



# 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 Catholic Church dedicates October to the Holy Rosary, with October 7<sup>th</sup> the day on which the Church celebrates the Feast Day of our Lady of the Rosary. In 1571, Pope St. Pius V introduced the feast day to commemorate the Christian forces October 7<sup>th</sup> victory at the Battle of Lepanto, which the Pope attributed to the "arms of the Rosary" rather than to the soldiers and artillery. The feast day honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, thanking her for the protection she provides to the Church in response to the faithful's praying the Rosary.

October also begins a remarkably busy several month period for the council during which we get an opportunity to be true silent servants to those who serve others. We begin October supporting our Justice & Peace ministry's Forty Days for Life, by participating in the Novena for 3 Saints for Life from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, either in person at the church, or remotely by Zoom. The Church's website & bulletins will provide the Zoom link. Each Week in October from 1 – 2 pm, Justice & Peace will be conducting prayer vigils at the Planned Parenthood building. Those dates are Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Brother Paul Vater [email: [vaters@gmail.com](mailto:vaters@gmail.com)], our St. Mark's Justice & Peace event lead, for more information.

Our St Mark's Pumpkin Patch returns this month, with all net profits going to help fund the church's Youth Ministry activities. Fr. Eric asked the Knights to lead this event once again, which kicks off on Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> when we move the trailer and erect the tree stands. The pumpkins arrive the following Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. Sales start immediately and continue through Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up to help with all facets of this fund raising event by using the iVolunteer link on the church's website or typing in the following URL address into your browser: [https://stmarkhelps/ivolunter.com/pumpkins\\_2024](https://stmarkhelps/ivolunter.com/pumpkins_2024).

Finally, please help our Parish Life Ministry with the Family Harvest Festival on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Linda Major [email: [majormail@verizon.net](mailto:majormail@verizon.net)] needs volunteers for many of the festival's activities, and I could use your help with organizing and running the Cornhole Tournament.

Vivat Jesus

Dan Wood. GK

**First Thursday Adoration** - First Thursday Adoration is at St Mark, on Thursday 3 October 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, 4 October 2024, and is a wonderful opportunity to join with others to pray this beautiful prayer. We begin at 7pm. Come join us.

**Knights Night at the Tides** - (*Tides vs Nashville Sounds*) – Over 40 council members, family and friends gathered for our annual “Knights Night at the Tides” on Saturday, 21 September 2024. The Norfolk Tides played the Nashville Sounds in the last night game of the season. The first pitch was thrown at 6:35 pm and the Tides quickly fell behind, losing the game 6-1. Following the game, the home crowd enjoyed a wonderful fireworks display. Thanks to everyone who supported this fraternal fund raising event, the council is donating \$500 *Habit for Humanity of South Hampton Roads*.

**ACE Wings** – (Pro-Life without **A**pology, without **C**ompromise, without **E**xception) – The Silver / Gold ACE Wings program is a Virginia State Council program (<https://members.vakofc.org/pro-life-ace-wings/>).



The Silver ACE Wings represent the loss of life to abortion of one preborn life. The “Precious Feet” on the ACE Wings are the size and shape of an unborn baby’s feet at 10 weeks after conception. The wings remind us of an aborted soul, now an angel in heaven. Also, five kills designated a flying ace, giving us the name of Pro-Life ACE Wings.

Congratulations to the following individuals who completed qualifying activities not only during the current calendar year, but who have consistently been Pro-Life stalwarts for numerous years too.

- Paul Vater, former Life Program Director, current Lecturer, and an active member of the Justice & Peace Ministry, regularly participates in Sidewalk Rosaries at the Planned Parenthood facility in Virginia Beach and speaks about the Life Programs at our council meetings.
- Michael King, PGK, who in July completed a 2-year term as Grand Knight, during which he advocated for Knights participation in the various Life Programs and led our Silver Rose Program this past year. Through his efforts Kempsville Council received the State Life Award for its participation in life events.
- Joyce Gridley, the Director of the Justice & Peace Ministry at the Catholic Church of St. Mark, organizes and participates in the church's Life Novenas, and Pro-Life March rallies, and although she's not a family member or spouse of a Knight, is an active advocate for our Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

Congratulations also to our St Mark clergy, recipients of the Pro-Life ACE Wings, for their active support in Pro-Life matters.

- Father Eric Asamoah
- Deacon John Kren
- Deacon Mike Johnson

**Blood Drive** – Kempsville council co-hosted, with Justice and Peace, a blood drive on 17 September at the Catholic Church of St Mark, during which 42 pints of blood were collected. Thanks to all who donated blood and who helped run the 6-hour event.

