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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and families, I am excited about being the Grand Knight. And a little nervous. We can continue the great accomplishments of previous years with everyone taking an active role in the council activities. Part of a new fraternal year is members stepping down from being directors and chairman of various programs and committees. When that happens, we need brother Knights to step up and accept the challenge of learning something new and getting more involved in the council and state programs. Some programs are local, some are state, and some are from Supreme.

Included in this newsletter are the Faith in Action programs with a description of what the programs are about. Underneath each program is a list of activities that require a chairman. The program director can be the chairman, but It is easier with assistance from brother knights and their families. Therefore, I am asking for you to step up and accept a challenge to become a chairman for an activity. Some of the activities are one Sunday out of the year or could occur over several weekend. The Faith Directors (one for each parish) and the Community Director positions are filled. Two key director positions are open: Family Director and Life Director. It would be great to have these positions filled by the next meeting on July 14. As with all decisions, take time to discern with the Holy Spirit and your family. Let us make this a great Fraternal year not just for Council 5480, but for our Churches, Schools, and Community. See pages 6 and 7 for more information.

With the Governor exercising the option to go to Phase 3, Bingo will be starting on 2 July. Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies previously filled by our valuable elder brothers who should not be in group settings outside their immediate family. This will help fill our charity bank, which is empty. I have heard some ideas for fundraisers already and am open to more ideas.

The Officer's Installation will be held during our first business meeting this month on 14 July at 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information in regard to attendance options.

Vivat Jesu,

Louis Federico, Grand Knight, Walter Pollard Council 5480

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers and Families of Council 5480, I am extremely humbled and honored to gain your trust in me as being elected to serve as the Deputy Grand Knight for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. As you most likely know, I am charged with managing a slew of programs for the Council while also supporting our recently elected Grand Knight, Louis Federico. Congratulations Worthy Brother Louis and wife Deborah!

While the recent pandemic is still ongoing, I remain hopeful that we can start holding Council events such as picnics, dinners, and yes, onsite meetings. During the last Council meeting held by our most recent Grand Knight, Rick Schirm, I realized how important it is for our Brothers to be among each other, to converse, sharing our daily lives, while carrying out Father McGivney's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I look forward to what our future holds and the challenges of this Fraternal Year - together we will succeed.

Vivat Jesu,

Steve Chipman, Deputy Grand Knight, Walter Pollard Council 5480

Now Hear This!!

Pandemic	The Knights of Columbus Supreme office has provided training recently for how to adjust to life amid the coronavirus pandemic. Training provided has been how to coordinate virtual meetings, assist our brother knights and their families (Leave No Brother Behind), and performing events while maintaining social distancing, such as drive-by food drives and Red Cross blood drives. I don't know everyone's phone numbers so I can't call everyone to check on them. Please contact your friends to see if they need anything. If it's too much for you, do not be afraid to reach out for help instead of letting it go. They also covered reopening churches and following local and Diocese guidelines. Stay safe so we can get together whenever we're allowed.
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.
Building Closure	We've entered Governor Northam's Phase 3 of reopening Virginia. This means larger gatherings while following appropriate safety protocols. Bingo is opening this month and volunteers are needed. The lounge will be reopened soon for birthdays and social gatherings with social distancing guidelines in place. I'm not sure when we will be able to have a picnic, but when the time comes, we'll have a big barbecue with sides.
Blood Drive	We're sorry for not being able to open the building for the 4 Jun blood drive. The building's air conditioning has been repaired in time for reopening. We'll be researching the availability of future blood drives here and if our parish churches will continue blood drives. Stay tuned.
"Into the Breach"	"Into the Breach" is a new Faith program with videos on the Supreme website. I watched a few episodes and they are very interesting. I recommend going to http://kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html to view the videos. These are good videos to share with men of our parishes at a breakfast or lunch. Do I have a volunteer to lead this endeavor?
Adopt-A-Spot	The next Adopt-A-Spot cleanup event will be 18 Jul at 8:30 a.m. Contact Alberto Rios.

