



KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Grand Knight Message

Happy Valentine's Day!

February is the month where couples celebrate their love for one another in a special way. One special way of doing this is to celebrate it at the Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day Party on February 14. Another way is to celebrate Marriage World Day on Sunday, February 8. According to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, its purpose is declared to be: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life." Even though this is the shortest month of the year, there are plenty of council activities planned for this month. Check the calendar for dates and times. Remember also, February 18 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of reflection, re-evaluation, repentance and reconciliation. With that being said, I encourage everyone to participate in



the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, starting on February 20. For most of us, we try to give up something for Lent, whatever they may be. But I believe it is not as important to give up something as it is to do something to make the Lenten season different from all the rest, such as doing random acts of kindness. It is up to you to decide what you want to do differently this Lenten season. And if you pray the rosary on a daily basis, the Sorrowful Mystery is said every day from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Last, but not least, the lounge will be open for Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st. In closing I'd like for all of us to ponder on a paragraph in Max Ehrmann's Desiderata: "Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons."

*Vivat Jesu,
Gabe Franco - Grand Knight*

Family of the Month

Brother Carroll and Fernanda Kelley



I am proud to name Brother Carroll and Fernanda Kelley as February's Family of the Month. Carroll and Fernanda are both active members of the St. Jerome Parish. Brother Carroll is an usher, a Council Liaison to the parish, and a Fellowship committee member. Fernanda is also a member of the Fellowship committee and the Justice and Peace Committee. Both also coordinates and organizes the Knights of Columbus Soup Supper during Lent. Brother Carroll was also instrumental in the success of the March for Life bus trip to Washington DC. Carroll is also the Color Corps Commander for the Assembly. Both of them are also ardent volunteers for many council activities, whether it's decorating the hall or setting up for an event. You can always count on both of them. Congratulations Carroll and Fernanda for a job well done!

Knight of the Month

Brother Jim Hooker



I am proud to name Brother Jim Hooker as February's Knight of the Month. Brother Jim is an active member of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Newport News and serves on the RCIA Team and as a Eucharistic Minister. He is the Council's Bingo Manager, which is the Council's largest fund-raising activity. Brother Jim has been doing this volunteer work for many, many years. He recently implemented a change to bingo operations to provide more oversight and accountability. This resulted in a dramatic improvement in bingo proceeds. This means we can provide more financial contributions to charitable organizations. Congratulations Brother Jim for a job well done!



Holy Family



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The Holy Family consists of the Child Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and Saint Joseph. The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus: The Divine Son of God Jesus, his mother the Virgin Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the canonical Gospels. The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general.

Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church". St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

The Church understands that various actions and behaviors are contrary to God's Divine plan for the family. These include abortion, contraception, embryonic stem-cell research, divorce, spousal abuse, child abuse, among other things. Catholic Teaching is that a marriage must be open to children. Anything artificial that prevents this is contrary to divine law, although spacing births for a just reason is permitted (and may be accomplished through "natural family planning").

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities. As we dedicate this month of February to the Holy Family. Let's us pray for all Knight of Columbus families and all families throughout the world. As we pray together:

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer! You came to enlighten the world with your teaching and example, and to live the greater part of your life with Mary and Joseph in their home at Nazareth. Thus you sanctified the family that was to be an example to all Christian families. Graciously receive our family, which is dedicated and consecrated to you this day. Protect it; guard it and establish it in holy fear, in peace, and in the harmony of Christian charity. By conforming ourselves to the model of your family, may we all without exception attain to eternal happiness. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother! By your intercession make this, our humble offering, acceptable to Jesus and obtain for us His grace and blessings. O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary! Assist us by your prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs, so that we may be able to praise our Divine Savior, Jesus, together with Mary and you for all eternity. Amén.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Blessed Sacrament Chapel (OLMC):



Join us on the FIRST FRIDAY (10 PM – 6 AM) for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour consists of Powerful Readings, Silent and Recited prayer. The next Nocturnal Adoration is the weekend of February 6 -7. Join brother Knights and their families as we prepare to meet the Lord. Many of our loyal and dedicated members have passed or are getting older. We need some help on the early morning hours. No need to make a long term commitment - choose any hour, you will be surprised and gratified. Families are encouraged to attend anytime.



