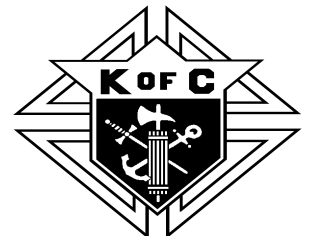




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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



I trust you all had a Blessed Christmas season and a safe start of the New Year. It's hard to believe that this fraternal year is already half over! But I suppose I shouldn't be surprised for we all know that time flies when one is busy and Ascension Council has been one very busy council! The fruits of our labor are clearly visible from the newly constructed parish hall kitchen to the recently cleaned Dale Blvd. and Token Forest Road. But we all know there is no rest for the weary so the second half of our fraternal year will no doubt be just as busy. In fact, just this month we'll be hosting our annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner and on February 20th we'll be launching what I hope to be a new annual event, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – more on that later in the newsletter.

This past weekend I had the honor and pleasure of escorting three of our new members to St. Leo the Great Church in Fairfax for their 3rd Degree. What a turnout! There were 93 catholic gentlemen in attendance for this moving and fraternally bonding ceremony. Please join me in congratulating our Newly Exemplified 3rd Degree Members:

- Steven Palkovitz
- John Fritsch
- Dave Watjen

Ascension Council is blessed to have so many Knights willing to give of their time and talent, but regardless of the program or project there's always room for another knight. With over 120 members in our council, just a couple of hours from each every few months can make a huge difference. Many hands make light work of our more laborious projects. When two or more of us are gathered, Christ is present within our charitable efforts, and fraternity and unity are realized in an intimate and tangible way whenever we come together for a common good. So, if it's been a while since you joined your brothers for a service project or social function won't you consider giving a couple of hours? We miss you and need you.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Steve Trotman

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

I'm pleased to acknowledge Curtis Donato as our Knight of the Month for January. As we all know, January marks the fateful anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a very dark mark on our society and country. Curtis' dauntless defense of the unborn is not only admirable but also worthy of emulation by us all. Thank you, Curtis, for your love and protection of life.

Our Knight of the Month for February is Jack Kapp. Jack just recently transferred into Ascension Council but he's wasted no time in jumping into our council with both feet! Already he's proposed, launched and coordinated a new fund-raising program, the Super Bowl Raffle and he's also proposed and volunteered to be chair a new service program, Roses for Life, whereby a rose will be offered to mothers at the occasion of their baby's baptism. Thanks Jack for your unhesitant involvement in our council.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the same reason he has been recognized as Knight of the Month I am also very pleased to recognize Curtis Donato and his lovely family as our Family of the Month for January. Curtis and Norma serve as our Pro-Life couple and their support of and dependence on one another is a beautiful example of true commitment to life, family and church. Thank you Donato Family!

I am so very pleased to recognize the Roberts Family as the Family of the Month for February. Bryan and Kathleen not only set fine examples for their children but their children, Nathan, Nicholas, Neal, Alexandra and Christina each set fine examples for their own peer group as active members of our parish. The family commitment to church and community is ever visible and very much appreciated. Congratulations Roberts Family!

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Brother Knights, this winter has been kind to us. We continue to maintain a very busy calendar of events. I want to assure each and every knight that we can complete all of our activities, but please focus on you and your family. Our Grand Knight and I would like to thank you for your works, but trying to do too much creates a sense of stress and shortage of time in your lives. Please take the time to take care of yourself and your family, while taking some time to be a knight.

God has blessed us with knights who help our Council feel that we are part of a greater community. I'd like to take the time to recognize Brother Knights Joe Marshall, Tom Zum Brunnen, John Brady, John Angelotta and Bryan Roberts. These Knights are spot-lighted for their efforts to support our council and parish community.

Our Council's programs reflect our leadership as knights and our enthusiasm to support our parish community. Brother Joe's efforts to produce a magnificent newsletter resulted in #4 (Dec 2006 – Jan 2007) being a newsletter that brought a smile to our faces and information to our minds. Brother Tom's work with VDOT road cleanup resulted in our area around the church and near-by streets being cleaning, making us feel better about our community. Brother John's efforts to bring together a very successful Pancake Breakfast using our new kitchen, shows we are integrated in our parish community. Brother John Angelotta and Brother Bryan pulled together the team of the year, completing the Parish Kitchen in record time; please stop by and see the beauty of their team's handiwork. Brother Bryan never ceases to amaze us all, the ARC Group Home looked great for Christmas. He then led the team to return the home back to its humble beauty after the New Year.

This month I'd like to take a few lines to talk about the Community Activities Director, and Brother John Angelotta, who is our director this year.

