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Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

February is here and it looks to be a full schedule for the Council! Here are just a few events in our area:

Our annual 10-Mile Run for the Heart is on Saturday, 8 Feb, at 9:00 a.m. We need help on Friday, 7 Feb from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hand out bib numbers and T-shirts at the Council. We need help on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with registration and from 9:00 a.m. to Noon as race marshals. You can sign-up to run at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FA5AB22A20-54720903-2024>. Contact me or John Edwards (murmur291@gmail.com) if you want to help.

Wednesday, 19 Feb, PORT (People Offering Resources Together). They need help in serving dinner: we need about 17 people to help check-in/check-out people in the morning, prep breakfast bags for the guests, and transport and serve dinner—all require three-hour shifts. Please contact me if you can help so we can create a schedule.

Saturday, 22 Feb. After the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Jerome, we will be conducting a CUF - Combined Degree, which combines First (Charity), Second (Unity), and Third (Fraternity) Degrees. Friends and family are welcome to see you advance to full Knighthood! We have 203 First and Second Degree members who could move up, along with 13 new E-Members. Contact me directly if you want to take the Degree! There will be more in the coming weeks about this Ceremony in Email Blasts and at our Council Meeting on 11 Feb!

Check out the other articles and calendar in the Newsletter! If you have any questions or want to help with one of the events above, reach out to me!

Ted Mauch, Grand Knight, Walter Pollard Council 5480, 757-282-8519



Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

February is upon us, bringing more opportunities for fellowship, service, and fun! I encourage everyone to stay engaged and take part in our upcoming events.

- 8 Feb: Polar Plunge & Run for the Heart. Support two great causes while braving the cold! Let's show our council's commitment to charity and community involvement.
- 9 Feb: Super Bowl Watch Party. Join us for food, fellowship, and football as we watch the big game together! A great chance to enjoy the camaraderie of our brotherhood.
- 18 Feb: Blood Drive (1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Council). Give the gift of life by donating blood. Your donation can make a real difference for those in need.

Additionally, we are planning to hold a Free Throw Contest this month! We are working with OLMC to finalize the date and will share details as soon as they are confirmed.

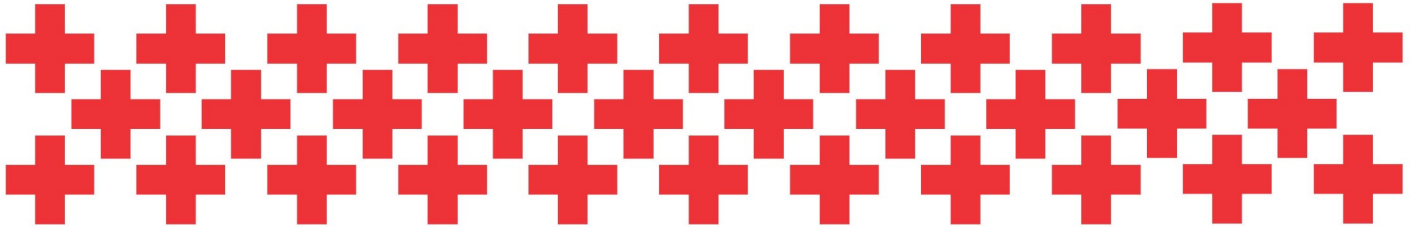
Thank you for all you do to support our council, our churches, and our community. Looking forward to another great month of service and fraternity!

Vivat Jesus,

Pat McFadden, Deputy Grand Knight, Walter Pollard Council 5480

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Knights of Columbus Council** **5480**

Meeting Room
12742 Nettles Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: 5480 to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

Create a flurry of hope! Come give blood Jan. 27 to Feb. 28 for a \$15 e gift card rcblood.org/flurry



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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This Month's Birthdays

Daniel Baker 2-01
Elias Pelaez Jr. 2-02
Timothy Scarberry 2-02
Kevin McDermott 2-03
Tyrone Fuller 2-05
Nathaniel Gordon 2-07
William O'Leary 2-08
Stephen Onusko 2-08
Phillip Rivera-Silva II 2-08
Steve White 2-09
Richard Marsh 2-10
Joseph Peters 2-10
David Hill 2-11
Joseph Osso 2-11
Fredy Jurkowsch II 2-12
Colin Rowett 2-12
Christopher Conway 2-14
Francis Dougherty 2-15

