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Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Our 20th Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Your most valuable asset as a knight is your time. With it, you can hold a loved one, without it, you are rushed and anxious. Consider the donation of your time as charity to assist your brother knights with our community, parish, youth, and council services. Review our events calendar each week and ask yourself, how can I help? Many of our activities are planned to accommodate a busy schedule. As Mother Theresa once said, charity comes from the hands of Christ; we are the hands of Christ.

I was fortunate to accompany two of our brother knights to their second and third degree exemplifications within one week of one another and I was encouraged to learn more about unity and fraternity within our order. The third degree had 87 candidates, a true example of our Order's strength. Should you wish to learn more about the degrees, when they are offered, and what they will do for you, please call me and I will ensure that you are escorted to your next exemplification.

Lent is upon us and it is the time to prepare for the resurrection of our Lord through prayer and self evaluation. Enjoy the season to its fullest by attending the Stations of the Cross every Friday night at our parish. God bless and travel safely during the Easter holidays.

Bryan Roberts

Grand Knight

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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.



- Frappier Family John Murray, PGK
- Charlie Govsky, PGK Ken Henz
- Dixie Zum Brunnen Andrew Krafcik
- Harry Bonds (Father-in-Law of Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK)
- Ray Bazan (Father of Fr. Mike Bazan)
- Ettore Zappacosta (Jerry Michonski, PGK Father-in-law)
- Eleanor Woodward (mother of Joe Marshall)
- Andrew Hennessey

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of preparing the nominations for the officer positions for the council for the upcoming 2006-07 fraternal year. Nominations will remain open until elections at the May Business meeting. Anyone who desires to serve as an officer or other leadership position in the council or who has questions about the process can contact one of the following:

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UPCOMING DEGREES

3rd Degree – Saturday, March 11th – Norfolk

3rd Degree – Sunday, March 19th - Arlington

2nd Degree – Tuesday, March 28th – JP I

3rd Degree – Sunday, April 8th – Stafford

3rd Degree – Sunday, May 13th - Arlington

1st Degree – Thursday, May 25th – Ascension

2nd Degree – Tuesday, May 30th – JP I

3rd Degree – Sunday, June 3rd – Richmond

3rd Degree – Sunday, June 10th - Manassas

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

As expected, 2006 started of with a host of events and program activity here at Ascension Council.



Defending the life of the unborn was enabled by our visible participation at the 33rd Annual March for Life. Showing our unwavering support for our clergy was evident at our annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Assisting those in need of temporal support was demonstrated by helping our new friends at our recently adopted ARC home by taking down the festive decorations at the close of the Christmas season. Getting into the spirit of the Super Bowl was played by making and selling the best sub sandwiches around. Staying involved with our youth happened through the annual free throw contest. The list goes on and on. The bottom line is that Ascension Council is active, vibrant and growing. We're caring, compassionate, prayerful and always at the ready to help others and our parish.

But none of this could happen without the dedication and leadership of our program coordinators and the selfless commitment of time, energy and talent by so many of our brother knights.

As we go through this Lenten season let us all spend a little extra time volunteering for one of the many programs we are blessed to have here at Ascension Council. Many hands make light work and we all share in the rewards and blessings.

Program Director

Steve Trotman

Deputy Grand Knight

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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.



Donut Duty is scheduled for the first weekend of every month.

Many of you may know that Ascension Council is assisting the Parish with constructing a kitchen in the Parish Hall and we are well on our way to accomplish this task. Our Council has accumulated \$2000 in donations for this valuable asset, and we have donated almost 160 hours to planning, designing, estimating, identifying vendors, and conducting meetings with Father Mike. Our goal is to get it installed by the beginning of summer and many of you have asked "how can I help?". There are several ways:

1. Speak to other parishioners about the project and encourage them to get involved with their time and their money;
2. Identify a contractor, plumber, or electrician who could assist us with their time during the installation;
3. Pick one of the items on our list and donate the cost for the materials or pledge an amount for the item;
4. Donate time in its construction; or
5. Work with Father Mike when he announces the construction of the kitchen to the parish and show your enthusiasm for the project by asking Father how you can help.

This is our opportunity to enhance our parish community. There will be more announcements soon in the parish bulletin but thought you may want to see the estimate first to decide how you can get involved. Finally, thank your brother knight, John Angelotta for his unending support for this project.

