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Grand Knight's Message



This month we took part in a food drive, a snack drive for St. Francis Nursing Home and Mary Immaculate Hospital, and did Adopt-A-Spot. We also hosted a couple of Zoom meetings, took part in many more video conferences, and participated in the first ever Webinar-driven Exemplification of the 1st-2nd-3rd Degree.



I mention all this to point out that Council 5480 is not a building but a Brotherhood of Catholic Gentlemen and their Families. Our Families also include the widows and children of Brothers who have passed before us. Never forget that. We accomplished many things with minimal usage of the Columbian Center. All the things we did could have been done out of a mini-van with Wi-Fi.

The Columbian Center is a magnet for us but it is not us. We are the Council much like the parishioners are the church not the brick and mortar that make up the buildings.

As we continue through this stay-at-home-order, please remember that we will continue back to the new "normal" soon enough. But in the meantime:

Be **Safe!** Be **Healthy!**

Happy Easter!

Rick Schirm, Grand Knight, Council 5480

Deputy Grand Knight's Message



I think I will name this newsletter "Celebration in Isolation." What have you celebrated while in isolation? We are still working on the 20 lb. turkey from Easter Sunday. It was our first Easter without any family to celebrate with. I am sorry to say that we will not have the annual Mother's Day breakfast this year. The Father's Day picnic may not happen either. Stand by for when we will have another get together later in the summer. I will have to put my cake-making skills to practice for Deborah's birthday this month. Who else is working on their cooking skills for their wives or someone else?



As we continue to stay secluded from others except for essential workers, grocery shopping and driving around are ways to alleviate cabin fever. Remember to tune into your church's celebration of the mass and announcements in the bulletin or church website. The leaders of our churches are being innovative to assist the parishioners. Last but not least, thank you to the members who came out for Adopt-A-Spot to collect trash on Warwick Blvd. Yes, we maintained our social distancing and ate our donuts and drank coffee.

The Knights of Columbus have embraced the technology advances during this isolation by having more webinar training sessions, state and local meeting with voting and exemplification degrees. If you need to move up to Knighthood (3rd degree), contact the Chancellor, Grand Knight, or me for more information. So, let's celebrate advancements in isolation. Happy Birthday and Happy Mother's Day.

Vivat Jesus,



Louis Federico, Deputy Grand Knight, Council 5480

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Attention All Hands!

Pandemic	<p>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 utmost 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.</p>
Making It Better	<p>Supreme came out with a new program in response to the pandemic. It really isn’t new—it’s as old as our country, and then some. When bad things happen we tend to try and make things better. Making a casserole for a family that just lost someone, helping clean up after a weather event, giving blood, checking on the elderly or disabled during a power outage, and donating money or time are all examples of what we do anyhow. We probably don’t have the Brother Knight available to solve COVID-19, but we have plenty of us to make things a little better. Be Safe but try to engage where you can to help a neighbor, friend, Brother Knight, or his family. Help make it better!</p>
News and Facts	<p>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.</p>
Building Closure	<p>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.</p>
Council Elections 2020	<p>This year’s election season will be conducted electronically. The working plan is to send a slate of candidates to everyone who receives an email blast via Survey Monkey, so if you see a Survey Monkey email in your junk mail, don’t delete it! The working plan is that you can select the whole slate or vote down the whole slate; also, it is hoped that you can select each individual nominated for selection or non-selection. If you want to nominate another Brother for selection (with his agreement) then you will need to send the Grand Knight an email during the election cycle. Please be patient as we try to comply with Supreme’s requirement to do all things electronically.</p>
Blood Drive	<p>Another Blood Drive will be held at the Columbian Center on 4 Jun 20, from Noon until 6:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering to help, and of course give blood. If you can assist, contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight as soon as you can. Visit https://www.redcrossblood.org.</p>

Knight of the Month

 The Council 5480 April Knight of the Month is a dedicated bingo volunteer and frequent volunteer at all the Council events. Umit Davulco’s unending dedication to bingo is manifested by his early arrival on bingo days, counting tickets for the next later bingo sessions and setting up the Instants side of the house. To add to that impressive list is his bingo instant ticket sales and then instant dauber game payoffs through the whole night. He is normally the first one in the building and stays up to the last jackpot game of the night. When not working bingo, he can be seen at PAA food packing, blood drives, food drives, and anything else he is asked to help with. Umit embodies the spirit of Charity and is a “Can Do” sort of man. Please join me in congratulating **Umit Davulco** for being selected as the Knight of the Month for May 2020. 