Brothers all, the month of February has arrived with many chances for fellowship. In this newsletter there are many flyers leading you to the activities happening this month, so I will not dwell on those, I will only touch on the activities. Starting in the beginning of this month, St. Jerome church will have a Pancake Breakfast on February 1. Start your day with a good meal and find a new member so that you can finish your day with a Super Bowl party in the lounge spending time with Brother Knight's. The Knights of Columbus, as a fraternal organization, has their 133rd birthday on February 6. This birthday can be celebrated at Peninsula Catholic H.S. at their Appreciation Dinner. The following weekend, February 7-8, there is a Recruitment Drive at St. Jerome's church. Please come and help your Brother Knights recruit new members to keep our Council vibrant and active. February 14 is the Valentine's Day Dance at the Council. This brings to mind an Anonymous quote I saw saying, "I do not understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon." Anyway, attend the Dance and truly enjoy your time with your lovely (or handsome) spouse. I hope that I am not stepping on the Chancellor's toes here, but there is another recruitment drive at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on February 14-15 followed with an Open House on February 17. These are some of the activities for you to get out of the house, meet new people, get to talk with people you already know and spread the good news about Council 5480. I hope you have a wonderful month and I hope to see to you at these events promoting our good works.

***Vivat Jesu,
Dan Richard - Deputy Grand Knight***

Fraternal Benefits Agent



We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies...

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values." Contact me today to learn more about our products.

Todd Curtis, FIC Phone - (757) 847-9981 - Email - Todd.Curtis@kofc.org



Brothers, Please Note These Upcoming Recruitment and Degree Dates.

- February 7-8: Recruiting Weekend @ St. Jerome's Masses
- February 14-15: Recruiting Weekend @ OLMC Masses
- February 17: Council 5480 Open House @ 7:00 PM
- February 24: 1st Degree Ceremony @ Council 5480 - 7:30 PM (Candidates report at 7:00 PM)

Fraternally Yours, Jonathan Sargent, Chancellor

Roaring Knights

Bartender Schedule

Knights Den

Lounge Information

Roaring Knights Bartender FEBRUARY 2015 Schedule

| FEB | DAY | DESCRIPTION | BARTENDERS |
|-----|----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 3 | TUESDAY | ASSEMBLY MEETING | HOWARD, DEBARTOLO |
| 6 | FRIDAY | LOUNGE CLOSED FOR PCHS | |
| 8 | SUNDAY | TI AMO | MERENDINO, STOKES |
| 10 | TUESDAY | COUNCIL MEETING | KELLEY, HUMPHREY |
| 13 | FRIDAY | DECORATING NIGHT | STOKES |
| 14 | SATURDAY | ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE | RIOS, RICHARDS |
| 15 | SUNDAY | OSIA | RIOS |
| 20 | FRIDAY | GAME NIGHT | KERSTETTER |
| 24 | TUESDAY | COUNCIL MEETING | CAROTA, SILVA, WOTKE |
| 27 | FRIDAY | MOVIE NIGHT | DAVULCO, DROZDOWSKI |

If a knight is interested in tending bar or cannot make it to bartend please call Alberto Rios at 814-5393 or riostoto@aol.com

Knights Den Hours during Lent

During Lent, February 18 – March 27, the Lounge will open up on Fridays at 7:30 PM instead of 7 PM. ***Please support and attend Stations of the Cross, soup dinners at your church...*** then come by the lounge to socialize and enjoy a light dessert, coffee and each other's company! Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, April 2 – 5, the Lounge will be closed to observe this very Holy weekend. Have a Blessed Lent and Easter!

