Knights of Columbus
Virginia District
Holy Trinity Assembly 2520
(established 04 February 1998)

Council Affiliates:

Fr. Widmer Council 7877 – Stafford
Potomac Council 9259 – Triangle
Fr. Capodanno Council 11958 – Quantico

Faithful Navigator: SK David Thoma
Comptroller: SK Paul Prebilic
Color Corps Cdr: SK Dean Hill, PFN

Sir Knight Grill Night – Past Faithful Navigator Dinner

On 06 October, we held our annual Sir Knight Grill Night and Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) dinner. Reverend Nicholas Schierer and Reverend Alfredo Tuesta joined us. PFN Dean Hill received his outgoing gifts from the Assembly. We also celebrated Reverend Schierer's birthday. All photographs of the night are posted on our Assembly website.





Columbus Day

On 12 October, Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 was represented at the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus statue at Union Station, Washington, DC. Photographs of the event are posted on our Assembly website.



Sir Knights in Action

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03 November the Assembly will meet at Father Widmer Council Home (behind Saint William of York Catholic Church, Stafford, VA). Meeting will begin at 7PM in person. Faithful Captain Enrique Cancel will lead the meeting as the Faithful Navigator will be participating in civic responsibility as Precinct Chief Election Official for the General Elections. Please get out and vote NO against the Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage.

11 November – Veterans Day

11 November the Assembly will be conducting our first Flag Retirement ceremony at 12 PM at Father Widmer Council Home (behind Saint William of York Catholic Church, Stafford, VA). We have collected over 100 U.S. Flags for this event. Color Corps team will be needed, at least three members, to arrive approximately 1130AM.

14 November will be the next Patriotic Exemplification at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1020 Springvale Road, Great Falls, Virginia. Congratulations to the below Knights that have signed up to be exemplified in the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus.

- Orion Bennett
- David Grinnan
- Thomas Sudbeck
- Michael Whitlock

26 November – Thanksgiving

29 November – 1st Sunday of Advent

Color Corps Training

All Color Corps members are asked to attend Color Corp training on the below dates in preparation for Flag Retirement Ceremony on 11 November, Confirmation masses on 12 December 2026, and Virginia State Council Mid-Year meeting on 09 January 2027. Worthy Color Corps Commander Dean Hill will lead the training from 10 – 11 AM.

- 14 November at Father Widmer Council 7877 council home
- 19 December at St. William of York Catholic Church in the parish center

Did you know

In April 1951 the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors mandated assemblies include “under God” when reciting the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, three years before the change is passed into law.

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November Birthdays

Congratulations to the below Sir Knights having a birthday in November.

Robert Ghormley	Paul Jacobsmeyer	Alan Arena
Michael Ferry	Paul Johnson	William Lusk
Michael Buckley	Ramon Esteban DeLeon	

November Anniversary's

Congratulations to the below Sir Knights celebrating a wedding anniversary in November.

William Emerson III	Clarence Thompson	Michael Higgins
James Christian	Bruce Denault	Victor Badami

Supreme Master's Report

I still remember when the Tennessee State Deputy sword was passed to me by the outgoing State Deputy Tracy Staller. Upon receiving it, I expressed my gratitude for Tennessee's confidence in me, promised to do the best I could, and assured my brother Knights that I would always put the needs of the state council before my own. Then, I turned to the assembled state officers and district deputies and added, "This sword is only mine for a short time. In fact, it does not belong to me at all. It is merely entrusted to me for the time God has allotted in my life to serve in this role. It is not mine. It will never be mine, but it belongs to something greater than all of us. It is a sacred trust."

Looking back to that day in 2019, I never imagined that one day I would go on to lead the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus as your Supreme Master. It has been the great honor of my life, and I hope that I have served you well.

In the past three years and eight months, the Fourth Degree has grown by approximately 5,000 Sir Knights. On February 22, 2025, the Fourth Degree marked its 125th Anniversary with the premiere of the Revised Exemplification of Patriotism at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, where 2,500 people gathered to witness the knighting of 645 Sir Knights. On that same day, a statue of Blessed Michael McGivney — made possible by a gift of the Fourth Degree — was dedicated in St. Patrick's. Today, the statue proudly stands in the St. Joseph Chapel, honoring America's Parish Priest in America's Parish Church.

More recently on this past October 12th, more than 200 Sir Knights from around the United States gathered in New York to participate in the 82nd Annual Columbus Day Parade, led by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

The number of provinces have grown to 22 with the establishment of the Fr. Willmann Province in the Philippines, and the total number of districts now stands at 136. In the past 20 years, the Fourth

Degree has grown by nearly 73,000 members. It has increased by approximately 15,000 members since 2019, when the new uniform was introduced.

During this term of office, this monthly newsletter was developed for the benefit of the Order. Volunteer Fourth Degree Directors were added to the staff to help foster training, recruitment, communications, programming, new assembly development, and ceremonials, which has led to regular communication through monthly VSM meetings and quarterly training.

In short, the Fourth Degree is alive and well. In fact, it is thriving, and that has everything to do with all of you, my fellow Sir Knights. Without your dedication, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for each and every one of you.

Now, I am excited to announce that Supreme Director Jeffrey M. Crouch (PSD – South Carolina) will serve as the 16th Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree beginning November 1st. Jeff is an incredible brother Knight, and I am proud to call him my friend. He will do amazing things as the head of the Fourth Degree. My warmest congratulations to Jeff, his wife, Rebecca, and their two amazing daughters, Edith and Helen. I am so excited for them to begin this new journey in the service of the Order, the Church, and Our Lord.

I want to also express my deep love and gratitude to my Theresa, and our amazing children: Madeleine, Sir Knight Joseph, and Meredith. It has been such a privilege to have you by my side during my time in office.

In closing, I thank our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the Supreme Officers, and Supreme Directors for their confidence in me. I pray I have served you well in the Fourth Degree, and I look forward to continuing my service to the Order as Senior Vice President of Fraternal Mission.

Remember always, Sir Knights, that a true patriot is the individual who recognizes that they are a son of God, created for a purpose to love and serve their country by showing respect and love for all its citizens, while recognizing that we are all called to the service of our true country, far beyond this world.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael McCusker
Supreme Master