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Grand Knight Message



Don't Read This!



Starting from scratch.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus started out of social tragedy. An insurance company was born. Over 135 years of success is a darn good track record for an insurance company. But the Knights of Columbus is not just an insurance company, oh no! We are not State Farm, Farmers Insurance, or Allstate. No commercials, we have a definite commitment to moral investments, and oh yeah, a group of Catholic Gentlemen united in support of their (and others) families, their Parishes, and their Communities.

Ideally we should be the Strong Right Arm of the Church. Our Order should be the first group the Parish Priest thinks of when he has something that needs to be done. Are we there yet? Nope. Some work needs to be done to get there. It is doubly challenging in that we have two main Parishes in which we generally originate from. So how do we do this?

Start from scratch! No assumptions to be made. No comments of we "tried that before and it didn't (or did) work." So where does it begin? Usually with Membership, followed closely by Programs. Or vice versa. Let's start with membership. See the Chancellor's page for the Membership continuation...

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Vivat Jesu!

Rick Schirm, Grand Knight, Council 5480

Deputy Grand Knight Message



There is a program on the Virginia State Council website called Pro-Life ACE Wings: "Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise, and without Exception." This program is for individuals who participate in Pro-Life events, such as March for Life, volunteering at pregnancy centers, or praying outside of abortion clinics. These are just a few of the requirements to receive the award.

I am sure we have several members who already qualify for the award. For more information, go to <https://vakofc.org/state-forms/> to review the program and requirements. Please become involved in our Council and State events. If you know someone already participating in pro-life events and they are not a member of our Council, please invite them to join. Have a blessed August. I will see you and your family at the Back to School picnic on Aug 18.

Vivat Jesu.

Louis Federico, Deputy Grand Knight, Council 5480

“Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori”



Venerable Brothers, I want us to reflect this month on our fraternal motto: **“Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori,” “Time Flies, Remember Death.”** I think the founding father; Rev. Fr. Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knight of Columbus in March 29, 1882, desires that the Knights of Columbus members may constantly reflect on the brevity of our earthly existence. Our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, who committed himself to the service of the immigrant men and women, died young of pneumonia at the age of 36. Although life is short, he who observes and discharges his duties faithfully will enjoy the promise of eternity in the Kingdom of God.

Time flies; remember death may sound frightening, but it is true. This is not being pessimistic; it is just being realistic. If you have any doubt, read Ecclesiastes 12:1. “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come....” The author of Ecclesiastes summed up by focusing on the Creator and on the end of man’s life. death, and what will happen when it comes, is described very forcefully here. Viewed from the perspective of death, man’s life is a temporary gift given to him by God. One can glance back at one’s youth and also at the years one may still have ahead and ponder the tenuous nature of life and remember that death is coming. Our lives are measured by time, whereby in the course of time, we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death becomes the normal end of life.

The Book of Psalms also admonishes us **not to forget how short our life is** by asking God to teach us to number our days so that we may get a heart of wisdom (Ps.90:12). In the opinion of the Psalmist, only God can provide the wisdom that a sensible man and woman can mark how short his or her life will be. It is when we are given true wisdom from above that will help us to discern the will of God. It is the wisdom of God that will help us to be faithful at all times to God, in order to avoid the laziness or idleness, which turns us away from being vigilant. As a matter of fact, the Psalmist turns to a complaint contrasting God’s eternity with the brevity of human life and seeing in human suffering the punishment for sin by concluding with a plea for God’s intervention saying: **teach us to number our days so that we may get a heart of wisdom.** Here God is not only implored to teach us how oppressive life is, but also to teach us how to accept our allotted time as a gift. Better still, human transience the reality of death as part of God’s plan becomes not an occasion for despair but an opportunity for prayer for a successful end.

In order to have a successful end Jesus teaches us to **“Seek first His Kingdom (of God) and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well”** (Mat. 6:33). According to scholars, the righteousness of the Kingdom means the life of grace in man which involves a whole series of spiritual and moral values and can be summed up in the notion of **“holiness.”** The search for holiness should be our primary purpose in life as Christians. Jesus is again insisting on the primacy of spiritual demands. Pope Paul VI opines that it is to give God, the kingdom of God, the first place in the scale of values which are the object of human aspirations. Jesus says: “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...” Christ’s poverty makes possible that detachment from earthly things which allows us to place the relationship with God at the peak of human aspirations (General Audience, 5 January 1977).

