

Father Widmer #7877, St. William of York Catholic Church

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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Dan Bolas, Grand Knight

“DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE DONE”

1st Principle of the Knights

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

This quarter we need to accomplish a 100% audit of all #7877 Knights to ensure we know how to maintain communications, and ensure each Knight has a current membership card and name tag.

Jesus Lives – “Vivat Jesus”

Special In this issue: **“REFLECTIONS”** – by Father David Dufresne,
Member of Fr. Widmer Council #7877, since 2003

The first 40 days upon becoming a Priest.



Father David Dufresne was born in 1982 and raised in Denver Colorado. In 2003 he moved to Stafford to work in the pro-life movement shortly after being received into the Catholic Church and joining the Knights of Columbus. In 2005 he started to work at St. William as the coordinator of youth ministry. He was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Arlington in 2007. He first attended Pontifical College Josephinum and completed his formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. **He was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ on 7 June 2014.**

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“REFLECTIONS” - The first 40 days upon becoming a Priest

Being a priest is amazing! There is apparently a honey-moon phase for a newly ordained- and it hasn't worn off yet. The late Cardinal Foley famously said that he has not had one bad day as a priest. Certainly he has had bad days, but not because he was a priest. I think there is some real wisdom in that saying. When we discern our vocation well and follow the Lord closely, we cannot fail.

Husbands and wives can certainly have bad days - but not because they are married. In fact, it will be the grace of our vocation that gets us through the tough moments.

A great sense of gratitude has permeated the first few months of my priesthood. There is so much hope in the Church right now. The formation that I was able to experience is arguably some of the best that the Church has ever offered. The freedom that we have as Catholics, despite the gravely serious threats, is remarkable. It seems that the powers of good and evil are reaching an impasse in our culture. Any student of history knows that Christ and His Church will triumph in the end. It is a very exciting time to be a Catholic in America.

I am really grateful for the formation that I received. Yet, attending class comprised only a fraction of my training. The summer assignments, the prayer, and the various forms of support that I received along the way really help to sustain me and grant me the motivation to continue.

The summer assignments are essential to the formation process. Seminarians get to interact with priests at a very close level, enter into the lives of family in a unique way, and experience parish life from a point of view that few are afforded.

While every parish was different, one thing that stuck out to me was what a force for good the Knights of Columbus can be. Amazing things happen when solid Catholic men lead and serve their families and their parishes. There seems to be a crisis of authentic masculinity in our culture and the Knights are in unique position to help remedy the problem. Working with the Knights at my current assignment is one of the great joys of my priesthood.

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The top joy, however, has to be the ability to be a vehicle of God's grace in the Holy Sacraments! I wake up every morning on my knees and thank God for the great gift of being able to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and forgive sins in His name. I reminded daily that I am not a priest for myself- but for others. In this way the priest and the Knights of his parish are to work closely - both called to lay down their own lives in service for the other. Vivat Jesu!

Father David Dufresne
Parochial Vicar of
St. Leo the Great

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Business and Program meeting are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month with Rosary at 7 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. (**8 October, 12 November and 10 December**). Officers meet at 6:30 p.m.

3-4-5 Oct – KOVAR collections at St. William of York and Stafford Businesses

Pancake Breakfast after all morning masses– **5 Oct, 16 Nov and 7 Dec**

14 Oct – Guest Speaker – “Protestant Reformation...or Revolution” Steve Weidenkoft, 7 p.m., SWOY parish center

17 Oct – Fish Fry – need volunteers, set up/cooking 3:30 p.m., serving 5-7 p.m.

22 Oct – 1st Degree ceremony - for initiation of new Knights, 7:30 p.m.

25 Oct – Aquia Field Mass – if you have not attended, it's highly recommended.

Muffin Sunday by the Margaret Ladies -26 Oct and 23 Nov – homemade desserts made with tender loving care!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Past Grand Knight and Honorary & Honorary Life
Appreciation Dinner – 28 Dec, starting promptly at 6 p.m. Limited seating.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – KCIC Program”

Special Christmas Cards, candles and wreaths will be on sale starting in November. Plan now to support this program. Contact - Bill Emond.

If interested, Council #7877 may host a **“Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14.** Let us know, if interested, in hosting, participating and judging. Posters should be completed by December 15, and the council judging should take place by December 31.

2014 Annual Memorial Mass and Corporate Communion



3 August - Highly successful event with over 50 Knights and family members joined by 500 parishioners to honor 12 Knights added to our honor board and joining in joyful celebration with Father DeMartino.

