



# KNIGHT TIMES



Ascension Council #9285  
Manassas, Virginia

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**Our 22nd Year!**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



Lent is upon us and we are again asked to turn inward and increase our use of the tools we were taught long ago. It is through prayer that we learn to know Jesus more deeply, know ourselves more completely, and become stronger Catholic gentlemen. Your pride shows through in all the works each and every one of you do, as Catholic men, as members of your local community, and as Brother Knights. May God share his secrets with our council this Lenten season.

The Knights of Ascension Council have been very busy supporting Sacred Heart, Father Mike, and our faith community. We were able to assist at the Parish Children's Christmas Party and our social event, the Adult Christmas Party, the District Basketball Free-Throw Competition and last month's state meeting. A wonderful time was had at the Romero's, enjoying the night with Brother Knights through wine and good food. The parish Mardi Gras Dance, the recent "Sold Out" Sub Sale, a successful Super Bowl Raffle and a warm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner finished the slate during the past two months. Each and every one of these events was successful through your group efforts. I thank you from the depths of my soul for all your hard work.

At the recent State Meeting, recruiting additional Catholic Gentleman into our councils was the hot topic of discussion. We only need to avail our fellow parishioners of the special times we draw from being knights that they too can share, once they become a Brother Knight. Let us pray that our numbers do increase this year and the men of Sacred Heart see that becoming a Knight of Columbus is in their future. We have a recruiting drive weekend scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February with a First Degree scheduled on February 28<sup>th</sup>. I ask Brother Clement Ryan to prepare the team (with some assistance from our District Warden) for those gentlemen who are ready to become knights.

I would like to pass a special prayer toward Brother Jeff Befumo who continues to recuperate at home. I know Karen needs a prayer or two as well, while Jeff's broken arm and leg are on the mend.

For all your hard work, I thank each Brother Knight of our Council.  
Vivat Jesus!

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## Mother Mary ... Pray for Them

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



Jeff Befumo, PGK

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for January are the Befumo family. Jeff and Karen are the cement that binds all of Ascension Council. From hosting council social events, supporting virtually every council fund raiser, and being a stalwart shepherd of council finances, we would be a very ineffective council without them.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for January is Andy Baronavski, PGK. He is the worthy Advocate, trusted advisor, participates in all activities and a friend to all Knights. Congratulations Andy.

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We made it through a very successful Christmas Season with flying colors and we are busy preparing for Lent. We are still in need of two program chairmen, Council and Pro-Life. Please call, e-mail or see me personally if you can volunteer your valuable time for either of these very important positions.

We had another very successful Keep Christ in Christmas campaign thanks to the hard work of Brother Ray Stearns. Brother Bryan Roberts, PGK supervised another great Poinsettia Sale, even volunteering to come to Sacred Heart each day to water the remaining plants throughout the week so we could sell the next weekend! Bravo! Thank you to all who helped out by selling cards and poinsettias after Mass. Brother Jeff Befumo, PGK, and his lovely wife Karen wowed us again with another outstanding Christmas Party. We are forever grateful. We ended the year with a wonderful Corporate Communion Mass and Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree representatives, Brothers Doug Blair, John Angelotta, and George Darnell for making the Mass special and to our talented cooks, Brothers John Brady and Jerry Michonski. We will hopefully keep this tradition of our annual Corporate Communion on the Feast of the Holy Family. Please also remember we have donut duty the first Sunday of each month. Stop by and help out for a few minutes after Mass.

As I write this entry, we are busy preparing for one of our biggest weekends of the year with our sub sales and Mardi Gras Dance. We will follow up with our very popular Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have our semi-annual membership blitz the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you wear your Knights of Columbus shirts proudly and help our membership director out at the table after Mass. Even better, bring a friend by the table after Mass and help him sign up! On February 28<sup>th</sup> Ascension Council will host a District 12 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification. We have tentatively scheduled our Clergy Appreciation Dinner for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and our next Corporate Communion Mass for March 30<sup>th</sup>.

As we get ready to celebrate Ash Wednesday, let us each take time from our busy lives to focus on preparing our hearts and minds for the Lenten season. We must focus on letting God into our hearts so we can be full of mercy and kindness in His image.

Vivat Jesus!