In conclusion, venerable Brothers, let us not be afraid about our fraternal motto: “Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori,” “Time Flies, Remember Death” or life is short; therefore, remember death. Jesus’ advice to all of us is that “do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and the body in Gehenna [hell]” (Mat. 10:28). Jesus is telling us that hell exist; therefore, we should fear and respect God and prepare for eternity each and every day. It is only when we accept the reality and the brevity of our human existence that we can avoid all the avoidable mistakes and do our uppermost best to live a holy life. The final message of our Founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney to us is that; “yesterday I was like you in anyway and tomorrow you will be like me.” May God give us grace to live a holy and faithful life, so that our soul will find rest in God. Amen!

Fr. Patrick Baffour-Akoto, Chaplain, KofC Council 5480





**Roaring Knights June 2019
Bartender Schedule**

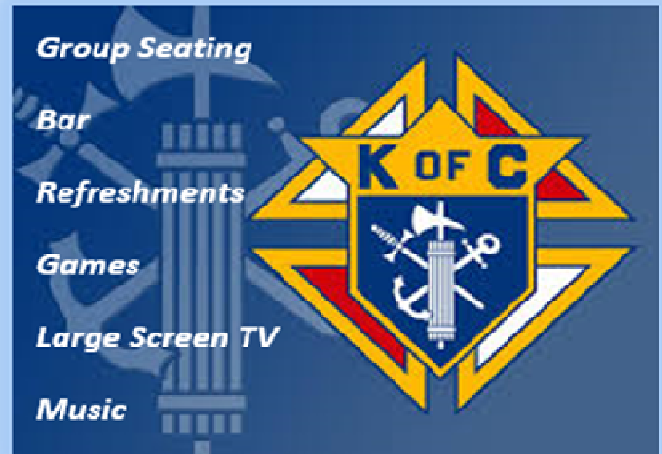


Date	Day	Description	Bartenders
2	Friday	Open Night	Rios
6	Tuesday	Assembly Meeting	Howard
9	Friday	Birthday Night	Kerstetter/ McFadden
13	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Humphrey/Kelley
16	Friday	Open Night	Koch/Johnson
23	Friday	Open Night	Volunteer
27	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Silva/Carrotta
30	Friday	Open Night	James

If a Knight is interested in tending bar or cannot make his scheduled evening, please contact Alberto Ríos at 814-5393



**Knights Den
Lounge Information**



For all Lounge Rentals, please contact



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sick, Recovering, and Deceased: Brothers, we ask for your prayers and support for Brothers in need of healing. We also ask for prayers for the deceased. If you are aware of a Brother Knight or family member in need of our prayers, contact Dave Mazary (813-5272) or the Grand Knight.

- **Sick and Recovering:** Blanca O'Brien, Mary Litzinger, Jim Buckman, mother of Tony Velez, father of Todd Curtis, Dean Jernigan.
- **Deceased:** SK Charles Federico, PSD, FM and father of Louis Federico, PFN

Also, let us pray for the many brothers and family members suffering from cancer.

NAMES WILL REMAIN ON LIST FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE RENEW YOUR PRAYER REQUEST IF CONTINUED

Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in Your Church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A Prediction for the New Fraternal Year



Each August, we have the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. This year is no different. Although this message has been written prior to the convention, here are some predictions:

The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities.

The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered.

We already know that our insurance program had another record year ending in December 2018; 18 consecutive years of growth! (And congratulations to the many of you who protected your families last year and helped set that record!)

We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarius Christi fund.

Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We will add to our surplus, which means our strength to pay claims and weather poor economic times will improve.

I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Donated more money to disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons. Placed more ultrasound machines in service to save lives. Given more support for religious freedom.

This organization, started by a simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

But here's the reality: For the Catholic folks in this council and in these parishes here—you, my brother knights—you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families.

Todd Curtis, FIC – Your Field Agent

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For the Information of all Hands!

Back to School Picnic

Our Back to School Picnic is on 18 August from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location is the picnic shelter behind the Columbian Center on Nettles Drive. We will have Inflatables, traditional grill items such as Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, some chicken, and a cool dessert. Music, water fun, and a good family get-together. Entry fee is three cans of non-perishable food for a basic family of four, one can for each person above four. We will do a 50/50 in support of the Military Archdiocese fund. Food donations will go to the food pantries at St. Jerome's and OLMC.