**September Family of the Month** – Congratulations to the Rachel Craig family for their support of St Mark. Rachel and daughters Alex and Kara are members of the church choir. Alex and Kara are also Altar Servers. Alex is also a teen Catechist and assists the first-grade catechist.

**September Knight of the Month** – Congratulations to PGK Dave Wemhoff for his dedicated service as our church, council, and order. Dave has served in many council and assembly leadership roles and, as a strong advocate for strengthening our fraternal bonds, he supports and organizes our annual "Knights Night at the Tides" fraternal event.

**2024 World Series Fund Raiser Grid** – Blocks are still available for our annual World Series fundraiser. 100 grid blocks are being sold for \$10 each, with a total payout of \$500 split according to the way the Series plays out: 4 Games - \$125 each; 5 Games - \$100 each; 6 Games - \$83 each; 7 Games - \$71 each. Contact FDD John Cochran ([jcochran10515@gmail.com](mailto:jcochran10515@gmail.com)) for more information, or to buy your blocks.

**Corporate Communion Mass** – Mark your calendars – Our Corporate Communion will take place on Saturday 12 October 2024 @ 5:30pm. All brother Knights and ladies are asked to attend this Mass together. Wear your red shirts.

**Past Grand Knight Dinner** – Mark your calendars for Sunday 06 October 2024 - The Past Grand Knights' Dinner is held to honor all the Past Grand Knights of our Council - but especially the immediate PGK, Mike King, who just finished his 2nd consecutive term as Grand Knight. This is a council event, and is open to all council members and their wives. The PGK Dinner will be held at [Vino Italian Restaurant & Bistro](#) located at 5200 Fairfield Shopping Center, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. The event time is 5-7pm. RSVP to the Grand Knight ([gk10515@vakofc.org](mailto:gk10515@vakofc.org)) or Deputy Grand Knight ([deputydave10515@gmail.com](mailto:deputydave10515@gmail.com)).

**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 Saturday 2 November and Sunday 3 November. There are seven athletic events: Gold, Soccer, Bowling, Bocce, Volleyball, Pickle Ball and Roller

Skating. Kempsville supports the golf event. Please plan to help out. Knowledge of golf is not required. We need families to cheer as well.

**Pumpkin Patch** – The pumpkins will arrive on 12 October 2024. In preparation, the Pumpkin Patch/Christmas Tree Lot will be setup on Saturday 5 October at 8:30am. We need your help for lot setup, pumpkin off load and sales. Sales will run from 12 through 31 October 2024. Please sign-up at: [https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/pumpkins\\_2024](https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/pumpkins_2024)

**5 November Election** - We will all head to the voting booth in a few weeks to elect a President, Senator, and Congressional Representative. In Virginia Beach we will also vote for Virginia Beach Mayor, Virginia Beach Sheriff, Virginia Beach City Council District 7, Virginia Beach School Board At-large, Virginia Beach School Board District 7, and a Ballot Measure. Depending where you live, there may be other offices open for election. We have members living in Chesapeake, Norfolk, other areas of Tidewater and the Eastern Shore, who may have different candidates and offices up for election. To see your ballot, enter the below link in your browser:

- <https://ballotpedia.org/>

Scroll down to "**BALLOTPEDIA Sample Ballot Lookup Tool**" - Enter your home address - click on "View my Ballot" - click on "Election on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024" - click on "GO."

Candidates have websites and other social media links where you can go to review their views, education, and issues/priorities, and in doing so, become better informed about the individuals you choose to support.

Early voting in Virginia started Friday 20 September 2024. More information on voter registration, mail in ballots and registering for an absentee ballot can be found at the below website:

- <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/calendars-schedules/upcoming-elections.html>

**Happy Birthday** - The below brothers will celebrate their birthdays in October. Happy Birthday!

- Michael Alba
- Michael Anuswith
- Donald McClernon
- Neil Nelson
- Ronald Shirey

**Congratulations!** – During the council Membership Meeting held on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, District Deputy Dr. Mike Picio presented Immediate Past Grand Knight Mike King with the Star Council Award for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. The award represents the hard work done by the council during the last Fraternal year. This award is the 12<sup>th</sup> Star Council Award received by our council. Congratulations to all.



**Ask the Past Grand Knight** – Did you ever wonder what is the Founder’s Award and why it matters that a council achieve this award?

The Founder’s Award is a Supreme award that recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits. The State Deputy’s Award requires that councils host or promote one Fraternal Benefit event, (Catholic Financial Planning Event) prior to 15 March of the Fraternal Year.

All councils must host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefit Events during the fraternal year (by 30 June) for Star Council. The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:

- 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members
- 14 for councils with 100 or more members

These events are coordinated in conjunction with your local field agent. In order for the council to receive credit, the Grand Knight must submit the new online form #11077 within seven days of the seminar.

