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Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Our 19th Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, Happy New Year!! I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays. It looks like winter has finally arrived.



As we begin our second half of the fraternal year, I would like to challenge each brother to recruit a new member. Talk with your friends and share with them the good things that we do. I feel that there are more things that we can do for our church and community, if we have bigger numbers and more active members.

As many of you know, we lost PGK Major Billy Sloan in December to his battle with cancer. I only knew Billy for a little over a year, but I learned how dedicated he was to the Knights. He made every meeting that he could, even when in pain or after treatment earlier in the day. We have lost a great knight.

I attended a beautiful third degree ceremony yesterday, where Jim St. Amour took his third degree and was knighted. If you have been stuck on your first or second degree, I encourage you to take your next degree. Please see the schedule and mark your calendar.

I would like to thank the Befumo's for hosting our Christmas party this year.

Please check the events for the next two months and mark your calendar for the events you can help with. We will need volunteers for Nissan this Spring and Summer. See the article on Nissan below. This is our chance to raise some good money for our council.

I would like to congratulate Bob Garmen and Jim St Amour who took their 2nd Degree and Jim who also took his 3rd Degree.

Vivat Jesus.

Jerry Michonski

Grand Knight

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month award for December goes to Jeff Befumo. Jeff and his lovely wife Karen hosted our Christmas party. He has worked hard as our Financial Secretary sending out the dues bills to our members for this year. Thanks, Jeff, for being our FS.

The Knight of the Month award for January goes to Frank Varljen. Frank stepped forward this month to become the Three Year Trustee after the loss of our most recent PGK, Major Billy Sloan. Frank is a lector at Sacred Heart and a very active member our church and council.

DEGREES

For the current fraternal year, the following degrees have been announced:

February 10 th	Thursday - #9285 Ascension (1 st)
February 15 th	Tuesday - #7165 John Paul I (2 nd)
February 27 th	Sunday - #6175 Sterling (3 rd)
March 12 th	Saturday - #7771 Front Royal (3 rd)
March 15 th	Tuesday - #7165 John Paul I (2 nd)
April 9 th	Saturday - #7877 Stafford (3 rd)
April 10 th	Sunday - #511 Hampton (3 rd)
April 24 th	Sunday - #2473 Arlington (3 rd)
May 24 th	Tuesday - #7165 John Paul I (2 nd)
June 4 th	Saturday - #6546 Richmond (3 rd)
June 11 th	Saturday - #5332 Manassas (3 rd)

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR



A few programs are scheduled during the next months including the Super Bowl Sunday Sub sale, the Sacred Heart Parish Valentine's Dance, and a second sub sale in early April to support our vocational activities. Looking further ahead, we are beginning to plan the Spring Parish Breakfast on April 24th and we are looking at another great turnout. Keep in mind that Lent will begin on February 9th and we should all stop and reflect on the good fortunes we are experiencing in our community. Each planned activity is summarized below and the Knights encourage you to take an active role in our fund raisers, family activities, and meetings. Should you have any questions, please contact me at home or via e-mail.

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Church



The purpose of Church activities is to provide council involvement in, service to, and/or increased council commitment to our Church, clergy and religious, to enrich the spiritual involvement of individual members in their Church and its activities, and to promote vocations to the religious life.

Father Mike has asked the Knights to take care of the Parish Hall and begin planning new uses for the hall. One idea is to create a kitchen for future parish events. Are you interested in joining the Parish Hall Committee? Call Bryan Roberts or Andy Baronavski to find out more.

The Knights will be hosting donuts and coffee on the first Sunday of every month. We need our brother knights to help serve and clean up after each Mass. Just show up with a smile!

A sub sale to collect funds for our Vocational activities is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd. If you are unable to attend, please support the Knights by purchasing subs for your family.

Church Director
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Youth



The purpose of Youth activities is to provide opportunities for all youth to become personally involved and committed to programs for improvement of their physical, social, and moral development.

We had four participants in the council's free throw contest held at the Holy Family Gym last month. The winners were Alexandra Michonski (10), Nicole Michonski (12) and Alex Whittaker (12). They will be advancing to the District competition on February 26th.

