



# The Kempsville Compass



Council meetings are held at the Catholic Church of St. Mark,  
1505 Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464 - Business  
meetings are normally held on the third Friday of the month  
at 7:30pm with the Rosary at 7pm.

**Web Site:** [www.kofc10515.org](http://www.kofc10515.org)

*Celebrating Faith, Family and Fraternity*

## **From the Grand Knight...**

Dear Brothers and Families of Council #10515

The following are my comments from our Officers Installation ceremony held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at St Marks. Over 70 guests, brothers and family members attended the ceremony and dinner reception. I want to thank all the brothers, wives, and friends who not only attended the ceremony, but also helped set up the sanctuary & Great hall, prepared and served a wide variety of wonderful food, and cleaned up afterwards. I want to extend a special thanks to Janet Waltz, Julia Reid, Sofie Sivak, Lettie Coons, Sue Kassel, and my wife, Judy Wood, who together, really made the dinner reception special.

*This summer, becoming the University of Alabama head football coach might be the one job in America with the highest expectations. Kalen DeBoer, an accomplished head football coach in his own right, is replacing Nick Saban, considered by many and especially the Crimson Tide Alumni, to be the greatest living legend in college football, and someone frequently hailed as the GOAT – the Greatest of all Time.*

*In my mind, the job with the next highest expectations might be replacing Mike King as Grand Knight of Kempsville Council 10515. During his two-year stint leading this council, we not only achieved Star Council status twice, but most importantly, he fostered a stronger, more active bond of service with our priest, deacons, and the ministries of St Mark.*

*Through hard work and dedication to their people, Coach Saban and PGK King took solid organizations and made their core foundations even stronger. Coach DeBoer and I both appreciate the challenge that comes with replacing a legend, but recognize we are each inheriting a great organization which thrives because it is the proven practices that make them great. Trust the process – yet we remain apprehensive.*

**Have Faith and Fear Not:** *Our new State Deputy Bob Jones chose these five words as our Motto for this fraternal year. They echo throughout the Bible - repeated over 360 times – and serve as a simple reminder: When challenges and difficulties are encountered, remember that we are never alone on this walk-through life. God is with us.*

**HAVE FAITH!** *As Christians, we are saved by the grace bestowed upon us from the Cross. Our faith sustains and encourages us in both good times and bad. For Christians, **Faith** - our firm belief in God and the promise of eternal life - **is not only a noun** but also an **action verb**. St James tells us that "For just as the body without the Spirit is dead, so also Faith without works is dead." Christianity, much like football, is a full contact sport. Jesus' instructions were both simple and clear - reach out, meet others, and make a difference in their lives. By his example, we know that to be an effective disciple means to actively live our Faith by serving others and sharing the message of salvation.*

*Inspired by the life of our founder, Blessed Michael J McGivney, we Knights are called upon to follow Jesus Christ more closely, serving our priest, deacons, and leaders of our church ministries, working to build up his Body which is the Church, and fulfilling his commandment of charity by caring for the needy and outcast.*

*The Knights of Columbus offers us four "Faith into Action" program areas - FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND LIFE - through which we can serve our church, encounter others, and embody true discipleship. As Knights, we are called to be modern-day Christian Soldiers, and while this installation ceremony is significant, the real action occurs beyond our officer roles. Imagine our council as a Marine rifle company: we, the council officers form the HQ Platoon, but the real engagement with others occurs in the three rifle and heavy weapon platoons - Faith, Family Community and Life.*

*Our council's efforts are intended to support our Church ministries - Religious Education, Justice and Peace, and Parish Life, as well as its committees such the Liturgy, Music, and Building and Grounds. While the Knights of Columbus are not a Church ministry, we stand ready to support those who are.*

*Fr Eric, Deacons John & Mike, Fe, Joyce, and Linda, I pledge continued active support from your Knights of Columbus council. To my fellow Knights and council officers, the path before us is clear. The planning phase for this fraternal year is complete, and now we must proceed trusting those proven processes that guided my predecessor. The next 12 months are filled with meaningful activities, events that allow us to encounter and serve others. During our journey in this new fraternal year, I encourage you to keep two essential thoughts close in your hearts: **Have Faith and Fear Not.***

*Vivat Jesus*

Dan Wood, GK

**First Thursday Adoration** - First Thursday Adoration is at St Mark, on Thursday 1 August 2024 from 9am to 6:30pm. Come spend some time with our Lord.

**First Friday Rosary** - First Friday Rosary is at St Mark on Friday, 2 August 2024. First Friday Rosary is a great opportunity to join with others to pray this beautiful prayer. We begin at 7pm. Come join us.