For council members, achieving the Founder’s Award demonstrates a vibrant and active council in insurance promotion. The Knight’s insurance products (life insurance, disability insurance, annuities, and long-term care) are great ways to protect our families. While purchasing insurance products from the Knights of Columbus is optional, it is worth your time to meet with our field Agent Ben Salzar. He can be contacted by email at ([Benjamin.Salazar@KOFC.ORG](mailto:Benjamin.Salazar@KOFC.ORG), or phone at (757) 796-4700.

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

### **Council Calendar for October**

10/4 KOVAR Fund Drive from 4pm – 8 pm  
 10/5 Pumpkin Patch setup @ 8:30am  
 10/5 KOVAR Fund Drive from 12:00pm – 6 pm  
 10/6 Pumpkin Patch setup (Rain Date only) – 1pm  
 10/6 PGK Dinner VINO Italian Bistro from 5 -7 pm  
 10/10 Officer and Director meeting – St Mark @ 6:30pm  
 10/12 Pumpkins arrive 9am; Sales run 12 Oct -31 Oct  
 10/12 Council Corporate Communion – St Mark - 5:30pm Mass  
 10/14 Columbus Day  
 10/18 Membership Meeting – Rosary 7:00pm, Gavel down 7:30pm  
 10/19 Clean Kempsville Road – 8am  
 10/19 Family Harvest Festival – Parish Life Support  
 10/19 Quarterly State Meeting (Newport News) 8am  
 10/27 Trunk or Treat: Religious Formation Youth Support

## **Report of The Fourth Degree**

**PFN Dinner** - The Assembly held its annual Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner on Saturday, the 7th of September at the Columbian Club. Ten PFNs were in attendance. Including guests, District Marshal Pat Rowland and his wife Arlene, Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton and his wife Cindy, and District Warden 4 Roy Blakeburn, 48 attended the event. Faithful Navigator John Garcia presented immediate past Faithful Navigator Joe Burns with a white handled engraved sword, and miniature PFN jewel.



L to R – PFNs Glenn Rodreguiz, Steve Coogan, Shawn Hutchings, Dave Wemhoff, Joe Burns, Stan Schnell, Ted Quinter, Frank Green, John Cochran, and Earl Reid

**Color Corp Training** – Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton conducted Color Corp Training on Saturday 14 September 2024 at The Catholic Church of St Mark. Fifteen Sir Knights from 6 Tidewater assemblies attended.

**Presentation of Colors for the Norfolk Tides** – Thank you to the 3 Sir Knights from Father Habets assembly in presenting the Colors at the Norfolk Tides ball game Sunday 22 September 2024, and thank you to PFN Joe Burns for singing the National Anthem! This was a joint assembly 1162 and 1505 event. A YouTube link is provided below:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6d1P\\_IDs6T0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6d1P_IDs6T0)

**Special Olympics** (Color Corps) – The Special Olympics Opening Ceremony will take place on 2 November. The Opening Night is planned to take place at the Virginia Aquarium located at 717 General Booth Blvd Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Knights in council shirts are encouraged to greet the athletes at the Aquarium.

The athletic events are planned to start about 1pm on Saturday afternoon. Each event will have its own mini-Opening Ceremony. The Regional Marshal will contact the Faithful Navigators and Color Corp Commanders on Sir Knight requirements. Please let Color Corp Commander PGK Wayne Phelps ([cc1505@vakofc.org](mailto:cc1505@vakofc.org)) know if you plan to participate in the mini-Opening Ceremonies.

**Chaplains Appreciation Dinner** - Our Chaplains Appreciation Dinner is coming up on Friday, October 25th. PFN Toby Robillard and SKs Joe Sivak and Pilot Ron Sheehan are working on the event. The pot-luck dinner will be held at the Columbian Club, beginning at 6:00PM. More information will be provided as it becomes available. We also need Color Corp and Honor Guard. If you are able to help, please contact Color Corp commander Wayne Phelps at cc1505@vakofc.org.

**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.

**Coming Soon - New Website** - Construction of a new website is in progress. The new website is expected in late November. More to follow.

**Official Regalia Dress (ORD)** - Assembly members not currently owning the ORD are urged to purchase the ORD so that they can participate more fully in patriotic events.

#### **Assembly calendar for October**

10/14 Columbus Day

10/21 Assembly Officers meeting 6:30pm - Columbian Club

10/23 Assembly business meeting - Rosary 7pm - Gavel down 7:30pm - Church of the Holy Family

10/25 Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner - 6pm - Columbian Club