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Grand Knight's Message



Be Safe! Be Healthy!



If you know of a Brother Knight or his family that is not getting our many emails during this crisis, then please get me their email address so I can add it to the list.

Vivat Jesu!

Rick Schirm, Grand Knight, Council 5480

Deputy Grand Knight's Message



March lived up to its reputation of coming in like a lion—I don't think it's going out like a lamb. With everything going on around the world and in our small piece of Virginia, we need to be more vigilant of our health and how we clean our hands and what we do with them. To that end, this is all good physically and somewhat mentally.

Spiritually we must adjust to the suspension of Mass, religious education, group meetings, work, and all sorts of community activity, which has brought our lives almost to a standstill. We will be learning new forms of communication via the Internet and enhanced phone service. We can still attend church and learn more about our religion by watching EWTN and other religious channels on cable television and satellite radio. We can celebrate mass with our Pastors via Facebook Live, watch Bishop Barron on YouTube, and digest the daily reading and reflections on USCB.org.

One thing we can't do while celebrating Mass from our living rooms is make weekly tithes to our churches. If you use any electronic donation, thank you. If not, try e-donation or keep sending in your checks via snail mail. The church still has bills to pay.

Along with supporting the church with tithes, we need to remember those who frequented our food pantry and K of C Charities. There are plans for food collections in conjunction with Red Cross blood drives and other ways to collect food pantry request. We had a great turn out for our first blood drive on 24 Mar; we have another planned for 7 Apr. Pay attention to the email from our Grand Knight, Rick Schirm. When you receive your KCCVI envelope in the mail, remember your neighbor may be the person who needs financial help.

Another loss during this time is that we do not have a paper bulletin every weekend. Please go to your church's website to catch up on the latest news from your Pastor. Please support your church and Knights during this time of need, not for your glory but for the Glory of God. It is still Lent, and we need to fast and pray more than ever.

Vivat Jesu!



Louis Federico, Deputy Grand Knight, Council 5480

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Attention All Hands!

Pandemic	Not a word mentioned in all the Grand Knight online training or group workshops at State Council meetings about possible pandemic scenarios to be prepared for. But here we are, cocooned in our homes practicing social distancing and everyone doing their upper most best to “Flatten the Curve.” What can we do? Reach out to one another via phone or the internet, stay in touch, keep an eye on the Council 5480 Facebook page, and know that more email blasts will happen than ever before.
New Degree Team	Brothers are needed to fill the brand new positions of the new Parish-based exemplification team. There are four main speaking parts done from a podium in a dark suit. Two other positions are also in dark suits but are not main speaking roles. If you are currently a Lector for your Parish, you are the perfect candidate for this team. Contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight before they contact you, please.
News and Facts	As we are not a political group we shall stay out of politics. Seems simple enough. But during the COVID-19 pandemic, political opinions and views seemed to have crept into what is supposedly factual reporting. While having a news source that is completely void of any political bias is a pipe dream of epic proportions, we can use sources that are as apolitical as can be. Look on the internet for government agencies (local, regional, state, and national). They are not in the business of selling advertising space, so their approach is usually not as dramatic or slanted. Please watch your favorite news show but understand your own political bias before you do. I watch both extremes until I get a headache, then I check their sources; what amazing differences.
Building Closure	The buildings of 5480 Club, Inc., are closed to any gathering of more than nine people and then they must observe social distancing. Bloods drives are considered exempt from this Executive Order by the Governor.
Nominating Committee	This year’s nominating committee consists of Joe Drozdowski, Harold Hairston, and Jim Healy. This committee brings years of experience and much wisdom in the qualities needed to be a successful Officer. Please see them before they see you!
Blood Drive Sequel	A Blood Drive will be held at the Columbian Center on Tues, 7 Apr 20 from Noon-6:00 p.m. Sign up online with the Red Cross to donate. Volunteers needed for 2-3 hour shifts. Please contact the Grand Knight, Rick Schirm at (757) 310-3242 or rickschirm@hotmail.com.

Knight of the Month

 The Council 5480 April Knight of the Month, Kevin Konouck, is a dedicated bingo volunteer, sits on the Board of Directors for the 5480 Club, Inc., and is a regular presence at Council meetings and events. Kevin’s passion for Catholic education was the main reason he was one of the Brother Knights chosen to be on a joint Council 5480/5480 Club, Inc. committee to evaluate and make recommendations for a capital campaign being considered by Peninsula Catholic High School. His dedication to fund raising is shown through not only his top-notch bingo calling but also his willingness to sell on the floor and train a new bingo caller. Kevin is a fine example of the men and women who make up the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Please join me in congratulating Kevin for being selected as the Knight of the Month for April 2020. 

