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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

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From the Faithful Navigator…

Faithful Sir Knights,

We completed yet another busy and awesome month. The highlight was the celebration of our military Chaplains and priests last Friday. Very Reverend Father "Chris" Palladino from the Archdiocese of Military Services joined us on behalf of Archbishop Broglio. We also welcomed Fr. Krzysztof Kuczynski, LT, CHC, USN (Norfolk Navy Base), and six local priests: Msgr Francis Muench, Fr. Eric Baffour Asamoah (St. Mark), Fr. Dr. Felix Rex Amofa (St. John The Apostle), Fr. Zaverio Banasula (St. Nicholas), Fr. Anthony Mpungu (Holy Spirit), and Fr. Francisco Whittaker (St Gregory). Worthy State Treasurer Anthony Hall, with his lovely Lady Earnestine, represented Worthy State Deputy John Knox. And Faithful Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton, with his Lady Cindy, represented our Faithful District Master. With dedicated support by the event committee, led by Faithful Pilot Chris Miele, the event was a huge success.

We provided Color Corps support for Council 4632's PGK Dinner and we assisted at their casino fundraiser event in Williamsburg (for the Santa Maria Float renovations). Our VAVS Committee completed monthly bingo and birthday celebrations at the Va DVS Jones & Cabacoy Vets Care Center.

Coming up in November, we look forward to the Regional Special Olympics Opening Ceremony, The Chosen Ministries at Holy Family, and the Veterans' Day Parade.

Don't forget to VOTE.

Still want to get involved, but can't decide where? Please contact me. We have lots of opportunities, big and small, depending upon your talents and time. Read our newsletter herein, and visit our website for the latest calendar, photos and other details.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

God bless,
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No December Meeting - There is no assembly officer or business meeting in December – We will enjoy the Christmas season with a Christmas Social at the Columbian Club. Details are provided later in this newsletter.

Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner – We gathered together 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. Nine priests were in attendance, including Father Chris Palladino, Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese for Military Service of the United States, with State Treasurer Anthony Hall representing the State Deputy, and Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton, representing the District Master. Fifty-nine Sir Knights and ladies were present.

Faithful Navigator Wayne Phelps and Faithful Captain Tom Wenthe with our special guest Chaplains and priests

Left to right: Cutting the Ceremonial Cake - Father Chris Palladino (Judicial Vicor), State Treasurer Anthony Hall, Faithful Navigator Wayne Phelps and Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton

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, which are summarized below:

https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

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

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

The Catholic Virginian addressed the above issues.

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, Volley Ball, 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 Grand Knights have the details for event location. Please consider heling your council, or another council with their event.

Christmas Social – Our assembly will host a Christmas Social on Saturday, 19 December 2026 at the Columbian Club. Please RSVP to the Faithful Navigator (fn1505@vakofc.org) or

Captain (thomaswenthe@hotmail.com) if you will attend. The event will be catered. Tickets are $30 per couple.

Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center - DVS (Virginia Department of Veteran Services)– 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).

New Sir Knights Dinner – Our assembly will formally welcome our New Sir Knights and their ladies from the 2026 Exemplifications in a dinner on Saturday, 16 January 2027. All assembly members are welcome to attend. The event will be catered with tickets at $30 per couple. Please RSVP to the Faithful Navigator (fn1505@vakofc.org) or Captain (thomaswenthe@hotmail.com).

Sir Knight of the Month for September – Faithful Navigator Wayne Phelps presented the Sir Knight of the Month for September award to Faithful Pilot Chris Miele for organizing a very successful Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner. Well done!

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

Birthday Wishes to…

Happy Birthday to our brother Sir Knights born in November:

Cecil Barfield
John Filipiak
Paolo Girardi
Jacob Harper
James Henry
Doug Huling
Christopher Kaczmarek
Michael King
John Kren
Thomas Lundquist
James Moran
Philip Robillard
Louis Romano
George Sorrentino
Kenneth Virgilio
Robert West
Kenneth White
James Wilson
Stephen Zeeryp

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.

Would Your Wife like to Receive Assembly Updates? Our Member Management system allows up to 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 of Comptroller so we can add it to our system. Stay connected.

Completed Events:

- Color Guard and Honor Guard for Fr. Habets 4632 PGK dinner
- Chalice Ceremony for PFN Dan Foley
- Presentation of Colors & Honor Guard - Chaplains Appreciation Dinner

Upcoming Events:

- Special Olympics Opening Ceremony - November 7 - Virginia Beach Sports Center - muster time 6:00 PM - This is a regional and possibly a state wide 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

Father Habets Assembly 1505 Calendar

November ~

1 All Saints Day
2 All Souls' Day – attend Mass
3 Election Day – VOTE
5 DVS BINGO – Jone & Cabacoy Veterans Center – 10:30 AM
7 Special Olympics Fall Championship Day 1 – Opening Ceremony – VA Beach Sports Center
8 Special Olympics Fall Championship Day 2
9 The Chosen at Holy Family – Color Corp event
11 Veterans Day Parade – Oceanfront
14 Fourth Degree Exemplification – Springvale, VA
23 Assembly Officers Meeting – Columbian club – 6:30 PM
24 Assembly Business Meeting – Columbian club – 7 PM
26 Thanksgiving Day
27 Vet's Birthday Celebration - Jone & Cabacoy Veterans Center – 2:00 PM

Looking Ahead:

December ~ (No Assembly Business Meeting in December)

3 DVS BINGO – Jone & Cabacoy Veterans Center – 10:30 AM
12 Wreaths Across America - All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Portsmouth, VA
14 Fish Fry planning meeting – 6:30 PM – Columbian Club
19 Assembly Christmas Social – 6 PM, Columbian Club
24 Christmas Eve – Attend Mass
25 Christmas Day – Attend Mass
31 New Year's Eve

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.