**Congratulations!** – Past Grand Knight Mike King recently received the following communication from Eric J. Ciardiello, Manager of Council Performance at Supreme – “Council 10515 has earned the 2023-2024 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (128% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance. Your council’s award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy or state council office for presentation. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your Brother Knights.” This is the second consecutive Star Council Award Kempsville 10515 has earned.

**Congratulations!** – Former District Deputy Jim Waltz recently received the following communication from Eric J. Ciardiello, Manager of Council Performance at Supreme – “District 4 has earned the 2023-2024 Star District Award, recognizing achievements in membership growth, insurance promotion and overall operational excellence. Your Star District Award plaque will be shipped to your State Deputy for presentation. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize your hard work and extraordinary leadership.” This is the second consecutive Star District Award Virginia District 4 has earned.

**Knights Night at the Tides - (*Tides vs Nashville Sounds*)** - Saturday, 21 September @ 6:35 pm. There is a firework display immediately following the game. Dave Wemhoff informed the council that the tickets are \$5 each and are available from him or the Grand Knight. All funds collected will be donated to *Habit for Humanity of South Hampton Roads*

**New Brother Knights** – Congratulations to our new brother Knights! Gabe Botello, Danny Camacho and Seminarian Sam McPeak joined our order in July. Gabe and Danny completed their Combined Exemplification on Saturday 6 July, and Seminarian Sam completed his Combined Exemplification on Wednesday 10 July. Congratulations and welcome brothers!

Additionally, during the July Membership Meeting, eMember Gerard Hamblet’s application for membership was accepted. During a Special Business Meeting Tuesday 30 July, eMember Myles Brooks application for membership was accepted. The combined exemplification for Gerard and Myles will take place on Tuesday 6 August at San Lorenzo council 12378.

**Officer Installation** – Kempsville Officer installation was conducted by District Deputy Dr. Mike Picio, and his District Wardens Past State Officer Roy Blakeburn and PGK Max Kang on Sunday 21 July at the Catholic Church of St Mark. The State Deputy’s representative was State Secretary Trey Hart. Approximately 70 Knights, families and guests attended.

**Blood Drive** – Kempsville council will co-host a blood drive on 17 September at the Catholic Church of St mark from 11am to 5pm. Contact **Jim Drewiske** at [jim\\_bobbi\\_d@msn.com](mailto:jim_bobbi_d@msn.com) for more information.

**July Family of the Month** – Congratulations to the Tim Pline family for their support of St Mark as Usher, choir cantor and Altar Servers!

**July Knight of the Month** – Congratulations to PGK Mike King for his dedicated service as our Grand Knight for two consecutive terms, and for his tireless, ongoing work supporting Fr. Eric, the St Mark community, and our council.

**Habitat for Humanity** – The council will be assisting Habitat for Humanity with the initial deconstruction efforts at 1307 Transylvania Avenue, Chesapeake, Va. on Saturday 17 August. HFH recently received the building permits for the property, and the initial work by the council and other volunteers will help prepare the site for the planned renovations. Please let the Grand Knight know if you are able to help.

**Corporate Communion Mass** – Mark your calendars – Our Corporate Communion will take place on Saturday 12 October 2024 @ 5:30pm - The PGK Dinner is on Sunday 13 October, so no special dinner or reception is planned for after the Corporate Communion Mass. All brother Knights and ladies are asked to attend this Mass together. Wear your red shirts.

**Semi-Annual Audit** – The Trustees conducted the semi-annual audit for the period 1 Jan 2024 through 30 Jun 2024 on Tuesday, 23 July. The audit was completed with no discrepancies, and the audit report was sent to State and Supreme.

**Men of St. Joseph** - Members of the church meet each Thursday morning at 6am in the St Mark Great Hall to review and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Please let Dan Wood ([dan.wood.va@gmail.com](mailto:dan.wood.va@gmail.com)) know if you would like to attend.

**Service hours** – Keep track of your service hours. It is easier to enter your hours a few times a month, than to recall in December what you did earlier in the year. Please go to the council website, ([www.kofc10515.org](http://www.kofc10515.org)) and log in under Members Only (enter your Membership number - your birthday is your pass code), then scroll down to Record your volunteer hours.

**Ladies Name Tags** - If you would like a name tag for your lady, please let the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight know.

**Special Olympics Fall Championship** – Save the date – This year the Special Olympics Fall championship will take place on Friday 2 November and Saturday 3 November. Kempsville supports the golf event. Please plan to help out. No golf knowledge needed. We need families to cheer as well.

**Ask the Past Grand Knight** – Did you ever wonder what the Past Grand Knights and officers were talking about when they say “State Deputy’s Award?” How do we earn one of these awards and why do the council leaders care about it?”

