

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

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

"The Knightly News"

"DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE DONE"

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

This quarter we need to have 100% of all #7877 Knights to PAY ANNUAL DUES and correct mail, email and telephone numbers. This will ensure each Knight has a current membership card and name tag. Contact the Financial Secretary Tony Devino if you have any changes in your membership information and if you have any difficulties in paying your dues. We have many options available.

Dan Bolas, Grand Knight

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

General Membership 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. (**14 January, 11 February, and 11 March**). Officers meet at 6:30 hrs on 12 Jan, 10 Feb and 10 March.

Pancake Breakfast after all morning masses– **4 Jan, 1 Feb, and 1 Mar** – need volunteers to set up/cook/breakdown – give 1-2 hours so others can attend mass with families.

26 Feb – FRATERNAL BENEFITS REVIEW FOR ALL KNIGHTS AND OTHER CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS. More information below.

13 March – LENTEN Fish Fry – need volunteers, set up/cooking 3:30 p.m., serving 5-7 p.m. This is the most popular Fish Fry with the best quality food and service



Muffin Sunday by the Margaret Ladies –

25 Jan, 22 Feb & 22 Mar –

Homemade desserts made with tender loving care!

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11 Jan 2015 - Religious Freedom Day: 42st Annual Celebration in Fredericksburg - The Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly have sponsored Religious Freedom Day in Fredericksburg on the second Sunday in January since 1974. Held at the Thomas Jefferson Religious Freedom Monument on the Washington Avenue Mall at Pitt Street in Fredericksburg.

Religious Freedom Day - background

January 1777, Thomas Jefferson came to Fredericksburg as part of a committee tasked with revising Virginia's colonial laws. While here, the future president drafted The Virginia Act for Establishing Religious Freedom.

The bill caused much debate and took nine years before passing the Virginia General Assembly on Jan. 16, 1786. The bill was the basis for the religion clause in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The celebration begins at 1:30 p.m. with a parade departing from the Fredericksburg train station, 200 Lafayette Blvd., followed by a ceremony and wreath laying at the monument.

Credited source: <http://patch.com/virginia/fredericksburg/religious-freedom-day-41st-annual-celebration-in-fredericksburg>

March For Life – Thursday, 22 January 2015

The annual **March For Life** in Washington DC. January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, which made abortion on demand at any point in a pregnancy the law of the land. As Virginia Knights we have a special place in the March For Life: **we are the marshals that assist the marchers, organize the start of the march, render first aid, and otherwise assist the March For Life staff.** Your help as a marshal is vitally important to the success of the March.

Please sign up today to help as a marshal using the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/KofC2015MFL>. Then check in at the First Aid RV that will be parked on the National Mall near where 12th Street would cross. Check in time on Thursday, January 22, 2015 is from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM. And dress warmly for the weather!

The Margaret Ladies and Knights of Columbus will host a SOUP SUPPER for the March for Life participants upon their return to SWOY. Please join us for this great FELLOWSHIP!

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DEGREE CEREMONIES

28 Jan – 1st Degree ceremony (#7877) - for initiation of new Knights, 7:30 p.m.

7 Mar – 2nd Degree ceremony (Fredericksburg Council #4034) 4724 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 – Showtime 9:30 a.m., starts 1000 a.m., done by 11:00 a.m.

25 Mar - 1st Degree ceremony (#7877) - for initiation of new Knights, 7:30 p.m.

28 Mar – 3rd Degree Exemplification (#7877) – see below for more information

APRIL 2015 – 4TH DEGREE Exemplification – PATRIOTIC DEGREE. Plan NOW to attend this Northern VA event – Tuxedo or Dress uniform for military, fire fighters/EMTs and Law Enforcement recommended.



NEWEST 2ND Degree Knights in December 2014 ceremony

Walter Lamb, Pat Mooney, Steven Bolas, Christopher Rodriguez, Kenneth Vice, Brian Harris, Charles Diaz, Jacque Chretien, Tom Clasen



OBTAIN FULL KNIGHTHOOD IN 2015



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28 Mar – 3rd Degree Exemplification (#7877) – 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This will be the largest 3rd Degree ceremony held at St. William of York with Knights from all over Virginia attending.

Fr. Widmer #7877 - ALL 1st and 2nd Degree Knights will be reviewed and nominated by the Grand Knight and Officers of Council #7877 to attain this degree in March 2015. There is no waiting time between degrees. All 1st Degree Knights must plan to make the 2nd Degree on 7 March.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

KNIGHT of the Month – October, November & December

Jim Everett, B.J. Donley & Mike McLeese

FAMILY of the Month

October – Robert Merle Family

November – Brian Harris Family

December – B.J. Donley Family

Brother Knights, the men in the choir need your help.

"If you attend the 1030 Mass you will have noticed that the women outnumber the men by at least two to one. We are in need of baritone and tenor voices to balance out the strong soprano and alto voices in the choir. No experience is necessary, nor do you need to be able to read music, you only need to enjoy singing. Contact our choir director Ashleigh Messer at messermd@gmail.com or simply stop by before or after the 1030 Mass. Practices are on Thursday nights and a half hour before Mass on Sunday. You will really enjoy the fellowship we have and the great music we sing." **Dale Kratzer**

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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>

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

Member Responsibilities – Recruiting & Retaining KNIGHTS

If the Knight becomes inactive, EACH KNIGHT 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 fellow KNIGHT becomes an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

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2015 DEGREE SCHEDULE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

You can attend any ceremony that fits your schedule!