George Talley Jr. 2-15
Jeffrey Warner 2-15
Michael Ruddy 2-17
John Botelho 2-19
Ronald Gorman Jr. 2-19
Peter Mueller 2-20
John Angle 2-21
Thomas Sconzo III 2-21
Walter Smigielski 2-21
Bernard Gerlach 2-22
Heber Dunkle III 2-23
Christopher Jones 2-23
James Patterson 2-25
William Drolet Jr. 2-26
Jason Hoyle 2-27
Charles Spiller 2-27
Ronny Garcia 2-28
Jason Goergen 2-28

This Month's Anniversaries

Brian and Michelle Lemmert 2-04
Dominick and Marsha Bevacqua 2-10
Kyle and Jan Harrington 2-13
David and Elizabeth Clarence 2-14
Johnny and Elizabeth Ritchard 2-14
Michael and Kathryn Stook 2-14

David and Terri Jane Grimbling 2-15
John and Kathie Angle 2-20
James and Barbara Sumner 2-21
Steven and Caroline Forehand 2-22
John and Terri Sweeney 2-24
David and Laura Cvitanovich 2-26

Sick, Recovering, and Deceased

Brothers, we ask for your prayers and support for Brothers in need of healing and for prayers for the deceased.

- Burt Braza
- Tom and Roslyn Degnon
- Enrica Pierce
- Burt Braza
- Don Wood
- Michael Janizewski
- Bob and Nancy Blymyer
- Frank Humphry
- John Silva
- Bill Heron
- Cathy Drozdowski
- Mary Litzinger
- Kathy Mortensen
- Lucille Harr
- Kelwyn D'Souza
- Barbara Tucci
- Dick Reyes
- Annabelle Arnold
- Mark Lynch
- Adrian Rivera
- Jim Buckman
- Stanley Baker
- The family of Lillian Grech
- Brother-in-law of Reco Cotton

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.

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 5:30 pm - Bingo	4 6:00 pm - Pot Luck/Assembly Meeting	5	6 5:30 pm - Bingo	7 Open Night	8
9	10 5:30 pm - Bingo	11 7:00 pm - Council Meeting	12	13 5:30 pm - Bingo	14 Open Night	15
16	17 5:30 pm - Bingo	18	19	20 5:30 pm - Bingo	21 Open Night	22
23	24 5:30 pm - Bingo	25 7:00 pm - Council Meeting	26	27 5:30 pm - Bingo	28 Open Night	

From the Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights, future Sir Knights, and Brothers,

As the Patriotic Arm of the Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree assemblies focus on honoring and respecting our Nation, State, communities, military, and our deceased members. I encourage you to join the 4th Degree and become a Sir Knight and help us display our respect and appreciation for others.

Two major events will be coming up in the first half of the year: in May, the annual USS Scorpion Memorial Ceremony, and our annual 4th of July Flag Raising. These are great ways to honor our country. There will be an opportunity to attend the upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification in the Spring.

We also have \$400 to assist two Knights (\$200 each) in purchasing the 4th Degree ORD uniform. We are looking for two Sir Knights to be actively involved.

Fraternally,

Steve Taylor, Faithful Navigator, Father Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430

(757) 869-2952

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Knight of the Month

The January 2024 Knight of the Month is Rick Schirm. Besides performing his duties as our District Warden, he goes above and beyond for our Council, and at St. Jerome Parish as a Lector. He's provided steady and successful leadership with our Council Bingo, and he's been a big help with the Council budget over these past few years!

Family of the Month

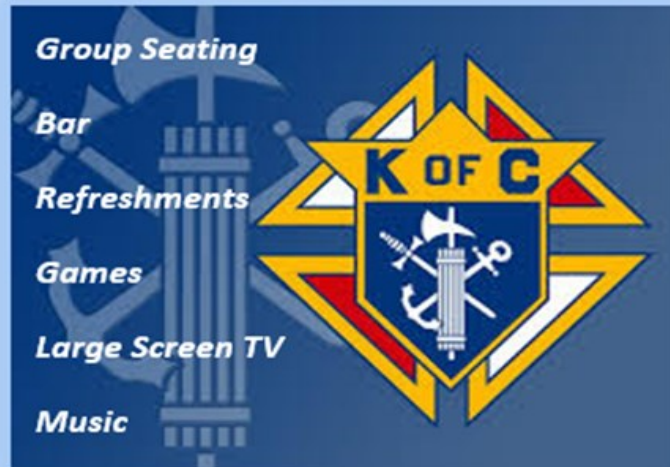
The January 2024 Family of the Month is the Nelsons. Brother Knight John Nelson, his wife Mary, and their children are active at St. Jerome Church: John and Mary are Lectures and Eucharistic Ministers, and their son Samuel is a member in St. Jerome's Choir. Please congratulate the Nelsons when you see them.