The Degree Team Challenge

Council 5480 was, at one time, one of the best 1st Degree teams in the State and certainly the best on the Peninsula. Time and age have taken a toll on the Team. We can regain our position as the best with a little bit of effort from some new Brother Knights. All team members joined with trepidation on the task before them. Monologues to be memorized, movements to be learned—who has time for all that? Well, the wise men say to eat an elephant, it is best to do it a bite at a time. Come join the team, take baby steps, learn a few of the simpler positions with the goal of moving into a primary position. See the Grand Knight Rick Schirm to begin this important journey.

Did You Know?

Recently Supreme listed a handful of movies that they believe are worth the effort to watch as a Catholic Family. They are: A Man For All Seasons with Orson Wells and Robert Shaw; Judgement at Nuremburg with Burt Lancaster; On The Waterfront with Marlon Brando; Henry V a movie dealing with war and peace; The Mission with Robert De Niro; We Were Soldiers with Mel Gibson; Liberating a Continent, a story of St. John Paul II visit to Poland; For Greater Glory a story of persecuted Catholic Mexicans; and Shane a classic western movie.

Youth Movement

It is time to grab the attention of the Millennials, Gen Xs, and Gen Ys. We need faithful, younger Catholic Gentlemen in our Council. At one afternoon Mass a couple of weekends ago, there were a couple dozen men under the age of 50 faithfully practicing their Catholic Faith. These men are who we need to join us in being the right arm of the parishes. Please reach out to these folks and offer them the opportunity to help us help the Holy Catholic Church

Knight of the Month



SK Clem Danish is Council 5480's Knight of the Month for August 2019. Clem is a very active Brother Knight. He heads up a wonderful Prayer Card program, visits the sick in the regular hospitals and physical rehab clinics, works like the dickens for the OLMC Vacation Bible School, and is a very active bingo volunteer helping to raise tens and tens of thousands of dollars for charity. Please join me in congratulating Sir Knight Clem Danish for being selected as Knight of the Month for August 2019.



Family of the Month



The Council 5480 August 2019 Family of the Month is Harold and Linda Hairston. They are both very active as lectors and choir members at St. Jerome's, participate as an active family at the Council events, and of course, SK Harold can most often be seen selling bingo packages each Monday. Truly a Catholic family to be emulated! Join me in congratulating Harold and Linda Hairston for being selected as Family of the Month, August 2019.



Walter Pollard Council 5480 Directory

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· Queen of Peace	Mike Lennartz	234-0886

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Treasurer	Joseph Drozdowski	930-3559
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3 Year	Kevin Konouck	
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2 Year	Umit Davulco	
1 Year	Joseph O'Brien	874-7965
1 Year	David Litzinger	719-4028

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Lounge Manager	Carroll Kelley	872-7840
Rental Agent	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
Kitchen Manager	Joe Drozdowski	930-3559



August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30 pm - Bingo	2 6:30 pm - Lounge Open Night	3
4	5 5:30 pm - Bingo	6 7:30 pm - Assem- bly Meeting	7	8 5:30 pm - Bingo	9 6:30 pm - Birthday Night	10
11	12 5:30 pm - Bingo	13 7:30 pm - Council Meeting	14	15 5:30 pm - Bingo	16	17
18 Back to School Picnic	19 5:30 pm - Bingo	20 5480 Club, Inc. meeting	21	22 5:30 pm - Bingo	23	24
25	26 5:30 pm - Bingo	27 7:30 pm - Council Meeting	28	29	30	31

Mark your calendars for upcoming events.



September 2019

- 3 Sep: Assembly 2430 Meeting
- 5 Sep: Adoration (St. Jerome)
- 6 Sep: Adoration (OLMC) and Lounge Open Night
- 10 Sep: Council Meeting
- 13 Sep: Lounge Birthday Night
- 17 Sep: 5480 Club, Inc. meeting
- 21 Sep PGK/PFN Dinner
- 24 Sep: Council Meeting

October 2019

- 1 Oct: Assembly 2430 Meeting
- 3 Oct: Adoration (St. Jerome)
- 4 Oct: Adoration (OLMC) and Lounge Open Night
- 8 Oct: Council Meeting
- 15 Oct: 5480 Club, Inc. meeting
- 11 Oct: Lounge Birthday Night
- 12 Knighthood Degree 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Oct: Blood Drive
- 22 Oct: Council Meeting

Upcoming Degree Ceremonies

 Admission Degree: Tuesday, 10 Sep, 7:30 PM at Council 5480. Degree participants are requested to arrive by 7:00 PM, and should wear a collared shirt and slacks. Sports coats are optional for Admission and Formation Degree events. 