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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 & Donuts service continues. The Knights of Columbus have the First Sunday of the month. Please support before and after the Mass you normally attend, even a hello goes a long way. Without your 30 minutes of support, it is a lot of work on just the two or three knights that work to support the parish on "Our" Sunday.

Please join with your brother knights for an Easter-time Corporate Communion Mass on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will sit together in the front of the church on the left side for the 5 PM Mass. We will then honor our clergy with dinner after Mass at a restaurant to be announced. Please wear your KOC shirt or other identification. RSVP to Rick Johnson by Easter if you are going to attend.

## 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.*



Super Bowl winners were:

DRAWING	WINNER	AMOUNT	SOLD BY
1st Quarter	Bob & Myra Frappier	\$100	Robert Frappier
2nd quarter	Ricky Abel	\$100	Jack Kapp
Half Time	Barbara Hillenbrand	\$250	Paul Hillenbrand
3rd Quarter	Nathan Roberts	\$100	Brian Roberts
4th Quarter	Andy Baronavski	\$100	Andy Baronavski
End of Game	George Darnell	\$350	George Darnell



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Our business meeting for February will take place on February 28<sup>th</sup> and will include a first degree. Please utilize our normal business meeting date (February 14<sup>th</sup>) for activities in honor of St. Valentine and his day. Our February social meeting was held in conjunction with the Parish Mardi Gras dance on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and our March social meeting is being combined with the Clergy Appreciation Dinner on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> after the 5 PM Mass. More details will be announced at the February business meeting.

Mark your calendars for a special event in May. Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is our tentative day to have our May Social Meeting as follows: After church on Saturday night or early Sunday, meet at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (corner of Joplin Road and Route 1 in Quantico) parking lot at 10 AM on Sunday. Children are welcome. There are some activities for small children (picture coloring etc..) who may not want to see everything in the museum – although someone will have to watch them!

Our Charter Grand Knight – Art Bohn – is a docent at the museum and will guide you on a tour through the museum until approximately noon. Bring cameras as there are some great opportunities for awesome pictures. Around noon, we will break for lunch; either bring your own and have a picnic lunch outside on the museum grounds, or purchase a lunch at either of the two museum restaurants (Tun Tavern – sit down, waiter service) or (the Mess Hall – cafeteria style). No food or drink is allowed on the museum floors.

After lunch, families can resume the museum tour on their own, or go home. Anyone who wants to resume the museum tour can do so at their own pace, or Art will be able to continue to be a guide!

Should families want to attend church services later on that Sunday, they can then meet the rest of us at the museum around lunchtime and tour the museum after lunch!

In order to get an idea of the number of people interested in the museum tour, please contact [arthur.bohn@vion.com](mailto:arthur.bohn@vion.com) with the number of people in your family who will be attending.

## 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.*



The District Free Throw contest will be held at Holy Family on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM. Rick Johnson will be coordinating any help that is required. Unfortunately we don't have any winners from our council free throw contest due to a dearth of contestants.

## 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.*



No community activities are scheduled in the next two months.

## DEGREE SCHEDULE

The following degrees are scheduled for the remainder of this fraternal year and of interest to District 12:

February 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6175 Sterling
<b>February 28</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> @ Ascension</b>
March 4	1 <sup>st</sup> @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
March 5	1 <sup>st</sup> @ John Paul I
March 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home
March 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 2473 Arlington
<b>April 10</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> @ Ascension</b>
May 7	1 <sup>st</sup> @ John Paul I
May 27	2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home
June 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6332 Manassas



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## INSURANCE AGENT

### *Types of Permanent Life Insurance*

Whole life insurance calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may want to consider a permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offer three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

“*Twenty Pay Life*” is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for only 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our “Life Paid Up at 65.” You buy this permanent product and you only pay premiums to age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It’s possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I’ll meet with you and your spouse to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

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## NISSAN

We have begun planning for another season. Stay tuned.

