



Knights of Columbus

Father Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430

Annual Flag Raising Ceremony

July 4, 2018

**100 Columbus Way, Newport News,
Virginia**



The National Anthem

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

God Bless America

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies ,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America,
My home sweet home.

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Program of Events

**Welcome to our annual Flag Raising Ceremony sponsored by
Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430, Knights of Columbus**

Introduction/Welcome	SK Rick Schirm, Faithful Navigator
Opening Prayer	Reverend Fr. Patrick Baffour-Akoto
Introduction of Dignitaries	SK Rick Schirm, Faithful Navigator
Presentation of Colors	Fr. Michael J. Bader Color Corps, Carroll Kelley, Commander
Raising of the Colors	Boy Scout Troops 27 & 242 and Cub Scout Pack 358
"National Anthem"	Eileen Mazary
Pledge of Allegiance	Boy Scout Troops 27 & 242 and Cub Scout Pack 358
Remarks	SK Rick Schirm, Faithful Navigator
Musical Selections "God Bless the USA" "America The Beautiful"	SK Thai Nguyen
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	SK Rick Schirm, Faithful Navigator
Keynote Speaker	SK Ed Polich, State Deputy of Virginia
Closing Remarks	SK Rick Schirm, Faithful Navigator
Benediction	Reverend Fr. Patrick Baffour-Akoto
Breakfast Is Served!	SK Bernie Gerlach, FDD & Crew

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Honored Guests:

- ~Dr. Patricia Woodbury, Councilwoman of the City of Newport News
- ~Michael Grinstead, Chief, City of Newport News Police Department
- ~Eileen Sprinkle, Chief Deputy, City of Newport News Sheriff Department
- ~ Ed Polich, State Deputy, Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction of Virginia
- ~John F. "Jack" Michalski, Past State Deputy, Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction of Virginia
- ~Ronald P. Gorman, Past State Deputy, Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction of Virginia
- ~Stephen Paul Raschke, Sr., Past State Deputy, Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction of Virginia
- ~Harold Hairston, District Deputy -5
- ~David Kerstetter, Grand Knight, Walter Pollard Council 5480
- ~Juan Rodriguez, Grand Knight, San Francisco de Asis Council 11781
- ~Boy Scout Troops 27 & 242, and Cub Scout Pack 358
- ~Members of Councils 5480, 11781, 16226 and Assembly 2430

Special Thanks To:

- ~SK Ty Fuller, Faithful Captain
- ~SK Thai Nguyen, Audio and music
- ~Eileen Mazary, singing the National Anthem
- ~SK Bernie Gerlach and the Carpenito Hall Crew
- ~Commander Carroll Kelley and Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly Color Corp.