROGRAM BOOK AD CONTRACT

Please print our camera-ready copy in the program book:

FULL PAGE - COLOR
(8½ X 11)
\$180.00

HALF PAGE - COLOR
(8½ X 5½)
\$120.00

QUARTER PAGE - COLOR
(4½ X 5½)
\$80.00

Circle your selection above and enclose your camera-ready copy as it is to appear in the program book along with your check.

NAME: _____

BUSINESS/
ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NO: _____ EMAIL: _____

Checks payable to:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mail payment & AD by April 8, 2024 to:

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1300 Amedoro Court
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