For All Lounge Rentals, Please Contact:
 Lewis Stokes (PGK)
 Lounge Manager
 Phone: 757-872-7840
 Email: lssyms@verizon.net

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| <u>Birthdays</u> | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| DANIEL J BAKER | 1 | CHRISTOPHER V CONWAY |
| ACREE S LINK JR | 1 | FRANCIS J DOUGHERTY |
| THOMAS A PISCELLI | 1 | GEORGE C TALLEY JR |
| MARTIN F WALSH | 1 | PABLO V CONTRERAS |
| JOHN M CARTER | 2 | DANIEL J FITZGERALD |
| THOMAS C CLARK | 2 | STANLEY R ZDUNIAK |
| ELIAS D PELAEZ JR | 2 | JAMES E MC CAFFERTY III |
| TIM A SCARBERRY | 2 | DANIEL A QUINLEY |
| JOHN E VALIMONT JR | 2 | HECTOR SAINZ |
| KEVIN J MC DERMOTT | 3 | JOHN L BOTELHO |
| TIM M WERLING | 3 | RONALD P GORMAN JR |
| TYRONE FULLER | 5 | GUNTHER R MICHAELIS JR |
| ED F SPRINKLE | 5 | PETER A MUELLER |
| NATHANIEL T GORDON | 7 | JOHN J ANGLE |
| STEPHEN ONUSKO | 8 | CHRISTOPHER J LANEAUX |
| JOHN R PAWLOWSKI | 8 | WALTER G SMIGIELSKI |
| PHILLIP A RIVERA-SILVA II | 8 | BERNARD L GERLACH |
| SIMON C BAUGHMAN | 9 | DONALD J BAKER |
| RICHARD L MARSH | 10 | MICHAEL P BURKE |
| JOSEPH F PETERS | 10 | CHRISTOPHER D JONES |
| JOSEPH L OSSO | 11 | DONALD L MURREN |
| EDWARD W ANDERSON | 12 | MICHAEL J KOSLOW |
| EDMUND M RIELY | 12 | FREDERICK ANTHES |
| COLIN R ROWETT | 12 | JAMES L PATTERSON |
| GARY C BROWN | 13 | WILLIAM J DROLET JR |
| | | DAVID R DOUGLAS |
| | | CHARLES B SPILLER |
| | | RONNY P GARCIA |
| | | JASON M GOERGEN |
| | | PETER S THIELEN |
| | | <u>Anniversaries</u> |
| | | JOSE & RENEE RAMON JR. |
| | | GEORGE & KARLA HILL JR. |
| | | BRIAN & MICHELLE |
| | | BILL & CATHERINE LENDERMAN |
| | | DOM & MARSHA BEVACQUA |
| | | RINALDO & ROSSANA BROLI |
| | | KYLE & JAN HARRINGTON |
| | | LEE & CHING BULLEIGH |
| | | DAVID & ELIZABETH CLARENCE |
| | | JOSE & DOLLIA LEMUS |
| | | JOHN & ELIZABETH RITCHARD |
| | | MICHAEL & KATHRYN STOOK |
| | | DAVID & TERI JANE GRUMBLING |
| | | JOSE & ALEJANDRA GONZALEZ |
| | | JOHN & KATHIE ANGLE |
| | | JAMES & BARBARA SUMNER |
| | | STEVEN & CAROLINE FOREHAND |
| | | JOHN & TERRI SWEENEY |
| | | DAVID & LAURA CVITANOVICH |
| | | RICHARD & ESTHER DAVIS |
| | | JOHN & SUSAN NIGHTINGALE |
| | | DENNIS & ANITA ROSIER |



FEBRUARY 2015



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|---|--------------------------------|-----|--|---|
| 1 7 & 9 AM St. Jerome's Pancake Breakfast 5:30 PM Super Bowl Party | 2 | 3 6:30 PM Assembly Meeting & Potluck | 4 | 5 | 6 KofC 133rd Birthday 6 PM Peninsula Catholic H.S. Appreciation Dinner | 7 10 AM Four Chaplains Ceremony (Huntington Park) Polar Plunge (VA Beach) Recruitment - St. Jerome's Masses |
| <i>Nocturnal Adoration (OLMC) 10 PM - 6 AM</i> | | | | | | |
| 8 Marriage World Day TI AMO 8 & 10 AM OLMC Pancake Breakfast Recruitment - St. Jerome's Masses | 9 | 10 7:30 PM Council Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 6:30 PM St. Valentine's Decorating Party | 14 Valentine's Day 8 AM OLMC Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 AM Adopt-a-spot Recruitment - OLMC Masses 6:30 PM St. Valentine's Day Dance |
| 15 Recruitment - OLMC Masses | 16 | 17 7 PM 5480 Club Meeting 7 PM Council Open House | 18 Ash Wednesday | 19 | 20 Parish Soup Suppers & Stations of The Cross | 21 9 AM Color Corps Certification (St. Joan of Arc) |
| 22 | 23 | 24 7 PM 1 st Degree (5480) 7:30 PM Council Meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 Parish Soup Suppers & Stations of The Cross 7:30 PM Movie Knight 100 Foot Journey  | 28 |