1st Degree	4034	7812	7877	10246	12434	13599
	Fredericksburg	Holy Trinity	Fr. Widmer	Battlefield	Bishop Keating	St. Jude
JANUARY		20-Jan	28-Jan			
FEBRUARY	7-Feb	17-Feb		10-Feb	12-Feb	3-Feb
MARCH			25-Mar			
APRIL	4-Apr	21-Apr		14-Apr	9-Apr	14-Apr
MAY		19-May	27-May			
JUNE	6-Jun			9-Jun	11-Jun	

2nd Degree	4034	
	Fredericksburg	
MARCH	7-Mar	
JUNE	6-Jun	1ST AND 2ND DEGREE

3rd Degree		
JANUARY	31-Jan	Fairfax #6962
FEBRUARY	7-Feb	Ashburn #15256
MARCH	8-Mar	Arlington #2473
MARCH	28-Mar	Fr. Widmer, Stafford #7877
APRIL	11-Apr	Hampton #511
APRIL	25-Apr	Norfolk #367
MAY	16-May	VA Beach #9056
JUNE	6-Jun	Richmond #6456
JUNE	27-Jun	Manassas

4034	Fredericksburg	4724 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22404
7812	Holy Trinity	10299 Milbank 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

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Free Throw Championship

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council # 7877
Sunday, 18 January 2015

Basketball Free Throw Championship OPEN to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. It will be held on Sunday, 18 January 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St William of York Catholic School gymnasium. Pre-registration forms will be available at the 4 Jan (Pancake Breakfast) and 11 Jan (Hispanic Breakfast) in the SWOY Parish Center, after all morning masses. Special basketballs and distances will be available for special age groups. No experience necessary.

Winners will progress through local, district #11 (24 Jan – Fredericksburg), and state (21 Feb – Richmond) competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state-level respective age division competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn Orban at YouthActivities@StaffordKnights.org. Participants are not limited to SWOY or KOC family members.

Knights of Columbus and St. William of York

Car, Truck, Van and Cash Raffle - Saturday, April 25th



TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL SWOY HOUSEHOLDS IN FEBRUARY

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The annual All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) raffle program is starting and the St. William of York Parish and the Knights of Columbus will participate again this year to raise money for our debt reduction and Fr. Widmer Council #7877. Drawings on 25 April include Prizes of five 2015 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. Ten (10) raffle tickets will be mailed to each St. William of York (SWOY) household the week of February 9th. **The final deadline for ticket and cash returns is April 13th**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

26 February 2015 – THURSDAY

SWOY Parish Center – Social 6:30 p.m.



**Family Fraternal
Benefits**

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

SOURCE: <http://www.kofc.org/en/insurance/benefits/index.html>

For more information contact Don Murphy, Field Agent, donald.murphy@kofc.org

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE PAY KOC DUES & HELP CHARITABLE WORKS	FOLLOW #7877 ON FACEBOOK	RETENTION COMMITTEE MEETS WITH KNIGHTS IN NEED	If you did not receive your dues notification email or call immediately	1 NEW YEAR'S Solemnity of Mary	2 Adoration Security 7-12 p.m. 2 men/hr	3
4 PANCAKE BREAKFAST ALL MORNING MASSES	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 HISPANIC Breakfast Religious Freedom March	12 Council #7877 Officers 6:30	13 4 th Degree Assembly 8 p.m. EPIPHANY	14 Rosary 7 PM Business Meeting 7:30-9 p.m.	15	16	17 VA KOC MID-YEAR MEETING GK/PGK
18 DONUTS ALL MORNING MASSES	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	20	21	22 MARCH FOR LIFE AND SOUP SUPPER	23	24
25 MUFFIN SUNDAY ALL MORNING	26	27	28 1 ST Degree Exemplificatio n 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31

Remember to invite a Brother Knight to the meetings. Help with his dues, if necessary – **CHARITY** BEGINS WITH YOU

UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AT <http://www.staffordknights.org/contact.php>

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1 PANCAKE BREAKFAST ALL MORNING MASSES	2	3 4 th Degree Assembly 8-9 p.m.	4	5	6 Adoration Security 7-12 p.m. 2 Men/hr	7 Parish & KOC 5-Car Raffle Tickets mailed & on-sale
8 HISPANIC BREAKFAST ALL MORNING MASSES	9	10 Officers 6:30	11 Rosary 7 PM Business Meeting 7:30-9 p.m.	12	13	14
15 DONUTS ALL MORNING MASSES	16 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20	21
22 MUFFIN SUNDAY ALL MORNING MASSES	23	24	25	26 Rosary 7 PM FRATERNAL BENEFITS 7:30-9 p.m.	27	28 DISTRICT 11 QUARTERLY MEETING FREDERICKSBU RG GK/DGK/FS
	RETENTION COMMITTEE MEETS WITH KNIGHTS IN NEED		SUPPORT THE PARISH AND KOC WITH 5- CAR RAFFLE TICKETS			FOLLOW #7877 ON FACEBOOK

Remember to invite a Brother Knight to the meetings and a potential Knight to the [Fraternal Benefit Night](#)

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MARCH 2015

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8 HISPANIC BREAKFAST ALL MORNING MASSES	9	10 Officers 6:30	11 Rosary 7 PM Program & Business Meeting 7:30-9 p.m.	12	13 FISH FRY 3:30 – 7 p.m.	14
15 DONUTS ALL MORNING MASSES LAETARE SUNDAY	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 MEMBER BLITZ
22 MUFFIN SUNDAY MEMBER BLITZ	23	24	25 1 st Degree Exemplification 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28 HOSTING 3 RD Degree Exemplificatio n 9 am – 3 pm
29 DONUTS ALL MORNING MASSES PALM SUNDAY	30	31		SUPPORT THE PARISH AND KOC WITH 5- CAR RAFFLE TICKETS	Turn in RAFFLE CASH AND TICKETS	FOLLOW #7877 ON FACEBOOK

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