Youth Director
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Community



The purpose of Community activities is to increase the council's awareness of its life within the community and to promote council as well as individual involvement in the community.

A Social Outreach Ministry Meeting was scheduled for February 3rd. Hopefully you were able to stop by the meeting and offer your support for this new effort proposed by Father Mike. We expect the Knights will support this effort as it becomes better defined.

A sub sale is scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday. All of the funds collected will be used to support our Community events later in the year. The Community Director is currently vacant and we are looking for a volunteer to take on the responsibility of directing our activities. Call Bryan Roberts to discuss how you can help our community. We have to schedule up to four road clean ups and fund raising activities to promote our community at our parish as well as support Father Mike.

Community Director
VACANT



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Council

The purpose of Council activities is to increase fraternalism among members, to provide enjoyment to members and their families, to ensure service to the brotherhood and advancement in the Order's degrees.



Turn your calendars ahead to April 24th and be sure to bring your family to the Spring Parish Breakfast. Please come by for coffee, pancakes, sausage or bacon and if you have the time, volunteer to flip a few flapjacks. We look forward to a spirited turn out.

Please note that since our social meeting in March falls on Holy Thursday, it will be delayed a week to March 31st. Also, please join us as we clean out the maintenance room downstairs on March 19th.

Our Council has new life and new faces that are changing how we assist the parish. Take some time and visit one of our Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. The Council Director is currently vacant and we are looking for a volunteer to take on the responsibility of directing our activities. Call Bryan Roberts to discuss how you can help our council.

Council Director
VACANT



Family

The purpose of Family Activities is to involve the entire family in the activities of the Knights of Columbus, to strengthen family life, and to care for widows and children of deceased members.

Tickets (\$5 each) for the George Mason Univ. vs. James Madison University basketball game on February 5th are still available. This game will take place at 7 PM in the Patriot Center in Fairfax. Call me to get your tickets.

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BIRTHDAYS

The following knights will be celebrating February or March birthdays:



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| Tony Bado, PGK | Jeff Befumo, |
| PGK | |
| Art Bohn, CGK | Joseph Briganti |
| Francis Burkart | George Darnell, PGK |
| Emmanuel DeVera | Chris Farrell |
| Robert Frappier | John Genualdi |
| John Grenier | Fred Illig |
| Paul Loving | Joe Marshall |
| John Murray, PGK | Anthony Muscarella |
| Rich Rocha | William Rundell |
| Bob Salm | Victor Samanka |
| Michael Vrael | Thomas Wolter |

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in February and March (years are indicated in parenthesis):

- Bernie Kocis, PGK (43)
- Charles Quinones, PGK (31)
- Ken Mathiasmeier (25)
- Tony Catabui (22)
- Art Bohn, CGK (21)
- John O'Neill (21)
- Tony Muscarella (12)
- Fred Illig (11)
- Don Lewandowski (11)
- Al Litchfield, PGK (11)
- Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK (11)
- Chris Hadley (10)
- Mark Heller (10)
- Mike Lang (10)
- William Rundell (10)
- John Murray, PGK (9)
- Bob Regan (9)
- Mike Romero, PGK (9)
- Peter Sisa (9)
- Paul Loving (8)
- Kerri Crutchman (6)
- John Genualdi (6)
- Don Hajec (6)
- David Hangsleben (6)
- Tim Driskill (4)
- George Cunningham (2)



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NISSAN

Ascension Council is looking for volunteers to assist in selling water/soda/beer at various Nissan concerts during the summer. The council will be sharing booths on the top of the hill overlooking the concert area (a great place to view & hear the artists). We will be sharing the booths with Diane Hon's young adult group who will mostly be selling the water and sodas.

You can volunteer for one or more concerts, but more is better for the council. Whatever monies we jointly collect during the concert we will proportionally share with the youth group.

In order to be able to sell beer, you must take the TIPS training classes. We are looking into getting the Nissan people to give our group a separate course at Sacred Heart during one of the Knight's future Social Meetings.