Knight of the Month

The Council 5480 July Knight of the Month is the most recent Past Grand Knight, Rick Schirm. He is not only a dedicated bingo volunteer, he is Mr. Bingo. Rick works in many positions on bingo nights to make it a success which leads to more funds for our Charity coffers. Rick led Council 5480 in a great year which was interrupted by the coronavirus. He organized emergency blood drives and food drives and set up and perfected the Zoom business meetings. Rick serves St. Jerome's parish, working with Father Prado and as a lector. Rick led the council from the front by invoking changes to the meetings, such as online minutes review and taking an active role in every event. Please join me in congratulating Rick Schirm for his selection as July 2020 Knight of the Month .

Family of the Month

The Council 5480 July Family of the Month is Todd and Margie Curtis. They are both active members of St. Jerome Parish, where Margie serves as Director of Faith Formation/Youth Minister. Todd leads many classes of religious education instructing the middle school students in Catholic tradition and bible lessons. With the coronavirus putting a halt to all things related to our Catholic faith, Todd and Margie stepped up to organize and participate in on-line church services and staying in touch with the middle school students. Margie organized the reopening of St. Jerome's following the guidelines established by the Diocese. Todd has been a valuable asset to the Knights of Columbus, serving as the Field Agent for Council 5480. Not only does he check with each member to ensure their coverage is up to date, he also shares examples of how we want to organize our insurance assets for our families. Todd and Margie's children assist their parents in church activities, such as providing lunches to those in need. Please join me in congratulating Todd and Margie Curtis for their selection as the July 2020 Family of the Month.

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:30 pm - Bingo	3 Open Night	4 Happy 4th of July!
5	6 5:30 pm - Bingo	7 7:30 pm - Assem- bly 2430 meeting	8	9 5:30 pm - Bingo	10 Birthday Night	11
12	13 5:30 pm - Bingo	14 7:30 pm - Council Meeting/Officer Installation	15	16 5:30 pm - Bingo	17 Open Night	18 8:30 a.m Adopt- A-Spot
19	20 5:30 pm - Bingo	21 7:00 pm - 5480 Club, Inc meeting	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	31 Open Night	

Mark your calendars for upcoming events.				
<u>August 2020</u>	September 2020			
 4 Aug: Assembly Meeting 7 Aug: Adoration (OLMC) 11 Aug: Council Meeting 25 Aug: Council Meeting 	 1 Sep: Assembly Meeting 4 Sep: Adoration (OLMC) 8 Sep: Council Meeting 22 Sep: 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 Robicheau, Stan Zduniak, Carol Marcella, Joe O'Brien's nieces, Andra Dunmire, Patty Clements, Donna Gauthier, LoraLee May

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 July 2020 Bartender Schedule



Date	Day	Description	Bartenders
3	Friday	Open Night	Rios/Hill
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
31	Friday	Open Night	Howard

If a Knight is interested in tending bar or cannot make his scheduled evening, *please contact* Alberto Ríos at 814-5393 or riostoto@aol.com.



Join us in honoring the Past Treasurer of the 5480 Club

Joe Drozdowski

in Joe Carpenito Hall

at a date and time to be determined.

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

Contact Bernie Gerlach for more information.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Michael J Kessler 07/01 Albert A Manzlak Jr 07/02 Patrick J Fox 07/03 Jeremy P Sommer 07/03 Edwin J Kuster 07/04 James A Murphy 07/04 David W Clarence 07/05 Gregory A Gibson 07/05 John P Gounley 07/05 David G Mazary 07/05 Richard I Paquette 07/05 John K Wojtas 07/05 William A Johnson 07/06 Paul T Hartmann 07/07 Robert A Patton 07/07 Vicente F Belmonte 07/08 Billy L Bruce 07/09 Keith J Frigo 07/09 Ryan G Ritchie 07/09 Timothy C Bransford 07/10 Michael C Colbert 07/10 Kevin J Rudy 07/10 Michael A Zacharias 07/10 Stephen M Mullen 07/13 John B Davidson 07/14 Joseph R Beck 07/15 William C Cowardin Ir 07/15 Sean R Cuskelly 07/16 Christopher I Dupuis 07/16 Timothy C Kroskey 07/16 Rodney J Rhoades 07/16 Mark R Lynch 07/17 Theodore A Mauch 07/17 John P Nelson 07/17 John S Weisflog 07/17 William J Alvesteffer 07/18 Nicolas Hernandez 07/18 Wilfred P Bernard 07/19 Charles A Burnsila Sr 07/19 Anthony L Kraus 07/19