The Community Activities Director helps to shape the world around us and our council. He oversees such activities such as Pro-Life initiatives, Volunteerism, Human Needs, Civic Involvement, the environment, Public Safety, and Health Services, being just a few responsibilities of the Community Activities Director.

The Community Activities Director works to shape the community around us. Our VDOT road clean-up team beautifies the world around us. Brother Curtis, through

his strong push to support the March for Life, brings the message to use and us to our Nation's Capitol – through our Knight's Council. Events that broadened our civic involvement; voting, discussing public safety issues, those that effect the environment, Dominion Electric issues to name a few. These and others strengthen our understanding and help us for a position on issues that affect us as Catholic gentleman and community leaders.

These are just a few of the many initiatives that are available to the Community Activities Director. If you have other ideas and would like to assist this year, please contact any Officer of our Council.

Fellow Brothers, I would like to personally thank each knight who has reached out to support our Brothers in need. Please say a special prayer for the recovery of Brother Knights Ray Stearns and Frank Varljen.

Strength through Unity,

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Church

The Director's objective for 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.



Coffee and Donuts will be served by council members after all masses on February 4th, March 4th and April 1st.

By the time you read this, our Clergy Appreciation Dinner will have occurred. It was rescheduled to February 3rd and was combined with our January social meeting. Dinner started at 7 PM.

Ascension Council will be hosting it's first, and what our GK hopes to be an annual, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 20th in the parish hall. Several folks have asked "What does Shrove" mean and why pancakes?" Wanting to give a definitive answer and not just his own past experience with such fare Steve did what we all do today...he googled it and found this very informative article penned by Fr. William Saunder for a February 19, 2004 edition of the Arlington Herald.



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Shrove Tuesday and Shrovetide
By Fr. William Saunder

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of what traditionally was called "Shrovetide," the week preceding the beginning of Lent. The word itself, Shrovetide, is the English equivalent for "Carnival," which is derived from the Latin words *carne[m] levare*, meaning "to take away the flesh." (Note that in Germany, this period is called "Fasching," and in parts of the United States, particularly Louisiana, "Mardi Gras.") While this was seen as the last chance for merriment, and, unfortunately in some places, has resulted in excessive pleasure, Shrovetide was the time to cast off things of the flesh and to prepare spiritually for Lent.

Actually, the English term provides the best meaning for this period. "To shrive" meant to hear confessions. In the Anglo-Saxon "Ecclesiastical Institutes," recorded by Theodulphus and translated by Abbot Aelfric about AD 1000, Shrovetide was described as follows: "In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him as he then may hear by his deeds what he is to do in the way of penance." To highlight the point and motivate the people, special plays or masques were performed which portrayed the passion of our Lord or final judgment. Clearly, this Shrovetide preparation for Lent included the confessing of sin and the reception of absolution; as such, Lent then would become a time for penance and renewal of faith.

While this week of Shrovetide condoned the partaking of pleasures from which a person would abstain during Lent, Shrove Tuesday had a special significance in England. Pancakes were prepared and enjoyed, because in so doing a family depleted their eggs, milk, butter, and fat which were part of the Lenten fast. At this time, some areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: "We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs." These were the fasting rules governing the Church in England; hence, the eating of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Keep in mind, for this same reason, Easter was celebrated with decorated eggs and fresh breads. Another interesting note surrounding the Easter egg, just

as an aside, is that it symbolized the resurrection: just as a little chick pecks its way out from the egg shell to emerge to new life, so Christ emerged from the tomb to new and everlasting life.

One last point: When the "carnival" or "mardi gras" became for some people a debauched party, the Church tried to restore the penitential nature of this time. In 1748, Pope Benedict XIV instituted the "Forty Hours of Carnival," whereby prayers were offered and the Blessed Sacrament was exposed in churches during the three days preceding Ash Wednesday. In a letter entitled, "Super Bacchanalibus," he granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who adored the exposed Blessed Sacrament by offering prayers and making atonement for sins.

As we prepare to begin Lent, perhaps after a hearty dinner of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, may we take time for extra prayer, particularly the Stations of the Cross, and various penances to overcome our weaknesses and to atone for our sins.

So there you have it, the definite answer to the question. We hope to see many of you flipping the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday as we start a new Ascension Council/Sacred Heart tradition.

Community



The Director's objective for 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.

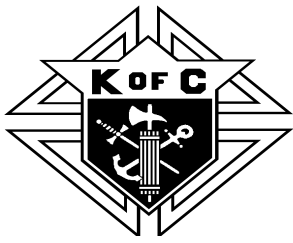
There are no community activities planned for February or March.

Family



The Director's objective for 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.