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.



Attention all future World Cup soccer stars! Ascension Council will be hosting its first Soccer Challenge. Similar to the annual Free Throw Contest, the Soccer Challenge will allow local children ages 10-14 to show off their soccer skills in a competition of penalty kicks. It is hoped that we can partner with one of the local soccer clubs and offer some great prizes. We are looking to hold the event either the weekend of April 28th to 30th or May 5th to 7th. If you have a soccer player in your house or neighborhood, be sure to let them know and keep these dates open! Look for more details in the bulletin or at our business meetings.



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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.



Our next council social meeting will be a potluck dinner with the program to be announced at the business meeting. Please bring a dish to share at 7:30 PM on Thursday March 23rd.

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 semiannual audit was completed in February 2006 and delivered to Supreme.

The PGK Billy Sloan Memorial Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for March 4th starting at the Sacred Heart Church at 9 AM. Enjoy the Lenten season.

With council approval, the social and council meetings will be switched in April due to the Easter week activities.

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.

ARC of Prince William is a program that was implemented last year for our council. We are planning to have a yard cleanup at our adopted ARC House on the morning of Saturday, March 11th. We will meet at the Church at 9 AM.

On Saturday, April 29th we will clean the outside deck at the ARC House. We will meet at the Church at 9 AM. The next day, Sunday April 30th, we will seal the deck. We will meet at the Church at 1 PM.

NISSAN

I hope all of you are off to a great start in 2006. Spring will be here soon and that means it is time to sign up for the concert season at Nissan Pavilion.

There are already great shows on the schedule, and Nissan anticipates that there will be more shows in 2006 than were scheduled in 2005.

Our goal is to have all volunteers signed up by mid-March and we plan to hold TIPS training in March and April. As an incentive, Aramark is offering a 1% bonus to the first 10 groups who have at least 5 cashiers, and sign up to work for the entire season.

If you want to work Nissan, and haven't attended TIPS training, see below and let me know what date and time you want to go to class:

- Tuesday, March 28th - 6 PM
- Thursday, March 30th - 6 PM
- Saturday, April 1st - 10 AM or 2 PM
- Sunday, April 2nd - 10 AM or 2 PM
- Friday, April 7th - 6 PM
- Saturday, April 8th - 9:30 AM

Location: Backstage catering room
Nissan Pavilion
7800 Cellar Door Drive
Bristow, VA 20136

Directions: Enter Nissan Pavilion on Cellar Door Drive. Follow the paved road through the fenced VIP parking area. Continue past the Aramark offices and around into the backstage parking area. The Catering room is on the left side of the loading dock / backstage area.

We are looking for more volunteers this season, so if you know of anyone who is interested in fund raising, please pass along my e-mail address.

Our volunteers are a valued part of our Knight's fundraising effort and I look forward to hearing from you!



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RECRUITING AND RETENTION

Recruiting new members is the responsibility of every knight and I ask that you participate in our recruiting program, Bring a Buddy. We suggest that each knight ask a fellow Catholic to join the Knights and in turn, ask the new recruit to invite a buddy to join him in the First Degree exemplification. It's a time to celebrate, why not bring a friend. Our membership forms (Form 100) are available in the Commons area of the church at the Knights of Columbus bulletin board. Should you meet an eligible Catholic gentleman who shows interest in the Knights, ask them to fill out a Form 100 or have them call me, Bryan Roberts, and I will give them more information. Vivat Jesus.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

He's a hard guy to find because he is active throughout the parish, the community, and at his work but John Murray, PGK, found the time to set up a very successful Super Bowl Sunday (go Steelers) Sub Sale. All of the 260 subs were sold by noon and the recipe for success was established for our next sub sale. All of our proceeds, nearly \$300 went to our Youth Programs for the year and will be needed as our parish and Order grow. We wish you, John, and your family a peaceful Lenten season and we look forward to working with you again soon. Congratulations to our Knight of the Month for January 2006.