Each year the State Deputy provides his administrative requirements to the Grand Knights of each council. Councils completing all administrative requirements are recognized by the State Deputy through presentation of the State Deputy’s Award at the annual State Convention. The award recognizes the hard work of the council.

The State Deputy provides a list of administrative items for councils to complete. The items are divided into required and elective.

The required items include submitting reports throughout the Fraternal Year and include reports to State and Supreme listing the elected council officers and State Convention Delegates for the Fraternal Year, appointed Faith in Action Directors, Annual Survey, 2 semi-annual audit reports, meeting the Supreme Safe Environment Program requirements,

paying State and Supreme per capita, participate in one Fraternal Benefit Night, and being membership active (recruit at least one new Knight during the year).

Elective items include completing the Partnership with Special Olympics, submitting at least 4 Families of the Month, donating to KOVAR and VKCCI, completing events in each of the Faith in Action categories, such as Family and Knights of the Year and Young Man and woman of the Year; Basketball Free throw, KCIC poster contest, and submitting one council event for State consideration in each of the Faith in Action categories.

The State Deputy awards points for each elective item completed, with some items receiving up to 20 points, many receiving 10-15 points and some receiving 5 points. Grand Knights have the freedom to select the items they want that add up to 140 points. Once a council acquires 140 points, they have completed the minimum to receive the State Deputy's Award. Last year Kempsville achieved 232 points for 31 different reports or requirements completed.

We complete the administrative requirements because they are things we as Knights are supposed to do. When we help others, we hopefully inspire others to follow.

Kempsville council is probably one of a handful (less than 10) of councils in Virginia (155 councils) to have received the State Deputy's Award each year over the past 16 years.

**Council email** – Each Knight has three email address lines available in Member Management. If your wife would like to receive council relevant email (newsletters and meeting reminders), give her email address to the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, so they can add her email to Member Management.

**Council Calendar for August**

- 8/3 Habitat for Humanity (BEING RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER – LOOK FOR UPDATES)
- 8/8 Officers and Directors Planning Meeting (6:30pm)
- 8/10 Parish Retreat
- 8/10 Church Drive weekend
- 8/11 Church Drive weekend
- 8/12 Father McGivney's Birthday – Special Mass at 7pm
- 8/13 Father McGivney's Feast Day
- 8/15 Assumption of the Blessed Mother – Mass at 8:30am and 7:00pm
- 8/16 Membership Meeting (7:30pm)
- 8/17 Clean Kempsville Road (8:00am)
- 8/17 Habitat for Humanity
- 8/24 Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

**Report of The Fourth Degree**

**Congratulations** – Congratulations to our new assembly officers. A Joint Installation of the officers from the five Southside Assemblies was conducted by Former District Master Tom Trudeau on July 14 @ 3:00 PM at Church of the Resurrection in Portsmouth. Congratulations to our new officers!

**Annual Audit** – The Trustees conducted the semi-annual audit for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 on Friday 12 July. The audit was completed with no discrepancies.

**PFN Dinner** - The Assembly will hold its annual Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner on Saturday, the 7th of September at the Columbian Club at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 each.

**Fall Exemplification** - The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on Saturday, September 28 in Manassas, VA. Please contact any Sir Knight if you are interested in joining the Patriotic Degree of the Order, or email the Faithful Admiral at [snrubeoj@gmail.com](mailto:snrubeoj@gmail.com).

**Special Olympics** – The Special Olympics Opening Ceremony will take place on 2 November. The Opening Ceremony is planned to take place at the Virginia Beach Sports Center located at 1045 19<sup>th</sup> St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451. We need Sir Knights in the ORD for Color Guard and Honor Guard. The Color Guard will present the colors, and the Honor Guard will line the path for the Olympic Flame as it makes its way to the Olympic Torch. This is perhaps one of the most anticipated events of the Opening Ceremony. Please let Color Gorp Commander PGK Wayne Phelps ([waynephelps@yahoo.com](mailto:waynephelps@yahoo.com)) know if you plan to participate in the Opening Ceremony.

**Spring 2025 Exemplification** - will be an introduction of the new Exemplification Ceremony. It will also happen on the Anniversary of the Order on February 22, 2025 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The State will have a bus with limited seats available if you wish to attend. We need to know ASAP for planning & reservations.

#### **Assembly calendar for August**

- 8/12 Father McGivney's Birthday
- 8/13 Father McGivney's Feast Day
- 8/15 The Assumption of the Blessed Mother
- 8/21 VAVS night at the Tides
- 8/26 Assembly Officers Meeting – Columbian Club
- 8/28 Assembly Business Meeting – Columbian Club (Rosary 7pm, gavel down 7:30pm)