



# The Kempsville Compass

Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday  
at The Catholic Church of St. Mark,  
1505 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464  
with the Rosary at 7pm and gavel down at 7:30pm.

For more information, visit our website: [www.kofc10515.org](http://www.kofc10515.org)



*Celebrating Faith, Family, Community and Life*

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

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to live out our faith in a world troubled by conflict and uncertainty. The bloodshed in Iran and elsewhere weigh heavily on our hearts, reminding us of our duty to pray for and promote peace. During these challenging times, let us follow Christ—the Prince of Peace—by advocating for dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation among nations. We must also remember our strength in unity and encourage leaders and communities to seek peaceful solutions.

Let us keep in mind the many innocent lives impacted by violence and dedicate ourselves to supporting humanitarian efforts that bring relief to those who suffer. We also offer heartfelt prayers for our troops serving in harm's way. May the Lord protect those who defend our nation, grant them courage and strength, and bring them safely home. May God's love guide and reassure them in their duty.

As Knights, we must stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters worldwide, offering prayers, resources, and voices for lasting peace. May we trust in God's providence, find courage together, and act as instruments of hope and compassion. As we reflect on current events, let us nurture compassion and seek every opportunity to extend love and understanding. Through steadfast faith and charitable action, we can help foster peace and justice, even in troubled times.

Fraternally,

Dave

**Ladies Appreciation Dinner** – The Ladies Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. We will be celebrating and loving our ladies at Rigoletto Italian Bakery and Café at 2181 Upton Drive #414, Virginia Beach 23454. SK Andy Demarchena’s restaurant will be opened just for this private event with a delicious selection of buffet menu items and dedicated staff. The price is \$30 per brother plus \$5 tip. The council is paying for the ladies. Please RSVP today to SK Brian Bialas at [catbialas@cox.net](mailto:catbialas@cox.net) or (757) 424-9820.

**March for Life** – The Virginia March for Life will be in Richmond on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be shared as that date approaches.

**Annual Dues Assessment** – Your assessment was recently sent out, and you should have yours in hand. There are many ways to pay your dues – you can give our Financial Secretary cash or a check or you can pay online with your credit card. Please consider contributing to the “Penny Per Knight Per Day” promotion as you pay your dues. That \$3.65 extra payment goes directly to supporting Vocations in the Richmond, Arlington and Military Dioceses.

**First Thursday Adoration** - First Thursday Adoration is March 5th. Next month’s Eucharistic Adoration will be on Thursday, 2 April 2026 from 9:00am – 6:00pm. Clear a slot or two on your calendars and come spend some time with our Lord.

**First Friday Rosary** – First Friday Rosary is at St Mark on Friday 6 March 2026. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:00pm . Next month, our First Friday Rosary will be prayed on Friday 3 April 2026 at 7:00pm. Please join us for the Rosary.

**New Members** – On February 15<sup>th</sup> we welcomed 5 new brothers into our council. Please look for Juston and Owen Talley (Father and Son), PGK Michael Wall, Rodel Rivera and Santhosh Augustine and introduce yourself if you have never met them before. Welcome new brothers! If you want to join the Ceremony Team, please contact PGK Jimmy.

**February Family of the Month** – Hank and Evie Harzold are the Kempsville Council’s Family of the Month for February 2026, exemplifying worship, service, and faith in God. Longtime St Mark members, they actively serve as Mass Coordinators and Eucharistic Ministers at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass and have volunteered for VBS for several years.

Evie supports the Coordinator of Religious Formation with event preparations, Sunday teacher prep, and Sacramental work, and she manages TV slides in the Commons. She is also involved with the Plarn ministry, making mats for the homeless.

Hank serves as President of the Parish Pastoral Council, advises the pastor, and is part of the OCIA Team teaching about the Catholic faith. He also helps with building maintenance, especially during special projects, and volunteers at fundraisers and with the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team.

Hank and Evie embody St Mark’s mission to serve others by sharing their time, talent, and treasure, reflecting the image of Jesus Christ. I am pleased to recognize them as the Kempsville Council Family of the Month for February.

**January Knight of the Month** – Gerard Hamblet has been chosen as Kempsville Council Knight of the Month. Since joining us in 2024, Gerard’s warm personality and enthusiasm stood out. Despite working full time and recently welcoming a baby daughter, he stepped up as our Recorder without hesitation.

