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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

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From the Faithful Navigator…

Faithful Sir Knights,

It is wonderful to see faithful works continue to abound. Sir Knights conducted a beautiful presentation of Colors and sang the National Anthem at Knights Night at the Tides. Sir Knights and family cleaned headstones at the Albert Horton Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. And we held another monthly birthday celebration and another monthly bingo event at the Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center.

For September, we recognized one of our new Sir Knights, SK Scott Weigel as Sir Knight of the Month. Scott was disappointed that weather had interrupted our annual Memorial Day gravesite visitations that honored our deceased brother Sir Knights. So he suggested offering our support to the annual National Day of Service, with a local location at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, and that he would gladly lead our participation. This event is aligned with memorials for 9/11. It is a new event for us, and it was a dirty job to clean headstones, but Scott gathered five brothers and family to join about 60 other volunteers for this service to our deceased veterans.

Please join us on October 23rd and sign up for the Chaplains' Appreciation Dinner to honor our local military chaplains. It is open to all Knights and the only cost to you is a dish of food to share.

Read details about all of our activities below.

Vivat Jesus,
Wayne Phelps, FN

Knights Night at the Tides - On Saturday, 5 September 2026, two members of Fr. Habets Assembly #1505 (PFN John Garcia and SK Tom Wenthe) joined with 8 Sir Knights from Father O'Keefe Assembly #1162 (Norfolk) and 1 Sir Knight from John P. Washington Assembly #2184 (Yorktown), to present the Colors at the Norfolk Tides AAA baseball game under the direction of Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton. PFN Joe Burns (CCC, #1505) sang the National Anthem. Over 8,000 were in attendance.

Regional Color Corps present the Colors {top photo} and PFN Joe Burns (CCC) sings the National Anthem at the Norfolk Tides Baseball Game {bottom photo}

National Day of Service support was completed on 9/12 at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. This is a new event for the Assembly and labor intensive one (cleaning headstones), and it gave us satisfaction of finding another way to honor our deceased veterans. SK Scott Weigel had lead a group of five brothers and family to join about 60 volunteers for this service: SK Scott Weigel, F.Captain Tom Wenthe, SK/WGK Greg Cavanaugh and Lady Jan Cavanaugh, and F.Scribe Steve Coughlin.

Virginia November General Election – We have a General election on Tuesday 3 November 2026. Early in-person voting began 18 September. In addition to electing U.S. Congressional Representatives, and a Senator, and other elected persons depending on your location, we will also vote on three ballot initiatives. The 31 August issue of the Catholic Virginian addressed the ballot initiatives, which are summarized below:

Type	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment	Race and ethnicity issues; Family-related policy; LGBTQ issues; Constitutional rights; Sex and gender issues	Repeal the provision defining marriage as between one man and one woman and prohibit the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons based on sex, gender, or race
LRCA	Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment	Constitutional rights; Abortion policy	Provide a state constitutional right to reproductive freedom, defined as "the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy"
LRCA	Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Upon Release Amendment	Voting rights for persons with criminal convictions; Constitutional rights	Provide that persons convicted of felonies have their voting rights restored upon release from incarceration

More ballot information can be found at the link below:

https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

https://ballotpedia.org/2026_ballot_measures#List_of_state_ballot_measures

Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center - DVS (Department of Veteran Services) formerly VAVS – Our assembly visits the Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach to play Bingo with the residents the first Thursday at 10:30 AM, and on the last Thursday at 2 PM for a birthday celebration at 2 PM. If you would like to participate, contact PFNs Glenn Rodriguez (gboy23454@gmail.com or 757-635-0061) or Stan Schnell (swschnell@cox.net or 757-618-7793).

Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner – We will gather on 23 October 2026 to honor and thank our military Chaplains and local priests for their service to our military service members and their families. Our event is at the Columbian Club with the Social beginning at 6 PM and dinner about 7:10 PM. Our guest speaker will be the Military Archbishop Judicial Vicar Fr. Chris Pallandino. Twelve priests are expected to attend. This is a potluck event (no tickets). Please plan to attend, and sign up on the website

at https://www.kofc1505assembly.org/events.html (or contact Faithful Pilot Chris Miele at pilot@kofc1505assembly.org). And please note, we rent the facilities and no-shows can cost the assembly, so keep us posted on your plans to attend.

Special Olympics – The 2026 Special Olympics Fall Championship will be held in Virginia Beach on 7 and 8 November 2026. The opening Ceremony will be at the Virginia Beach Sports Center on 19th Street on Saturday 7 November beginning at 7 PM. We need Sir Knights in ORD for the Color Guard and Honor Guard. There are seven athletic events (Bowling, Volleyball, Bocce, Golf, Soccer, Roller Skating and Pickle Ball and five hotels where Knights will help serve the Saturday dinner to the athletes and their families. Your Gand Knights have the details for event location. Please consider helping your council, or another council with their event.

Sir Knight of the Month for August – Faithful Navigator Wayne Phelps presented the Sir Knight of the Month award to SK Scott Weigel for leading the Assembly's support to the National Day of Service event.

