



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## Grand Knight's Message



### November 5th: **VOTE !!!**



### Vote your Conscience!

### Vote your Faith!

*Vivat Jesu,*

***Rick Schirm, Grand Knight, Council 5480***

## Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Hello Brothers,



It's November and time to honor our loved ones who have gone to their eternal rest. We start with All Saints Day on Nov 1, then All Souls Day on Nov 2, and finish with our annual Memorial Mass on Nov 26. I'd like to encourage all members to come celebrate mass with the Walter Pollard Council on Nov 26. This invitation is for all our widows as it is your night to celebrate your Knight. We need volunteers on Nov 28 for the annual Meals on Wheels event where we deliver Thanksgiving meals to families who otherwise wouldn't have a hot Thanksgiving meal.

Story time: In 2002, my family participated in the Meals on Wheels program and our children had the chance to interact with our beneficiaries. One elderly gentleman needed his hearing aids checked out. I had no idea what I was doing. Besides needing the batteries replaced, the hearing aids also needed a good cleaning. We also had the opportunity to meet great, thankful people who really needed us in their lives. We can thank God for that.

If you cannot help with Meals on Wheels, there is a need for guest homes for area servicemen and women. Deborah and I did this several years ago. I don't have the contact information at this time, but I believe the USO coordinated this event. It was fun watching all the servicemen and women ready for a home cooked meal when we picked our soldiers for the day.

As we look to the future for planning purposes, here are a few upcoming events:

Christmas Party: 7 Dec 19

9-Day Novena for Life: 21 - 29 Jan 20

March for Life: 24 Jan 20

***Louis Federico, Deputy Grand Knight, Council 5480***



## Roaring Knights Nov 2019 Bartender Schedule

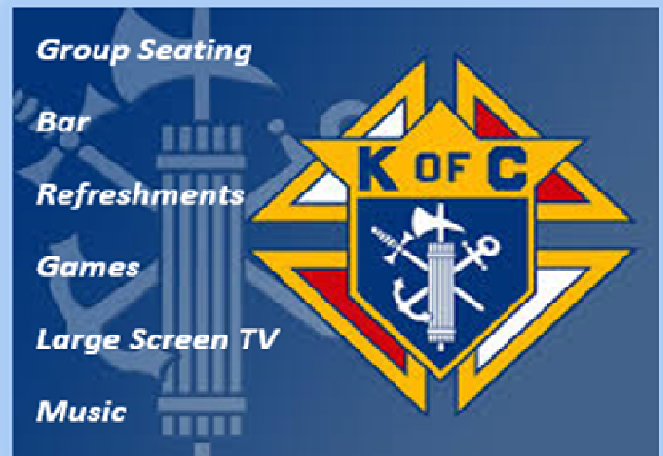


Date	Day	Description	Bartenders
5	Tuesday	Assembly Meeting	Howard
8	Friday	Thanksgiving Dinner	Koch
12	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Kelley/Humphrey
15	Friday	Closed	-
22	Friday	Game Night	Kerstetter
26	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Silva/Rios
29	Friday	Closed	-

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

### Knights of Columbus Online Membership

The K of C has launched an Online Membership program that as of July 2018 is available to all eligible Catholic men in the U.S. and Canada.

Pilot program launch:

- Beginning on Aug. 10, 2017, the Online Membership pilot launched in the Jurisdictions of Alberta, Maryland and New Mexico. In October, the pilot program expanded. By July 1, 2018, online membership was available throughout Canada and the U.S. (with the exception of Puerto Rico).

Online member v. council member:

- Online members are associate members who belong to a local state division.
- Council members belong to a local council, having gone through a council's first degree admissions process.

Online membership benefits—for \$30/year, online members receive:

- Subscription to Columbia, the K of C's leading Catholic magazine.
- Exclusive eligibility to purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance, as well as retirement products from the K of C.
- Access to a wealth of online resources.
- Direct connection to a local and global network that offers endless opportunities to get involved and make a difference.
- The opportunity to join a local council serving parishes and communities in their area.