Charity, Unity and Fraternity were on the mind of our Knight of the Month for February, Mike Saller, Jr. who accompanied his father to all three degrees in the last three weeks of February. Mike is a remarkable young man who believes in our Order and knew his father would enjoy participating in our council's activities. Mike has many interests; one of them is assisting Father Mike as a senior altar server and he is seriously pursuing a vocation in the Catholic Church. He is an accomplished recruiter for our council and we look forward to having Mike and his father, Mike Sr., as members of our council.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Charles Quinones, PGK (32)
- Tony Catabui (23)
- Joe Mitchell (23)
- Jeff Befumo, PGK (20)
- John Buyna (20)
- Thomas Cyr (20)
- Ron DeSpirito (20)
- Douglas Glysson (20)
- Frank Varljen (20)
- Anthony Muscarella (13)
- Christopher Hadley (11)
- Mark Heller (11)
- Mike Lang (11)
- William Rundell (11)
- David Hangsleben (7)

BIRTHDAYS

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



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| John S. Angelotta Sr | Arthur A Bohn, CGK |
| Joseph Briganti | Francis W Burkart |
| Antonio L Catabui | John M. Cunha |
| Leon B. DeCerb Jr | Emmanuel V. DeVera |
| Timothy J. Driskill | Jack T. DuFrain |
| Christopher J. Farrell Jr | John P Genualdi |
| Mark D. Horn | Paul Loving |
| John R. Murray, PGK | Anthony Muscarella III |
| Richard P. Rocha | William A Rundell |
| Michael J. Saller Sr | Robert F Salm |



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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

You see them at all of our functions because they are so willing to volunteer for the parish. Dave, Kim, Ben, and Tom Hangsleben are our Family of the Month for January 2006. Dave is a third degree knight and has been active within many facets of the parish including the family festival, Women of Sacred Heart (WOSH) functions, Knight events, and Hylton HS band activities. Kim is an expert in botany and leads the parish landscaping committee, was co-chair of the family festival, integral member of WOSH, and clearly enjoys working with the Knights whenever they have the time. Their two sons are active in the Hylton Band and their oldest daughter attends Virginia Tech. We admire your hard work and efforts to bring the community together. We enjoy your company at all of the events and we want to thank you for your time and energy.

Frequently our knights begin their tenure with the council by saying "I don't have a lot of time" but our Family of the Month for February has overcome that weakness. Rick and Suzanne Johnson manage a household with three children while Rick serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force and his wife Suzanne, is a full-time mom and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve as a civil engineer. Family activities include scouts, orchestra, wrestling matches, football games, horseback riding lessons, soccer, basketball and baseball practices, and Faith Formation classes. James is 15, at Hylton HS, and is active in sports and music. Rebecca is 13 and is an accomplished musician. Steve is 11 with ambitions to succeed in everything. Rick has worked hard as our Youth Director by working with our brother knights to arrange for, attend, and manage our annual Children's Halloween and Christmas parties, and our annual Free Throw Contest. With his family, Rick is our strongest supporter and one of our valuable assets within the parish community. Thank you Rick, Suzanne and family for your tireless efforts.

KOVAR

My name is Jim St. Amour, and I have been given the opportunity to excel as the KOVAR Chairman for this fraternal year. I'd like to let everyone know that I will need your assistance on **April 20th to 23rd** in support of this worthy cause. KOVAR is the Knights of Columbus of Virginia Assisting Citizens with Mental Retardation. In 1971, the Knights of Columbus of Virginia sought a means to accomplish the Order's charitable work on behalf of citizens with mental retardation. The Knights of

Columbus formed a corporation dedicated to providing financial support to organizations that assist citizens of Virginia with mental retardation regardless of race, creed, or ethnic background. This organization was chartered as KOVAR. The primary fund raising activity for KOVAR takes place throughout Virginia during one weekend each year. During this period knights throughout the state collect in front of stores and other public places offering Tootsie Roll candy to all in hope of receiving contributions. Using this approach Virginia knights have raised over \$8 million since 1972. I will keep you informed of when I will need your assistance in support of this very important event.

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. If you are unsure of the number, you can write in "KOVAR, 12962 Dumbarton Drive, Bristow, VA 20126". Please send a copy of your pledge card to Jim St. Amour at 6379 Oakland Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Copies of your pledge card are needed for the council to receive credit for your contribution.

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 April calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by April 1st. For the May/June issue I will need articles by Saturday, April 29th. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* This newsletter is posted at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0306.pdf> on our council website. 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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