Family of the Month

 The Council 5480 April Family of the Month, Chuck and Diane Curtis, are both active members of the St. Jerome Parish, where she serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and on the church cleaning team and he serves as an Usher and helps with food service when needed. They both help with fund raising for our Charity fund: he is there every session in one form or another, and she is on the short list of emergency replacement personnel. Both are pilots and Ham radio operators and have served in leadership capacities in various organizations. Please join me in congratulating Chuck and Diane Curtis for their selection as Family of the Month for April 2020. 

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		ALL CANCELLED UNTIL CRISIS IS OVER.	1	2 5:30 pm - Bingo	3 Open Night	4
5	6 5:30 pm - Bingo	7 7:30 pm - Assembly Meeting	8	9 5:30 pm - Bingo	10 Birthday Night	11
12	13 5:30 pm - Bingo	14 7:30 pm - Council Meeting	15	16 5:30 pm - Bingo	17 Open Night	18
19	20 5:30 pm - Bingo	21	22	23 5:30 pm - Bingo	24 Open Night	25
26	27 5:30 pm - Bingo	28 7:30 pm - Council Meeting	29	30 5:30 pm - Bingo		

Mark your calendars for upcoming events.

May 2020

- 1 May: Adoration (OLMC)
- 1-3 May: Annual State Convention
- 5 May: Assembly 2430 Meeting
- 7 May: Adoration (St. Jerome)
- 10 May: Mother's Day Breakfast
- 12 May: Council Meeting
- 26 May: Council Meeting
- 30 May: Appreciation Dinner

June 2020

- 2 Jun: Assembly Meeting
- 4 Jun: Adoration (St. Jerome)
- 5 Jun: Adoration (OLMC)
- 9 Jun: Council Meeting
- 21 Jun: Father's Day Picnic
- 23 Jun: Council Meeting

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.

- Kelwyn D'Souza, Mary Litzinger, Blanca O'Brien, Dean Jernigan, Jim Buckman, Joseph Robicseau, Stan Zudniak, John Hilt

***Names will remain on the list for one month. Please renew your request if continued prayers are desired.
Call Dave Mazary (813-5272) or the Grand Knight with requests or questions.***

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.



**Roaring Knights April 2020
Bartender Schedule**

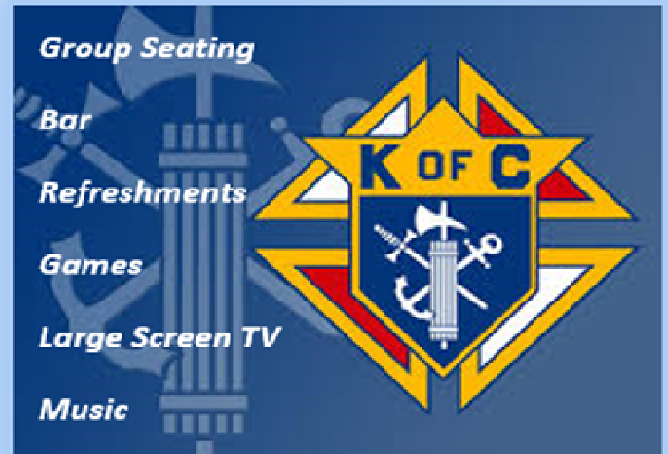


Date	Day	Description	Bartenders
3	Friday	Open Night	Rios/Hill
7	Tuesday	Assembly Meeting	Howard
10	Friday	Birthday Night	Johnson/Koch
14	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Kelley/Humphrey
17	Friday	Open Night	Kerstetter/Chipman
24	Friday	Open Night	James/McFadden
28	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Silva/Carota

If a Knight is interested in tending bar or cannot make his scheduled evening, *please contact* Alberto Rios at



**Knights Den
Lounge Information**



For all Lounge Rentals, please contact

Join us in honoring the Past Treasurer of the 5480 Club

Joe Drozdowski

in Joe Carpenito Hall

on 2 May 2020

There will be a sign-up sheet at all council and club meetings.