Progress:

- As of July 15, more than 2,500 men have joined the Order online.
- The average age of online members is 42.
- Sixty-three percent of online members have indicated a desire to join a local council.

Purpose:

- K of C's Online Membership allows eligible Catholic men to join through a streamlined process: visit [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join).
- It is a key part of the Order's long-term growth strategy.
- It provides modern men an opportunity to engage with the Knights through his entire life.
- It is a first step in joining the Knights of Columbus, allowing men to transfer to council-based membership at a later date.



## Long-Term Care Awareness Month



As Thanksgiving approaches at the end of the month, I like to take stock of all the things I'm thankful for.

It is easy to say family and friends; those are blessings, and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning, it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day. It may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God's nature abounding. Maybe the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. All little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors, I often wonder just how many members have taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won't be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They'll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That's where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

Many people don't know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability, or a disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or an adult day care center.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you've worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. They could all be wiped out with even a short stay in a nursing home. The website, [longtermcare.gov](http://longtermcare.gov), states that Home Health Care costs about \$20.98/hour, Assisted Living Facilities about \$4,627 per month and Nursing Home (semi-private room) \$84,023 per year. This is an average for the Hampton Roads area. Of course, there are more expensive areas of the country. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren't eager to talk about long term care; but it's important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger.

I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need, when you need and where you want it.

Let's talk and see how you can protect your assets.

**Todd Curtis, FIC – Your Field Advisor**

Phone – (757) 495-1492

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## Attention All Hands!...

<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	Our Annual Meals on Wheels food delivery program continues this year. Please sign up in the Lounge soon so Frank and Faye can get the line up set up without undue rush or pressure of last minute changes. This is a very meaningful program and is a wonderful experience for youngsters to see and help those who need it. Bring your family, bring your friends and bring your coolers to keep the food as warm as possible.
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner in the Lounge</b>	<b>See the flyer on page 10 of this newsletter for details. RSVP early to help Carroll Kelley out please.</b>
<b>Memorial Mass</b>	The 26th of November will be our annual Memorial Mass at 7:30. Father George is this year's Celebrant.
<b>Christmas Parties</b>	December 7th is the Council & Assembly Christmas Party. See the fly on page 12 of this newsletter for details. The Children's Breakfast with St. Nicholas will be December 14th starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Come meet St. Nicholas in person!
<b>How Do We Matter?</b>	During the last quarterly meeting that we hosted at PCHS (Kudos to the school!) I heard part of a presentation and what I heard gave me pause. The question asked was: <b><u>If your Council was not there, who would miss you?</u></b> In my head I have a dozen entities that I could list. But more importantly, would the Parishes miss us? Would they know we were gone? What impact are we having for our parishioners? Are they aware? If not, why? <b>Just to be sure, wear your name badge or shirt so it is very obvious!</b> Rick

### *Knight of the Month*



November's Knight of the Month is our Worthy Community Director, **Joe O'Brien**. Joe works diligently as a bingo volunteer both preparing and selling Instant Tickets. A loyal supporter of his Parish, Joe usually serves as a Eucharistic Minister when he is at Mass and volunteers in other Parish events. As the Community Director, Joe tracks and helps with all of our Community endeavors such as Coats for Kids, Blood Drives, Meals on Wheels and PAA packing. Please join me in congratulating Joe O'Brien as our Knight of the Month for November 2019.



### *Family of the Month*



The November 2019 Family of the Month is our own **Dean and Craig Jernigan**. They both work in our QA section of our Bingo Operations helping to save us hundreds each month. Sometimes they work as a couple and sometimes as individuals but both are a keystone of the QA section. Both are wonderful conversationalists who are much sought after table mates during our dinners. Please join me in congratulating Dean and Craig Jernigan for being selected as Family of the Month.