Names added to the Memorial Board: Walter Abbott, Robert Bradley (Charter), John Brady, Rondal Chorzempa, David Furnett, George Keidel Jr., James Pirtle, Abe Sampogna (Charter), Earl Smith, Alfried Spada (Charter), Stephen Woolls, Jr. (Charter) and Joseph Duffy.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

KNIGHT of the Month - July, August & September

Father David Dufresne, Shawn Orban & Miguel Rivera

FAMILY of the Month

July - Santana Family

August – Devino Family

September – Rivera Family



WHY I JOINED THE KNIGHTS

My name is Shawn Orban, I am currently in the United States Air Force stationed in the National Capital Region and living in Stafford Virginia. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife, and five beautiful children from ages four months to 18 years old. The Air Force has moved us from one end of the United States to the other over the past 23 years. When I received orders to the National Capital Region we knew we were in for another great new adventure.

We were so blessed to find St William of York Church. Our relationship with Jesus Christ as individuals, and as a family, has continued to grow closer since we arrived. Another blessing for us has been making the Fr. Widmer Council 7877 my new Fraternity of Brothers. Initially I joined the Knights of Columbus as a way to develop a fuller sense of comradery with the men of my Church, in an environment where I can talk openly about the dignity of the person, the fullness of marriage, and the ways to Love as a Father of five should. What I soon found out led to much more. (Continued next page)

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WHY I JOINED THE KNIGHTS by Shawn Orban,(continued)

Our assignment in Virginia was different than previous assignments. In previous assignments we lived on the base where there is a common closeness among fellow airmen. I found a certain aspect of this missing here in Virginia until I joined the KoC. In the past I have always avoided joining the Knights because I felt it was another activity I just didn't have time for. What I failed to realize is that the Knights provided an environment which allowed for natural synergy between furthering my relationship with Jesus, developing a fuller relationship with my wife, and spending time raising my family in the practice of our faith. The Fr. Widmer council has specifically helped create these "synergies" through programs like pancake breakfasts, family picnics, charities, and the outdoors men's group. Additionally, the knights team up with other groups in the church to help support activities like the annual International Faith Festival, a host of Youth athletic programs, and St William of York Catholic School activities.

Today's fast paced environment we live in draws on a fathers precious time. He wants to provide for his family and he wants to spend as much precious time with his wife and children as he can serving them as he serves the Lord. I must constantly check that I am prioritizing God, wife and family in that order above all and the Knights help me do that. It has been about 6 months since I joined the Knights at council 7877. The comradery with my fellow knights has steadily increased and is only getting better. It has filled the aspect of fraternity that I was missing while further developing my closeness to our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank You so much Council 7877 and May God Bless the Knights of Columbus and their families.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR COUNCIL #7877

Our webpage is at <http://www.staffordknights.org/>

Contact us at: <http://www.staffordknights.org/contact.php>

Facebook Page: KofC7877 <http://www.facebook.com/mobileprotection>

We need all KNIGHTS to VOLUNTEER some time and effort –

“CHARITY” is the first principle of being a Knight.

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Aquia Field Mass, 25 Oct 2014



The Knights of Columbus Father Widmer Council extend an open invitation to the Aquia Field Mass on Saturday, October 25, 2014, in the historic Brent Family Cemetery near St. William of York Catholic Church in Stafford, Virginia. The annual field Mass commemorates all the faithful departed, especially the Brents, the first Catholic settlers in Virginia. We will begin at 11:00 AM at the cemetery just past the roadside Crucifix Memorial on U.S. Route 1 just north of Aquia Creek. The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond erected the Crucifix Memorial in 1930. In the event of inclement weather, a remembrance ceremony will be celebrated in St. William of York parish center. We'll conclude with a luncheon reception and fellowship in the St. William of York Church Center.

LET US KNOW - The programs and activities YOU will participate this year! We support Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth.

The Margaret Ladies Auxiliary promotes the Women of the Parish, supports the Culture of Life and Education. Open to all Women of the parish. Contact Deb at dan3e457@aol.com