Birthday Wishes to…

Happy Birthday to our brother Sir Knights born in October:

Michael Alba
John Byzewski
Christian Chenard
Herman Dennis
Michael Durham
Christopher Forman
Joseph Grillo
Jack Harmon
David Hicks
Richard Langlands
James Maher
Angelo Mele
Daniel Peterson
Manny Ramos

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 this link: https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html

Would Your Wife like to Receive Assembly Updates? Our Member Management system allows for three email addresses per Sir Knight. If your wife would like to receive assembly communications—such as the monthly Flag, Sword and Cross newsletter, meeting reminders, and event notices—please share her email address with the Faithful Navigator or Comptroller so we can add it to our system. Stay connected.

From the Color Corps Commander…

Official Regalia Dress (ORD) – Assembly members not currently owning the ORD are encouraged to consider purchasing the ORD. The ORD makes the 4th Degree more visible to the community / public. Having the ORD allows you to participate more fully in church and patriotic events in the Honor Guard and Color Guard of the Color Corps.

Completed CC Events:

- Presentation of Colors at Norfolk Tides
- Singing of National Anthem at Norfolk Tides
- Presentation of Colors & Honor Guard - PGK Dinner - Father Habets Assembly #4632 - September 26

Upcoming CC Events:

- Columbus Day Wreath Laying Ceremony - Union Square in New York City & Lunch at Dubliner Restaurant - October 12 - Registration is Required at https://tinyurl.com/muuhtd2h - Provincial/Supreme Event
- Presentation of Colors & Honor Guard - Chaplains Appreciation Dinner - October 23 at Columbian Club - 5 needed - muster time 6:00 PM
- Special Olympics Opening Ceremony - November 7 - Virginia Beach Sports Center - muster time 6:00 PM - This is a regional and possibly a statewide Color Corps activity. Last year, both the Master and Marshall were present. As many CC members as can attend are requested.
- The Chosen Ministry - November 9 at Church of the Holy Family - more information to follow - need 5 SKs in ORD
- Veterans Day Parade - November 11 at Virginia Beach Conference Center - ALL Sir Knights should participate as we are the Patriotic Degree of the Order - Regional Event - Color Guard to carry the colors at the front; Color Corps - all SKs in ORD with swords; Sir Knights in NSDU; Santa Maria; all other Knights in Council/Assembly Shirts - muster time 07:45 AM

Fourth Degree Event Attire and Lapel Pin - SKs need to be aware of appropriate attire and lapel pins for official Fourth Degree Events. Our nice dinner events like the PFN dinner and the upcoming Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner are this kind of event. If you have the ORD, that is the attire for the event - no baldric, beret, gloves, or sword (unless participating in CG/HG for the event). The NSDU is appropriate if you don't have the ORD - dark suit, white shirt (no button-down collars or cuffs), black dress shoes and socks, and conservative tie. As for lapel pins, only the PG113 pin (the Fourth-Degree Pin) should be worn on the lapel. State pins and other lapel pins are not authorized. If you are a sitting officer, you may wear your current jewel of office (council or assembly) - the ribbon should be under the collar. If wearing the service baldric, shorten the ribbon behind the collar so the jewel will rest above the baldric. Please contact the Color Corps Commander (cc1505@vakofc.org) with any questions.

Calendar of upcoming Assembly events

KofC ASM 1505 Calendar for FY 2026-2027 (as of 20260920)		
Start Date	Start Time	Event
10/1/2026	10:30	Vets Bingo Game, Jones & Cabacoy Vet Care Center, VB
10/2/2026	19:00	Casino event & Santa Maria float fundraiser, Williamsburg, VA
10/3/2026		Va Council Fall Quarterly Meeting - Henrico, VA, host is Council 14129
10/12/2026		*Columbus Day - Fly the Flag*
10/17/2026		Honor Flight
10/23/2026	18:00	Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner – Columbian Club; 6 PM
10/26/2026	18:30	ASM Officer's Meeting - Columbian Club at 6:30 PM
10/28/2026	19:00	ASM Business Meeting - Holy Family - Rosary 7pm, Meeting 7:30 PM
10/30/2026	14:30	Vets Birthday Celebration, Jones & Cabacoy Vet Care Center, VB
11/1/2026		*All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation*
11/2/2026		*All Souls Day*
11/3/2026		*Election Day – VOTE*
11/5/2026	10:30	Vets Bingo Game, Jones & Cabacoy Vet Care Center, VB
11/7/2026	19:15	Regional CC @ Special Olympics Opening Ceremony – VB Sports Center, 7:15PM
11/9/2026		CC for The Chosen at Holy Family - TBD
11/11/2026	8:00	Veterans Day Parade at the Oceanfront
11/11/2026		*Veterans Day - Fly the Flag*
11/14/2026		Exemplification at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Great Falls, VA
11/23/2026	18:30	ASM Officer's Meeting - Columbian Club, 6:30pm
11/24/2026	19:00	ASM Business Meeting - Columbian Club - Rosary 7pm, Meeting 7:30 PM
11/26/2026		*Thanksgiving Day - Fly the Flag*
11/27/2026	14:30	Vets Birthday Celebration, Jones & Cabacoy Vet Care Center, VB