Cut along the dotted line and keep the calendar at hand to attend our events

SICK, RECOVERING & 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 his family member in need of our prayers, contact Clement Danish or the Grand Knight.

SICK & RECOVERY: Bill McCarthy (Past State Deputy), Emmet McNulty, James Buckman, Jr., Leonard Waltz, Edward Rieke, Dale Cruz, Stephen Jernigan (son of Dean), Cornelius Mitchell, Conner Steele (son of Sean), Stan Zduniak, Steve D'Urso, Clair and Ann Schwob, Scott Hart, Dominic Carsia, Marshall Clarke Jr., Mike Creamer, Rich Aleksey (Past State Deputy).

DECEASED MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Associate State Chaplain Father Frank J. Ready, Lew Stokes' Sister, PGK Bill Burke's Mother, Greta Mae Field (Jessie Powell's mother-in-law), Helen Therese Adams (Mother of Brother Mark Adams), Brother Benjamin Rodrigo Sr., James O. Headrick (Brother Knight PGK & FDD), Alan Russell Watson.

NAMES WILL REMAIN ON LIST FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE RENEW YOUR PRAYER REQUEST IF CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE DESIRED. CALL CLEMENT DANISH (877-2751) OR THE GRAND KNIGHT WITH REQUESTS OR QUESTIONS.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your Calendar!

Super Bowl Party

Knights Style in the Den!

\$ 6.00/person & Cash Bar

February 1

Doors Open 5:30 pm

Kickoff 6:30

**Patriots
VS
Seahawks**



Nacho Bar*Sausage Peppers & Onions*Wings

Hotdogs*Hamburgers*Potato Cassarole

Popcorn Machine will be out* *Assorted Desserts

RSVP

RSVP: Lewis Stokes at 872-7840

Alberto Rios at riostoto@aol.com

Sign up in the Lounge

**St. Valentine's
Decorating Party**
Friday, February 13, 2015
Starting at 6:30p
Meet in the Lounge
Pizza Supplied for ALL!



St. Patrick's Day Dance



Featuring

DJ Mark Bradley

Doors open at 6:15 pm

March 14

\$ 20.00/person

No Tickets sold at the door



*Profit from the event to the 5480 Knights of Columbus
Educational Scholarship Fund
In Memory of All Deceased Knights*

Events Happening that Night!

Best Decorated Table \$ 75.00

Best Dressed Costume \$ 75.00

50/50 Raffle

1 Ticket \$ 2.00

3 Tickets \$ 5.00

7 Tickets \$ 10.00

15 Tickets \$ 20.00

Cornbeef & Chicken

Dinner

BYOB

Setups Provided

For Tickets: 757-344-7630

or

Colleen759@verizon.net



Knights of Columbus Hall, Nettles Dr, NN, 23606

*KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE*

February 14, 2015

Doors Open 6:30 pm

**Music by
DJ Reco Cotton**



Tickets:

\$ 15.00 Single

\$ 25.00 Couple

Heavy

Hors d'oeuvres

Cash Bar

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You!

Thanks! To all 205 of you who attended our 4th Annual Carrabbas/Culture of Life Dinner on January 20th and those who "filled the bus" on January 22nd to Washington, DC in Support of The March for Life. **"Every Life Is A Gift"**.