Family of the Month

 The Council 5480 May Family of the Month are active members of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and School. They both participate in Council Community projects with either time, talent, or actual blood. In addition to donating blood and snacks for the blood drive and snack drive they also brought one of their children to see how you give back to the wonderful community in which they live and work. Please join me in congratulating **Neil and Lauren Rosenbaum** for their selection as Family of the Month for May 

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 7:00 pm - Assembly Virtual Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7:00 pm - Council Virtual Meeting	13	14 5	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:00 pm - Council Virtual Meeting	27	28	29	30/31

Mark your calendars for upcoming events.

June 2020

- 2 Jun: Assembly Virtual Meeting
- 4 Jun: Blood Drive (12:00 - 6:00 pm)
- 5 Jun: Adoration (OLMC)
- 9 Jun: Council Virtual Meeting
- 23 Jun: Council Meeting

July 2020

- 3 Jul: Adoration (OLMC)
- 4 Jul: Flag Raising Ceremony (Assembly)
- 7 Jul: Assembly Meeting
- 14 Jul: Council Meeting
- 28 Jul: 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 Zduniak, John Hilt, Joseph Facenda, Deborah Lovings, Father Dan O'Connell, Louis Federico's aunt, Carolyn Marcella, Jim Ellis
- Deceased: John Barrett and Linda Ellis

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 May 2020
Bartender Schedule**

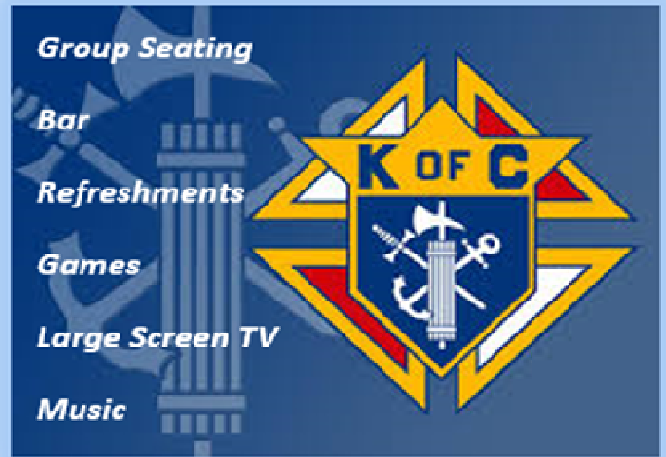


Date	Day	Description	Bartenders
1	Friday	Open Night	Rios/Hill
5	Tuesday	Assembly Meeting	Howard
8	Friday	Birthday Night	Johnson/Koch
12	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Kelley/Humphrey
15	Friday	Open Night	Kerstetter/Chipman
22	Friday	Open Night	James/McFadden
26	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Silva/Carota

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

At a Time and Date To Be Determined

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

Contact Bernie Gerlach for more information.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Rev Vicente Henry M. Diesta 05/01
 David A. Litzinger 05/01
 Keith J. Stokes 05/03
 Frank A. Diodato 05/04
 John D. Millan 05/04
 Nicholas Baker Jr. 05/05
 Richard C. Matlock 05/05
 Thai Q. Nguyen 05/05
 Peter G. Varanavage 05/05
 Andrew R. Churray 05/06
 Daniel A. McCusker 05/07
 Edward J. Beshures 05/08
 James J. Hartman 05/08
 Glenn D. Kopp 05/08
 Richard F. Kazmer 05/09
 Rev George M. Prado 05/09
 George F. Hake 05/10
 William B. Nicoud 05/10
 Edward A. Rock 05/10
 Steven S. Sprinkle 05/11
 Daniel R. Weimer 05/11
 Brian S. Machamer 05/12
 Walter D. Troyan 05/12
 Maj Joshua A. Wells 05/12
 William G. O'Donnell 05/13
 Timothy M. Reilly 05/13
 Mark J. Adams 05/15
 Joshua S. Eanes 05/15
 Anthony E. Gaiani 05/15
 Kevin L. Harrington 05/16
 Michael K. Smith 05/16
 George C. Hill Jr. 05/17
 Michael J. Link 05/19
 John P. Young 05/19

