CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS

2018-2019 Father Widmer Council 7877

Grand Knight: David Thoma
Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Ferry
Chaplain: Robert DeMartino
Chancellor: Frank Santana, PGK
Recorder: Blaine Donley
Financial Secretary: Walter Lamb, PGK
Treasurer: Justin Fernandez
Lecturer: Josh Polotay
Advocate: Ray Piaskowski
Warden: Mike McLeese
Inside Guard: Bingo Patterson
Outside Guard: Will Piaskowski
Trustee - 3rd Year: Anthony Devino, PGK
Trustee - 2nd Year: Bob Ghormley, PGK
Trustee - 1st Year: Bob Connolly

For Insurance Needs Contact:
- Orphan Benefits
- Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefits
- Guaranteed life insurance for uninsurable children
- Death benefits for stillborn or miscarriages

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Interested in joining, have questions? Contact Grand Knight, David Thoma 540-842-0113 or thomafive@verizon.net

For those Brother Knights that are inactive and are in arrears of dues, Council 7877 will waive all dues in arrears if you pay your dues for 2018. Contact WFS Walter Lamb for more information.
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.
A new program model, titled *Faith in Action*, will take effect as the umbrella for Knights of Columbus-related activities beginning with the 2018-2019 fraternal year. *Faith in Action* replaces *Surge...with Service*, which was introduced nearly 50 years ago. This new model carries the Order’s unchanged mission into the challenges of a changing world. It includes a strong call to action and focuses on programs in four categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Additionally, councils should appoint individual faith, family, community, and life directors; reduces the requirements to earn the Columbian Award; all current Supreme Council priority programs (highlighted in bold) will continue and nine new recommended programs will be introduced. Standby, while our new Grand Knight determines how to approach this exciting new chapter in the Knights of Columbus.
Calendar of Events

**July**

**Adoration Security:** 6 July 6 to 9 PM at St. William of York Catholic Church.

**Council Meeting:** 11 July. Rosary starts at 7 PM. Must be a member to attend.

**Installation of New Fraternal Year Officers:** 14 July 12 PM to 4 PM. Please join us for the installation of Knights of Columbus, Council Officer Installation. A reception will follow in the council home.

**Past Grand Knight Dinner:** 28 July 7:00 pm at Mama Chepas, 70 Doc Stone Rd Ste. 115, Stafford, VA 22556. Please call Grand Knight and let him know how many are attending in your party.

**August**

**Adoration Security:** 3 August. 6 to 9 PM at St. William of York Catholic Church.

**Mary’s Shelter 9th Annual Summer Soiree:** 4 August at Fredericksburg expo Center.

**Supreme Convention:** 7-9 August. Baltimore, MD.

**Council Meeting:** 8 August. Rosary starts at 7 PM. Must be a member to attend.

**Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner:** 18 August. 5-8 PM. Enjoy a fun filled evening of dinner and Bingo. Dinner will start at 5 PM followed by Bingo at 6:30. Make it a fun filled event. At the Parish Center.

**1st Degree Ceremony:** 22 August.
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September

**Adoration Security.** 7 September. 6 to 9 PM at St. William of York Catholic Church.

**International Fall Festival.** 9 September. 12-7 pm. Come and enjoy this festive annual parish event. Helpers needed 8 Sep 7:30 am to setup tents and 10 Sep to break down tents. Bring the kids to the Knight’s SOCCER Challenge.

**Council Meeting.** 12 September. Rosary starts at 7 pm. Must be a member to attend.

**Breakfast with the Knights.** 16 September. 7-12 PM in Parish Center. Enjoy a warm and delicious breakfast prepared by the Knights to help raise money for the Church, Community, and charities.

**BINGO and Spaghetti Dinner.** 21 September. 5-8 pm. Enjoy a fun filled evening of dinner and Bingo. Dinner will start at 5 pm followed by Bingo at 6:30. Make it a fun filled event. At the Parish Center.

**Margaret Ladies Muffin Sunday.** 23 September. 7-12 AM in the Parish Center. Help support the Margaret Ladies in raising funds to support the Church.

**Council Social.** 26 September. 7 to 9 PM at the council home. Rosary followed by Pot Luck dinner and games if weather permitting. Open to all to attend.

Knights of Columbus Links

[Knights of Columbus](https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html)

[Virginia Knights of Columbus](http://vakofc.org/)

[Knights of Columbus Insurance](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/index.html)

[Columbia Magazine](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html)

[Knightline Newsletter](http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/knightline.html)


[Father Widmer Council 7877 on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/staffordknights/)

[Father Widmer Council 7877 Website](http://www.staffordknights.org/)

[St. William of York Catholic Church](http://swoycc.org/information/kocnewsletter_1.pdf)
Message from our Past Grand Knight, Anthony Devino:

I want to thank everyone for letting me lead the council this past fraternal year. It was a year of trying some new things or bringing back old things like spaghetti dinners, BINGO’s, Chili Cookoffs, and Liturgy of the Hours. Some ideas worked and some did not. But an organization only stays relevant if it pulses the environment and adjusts to changes. While we adapt and actively monitor changes, we should not sacrifice tradition. It is with tradition where we create the Fraternal bonds that unite us together. As we serve as Knights, we should always keep in mind how Jesus Christ taught us to serve: "Meekly and Humble." We are here to serve the church and do so as its quiet servant. I hope I have succeeded in doing this for our council this year.

If you have been a member who has not volunteered during the last few years, I ask that you consider getting involved. You won't see that beauty of the Knights mission if you are sitting on the sideline. When you get involved and know that your help provided the means to help a Catholic organization succeed in its mission or a brother in need, that is when you feel the beauty of the Knights.

Again, thank you for letting me serve as Grand Knight and I hope to see new and old faces supporting the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Anthony Devino

Message from our newly installed Grand Knight, David Thoma:

To My Brothers of Father Widmer Council, It has been a great privilege to serve as your Treasurer and Third Year Trustee over the past several years. It is my pleasure accepting the confidence you have in me to lead Council 7877 over the next 12 months.

First, I want to thank our outgoing Grand Knight Anthony Devino for all he has done over the past year. Anthony was always thinking outside of the box and bringing up new ideas over the past year. Our council has a great history of outstanding Catholic men who have served as Grand Knight. Following after gentlemen like Anthony Devino, Walter Lamb, Dan Bolas, (from when I joined the council) reminds me of when I became a Chief Petty Officer. I became part of something that was bigger than myself. These men and many before them have created and held the standards that have set our council on such a great path.

I am here to serve all of you and I ask each of the Knights of Council 7877 to think how they can support the community, parish and the Knights of Columbus. For those Knights that have not been active, I ask you to reflect on why you joined and what you would like the Council to do in supporting the community and parish. I challenge those that are inactive to take an active part in our monthly general membership meetings and contact me what it would take for you to become active. For those Knights of Council 7877 that are active in supporting our council’s activities I ask for your continued support so we may continue to support the local community and parish.

I look forward to serving all the Knights of Council 7877 and making this a rewarding Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus,

David Thoma