Congratulations to **the 103 runners that participated in the 3rd Annual Knights of Columbus 10 Mile Run for the Heart** held on the tour roads of the Yorktown Battlefield on January 24, 2015. The race helped raise vital resources for the American Heart Association. Special thanks to all the volunteers that endured the cold and rain to help make the event a great success!

Culture of Life - Support Needed!

The U.S. House of Representatives will soon vote on H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This important measure will ban abortions on unborn children aged 20 weeks post-fertilization or older, based upon substantial medical evidence finding that these unborn children can experience pain. With H.R. 36, Congress will exercise its authority to protect these unborn children from abortion, and the horrible pain that it causes. However, while a vote has been scheduled, successful passage of H.R. 36 is not assured. **H.R. 36 needs your personal support!** Please contact your elected congressional representatives today. Ask them to support H.R. 36 with their vote. Be sure to also U.S. Senators and ask them to introduce and cosponsor the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in the U.S. Senate. Encourage your family and friends to do the same!

Be Faith in Action!

The Virginia State Council Culture of Life Chairman is **encouraging Brothers to voice their opinion during the public comment period** on an attempt by Governor Terry McAuliffe (D) to relax legislation regarding abortions with recent pro-choice appointments to the State Health Board.

If he is successful, it will be much easier for abortion clinics to operate in Virginia since they will no longer be required to meet the Regulations for the Licensure of Abortion Facilities (12 VAC 5-412) under the 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Healthcare Facilities. This potential reversal is direct contrast to the teachings of the church and a principle the Knights of Columbus. All comments must include the name and address of author and be received no later than **Wednesday, February 11, 2015, @ 11:59pm**. The Web Comment Form: <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/comments.cfm?stageid=7120>



The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, February 14th. @ 8:00 AM** (doors open @ 7:30 AM) at St. Michael Hall, OLMC. Join us for fellowship, a great breakfast and speaker at this special event. Please RSVP for accurate food count: mpbreakfast@yahoo.com. For more information, contact: David Litzinger, PGK - OLMC Church Director.



Please support the Virginia Knights of Columbus Team at the annual **Polar Plunge in Virginia Beach on February 7 to support Special Olympics Virginia**. The link below will assist the Virginia Knights of Columbus reach their goal of \$300,000. If you would like to donate, cut and paste the secure link below into your browser and it will bring you to the site.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationid=2695438&langPref=en-CA>



Reminder to support St. Jerome's Baby Bottle Campaign drive initiated in January 2015 during the Respect Life Weekend. All Knights of Columbus members are encouraged to fill their baby bottles with spare change during and **return it to St. Jerome's by February 28**. All proceeds will go to the Care Net Pregnancy Center.



Walter Pollard Council #5480 Educational Scholarship applications are now available. This program is open to all brothers in good standing. Scholarships are for members and immediate family members. The criteria for consideration are attached to the application. Participation in KOVAR, helping at our Bingo game, and assisting at council functions will be used in the judging process. Applications are in the lounge and meeting room. **Deadline for applications is April 15, 2015**. Reminder, these scholarships are for members and their family members only. Primary consideration will be for students attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Peninsula Catholic High School. Committee members include Joseph Drozdowski, Gabe Franco and Dean Jernigan.



Join us in the lounge for Movie Night: **The Hundred Foot Journey on February 27 at 7:30 PM**. The film is a 2014 American comedy-drama directed by Lasse Hallström and stars Helen Mirren, Om Puri, Manish Dayal and Charlotte Le Bon. The movie tells the story of a feud between two adjacent restaurants: one operated by a recently relocated Indian family and the other managed by a French chef.

Fr. Michael J. Bader – 2430 Assembly Directory



Faithful Navigator

SK Harold Hairston 877-1566

Faithful Friar

TBD

Faithful Captain

SK David Litzinger 719-4028

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Gabriel Franco 877-4423

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Faithful Scribe

SK Rick Schirm 310-3242

Faithful Admiral

SK Thai Nguyen 232-0889

Faithful Inner Sentinel

SK John Edwards 876-8386

SK John Silva 998-1995

Faithful Outer Sentinel

SK Jim Kazmer 877-1822

SK Ted Langevin 872-6751

Color Corps Commander

SK Carroll Kelley 877-4865

Sick and Distress

SK Tony Merendino 872-7113

Trustees

1 Yr – SK Kiet Nguyen 833-7943

2 Yr – SK Chuck Olson 867-7878

3 Yr – SK Louis Federico 870-0573

From the Faithful Navigator



They indeed gave their lives so others might live...