### *Nissan Chairman*

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## BIRTHDAYS

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating February or March birthdays:



Tony Bado, PGK  
Art Bohn, CGK  
Frank Burkart  
Leon DeCerb, Jr.  
Christopher Farrell, Jr.  
John Genauldi  
Mark Horn  
Joe Marshall  
Anthony Muscarella  
Richard Rocha  
Michael Saller, Sr.  
Michael Vrabel, Jr.  
Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK

Jeff Befumo, PGK  
Joseph Briganti  
George Darnell, PGK  
Emmanuel DeVera  
Robert Frappier  
John Grenier  
Paul Loving  
John Murray, PGK  
Delano Olson  
William Rundell  
Bob Salm  
Tom Wolter

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



John Angelotta (41)	Charles Quinones, PGK (34)
Ken Mathiasmeier (28)	Tony Catabui (25)
John O’Neill (24)	Art Bohn, CGK (24)
Anthony Muscarella (15)	Don Lewandowski (14)
Al Litchfield, PGK (14)	Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK (14)
Christopher Hadley (13)	Mark Heller (13)
Mike Lang (13)	William Rundell (13)
John Murray, PGK (12)	Robert Regan (12)
Mike Romero, PGK (12)	Peter Sisa (12)
Paul Loving (11)	Kerri Crutchman (9)
John Genauldi (9)	Don Hajec (9)
David Hangsleben (9)	Tim Driskill (7)
David Jesser (5)	Tim Dumm (2)
Michael Saller, Sr. (2)	John Schroeder (2)

## KOVAR

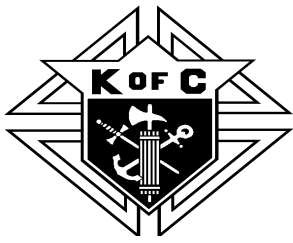
John Brady will be leading our KOVAR efforts this year. Our main collection dates will be April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Mapledale and Manassas Junction Giants. Our secondary collection dates will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bloom at Hoadly and Purcell. Contact John for more information.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. On this page are some pictures from previous Knights activities supplied by our Grand Knight.



If you currently receive this newsletter hardcopy and have an email account where you can receive and read PDF files, please consider providing it for newsletter delivery and for updates by our council Airset calendar website. This also saves the council postage and printing costs. All files are sent as industry standard PDF files. Send me the email and I will update our records. Also, if your email changes, please notify me so I may keep the council newsletters and notices coming.

I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month of issue. For the March calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by March 1<sup>st</sup>. For the April/May issue I will need articles by Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at <http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters> and [Calendars/koc0208.pdf](http://ascensioncouncil.org/Calendars/koc0208.pdf). Please email me with your contributions at [voyagerjs@earthlink.net](mailto:voyagerjs@earthlink.net).

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Bill Miller with handmade food donation box



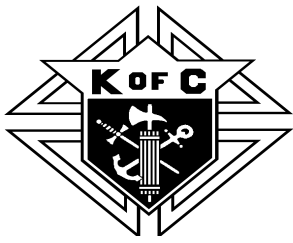
Keeping Christ in Christmas



Knights at a Recent 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

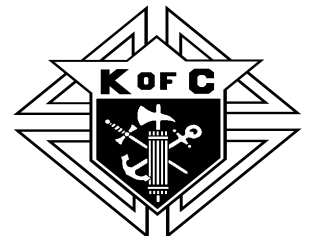


Helping at the ARC Home

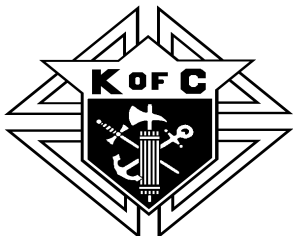


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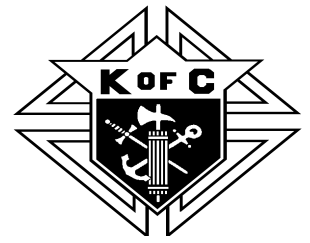


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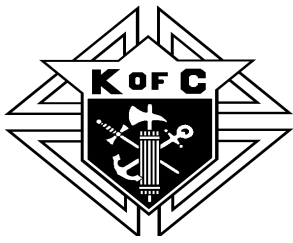


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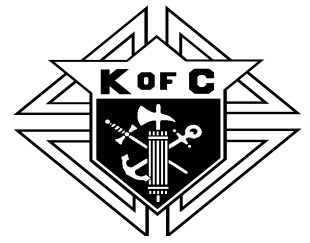


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**INSERT APRIL CALENDAR HERE**



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