**Roaring Knights Bartender Schedule
for the Month**

Date	Day	Description	Bartenders
3	Tuesday	Assembly Mtg.	Howard
7	Friday	Open Night	Chipman
11	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Koch
14	Friday	Open Night	Schirm
21	Friday	Birthday Night	Rios
25	Tuesday	Council Meeting	Koch
28	Friday	Open Night	Schulte

Point of Contact: George Koch, 660-1049.

**Knights Den
Lounge Information**



**For all lounge rentals, please contact George Koch,
Lounge Manager, 660-1049.**

Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430 Directory



- Faithful Navigator**
SK Steve Taylor 869-2952
- Faithful Friar**
Fr. SK George Prado 877-5021
- Faithful Captain**
SK Steve Chipman 707-303-5852
- Faithful Pilot**
SK George Koch 660-1049
- Faithful Comptroller**
SK Harold Hairston 877-1566
- Faithful Purser**
SK Bernie Gerlach 877-0126
- Faithful Scribe**
SK Patrick McFadden 593-0238
- Faithful Admiral**
SK Ted Mauch 282-8519
- Faithful Sentinels**
SK Reco Cotton (Inner) 508-1398
SK Jose Velez (Inner) 660-6821
SK Bill Johnson (Outer) 309-1135
SK Bill Schulte (Outer) 399-9910
- Color Corps Commander**
SK Louis Federico 870-0573
- Color Corps Vice Commander**
SK Rick Schirm 310-3242
- Sick and Distressed**
Vacant
- Trustees**
1 Yr: SK Kiet Nguyen
2 Yr: SK Louis Federico 870-0573
3 Yr: SK Carroll Kelley 877-4865



Walter Pollard Council 5480 Directory

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Grand Knight	Ted Mauch	282-8519
Deputy Grand Knight	Pat McFadden	593-0238
Chaplain	Fr. George Prado	877-5021
Financial Secretary	Ron Gorman	930-0311
Chancellor	John O'Donnell	609-1258
Warden	Steve Taylor	869-2952
Recorder	John Gallo	877-5869
Treasurer	Harold Hairston	877-1566
Advocate	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
Guards:		
• Outside	Vacant	
• Outside	Bill Schulte	399-9910
• Inside	Reco Cotton	508-1398
• Inside	Bill Johnson	309-1135
Trustees:		
• One Year	Joseph Drozdowski	930-3559
• Two Year	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852
• Three Year	Dominic Bevacqua	
Lecturer	Rick Schirm	310-3242

DIRECTORS/CHAIRS:

Membership Director	John O'Donnell	609-1258
Program Director	Pat McFadden	593-0238
Faith Directors:		
• OLMC	Pat McFadden	593-0238
• St. Jerome	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
• OLQP		
Family Director	Louis Federico	870-0573
Community Director	Joe O'Brien	593-1141
Life Director	Steve Taylor	869-2952
Youth Chairman	TBD	
Youth Outreach	TBD	
Communications Dir.	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Photographers	Marty Gorgen	
	Angelo Cavone	469-8303
Health Services	Dan Baker	713-4571
Vocations Chairman	Ted Mauch	282-8519
Public Relations	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Knightly News Editor	Garth Hallenbeck	602-3913
Recruitment Chair	Bill Johnson	309-1135
Retentions Chairman	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852
Insurance Promotion	Todd Curtis	254-1420
KOVAR Co-Chairmen:		

• OLMC	Jessie Powell	254-2181
• St. Jerome	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
KCIC Chairman	Clem Danish	877-2751
Charities	Jim Hooker	596-4765
Adopt-A-Spot	Alberto Rios	814-5393
Boy Scout Liaison	Jon Edwards	876-8386
Nocturnal Adoration	TBD	
Widows and Orphans	Clem Danish	877-2751
Sick and Distressed	Clem Danish	877-2751
Scheduling	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
District Deputy	Louis Federico	870-0573
District Warden	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Food Service	Jessie Powell	254-2181
Church Bulletins:		
• OLMC	Carla Johnson	595-0385
• St. Jerome	Andrew Buckles	877-5021
• St. Vincent de Paul	Jeannie Klump	245-4234
• OLQP		764-8582