The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains" were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship "Dorchester" sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. Dorchester left New York on January 23, 1943, en route to Greenland, carrying the four chaplains and approximately 900 others, as part of a convoy of three ships, escorted by Coast Guard Cutters. Most of the military personnel were not told the ship's ultimate destination. The ship's captain had been alerted that Coast Guard sonar had detected a submarine. Because German U-boats were monitoring sea lanes and had attacked and sunk ships earlier during the war, the captain had the ship's crew on a state of high alert even before he received that information, ordering the men to sleep in their clothing and keep their life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable. During the early morning hours of February 3, 1943, at 12:55 a.m., the vessel was torpedoed in the North Atlantic. The torpedo knocked out the Dorchester's electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship, and helped guide wounded men to safety. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats, and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship. The relatively new chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Reform-Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Ph.D.), Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling and Roman Catholic priest the Reverend John P. Washington, for whom our neighboring Assembly 2184 in Yorktown, Virginia is so honorably named. On Saturday, February 7th, Assembly 2184 will honor these "Immortal Chaplains" in their annual ceremony. You are cordially invited to attend.

Nominating Committee: We are pleased to announce the Nominating Committee for the Fraternal Year 2015 – 2016. The election will take place May 5th at the regular Assembly meeting. Election results will be reported to the District and Supreme by June 15th. Sir Knights desiring to serve as Officers of the Assembly should make their intentions known to members of this committee: **SK John Edwards, PFN (Committee Chair); SK Leonard Carota, PFN; SK Ron P Gorman, PFN; SK James P Healy, PFN; SK Louis Federico, PFN.**

Dates to Remember:

- February 3rd: Assembly Meeting (Dine-in)
- February 7th (10 AM): Four Chaplains Ceremony, Huntington Park, Newport News, VA (the same park where Assembly 2430 holds its annual Scorpion Ceremony in May)
- February 21st (9 AM): Color Corps Certification, hosted by Fr John P Washington Assembly 2184, St Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 315

Harris Grove Lane, Yorktown, VA. Please sign up with CCC Kelley NLT Friday, February 13th.

- March 3rd: Assembly Dine-Out! Tuscany Ristorante Italiano, 12638 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News
- April 18th: Spring Exemplification - Virginia Beach!!!

Fraternally, Harold Hairston

COUNCIL 5480 WALTER POLLARD DIRECTORY

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Grand Knight | Gabriel Franco | 877-4423 |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Dan Richard | 594-9241 |
| Chaplain | Rev. Carlos Lerma | 595-0385 |
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| Advocate | Joe Drozdowski | 930-3559 |

Guards:

| | | |
|-----------|------------------|----------|
| • Inside | Robert DeBartolo | 286-4253 |
| • Inside | Reco Cotton | 508-1398 |
| • Outside | Walter Troyan | 988-1436 |
| • Outside | Stanley Baker | 725-0576 |

Trustees:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| • One Year | Carroll Kelley | 877-4865 |
| • Two Year | Harol K. Hairston | 877-1566 |
| • Three Year | David Litzinger | 719-4028 |

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| Lecturer | Marshall Clarke | 939-0818 |
| Programs Director | Dan Richard | 594-9241 |
| Membership Director | Jonathan Sargent | 766-6293 |
| Council Director | David Kerstetter | 817-2473 |

DIRECTORS/CHAIRS:

Church Directors:

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| • OLMC | Dave Litzinger | 719-4028 |
| • St. Jerome | Bill Allen | 342-9971 |
| • Queen of Peace | Mike Lennartz | 234-0886 |
| • St. Vincent | Marshall Clark | 930-0818 |
| • Immaculate Conception | David Brin | 851-0907 |

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| Family Director | VACANT | |
| CNU/CCM Liaison | John Edwards | 876-8386 |
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