If you would like to participate in a degree ceremony or just need more information, please contact Louis Federico at federicolouis98@gmail.com or 757-870-0573.

Knights of Columbus – Our Principles: kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/our-principles.html

Check the Virginia K of C Calendar for additional Degree Events: vakofc.org/calendar

Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430

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Sick and Distressed

SK Clem Danish

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2 Yr -SK Stephen Raschke

509-0177

3 Yr - SK Carroll Kelley

739-6670

From the Faithful Navigator



Are You a Closet Sir Knight?

I ask that question of you, because at one time I was. However, through the motivation of others, I have learned the importance of the Knights of Columbus and have realized how we can support churches, organizations, and our communities. When I was asked to serve as this year's Faithful Navigator, I began to come up with the many reasons why I couldn't assume that role. The main reason for my hesitation was that I felt that I was too inexperienced for the position, but then I remembered how many Sir Knights were available to assist, and decided to try. So, here I am.

Prior to accepting the role as the Faithful Navigator, I attended several meetings where I noticed that membership was stressed. I didn't understand why fellow Brothers had to convince others to become a Knight. I feel the Knights of Columbus is an organization of great Catholic men who are available to assist others, and everyone should aspire to achieve that level of recognition. I have decided to make membership and recognition my main focus this year. We need to groom the young (experience, not age) members to take on the roles within the Assembly and move the Assembly forward. I believe that the Assembly is a constant relay race where we pass the baton on to the next Catholic man to keep the momentum going, which brings me back to my question in the beginning: are you a Closet Sir Knight? What is that?

A Closet Sir Knight is someone who has the knowledge but doesn't let anyone know who they are, and doesn't reveal their skills or talents. All Sir Knights should be open and proud of who they are and available to share their knowledge and experience and be able to help the Councils and Assemblies grow. Every Sir Knight should want to move up, in support of God and Country. When I think of the four pillars of the Fourth Degree I think about "God" as the foundation or floor supporting the pillars, and "Country" as the roof reaching for the stars. We as Sir Knights have a lot to give and should always be looking to our fellow man for support and encouragement.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays:

Walter T Bradby 08/01
 Christopher Rios 08/01
 Jason C Weischedel 08/01
 Raymond C Yeakey 08/02
 Jose H Cruz 08/03
 Morgen S Tietjens 08/03
 Irvin R Iveson 08/05
 Art L Kietlinski 08/05
 William T Morse 08/05
 Ben J Talbott 08/05
 William J Paffrath 08/06
 Daniel P Sheridan 08/06
 Sean A Steele 08/06
 Bradley J Burgett 08/07
 Joseph A Facenda Jr 08/07
 Gary A Mills 08/08
 Charles T Curtis 08/09
 John King III 08/09
 John Joseph Vogt 08/09
 James T Stewart 08/10
 William E Blymyer 08/11
 Jerome F Foretich Sr 08/11
 Reginald W Hodges 08/11
 Kevin M Krzeski 08/12
 Michael J Maliniak 08/12
 William R Accolla 08/14
 Michael A Ose 08/14
 Andrew A Sherman 08/14
 James W Tobler 08/14
 Cesar M Zamora 08/14
 Ricardo A Major 08/15
 Rick Schirm , PFN 08/15
 Colburn A Cavone 08/16
 Joe Harris 08/16
 Guy James 08/16
 Dennis S Jarabak 08/17
 George W Crowley PFN 08/19