# Walter Pollard Council 5480 Directory

**COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

Grand Knight	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Deputy Grand Knight	Louis Federico	870-0573
Chaplain	Fr Patrick Baffour-Akoto	877-5021
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
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**DIRECTORS/CHAIRS:**

<b>Membership Director</b>	Bill Johnson	309-1135
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<b>Programs Director</b>	Louis Federico	870-0572
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**Faith Directors:**

· OLMC	Pat McFadden	593-0238
· St. Jerome	Gabriel Franco	877-4423
· Queen of Peace	Mike Lennartz	234-0886

<b>Family Director</b>	Jason Weischedel	910-381-5643
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<b>Community Director</b>	Joe O'Brien	874-7965
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<b>Life Director</b>	Dave Mazary	881-9332
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Youth Outreach	David Kerstetter	872-0624
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Youth Outreach	Dean Jernigan	596-4034
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Insurance Promotion	Todd Curtis	847-9981
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· 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 & 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	Gemma Kerstetter	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
3 Year	Tee Fuller
2 Year	John Silva
2 Year	Gabe Franco
1 Year	Jeff James
1 Year	Kevin Konouck

**Chairmen:**

Building & Grounds	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Lounge Manager	Carroll Kelley	872-7840
Rental Agent	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
Kitchen Manager	Joe Drozdowski	930-3559

# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lounge Closed	2
3	4 5:30 pm - Bingo	5 7:30 pm - Assembly Veteran's Day Program	6	7 5:30 pm - Bingo	8 6:00 pm - Thanksgiving Dinner	9 6:00 p.m.—St. Jerome SYG Fund Raiser
10	11 5:30 pm - Bingo	12 7:30 pm - Council Meeting/First Degree Ceremony	13	14 5:30 pm - Bingo	15 Lounge Closed	16
17	18 5:30 pm - Bingo	19 8:00a.m.—OLMC School Cornerstone Breakfast	20	21 5:30 pm - Bingo	22 6:30 pm - Lounge Game Night	23
24	25 5:30 pm - Bingo	26 7:30 pm - Memorial Mass	27	28 Meals on Wheels Delivery. Thanksgiving	29 Lounge Closed	30

*Mark your calendars for upcoming events.*

## December 2019

- 3 Dec: Assembly 2430 Meeting
- 5 Dec: Adoration (St. Jerome)
- 6 Dec: Adoration (OLMC)
- 7 Dec: Council/Assembly Christmas Party
- 10 Dec: Council Meeting
- 14 Dec: Children's Breakfast with St. Nicholas
- 20 Dec: Blood Drive
- 24 Dec: Christmas Eve
- 25 Dec: Christmas

## January 2020

- 3 Jan: Adoration (OLMC)
- 7 Jan: Assembly 2430 Meeting
- 10-12 Jan: State Meeting in Dale City, VA
- 14 Jan: Council Meeting
- 17 Jan: March for Life Dinner
- 21 Jan: Begin Novena for Life
- 24 Jan: March for Life trip to D.C.
- 28 Jan: Council Meeting

### Upcoming Degree Ceremonies



The following exemplification ceremonies are taking place soon:



Fourth (Patriotic) Degree: 2 Nov, Manassas, VA  
 First (Admissions) Degree: 12 Nov, Council 5480

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

Knights of Columbus – Our Principles: [kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/our-principles.html](http://kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/our-principles.html)

Check the Virginia K of C Calendar for additional degree events: [vakofc.org/calendar](http://vakofc.org/calendar)



# Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430



## ASSEMBLY 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

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**Faithful Purser**  
SK Bernie Gerlach

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**Faithful Scribe**  
SK Jay Madigan

**Faithful Admiral**  
SK Carroll Kelley

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**Faithful Inner Sentinel**  
SK Jose Velez  
SK Reco Cotton

508-1398

**Faithful Outer Sentinel**  
SK Stan Zduniak  
SK Juan Rodriguez

**Color Corps Commander**  
SK Louis Federico

870-0573

**Sick and Distressed**  
SK Tony Merendino

872-7113

**Trustees**

1 Yr - SK Thai Nguyen

232-0889

2 Yr - SK Kiet Nguyen

3 Yr - SK Stephen Raschke

509-0177

### Pro-Life: Save the Dates!

January 17 is a pro-life dinner in the lounge. January 24 is the National March for Life. We will provide free bus transportation to Washington, D.C. for this annual event.