Walter J Bele 07/20 Michael P Shaffer 07/20 Dustin D Askew 07/21 Kevin A Konouck 07/21 John N Marston 07/22 Larry J O Bryan Jr 07/22 Joseph A Chenette 07/23 Peter E Palm 07/23 Michael P Stook 07/23 Denis W Giunti 07/24 Steven M Sheridan 07/24 Dr Eric J Simko 07/24 John C Triska 07/24 William T Barry 07/25 Andrew J Castillo 07/25 Arthur L Russnow 07/25 Michael A Balser 07/27 Webster E Ebalo 07/27 Jeremy J Saal 07/27 John W Edwards 07/28 Ysaac I Chabo 07/29 William E Muhich 07/29 Steven J Kazmer 07/30 Jeffrey M Le Fever 07/30 Gabriel Ramirez 07/30 Robert E Bebermeyer 07/31 Joseph P Simko 07/31 Thomas P Waltz 07/31

Anniversaries:

John and Connie Edwards 7/1 Joe and Margaret Connors 7/2 Scott and Katie Sheridan 7/2 Ronald and Nina McCoy 7/3 **Jessie and Sandy Powell 7/5** William and Janet Gorman 7/7 Randal and Angela Taylor 7/8 Terry and Judy Carlino 7/10 Stephen and Amy Pincus 7/10 Gil and Ruby Avanzado Jr. 7/11 Joe and Theresa Katuzienski 7/12 Mike and Juanita Peterson 7/12 John and Mary Bollinger 7/14 Ray and Shirley Yeakey 7/14 Len and Dolores Carota 7/15 Joe and Kathy Drozdowski 7/15 Gabe and Cristina Franco 7/15 John and Adrienne Hilt 7/15 Luis and Olga Rivera 7/15 Robert and Nancy Blymeyer 7/16 James and Nancy Healy 7/16 Jack and Connie Hall 7/17 Jerome and Linda Foretich 7/19 Tyrone and Yolanda Fuller 7/19 Thomas and Laurie Gassman 7/19 John and Germa Valimont 7/19 Irvin and Mary Ellen Iveson 7/20 Carl and Deborah Vieitez 7/21 Rich and Natalie Cannella 7/22 John and Marie Mclean 7/22 Tim and Trae Scarberry 7/22 Tony and Crys Rivera-Silva 7/28 Paul and Cindy Puglia 7/29 David and Mary Litzinger 7/30 William and Jean Morse 7/31





Faith Program

Directors: OLMC - Patrick McFadden, St. Jerome's - Joseph O'Brien, Our Lady Queen of Peace - Mike Lennartz, St. Vincent De Paul - Open

Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly inform ourselves in the Catholic faith. This formation goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. Chairmen are needed for each of these activities:

- Refund Support Vocation Program (filled)
- Into The Breach
- Marion Icon Prayer Program
- Building the Domestic Church
- Rosary Program
- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Holy Hour
- Sacramental Gifts



Family Program

Director: Open

Put simply, programs in this category are developed for families, by families. Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. it can be quite a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in the faith when there is such limited exposure. Our family programs are an evolution and response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family. We must make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and each other. Father McGivney's vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength, as holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. Put plainly, the majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs help us to live this call. Chairmen are needed for each of these activities:

- Food for Families
- Family of the Month
- Keep Christ in Christmas (filled)
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Week
- Consecration of the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night
- Good Friday Family Promotion
- Columbian Squires
- Youth Groups
- Educational Programs
- Youth Welfare
- Religious Activities
- Social Activities

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Community Program

Director: Fredy Jurkowitsch II

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families or in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. Have you ever wondered, "How can I make my community better?" Individuals can do great things on their own but there is something bigger than self when Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and accomplish great things. Councils that conduct these programs are positively shaping their communities by addressing the needs of its citizens. Chairmen are needed for each of these activities:

- · Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness
- Free Throw Championship
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Soccer Challenge
- Helping Hands
- Public Relations
- · Blood Donors
- Fraternalism



Life Program

Director: Open

The urgency of the threat to the culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (Saint John Paul II, 1995). The Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Knights work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Your council should stand ready to assist any pregnant woman in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped, empower those with special needs to realize their full potential and bring attention to the injustices of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide. Chairmen are needed for each of these activities:

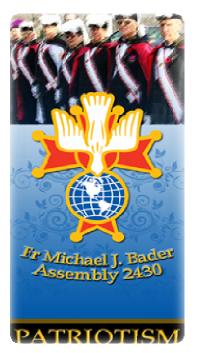
- · March for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Program
- Christian Refugee Relief
- Silver Rose
- Mass for People with Special Needs
- Pregnancy Center Support
- Novena for Life
- Memorials to Unborn Children



Walter Pollard Council 5480 Directory

COUNCIL OFFICERS:			KOVAR Co-Chairmen:		
Grand Knight	Louis Federico	870-0573	·OLMC	Jessie Powell	254-2181
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852	· St. Jerome	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
Chaplain			KCIC Chairman	Jim Healy	867-5145
Financial Secretary	Jessie Powell	254-2181	Charities	Jim Hooker	596-4765
Chancellor	Bill Johnson	309-1135	Adopt-A-Spot	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Warden	Dave Mazary	881-9332	Boy Scout Liaison	Jonathan Sargent	525-0077
Recorder	Dan Baker		Nocturnal Adoration (OLMC)	Dave Mazary	881-9332
Treasurer	David Kerstetter	872-0624	Widows and Orphans	Clement Danish	877-2751
Advocate	Carroll Kelley	877-4865	Sick and Distressed	Clement Danish	877-2751
Guards:			Scheduling	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
· Inside	George Koch	660-1049	District Deputy	David Brin	851-0907
· Inside	Reco Cotton	508-1398	District Warden	Tony Velez	
· Outside	Leonard Safford		Food Service	Jessie Powell	254-2181
·Outside	Dave Hill		Church Bulletins:		
Trustees:			·OLMC		
· One Year	John Edwards	876-8386	· St. Jerome		877-5021
· Two Year	Harold Hairston	877-1566	· St. Vincent de Paul	Jeannie Klump	245-4234
· Three Year	Rick Schirm	310-3242	· Queen of Peace	Mike Lennartz	234-0886
Lecturer	Thai Nguyen	232-0889			
DIRECTORS/CHAIRS:			VA STATE COUNCIL OFFICIA	ALS FROM 5480:	
Membership Director	Bill Johnson	309-1135	New Council Dev Chair	Thai Nguyen (PGK)	232-0889
Programs Director	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852			
Faith Directors:	r		5480 CLUB, INC:		
·OLMC	Pat McFadden	593-0238	President	Alberto Rios	814-5393
· St. Jerome	Joe O'Brien	874-7965	Vice President	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
· Queen of Peace	Mike Lennartz	234-0886	Secretary	Harold Hairston	877-1566
Family Director	TBD	201 0000	Treasurer	John Edwards	826-8386
Community Director	Fredy Jurkowitsch		Grand Knight	Louis Federico	870-0573
Life Director	TBD		Faithful Navigator	Tee Fuller	746-0125
Youth Chairman	TBD		Past President	Jonathan Sargent	525-0077
Youth Outreach	TBD		Directors:		
Youth Outreach	Dean Jernigan	596-4034	3 Year	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
Communications Director		310-3242	3 Year	Tee Fuller	746-0125
Photographers	Kiet Nguyen		2 Year	John Silva	
	Angelo Cavone	469-8303	2 Year	Gabe Franco	877-4423
Health Services	Leonard Carota	877-6993	1 Year	Jeff James	
Vocations Chairman	Ted Mauch	0.4.0.00.4.0	1 Year	Kevin Konouck	
Public Relations	Rick Schirm	310-3242	Chairmen:	All , D'	014 5000
Knightly News Editor	Garth Hallenbeck	602-3913	Buildings/Grounds	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Recruitment Chair	Bill Johnson	309-1135	Lounge Manager	Carroll Kelley	872-7840
Retentions Chairman	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852	Rental Agent	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
Insurance Promotion	Max Abbate	757-495-1492	Kitchen Manager	Tee Fuller	746-0125

Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430 Directory



Faithful Navigator SK Tyrone Fuller	746-0125	Faithful Admiral SK Rick Schirm	310-3242
Faithful Friar		Faithful Inner Sentinel	
VACANT		SK Jose Velez	
		SK Reco Cotton	508-1398
Faithful Captain			
SK Juan Rodriguez		Faithful Outer Sentinel	
		SK Stan Zduniak	
Faithful Pilot			
SK Wilfried Wotke	877-3316	Color Corps Commander	
		SK Louis Federico	870-0573
Faithful Comptroller			
SK Harold Hairston	877-1566	Sick and Distressed	
	077 1000	SK Tony Merendino	872-7113
Faithful Purser		on rong Merenamo	072 7113
SK Bernie Gerlach	877-0126	Trustees	
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Faithful Scribe		G \$	509-0177
		2 Yr - SK Stephen Raschke Sr	
SK Joe O'Brien		3 Yr - SK Carroll Kelley	877-4865

Diocese of Richmond - Respect for Life Resources

Respect Life in the Diocese of Richmond encompasses a number of issues and initiatives that support the foundational Catholic moral principle that all human life is sacred from conception until natural death. Below is a high level list of the things we value as a diocese and as the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life to help promote a culture of life:

- Assuage the harms of abortion through sidewalk counseling, education, and awareness;
- Support mothers with additional options so they do not have to choose abortion;
- Provide access to healing for women and men who are experiencing trauma from the aftermath of abortion;
- Provide access to peer support for mothers and fathers who receive an adverse prenatal diagnosis;
- Provide support for education around end-of-life issues such as euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, and ordinary palliative care;
- Promote the Church's teaching on the harms of the death penalty;
- Enable parishes and schools easier access to the March for Life in Washington, DC;
- Maintain stewardship over the Respect Life Grant which is funded by the annual Respect Life Collection in parishes;
- Provide education and awareness on a variety of bioethics issues including embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, infertility treatments, etc.

Feel free to reach out to anyone in our office with questions about upcoming initiatives by phone at 804-622-5109 or by email at cmfl@richmonddiocese.org.



Congratulations and Welcome

Typically, every July, the Faithful Navigator normally talks about something dealing with Independence Day or the 4th of July. I, however, want to defer that article until next month. This month I want to spend time on a topic I have mentioned throughout my tenure at Faithful Navigator: membership and community support. Today I want to spend a few minutes on membership; specifically, I want to talk about congratulating and welcoming our new members.

Do you remember hearing the words congratulations and welcome to the brotherhood when you became members of the 4th Degree and this Assembly? I bet it was memorable. Family, friends, and Brother Knights there to congratulate you after the ceremony. I remember receiving my first congratulations from two good friends. The Knight who pushed me to become a Knight was Bill Allen. Yes, for many years, he would ask and prod me to become a Knight. He told me about all the great things a Knight can do for the community.

The second close friend was my sponsor, Bill Crowley, who pushed and mentored me through all of the degrees. Some were very challenging and "scary," but I knew I couldn't let him (or myself) down. After I completed the ceremony, they were the first two to say congratulations for completing the degrees, and more importantly, welcoming me to the Council and Assembly. I was told this was where I would begin to help fellow Knights, family, friends, the Parish, and the community. They weren't wrong and I am glad that I took the step.

I bring this to your attention to let everyone know, we have SEVEN (7) new Sir Knights. I would love for every available Knight to congratulate and welcome them into our brotherhood. These men bring new ideas, passions, and desires to help push our brotherhood forward. Let them know how much they are appreciated. As the current Faithful Navigator, I want to congratulate all new Sir Knights on completing the steps to become a Sir Knight, and most importantly, welcome you to a wonderful brotherhood of dedicated men. We will have a public ceremony at the August meeting to officially welcome you to the Assembly.

In addition to welcoming these new Sir Knights, I also want to thank the many brothers who help bring them along. A special thanks go to SK Bill Johnson and SK Rick Schirm for understanding of what brotherhood means and their desire to help move this assembly forward.

In the next newsletter, I will address the new officers and direction of the Assembly. I hope everyone has a safe Independence Day.

Remember, social distancing is not social isolation. Our August meeting will be both live and virtual. More information to follow.

Stay Safe...Be Safe

Congratulations to the new Sir Knights. We look forward to a wonderful year.

Summary of important dates/events...

4 Jul 20: Fourth of July Event (8:00 a.m.)

4 Aug 20: Assembly Live and Zoom Meeting (7:30 p.m.)

Fraternally,

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