Phillip H Glaude 08/19
 Juan Gonzalez 08/19
 Harold J Laurent 08/19
 Kenneth R Clarke 08/20
 James S Ebertowski 08/20
 Robert W Feldhousen 08/20
 William F Smith Jr 08/20
 George A Jacobs 08/21
 Lawrence E Thomas 08/21
 Kevin J Beaty 08/23
 Gregory A Ellison 08/23
 Joseph M Palumbo 08/23
 Nathan L Sargent 08/23
 Randal S Taylor 08/23
 Kelly O Topp 08/23
 Michael F Lennartz 08/24
 David N Farrell 08/26
 Thomas A Baragona 08/27
 Thomas F Killackey 08/27
 Jesus L Encabo 08/28
 Cornelius J O'Connor 08/28
 Jerome F Vorwald 08/28
 Paul A Blanchette 08/29
 Isodoro T Carlino 08/30
 John A Greco 08/30
 Gerard R Prince 08/30

August Anniversaries:

James and Christine Healy 08/02
 Robert and Maryellen Bebermeyer 08/04
 Scott and Patricia Clark 08/04
 Stephen and Becky Du Bosky 08/05
 James and Karen Kazmer 08/06
 Andrew and Ann Momper II 08/06
 Michael and Lori Tietjens 08/07
 Gregory and Nora Ellison 08/09
 Robert and Becky Blymyer 08/10
 William and Becky Blymyer 08/10
 Mark and Terri Rieg 08/11
 Paul and Joanne Caracciolo 08/12
 Michael F and Sandra Haduck 08/13
 Michael and Mellissa Kessler 08/13
 Martin and Kathleen Walsh 08/13
 John and Robin Weisflog 08/15
 Michael and Pam Downer 08/16
 Richard and Arlyene Lusk 08/16
 Charles and Patricia Olson 08/16
 Steven and Eileen Sprinkle 08/16
 Eugene and Susan Thies 08/16
 Richard and Fiona Corso 08/19
 James and Janelle Dalberth 08/19
 Anthony and Debra Kraus 08/19
 Mickey and Carolyn Marcella Jr 08/19
 Charles and Linda Avery 08/21
 W Thomas and Angela Eggleston Jr 08/22
 Robert and Pamela Barclay 08/23
 PGK Harold and Linda Hairston 08/24
 Louis and Deborah W Federico 08/29

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday!





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Are You a Closet Sir Knight?

Every Sir Knight should have or know of someone needing our support and guidance. Since assuming the position as Faithful Navigator, I do not believe in recreating the wheel, just refilling the flat.

We, fellow Brothers, need to come out of the closet and wear our name badges proudly. We, as Catholic men, must strive to be visible and available to show other Catholic men the steps to becoming a pillar of the community.

We should be a collaborative organization, not a single person organization. We need to support our churches, organizations, and communities. We are the leading force and should be proud of that fact. Come out of the closet, find a Catholic man who you can help understand what the Knights of Columbus is all about, and let's help make our Assembly the best in the Knights of Columbus. When we pass anyone, they should say there goes a proud Sir Knight.

The next Assembly events are the Dining-Ins in August and September, marching in the Denbigh Day Parade in September, and the Dining-out in October (location TBD). I look forward to an exciting year.

Peace be with you.

Tyrone "Tee" Fuller
Faithful Navigator, Father Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430



Chancellor's Corner



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Membership continuation (continue to not read this)...

Begin with wearing your name tag or other KofC clothing that readily identifies you as a Knight. Do the good works that you all do in your parishes. Approach someone you don't know to be a Brother Knight, while wearing your name tag, and ask him to join you in whatever you're doing to help the Parish. Grab a couple of gents to help you. Towards the end of your tasks offer them the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus. You're going to get rejected, often. That's okay, planting the seed counts too. Keep inviting them to help you in whatever you're doing to help. Eventually a yes will come. Keep trying, keep offering, and expect to fail. Every gentleman who says yes makes us so much stronger for our families, parishes, and communities it makes all the fails worth it!

The number one reason for not joining the Brotherhood of Catholic Gentlemen is time. You'll probably hear a variety of ways to say: "I don't have time for that sort of commitment." (My favorite). Ask them if they can chisel out about 24 hours in a year? A year is comprised of 8,760 hours so 24 hours doesn't seem that much. It really looks puny when you break it up into packets of an hour here and a couple hours there. Truth be told, the most important part of being a Knight is the Unity we form as men and as families. We all can't do every activity, every time, especially in a Council as big and active as ours. But as a unit we can achieve so much more than we could as a group of individuals.

You find the Catholic Gentlemen and we'll find the Admission's Degree for him that works for his schedule.

Vivat Jesu!

Rick Schirm, Grand Knight, Council 5480