January 21-29 we will be encouraging brother Knights, families, and parishioners to participate in the "9 Day Novena For Life."

For more details on any of these events, contact Dave Mazary at [davemazsr@gmail.com](mailto:davemazsr@gmail.com) or 813-5272.



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

- **Sick and Recovering:** Daniela Wotke-Jones, Kelwyn D'Souza, Joe Drozdowski, Jean Teta, Cornelius Mitchell, John Hilt, Blanca O'Brien, Mary Litzinger, Dean Jernigan

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

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

*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.*

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## October Birthdays:

Michael F Haduck Jr 11/02  
Thomas W Moritz 11/02  
Daniel D O Brien 11/02  
Martin J Goergen 11/03  
Angel E Pereira 11/03  
Joseph J Sinnott 11/03  
Gil Avanzado Jr 11/04  
Gary M Boyle 11/04  
Ferenzo G Gainey Sr 11/04  
W Rodney Van Treeck 11/05  
Patrick A Gillroy 11/08  
John A Howard 11/08  
Juan Vivar 11/08  
Scott D Wood 11/08  
Justin T Delpalacio 11/09  
Norman R Harr 11/09  
Bobbie S Salire 11/09  
John P Blascak 11/11  
James A Bradley Jr 11/11  
Leonard P Carota 11/11  
Alphonse J Cusano 11/11  
W Thomas Eggleston Jr 11/11  
Joseph R Gately 11/11  
John C Nightingale 11/11  
Eric E Theisen 11/11  
Victor C Browne 11/12  
Thomas J Kelly 11/12  
Christopher Waltz 11/12  
Noah J Williams 11/12  
William E Yielding 11/13  
Sean P Gatz 11/14  
Stephen E Du Bosky 11/15  
Shawn T Mc Neill 11/15  
Mark E Rieg 11/17

Richard A Muhich 11/19  
Stephen P Raschke Jr 11/19  
Richard J Bauman 11/20  
Thomas E Gassman 11/20  
Rev Patrick Baffour/Akoto 11/21  
Scott G Clark 11/21  
Rev Paul Stephen Holt 11/21  
Anthony F Merendino 11/22  
Joe W Melnick 11/23  
Paul E Toth 11/23  
Bernard J Hudson 11/24  
Robert H Tardif 11/25  
Ferdinand T Gozum 11/26  
Stephen C Hallissey Jr 11/26  
Todd D Curtis 11/27  
Michael J Dunbar 11/27  
Michael A Chittenden 11/29  
Brian P Clarke 11/29  
Rev Joseph R D Silva 11/30  
George G Gounley 11/30  
Roccie L Lauria IV 11/30  
Donald J Marois 11/30

## October Anniversaries:

Peter and Christine Gibino 11/2  
Mark and Colleen Harvey 11/2  
Roger and Margaret Scott 11/7  
Jason and Jodie Ingram 11/8  
Leonard and Tammy Rossi 11/9  
Joseph and Marie McNulty 11/11  
John and Herta Marston 11/13  
James and Suki Ebertowski 11/18  
Rich and Claudia Bennett 11/20  
Clem and Carol Danish 11/20  
Ray and Valerie Ferrara 11/22  
Ysaac and Angelica Chabo 11/24  
Ben and Michelle Elefante 11/24  
Dave and Jacqueline Gallik 11/24  
Jeffery and Amy Khoury 11/24  
Tony and Sue May 11/24  
John and Robin Young 11/24  
Everet and Greta Jeffries 11/27  
Walt and Donna Smigielski 11/27  
Roger and Joann Delorey 11/28  
Rich and Paula Krewinghaus 11/29  
Ryan and Patrica Ritchie 11/30

Happy Birthday!

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## Are you a Doer or a Complainer?