The council has designated the upcoming parish Valentines Dance on Saturday February 10th as our Ladies Appreciation Event for the year. Bring your spouse and enjoy a joyful night in our parish hall.



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Council

The Director's objective for 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.



The social meeting for January was combined with our Clergy Appreciation Dinner on February 3rd. The social meeting for February will be combined with the Valentines Dance and Ladies Appreciation Night on February 10th. The Social Meeting for March will feature a cookout and a Fraternal Benefits Discussion by our Insurance Agent, John Niemiec. All social meetings will be held in the Parish Hall.

We will be hosting a First Degree as part of the February Business Meeting on February 8th.

Ascension Council will conduct a membership blitz after all Masses on the weekend of March 10th and 11th.

Youth

The Director's objective for 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.



By the time you read this, our District 12 Free Throw competition will have been held at Holy Family School gym in Dale City on February 3rd. Hopefully some of our council winners will advance. The State Free Throw competition will be held at St. Benedictine's in Richmond on March 10th. Further details will be provided at the District competition.

Father Bader Scholarships Now Available

That time of year is once again upon us. High School Seniors are beginning to think of Graduation and their plans for Higher Education. With this in mind, they need to be aware that now is the time to apply for a Father Bader Scholarship.

These scholarships are available to children of knights who are in good standing in their council, or deceased knights that were in good standing at the time of their death, and are graduating from High School, and are pursuing their first year of higher education. The application forms are available beginning January 1st.

They can be obtained only from the chairman of the fund and the requests for forms must be by phone, mail, or email (the contact information is at the end of the article).

There are three forms to be filled out; the student and family complete one; the Financial Secretary of the Father's council completes another; and the student's principal completes the third.

Winners of the scholarships are determined by the student's involvement in church, community, and school, along with grade point averages and financial need. It is imperative that all three forms are completed and returned to Kevin E. Legge to arrive no later than March 14th. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. Also, any applications received that do not have all three forms will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed and judged to award the scholarships. The winners will be announced at the State Convention on May 5th.

If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact: Kevin E. Legge, FDD, PGK, PFN
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UPCOMING DEGREES

The following degrees are scheduled during the remainder of the 2006-7 fraternal year:

First	February 8 th	Ascension Council 9285
First	March 6 th	SEAS Council 8183
Second	April 24 th	John Paul I Council 7165
First	May 10 th	Ascension Council 9285

Mother Mary ... Pray for Them

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



Frank Varljen	Ray Stearns
Frappier Family	John Murray, PGK
Charlie Govsky, PGK	Andrew Hennessey
Dixie Zum Brunnen	Andrew Krafcik
Ray Bazan (Father of Fr. Mike Bazan)	Ken Henz



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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in February or March (years as a knight are in parenthesis):



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| John Angelotta (40)
(33) | Charles Quinones, PGK |
| Kenneth Mathiasmeier (27) | Tony Catabui (24) |
| Art Bohn, CGK (23) | John O'Neill (23) |
| Anthony Muscarella (14) | Don Lewandowski (13) |
| Al Litchfield, PGK (13) | Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK (13) |
| Christopher Hadley (12) | Mark Heller (12) |
| Mike Lang (12) | William Rundell (12) |
| John Murray, PGK (11) | Robert Regan (11) |
| Mike Romero, PGK (11) | Peter Sisa (11) |
| Paul Loving (10) | Kerri Crutchman (8) |
| John Genauldi (8) | Don Hajec (8) |
| David Hangsleben (8) | Timothy Driskill (6) |
| George Cunningham (4) | David Jesser (4) |
| Timothy Dumm (1) | Michael Saller, Sr. (1) |
| John Schroeder (1) | |

BIRTHDAYS

The following Ascension Council 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 |
| Leon DeCerb | Emmanuel DeVera |
| Christopher Farrell | Robert Frappier |
| John Genauldi | John Grenier |
| Mark Horn | Paul Loving |
| Joe Marshall | John Murray, PGK |
| Anthony Muscarella | Delano Olson |
| Rich Rocha | William Rundell |
| Michael Saller, Sr. | Bob Salm |
| Michael Vrabel | Deacon Tom Wolter |
| Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK | |

EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. Please note the large number of anniversaries and birthdays in February and March.



As mentioned in the council section, our insurance agent will be attending our March council meeting. I will also post his quarterly newsletter on the council website commencing with the next one he sends me.

At the December meeting a new motion was made to provide confirmation prayer books to all Confirmandi at the parish Confirmation Service. The estimate for this is \$800. This will be voted upon at the February business meeting.

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 March 3rd. For the April/May issue I will need articles by Saturday, March 31st. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0207.pdf>. Please email me with your contributions at voyagerjs@earthlink.net.

Disclaimer: the views and opinions in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the KOC.

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