Joseph A. Facenda III
 Phillip B. Hamilton 05/20
 Michael E. Lefever 05/20
 Paul G. Schmitt 05/20
 William J. Doak 05/21
 Marc A. Fortunato 05/22
 James P. McHugh 05/24
 Peter M. Gil 05/25
 John Rouse 05/25
 John E. Valimont 05/25
 David L. Kerstetter 05/26
 Tuy Q. Nguyen 05/26
 Rico R. Rovira 05/26
 John J. Cioffi 05/28
 Thomas M. Lovell 05/28
 Eugene A. Thies 05/29
 Michael T. Lewis 05/30
 Kevin M. Griggs 05/31
 Brian R. Kerins 05/31
 Errol Lewis 05/31
 Timmy F. Martin 05/31
 Paul Puglia 05/31

Anniversaries:

Sterling and Helene Brightman 5/6
 Patrick and Peggy Fox 5/6
 Simon and Kathleen Baughman 5/7
 Stephen and Anne Marie Curran 5/7
 John and Mary Nelson 5/8
 Kevin and Julie Rudy 5/8
 David and Lorraine Taylor 5/8
 Armand and Cindy Betz 5/10
 Douglas and Mary Hager 5/10
 John and Eleanor Silva 5/10
 Robert and Loretta Obradovic 5/11
 Matthew and Julie Ward 5/11
 Daniel and Catherine Driscoll 5/14
 James and Pat Dynes 5/14
 May Frederick and Gwen Anthes 5/15
 James and Amy Laing 5/17
 Patrick and Grayce Baker 5/18
 John and Delaine Botelho 5/18
 Richard and Cindy Muhich 5/20
 Richard and Debra Serge 5/20
 John and JoAnn Arendas 5/21
 Dennis and Francis Jarabak 5/21
 William and Kathleen Renner 5/21
 Jess and Nanci Hall 5/22
 Ronald and Gail Rosenbaum 5/23
 Donald and Pearl Murren 5/28
 Vitor and Thelma Marques 5/29
 Daniel and Saralynn Goergen 5/30
 PSD Stephen and Donna Raschke 5/30

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





Video Conferencing Can Help Us Stay Informed



We are into month number two of the new phrase “Social Distancing.” But we, as Knights, haven’t let that bring us down. We have begun to embrace the new “normal”; in the midst of this pandemic, we have discovered the ray of sunshine that is video conferencing. Many Councils have begun to have their meetings via this new concept. At first, it was a daunting thing, but as we have begun to see, it has been the platform to allow members who hadn’t been able to attend our physical meetings, to now be a part of the meetings. That is great, and we should go back to all the members that haven’t been able to attend the meetings in the past, and let them know that they can, now attend these video conference meetings.

The Assembly will have its first video conference meeting using Zoom on 5 May 20 at 7:00 p.m. I would encourage all Knights to reach out to someone who has been unable to attend our previous physical meetings and have them attend this meeting. I think this ray of sunshine can bring many members back into the brotherhood and keep everyone informed as to what is going on.

Remember, Social Distancing is not Social Isolation. Let’s begin to use the tools, like Zoom, to help keep us together and informed.

Stay Safe...Be Safe

Summary of Importance Dates/Events:

5 May 20: Assembly’s First Zoom Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

23 May 20: Scorpion Memorial—cancelled

2 Jun 20: Assembly Zoom Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

4 Jul 20: Fourth of July Event—TBD

Fraternally,

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



SLATE OF COUNCIL 5480 OFFICERS: FRATERNAL YEAR 2020-2021

Grand Knight Louis Federico

Deputy Grand Knight Steve Chipman

Chancellor Bill Johnson

Warden Dave Mazary

Recorder Dan Baker

Treasurer David Kerstetter

Advocate Carroll Kelley

Guards:

Inside George Koch

inside Reco Cotton

outside Leonard Safford

outside Dave Hill

Trustee 3 Year Rick Schirm

GK Delegate Louis Federico

Alt GK Delegate Carroll Kelley

PGK Delegate Rick Schirm

Alt PGK Delegate Thai Nguyen

Slate of Officers is recommended by the Selection Committee, if you wish to self-nominate for a position please email the Grand Knight at rickschirm@hotmail.com by 12 May 2020.