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2014-2015 DEGREE SCHEDULE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	4034	7812	7877	10246	12434	13599	
	Fredericksburg	Holy Trinity	Fr. Widmer	Battlefield	Bishop Keating	St. Jude	
1st Degree	9-Aug			12-Aug	6-Aug	5-Aug	
1st Degree		16-Sep					
1st Degree	4-Oct		22-Oct	14-Oct	9-Oct	7-Oct	
1st Degree		18-Nov					
1st Degree	6-Dec			9-Dec	11-Dec	2-Dec	
1st Degree		20-Jan	28-Jan				
1st Degree	7-Feb	17-Feb		10-Feb	12-Feb	3-Feb	
1st Degree			25-Mar				
1st Degree	4-Apr	21-Apr		14-Apr	9-Apr	14-Apr	
1st Degree		19-May	27-May				
1st Degree	6-Jun			9-Jun	11-Jun		
	4034	Fredericksburg					
2nd Degree	13-Sep						
2nd Degree	13-Dec						
2nd Degree	7-Mar						
2nd Degree	6-Jun						
3rd Degree	Glen Allen #11172	Alexandria #5998	Orange #13860	VA Beach #13467	Newport News #5480	Burke #7992	Warrenton #5561
3rd Degree	23-Aug	27-Sep	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	15-Nov	6-Dec
3rd Degree	Fairfax #6962	Ashburn #15256	Arlington #2473	Stafford #7877	Hampton #511	Norfolk #367	VA Beach #9056
3rd Degree	31-Jan	7-Feb	8-Mar	28-Mar	11-Apr	25-Apr	16-May
3rd Degree	Richmond #6456	Manassas #5332					
3rd Degree	6-Jun	27-Jun					
		Council #	Council Name	address			
		4034	Fredericksburg	4724 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22404			
		7812	Holy Trinity	10299 Millbank Rd, King George, VA 22484			
		7877	Fr. Widmer	3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554			
		10246	Battlefield	9149 Ely's Ford Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407			
		12434	Bishop Keating	8200 Robert E. Lee Dr., Spotsylvania, VA 22553			
		13599	St. Jude	4724 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22404			
Richmond	4TH DEGREE	11/1/2014					

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

27 SEPTEMBER, 9-12 a.m. – SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls in our community, ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Winners progress to the district, regional, state and international levels. For more information see the Sunday Bulletin or the contact the Youth Director, Shawn Orban at F22Tyndall@yahoo.com

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Member Responsibilities – Recruiting & Retaining a New Member

By Darrel Vidrine, Membership Director

Proposing a new member is a commendable achievement and one to be proud of. However, as a proposer, turning over a completed Membership Document (#100) is not the end of the job. You must also take the responsibility to see that your recruit becomes fully accepted by his fellow council members and stays involved in council activities. There are several steps you can take to ensure this.

- After he has been accepted, escort him to his First Degree and remain with him throughout the event. Following the exemplification, introduce him to his fellow council members.
- Take the newly initiated member and his family "under your wing". See that he learns council procedures, such as meeting times, committee assignments, etc. Introduce him and his family at council events. Encourage him to involve his family in council-sponsored activities.
- Accompany your recruit to his Second Degree and Third Degree exemplifications and stay with him throughout the day.
- Contact him before each council meeting and bring him to the meeting if necessary. If the new member becomes inactive for some reason, try to find out why. Call and ask to visit with him. Explain your concern about his absence and offer support or assistance.
- Encourage him to earn "Shining Armor" status within the council.

If the Knight becomes inactive, his proposer should work with the retention committee to find out the reasons for his lapsed interest and try to converse his membership.

With a little personal effort you can help guarantee that your recruit becomes an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus, Fr. Widmer Council #7877
Continuing Education Program
"Protestant Reformation ... or Revolution!!"

On Tuesday, October 14th at 7PM, St. William of York and the Knights of Columbus welcome back Steve Weidenkopf to present ***"Protestant Reformation ... or Revolution!!"***

During this presentation Steve will discuss how early Protestant reformers, such as Martin Luther (1483 –1546) and John Calvin (1509-1564), are incorrectly portrayed, as holy and righteous men who freed the Christian faith from the yoke of an oppressive Papacy.

This is very important to understand the Aquia Field Mass on 25 October and the Brent Family moving to Stafford , Virginia to avoid the Anti-Catholic sentiment in Maryland.

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Steve Weidenkopf, a lecturer of Church history at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College, has previously lectured on the Crusades and the Inquisition at St. William of York, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. For more information contact Phil, (540) 659-1102



***"Protestant Reformation
..... or Revolution!"***

All Knights,
parishioners, and
interested young adults
are warmly invited to
attend Tuesday,
October 14th,
7 pm to -8:30 pm.
Free of charge.



**Knights of Columbus
Guest Speaker**

**Father Robert DeMartino
St. William of York
"20/20"**

**Vision of Stafford County
and the Parish**

Held - 27 Aug 2014

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27 August 2014 – St. William of York Catholic Parish, Stafford, VA – Pastor Father Robert DeMartino presented a vision of the future of Stafford County projected growth and the impact it may have on the St. William of York Catholic parish and the Diocese of Arlington. The anticipated growth projections showed that the current population of 140,000 will increase by at least 50% over the next 10 years. The Parish needs to plan ahead to handle the influx with expansion of current facilities or even the potential of building new facilities on the present or alternate locations to be close to the population centers.

Over 100 Knights and Parishioners attended this outstanding presentation with a desire to continue to obtain updates in the spring 2015. It was an inactive presentation taking many questions on growth, construction plans, financing options, financial conditions of the parish, current Parish demographics and tithing to support present and future operations.

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