Gerard’s commitment is inspiring—seeing him at Mass almost every Sunday with his family shows his dedication, especially with a young daughter.

His performance as Recorder is outstanding. He attends every meeting, posts accurate minutes promptly, and handles his role with humility and diligence. I deeply appreciate his work this year.

It is an honor to recognize Brother Gerard Hamblet as Kempsville Council Knight of the Month for February.

**Reminder: Track Your Service Hours Weekly!** Logging time weekly is far easier—and more accurate—than trying to recall details months later (February feels very distant by the time December rolls around!).

You can conveniently enter your hours on our council website under the **“Members Only”** section. Let’s keep our records strong and our impact visible!

**Virtus Training Reminder:** All St. Mark ministers are required to be Virtus trained and certified to serve in ministry roles. The next scheduled training is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. To register or if you have questions—please reach out to Fe Guzman for guidance.

**Join the Men of St. Joseph – Thursdays at 6 AM.** The Men of St. Joseph meet every Thursday morning at 6:00 AM in the Great Hall to read and discuss the weekend’s Lectionary readings—deepening our understanding of God’s word and preparing our hearts for Mass. Morning is ideal for prayer and clarity, and our gatherings offer a peaceful way to begin the day with purpose. Consider starting your Thursday morning with other like-minded Catholic men and join us for prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

If you have any questions concerning the Men of St Joseph prayer group, please contact PGK Dan Wood at dan.wood.va@gmail.com—or simply come and join us one Thursday morning!

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

**Would Your Wife Like To Receive Council Updates?** Our Member Management system allows up to three email addresses per Knight. If your wife would like to receive council communications—such as the monthly *Compass* newsletter, meeting reminders, and event notices—please share her email address with the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary so we can add it to our system. **Stay connected. Stay informed.**

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

- Antonio Evans
- Jayme Olivera
- Matt Favila
- PGK Jimmy Martino
- Don Gordon
- Jean Paul Diatta
- Dan Nerino
- PGK Frank Greene
- Florante Ablao
- Cory Cole
- FDD/PGK Jim Waltz
- Robert Ihekwoaba
- Anthony Amabile
- Anthony Abbate
- Pat Savarese

**Father McGivney Guild** - The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for Father McGivney's for sainthood. Father McGivney was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Membership in the Guild is free and open to all. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions. Follow the link below:

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>

#### **Council Calendar for March 2026**

- 1 Church Drive Weekend (after all Masses)
- 7 Quarterly State Meeting (Woodbridge, VA)
- 12 Officers and Directors Meeting @ 6:00pm; Conference Room
- 14 Exemplification of CUF (tentative)
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 19 Membership Meeting; Great Hall (day moved for Lent)  
8:00pm Meeting begins (No Rosary)
- 21 KRCU @ 8:30am (Doors open @ 8am)
- 27 Bake Sale @ Fr Habets Fish Fry
- 29 Palm Sunday / K of C Founder's Day

#### **Looking Ahead April 2026**

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter (Parking Lot Support)
- 9 Officers & Directors Meeting @ 6:30pm; Conference Room
- 17 Membership Meeting; Great Hall  
7:00pm Rosary  
7:30pm Meeting begins
- 18 KRCU @ 8:30am (Doors open @ 8am)
- 19 Ladies Appreciation Dinner 5 pm (Rigoletto Italian Bakery & Café)
- 26 St Mark Feast Day Pancake Breakfast (after 8:30am Mass)

**From the 4th Degree**

**March ~**

06 – Fish Fry #3 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm

07 – State Spring Quarterly Meeting – Dale City – Pope John I #7165 hosting

12 - Calendar meeting at Columbian Club

13 – Fish Fry #4 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm

14 – Virginia District Biennial Meeting – Richmond, VA – Registration 8 AM

14 – St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Ocean View, Norfolk – Showtime 9:00AM.

17 – St Patrick’s Day

21 – Fish Fry #5 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm

23 – Assembly Officer’s Meeting ~ Columbian Club at 6:30pm

25 – Assembly Business Meeting ~ St. John the Apostle ~ Rosary at 7:00 & Meeting at 7:30pm

27 – Fish Fry #6 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm

29 - Palm Sunday