VA STATE COUNCIL OFFICIALS FROM 5480:

District Deputy	Louis Federico	870-0573
Warden	Rick Schirm	310-3242
Warden	Juan Rodriguez	

5480 CLUB, INC:

President	Kevin Konouck	602-2179
Vice President	Jessie Powell	254-2181
Secretary	Harold Hairston	877-1566
Treasurer	John Edwards	876-8386
Past President	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
Grand Knight	Ted Mauch	282-8519
Faithful Navigator	Steve Taylor	869-2952
Directors:		
• 3 Year	Louis Federico	870-0573
• 3 Year	Steve Chipman	707-303-5852
• 2 Year	Steve Taylor	869-2952
• 2 Year	Joe O'Brien	593-1141
• 1 Year	Carroll Kelley	877-4865
• 1 Year	Reco Cotton	508-1398
Chairmen:		
• Buildings/Grounds	Alberto Rios	814-5393
• Lounge Manager	George Koch	660-1049
• Rental Agent	Bernie Gerlach	877-0126
• Kitchen Manager	Jessie Powell	254-2181



Happy St. Valentine's Day

Love is in the air! We spend a lot of time thinking about our *loved* ones during the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day. Technically, it's St. Valentine's Day, originally the feast day of a Roman saint from the third century. There is much speculation about the origins of the feast and even some discussion about the identity of the saint. We do know that this St. Valentine was martyred on 14 February 269 and the feast day was instituted by Pope Gelasius I in 496. But how did St. Valentine, a martyr, come to be associated with *love* and romance? Again, there is much speculation and one popular story is that he cured the blind daughter of his jailer. Before he was led off to his death, he wrote her a note and signed it "Your Valentine."

Unlike St. Valentine, most of us are not called to martyrdom, but we do think about our *loved* ones...and we write *love* notes and send greeting cards. Gifts are commonly given to the ones we *love*. But have you ever considered some special gifts for the ones you *love*?

That's what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they *love* someone. I bought life insurance because I *love* my wife and children. If I'm not here to provide for them, I want to make sure they can remain in our home we *love*; I want to make sure my children will have the means available to attend their college of their choice; and I want my family to continue to live the lifestyle I've been so fortunate to provide. My policies even have living benefits that we can enjoy while I'm still here!

Something else I did out of *love* for my family was purchase a Disability Income Insurance policy, to ensure that if I am sick, hurt or unable to work, my family will still have income provided from the policy to cover the bills and essentials.

I've been able to provide a protection mechanism for my family, but sometime down the road closer to retirement, I'll use assets I've accumulated in my protection plan and retire. The final piece of our puzzle that needed addressing was Long Term Care Insurance. These policies ensure that our assets are protected in case we have an extended care event. I won't have to spend down all that I've saved to pay for care...I've shifted that risk exclusively to the Knights. My retirement annuities will help my wife and me enjoy our golden years. With a lifetime minimum interest rate guarantee I know I'll always be in the black with my accounts.

For those of you who are more risk takers and *love* the stock market, we have our investments through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. These funds are market driven and can potentially produce a higher rate of return. Remember, the stock market is not guaranteed. As with everything in our portfolio, they are Catholic centric... imagine that! Investing in the market AND still maintaining your Catholic Beliefs with the Knights of Columbus can be a reality.

Our insurance products that we have available are centered around protection; protection for me, protection for my family, and protection for what I've been able to save. Is your protection where you want it to be for your *loved* ones?

At this Valentine's Day, let's sit down and see where you and your family stand. Make sure you have insured your *love*. Go ahead and buy that greeting card, write her a *love* note...maybe even get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses. But remember, the gift of protection will be there when it's needed most.

With all that said, don't hesitate to call on us for a consultation, whether at our office (over a coffee) or virtually with Microsoft Teams. We are here to assist in developing a *love* filled protection plan for you and your family.

God Bless!

Todd Curtis, FIC, MDRT
Office phone: (757) 254-1420
11815 Fountain Way, Suite 300
Newport News, VA 23606

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