We lost this fund-raiser last year due to the lack of volunteers, but with the youth group (and their parents) helping us, we can make a comeback this summer. This fund-raiser brings in quite a bit of money into the council and it was sorely missed this year!

Please call me to volunteer – better if you e-mail me - that way I can ensure that you are added to the volunteer list. If you have concerns about selling beer at the concerts, you can sell only the water and soda if that is your wish – BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

NISSAN Chairman

Art Bohn, CGK

Trustee

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Mother Mary ... Pray for Them

Please remember the following members and ladies of Ascension Council in your prayers as they work through challenges to their health.

Bernie Kocis, PGK Frappier Family
Charlie Govsky, PGK Ken Henz
Dixie Zum Brunnen Andrew Krafcik
John Murray, PGK



KOVAR

The 2005 KOVAR drive will take place the weekend of April 14th to 17th. Please mark your calendars and say yes when called to help out.

KOVAR is a huge success for this council. Members of our council have been involved religiously for many years and we are proud of their involvement. If you volunteer for KOVAR (you know who you are), tell others to contribute their time during each spring. Plan for it today and you will find the time to participate with your brother knights. Please introduce yourself by phoning or e-mailing me and offering your support during the next KOVAR drive in 2005.

One of the easiest ways to get things started and to show your support is by donating through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way campaigns at your workplace. In recent years, we were able to raise a significant percentage of our goal through these campaigns--and that was through the contributions of just a few brother knights!

To donate to KOVAR through these campaigns, simply indicate KOVAR on your donor card by selecting the four-digit number provided in your campaign directory. For the CFC, the code is "5426". If you are unsure of the number, you can write in "KOVAR, 12962 Dumbarton Drive, Bristow, VA 20136". Please send a copy of your pledge card to me. My address is 13080 Pershing Drive, Manassas, VA 20112. Copies of your pledge card are needed for the council to receive credit for your contribution.

KOVAR Chairman

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month award for December goes to the Malich family: John Malich, Sue Straka and Zachary. Sue is the President of the Women of Sacred Heart and has recently been involved with the Giving Tree project for the parish and the K of C Children's Christmas Party. They are very active in the church and helped with the recent Parish Family Festival.

The Family of the Month award for January goes to the Govsky Family. PGK Charlie was very successful in our recent KCIC campaign and is very active in our church, where he is a Eucharistic Minister. Joy has also been a Eucharistic Minister for the parish and both strongly support our council. Congratulations, Charlie and Joy.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed.



I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the March calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by February 26th. For the April issue I will need articles by Saturday, April 2nd. *Please mark these on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.*

Please email me at voyagerjs@earthlink.net. This newsletter is posted on our council website at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0205.pdf>. Disclaimer: the views and opinions in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the KOC.

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2004-2005 POSITIONS

Grand Knight	Jerry Michonski	791-3148
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Chancellor	Donald Hajec	791-6296
Recorder	Wayne Brown	791-0166
Financial Secretary	Jeff Befumo, PGK	791-6748
Treasurer	George Darnell, PGK	791-5153
Lecturer	Stephen Trotman	794-1137
Advocate	Joe Marshall	791-4119
Warden	Joe Mitchell	794-8634
Inside Guard	VACANT	
Outside Guard	VACANT	
3 Year Trustee	Frank Varljen	791-6218
2 Year Trustee	Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK	794-8413
1 Year Trustee	Arthur Bohn, CGK	368-6964

Program Director	Bryan Roberts	580-8660
Church Director	Andy Baronavski, PGK	791-6420
Council Director	VACANT	
Family Director	Donald Hajec	791-6296
Community Director	VACANT	
Youth Director	John Murray, PGK	791-6971
Membership Director	Bernie Kocis, PGK	791-3474
KCIC Chairman	Charlie Govsky, PGK	743-1228
KOVAR Chairman	Stephen Trotman	794-1137
Newsletter Editor	Joe Marshall	791-4119
Pro-Life Chair-people	VACANT	
Citrus Chairman	John Murray, PGK	791-6971
Sub Sales Chairman	Mike Romero, PGK	590-0437

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