Contact Bernie Gerlach for more information
(757) 880-2396.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Carey A. Kurtyka 04/01
 Stephen C. Pincus 04/01
 Stephen A. Chipman 04/02
 Daniel J. Goergen 04/02
 Adrian R. Rivera 04/02
 Paul D. Clark 04/03
 Fred R. Kulis 04/03
 Richard G. Bryson 04/04
 Donald R. Connelly 04/05
 Michael J. Alves 04/06
 Evan W. Raycraft 04/06
 Erik J. Morgan 04/08
 Peter S. Gibino 04/09
 Alex D. Layman 04/09
 Dr. Kermit B. Ashby 04/10
 John S. Crain 04/10
 Alexander N. Schroder 04/11
 Daniel C. Curran 04/12
 Everet Jeffries 04/12
 David L. Alvesteffer 04/13
 D Andre J. B. Fosque 04/13
 Robert A. Jones 04/13
 Thomas J. Yager 04/13
 Richard A. Conway 04/15
 James P. Healy 04/15
 Robert D. Jernigan 04/16
 Jose Lomell 04/16
 Kevin S. Taylor 04/16
 Andrew A. Canellas 04/18
 Austin K. Farinholt 04/18
 PGK Harold K. Hairston 04/18
 William J. Schroder 04/18
 Patrick F. Baker 04/19
 Alejandro Delgado 04/19

Sean M. Distefano 04/20
 Donald K. Hoffman 04/20
 William C. Price Jr 04/20
 Armand F. Betz 04/21
 Wilbur Cesar C. Calope 04/21
 Terrence K. Martin 04/21
 Stanley J. Baker 04/22
 Paul K. Bransford 04/22
 Timothy S. Caison II 04/23
 Jason T. Domzal 04/23
 Daniel L. Driscoll 04/23
 Robert Obradovic 04/23
 Peter J. Tomaino Jr 04/23
 Thomas J. Ippolito 04/24
 Ryan Speed 04/24
 Charles A. Menno 04/25
 Timothy P. Reagan 04/25
 Andrew A. Buckles 04/26
 Charles A. Cartte 04/28
 John W. Hilt 04/28
 PSD Stephen P. Raschke Sr. 04/29
 Robert M. Bencal 04/30
 Anthony R. Bland 04/30
 Benjamin G. Macalino 04/30

Anniversaries:

Edward and Jajala Schweiger 4/1
 Keith and Jane Frigo 4/4
 Jeffrey and Joyce Stallings 4/4
 Thomas and Gina Ippolito 4/6
 Cornelius and Joceline Mitchell 4/6
 William and Patricia O'Donnell 4/7
 Gary and Tina Boyle 4/14
 John and Patricia Howard 4/14
 Chi and Julie Nguyen 4/17
 PGK Daniel and Debbie Richard 4/17
 PGK Jonathan and Josephine Sargent 4/17
 Stephen and Gloria Wos 4/17
 Eddie and Lauria Mendez 4/18
 Walter and Priscilla Bele 4/20
 PSD Ronald and Patricia Gorman 4/22
 Christopher and Ellen Howard 4/22
 Don and Hannah Tillotson 4/23
 Daniel and Theresa Weimer 4/23
 Dr. Michael and Mellisa Link 4/24
 Michael and Beverly Reilley 4/24
 Angelo and Carol Cavone 4/25
 Albert and Nancy Manzlak 4/25
 Todd and Kelly Harrah 4/26
 Anthony and Jody Fecondo 4/27
 Nicholas and Young Clare Baker 4/29
 Matthew and Linda Weis 4/29
 Ronny and Linda Garcia 4/30

Happy Birthday!

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Walter Pollard Council 5480 Directory

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Grand Knight	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Deputy Grand Knight	Louis Federico	870-0573
Chaplain		
Financial Secretary	Jessie Powell	254-2181
Chancellor	Bill Johnson	309-1135
Warden	Wilfried Wotke	877-3316
Recorder	Garth Hallenbeck	602-3913
Treasurer	David Kerstetter	872-0624
Advocate	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
Guards:		
· Inside	George Koch	660-1049
· Inside	Reco Cotton	508-1398
· Outside	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852
· Outside	Mike Creamer	410-5257
Trustees:		
· One Year	Jonathan Sargent	525-0077
· Two Year	John Edwards	876-8386
· Three Year	Harold Hairston	877-1566
Lecturer	Thai Nguyen	232-0889

DIRECTORS/CHAIRS:

Membership Director	Bill Johnson	309-1135
Programs Director	Louis Federico	870-0572
Faith Directors:		
· OLMC	Pat McFadden	593-0238
· St. Jerome	Gabe Franco	877-4423
· Queen of Peace	Mike Lennartz	234-0886
Family Director	Jason Weischedel	910-381-5643
Community Director	Joe O'Brien	874-7965
Life Director	Dave Mazary	881-9332
Youth Chairman	Jason Weischedel	910-381-5643
Youth Outreach	David Kerstetter	872-0624
Youth Outreach	Dean Jernigan	596-4034
Communications Director	Chuck Collins	850-803-8487
Photographers	Kiet Nguyen	
	Angelo Cavone	469-8303
Health Services	Leonard Carota	877-6993
Vocations Chairman	Louis Federico	870-0573
Public Relations	Jonathan Sargent	525-0077
Knightly News Editor	Garth Hallenbeck	602-3913
Recruitment Chair	Bill Johnson	309-1135
Retentions Chairman	Louis Federico	870-0572
Insurance Promotion	Todd Curtis	847-9981

KOVAR Co-Chairmen:

· OLMC	Jessie Powell	254-2181
· St. Jerome	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
KCIC Chairman	Jim Healy	867-5145
Charities	Jim Hooker	596-4765
Adopt-A-Spot	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Boy Scout Liaison	Jonathan Sargent	525-0077
Nocturnal Adoration (OLMC)	Dave Mazary	881-9332
Widows and Orphans	Clement Danish	877-2751
Sick and Distressed	Clement Danish	877-2751
Scheduling	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
District Deputy	David Brin	851-0907
District Warden	Tony Velez	
Food Service	Jessie Powell	254-2181
Church Bulletins:		
· OLMC		
· St. Jerome		877-5021
· St. Vincent de Paul	Jeannie Klump	245-4234
· Queen of Peace	Mike Lennartz	234-0886

VA STATE COUNCIL OFFICIALS FROM 5480:

New Council Dev Chair	Thai Nguyen (PGK)	232-0889
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5480 CLUB, INC.:

President	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Vice President	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
Secretary	Harold Hairston	877-1566
Treasurer	John Edwards	826-8386
Grand Knight	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Faithful Navigator	Tee Fuller	746-0125
Past President	Jonathan Sargent	525-0077
Directors:		
3 Year	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
3 Year	Tee Fuller	746-0125
2 Year	John Silva	
2 Year	Gabe Franco	877-4423
1 Year	Jeff James	
1 Year	Kevin Konouck	
Chairmen:		
Buildings/Grounds	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Lounge Manager	Carroll Kelley	872-7840
Rental Agent	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
Kitchen Manager	Tee Fuller	746-0125

Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430 Directory



Faithful Navigator
SK Tyrone Fuller

746-0125

Faithful Friar
VACANT

Faithful Captain
SK Juan Rodriguez

Faithful Pilot
SK Wilfried Wotke

877-3316

Faithful Comptroller
SK Harold Hairston

877-1566

Faithful Purser
SK Bernie Gerlach

877-0126

Faithful Scribe
SK Joe O'Brien

Faithful Admiral
SK Rick Schirm

310-3242

Faithful Inner Sentinel
SK Jose Velez
SK Reco Cotton

508-1398

Faithful Outer Sentinel
SK Stan Zduniak

Color Corps Commander
SK Louis Federico

870-0573

Sick and Distressed
SK Tony Merendino

872-7113

Trustees

1 Yr - SK Kiet Nguyen

2 Yr - SK Stephen Raschke Sr

509-0177

3 Yr - SK Carroll Kelley

877-4865

THE PRESIDENT'S **CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES** FOR AMERICA

15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit
CORONAVIRUS.GOV

Social Distancing Is Not Social Isolation



We are in strange times and the phrase Social Distancing has been heard all over the world but what does it really mean? We are in a time where the transmission of a virus can be deadly to some. We don't want to potentially cause this transmission, so we keep our distance. We understand that, but we are Knights, and we need to still work with our families, parishes, and the community to offer help where we can. This can be done through social media accounts, computers, or simply picking up the phone and calling someone.

It is great that many of our parishes are using YouTube to record masses. That is their way of keeping us engaged with the Lord. What are we doing to keep in touch with each other? Take a moment every day to check on someone. Some of us do not have social media accounts, or computers, but we all have phones. Call someone and check on them. Remind them that we are here to help, if possible. Remember, we are Knights, and we will always lead from the front.

Social distancing does not mean social isolation. Don't isolate yourself from being a Knight or from our community. Just learn new and innovative ways of demonstrating our love for the Lord, our families, our parishes, and the community. Stay safe and remember, we will all get through this.

Stay Safe...Be Safe.

Summary of Important Dates/Events...

18 April 2020: 4th Degree Exemplification, VA Beach—cancelled

23 May 2020: Scorpion Memorial—TBD

Fraternally,

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



Pope Francis' Coronavirus Prayer

The following prayer was recited by Pope Francis by video March 11 for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during the coronavirus pandemic:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.