How would you feel if you were speaking to me and I didn't hear you? Would it bother you? Would you even care? Well, that is the question you have to ask yourself during this year's election time. Are you aware of the many changes that have gone on in the last 50 years? Are you aware of what is going on, even in our communities today? So many of us are fixated on the national picture that we fail to look at our local government. I remember one day I was driving to North Carolina and I had some family members in my car, and somehow voting came up. I was truly amazed at the comments mentioned. I heard things like "why should I vote, it won't matter," "the person in the office does what they want," "politicians don't listen to the people," etc. Initially I was shocked, but what was more shocking was when I heard that voting was a waste of time. Wow, what a shock, but after speaking to others I began to hear that a lot. People will complain about how our government is divided and no one is listening to the people, yet many of them didn't even take the time to vote. So, are you a doer or a complainer?

In previous articles I wrote about being a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. I believe we can always make a difference. Many people feel, why vote when you are just one person among millions? As a Knight, you should care about your future and want the best things for your family, friends, the community, and the environment. You should vote in every election. Your inaction can have long-lasting ramifications that are hard to overcome. That's why what happens on Election Day is highly significant. All we really have is the present moment. Yes, every election matters. But no election matters more than the current one.

As Knights, we represent the Catholic Church and people look at us for direction and guidance. We always lead from the front. We are not closet knights, nor do we put our heads in the sand. Be proud and stand proudly. When you vote, you are vocalizing what you need, want, and believe in. You are standing up and demanding to be counted. By voting, you improve your chances of getting a government that actually represents you, your values, and your interests. Are you concerned about any of these: college affordability, health care, immigration, gun control, criminal justice, reproductive rights, taxes, foreign policy, religious activities? Then we need to your vote. Our society is in a turmoil and we need your voice to help our communities to see the benefits of our beliefs.

Some people become so cynical about the state of the world and never vote. They think, "Why should people vote when everything is so messed up? What's in it for me?" It's a self-defeating attitude that feeds upon itself and does nothing but perpetuate more of the "mess" they complain about. Here's the deal: You can either be a proactive knight of positive change or a passive knight of your own boring pessimism.

Yes, change can be slow. Lasting change usually is. It takes time for progress to happen, for enough people to see a certain vision and get on board with it. But if you never vote for people who support that vision, it's hard to believe you actually care about it. There is simply no integrity in complaining about something if you don't make the effort to change it. So try voting, even if you don't feel like it. You might just discover that you feel more positive about the future when you participate with others to make things better. We are depending on you to do the right thing. Your vote can help stop injustice. It can also help lift others up or keep them out of harm's way. Voting gives you the opportunity to amplify the voices of those who desperately want and need to be heard. You can't count on future elections to correct the bad things that may result from the current one. And you certainly can't count on other people voting the way you expect or want them to. Be a Knight we can be proud of.

Remember, We Care, therefore We Vote!

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



You're invited to a

# K of C Thanksgiving

**Menu:**

**Turkey**

**Homemade dressing**

**Mashed potatoes**

**Green beans**

**Stuffing**

**Gravy**

**Homemade and canned cranberry sauce**

**Rolls**

**Brown sugar glazed carrots**

**Pumpkin pie**

**Apple pie**

**\$10 per person**

**Cash bar**

**RSVP: Carroll Kelly - 757-739-6970 or Alberto Rios - 757 - 814-5393**

**When: 8 November 2019**

**Time: Doors open at 6 pm**

*happy  
thanksgiving*





## **Council 5480/Assembly 2430 Memorial Mass**

Tuesday, November 26th, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Join the Council and Assembly as we remember our deceased Brothers that served with and before us. Everyone is welcome.

**Carpenito Hall  
Columbian Center  
100 Columbus Way, Newport News**





**Council 5480 and Assembly 2430  
Combined Christmas Party**

**7 December 2019, Doors Open 6:00**

**Columbian Center**

**100 Columbus Way, Newport News, VA**

**Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share  
(doesn't have to be homemade)**

**Council and Assembly will provide Ham,  
Turkey, and Chicken for your Entrée**

**Door Prizes**

**Music**

**Open Bar**

**RSVP by signing up in the Lounge or con-  
tacting the GK, DGK, or PFN**

