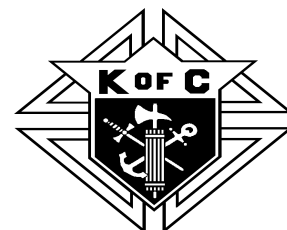




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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brother Knights,

The blizzard of 2010 certainly put a damper on some of February Activities like our first degree meeting and sub sale but it didn't stop us from another successful month. The recent Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was a great success with a larger than expected turn-out given the road conditions. Membership in our council continues to increase due to the terrific efforts of our Membership Director PGK Bryan Roberts.

For those of you who may have missed the first dues notice for 2010, our Worthy Financial Secretary Jeff Befumo has sent out 2nd notices. If overdue, please return your payments to Brother Jeff as soon as possible. The more funds we have, the more charities and good works we can support for the remainder of this fraternal year.

The next State Quarterly Meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg. All members of our council are welcome to attend but please send me a note beforehand if interested. The focus of this meeting will continue to be on Recruiting and Retention and also on KOVAR for this year's campaign.

Our next big event in March will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> which is the VDOT Road Clean-up. We will meet in the Church parking lot at 9AM. I would encourage every Knight in our Council to attend this event to help get our surrounding area around the Parish spruced up for Spring. Look for more details in a future email.

Finally, I would like to say again how impressed I continue to be with the active and visible participation of our Council members in the support of the parish mission. Whether serving as ushers, in the choir, as Eucharistic Ministers, or readers, you continue to be stewards of fellowship and service.

Fraternally yours,

**Bob Garman**

*Grand Knight*

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Our Knight of the Month for February is Brother Jack Kapp. Jack organized and managed our Super Bowl fund-raiser with superb results. The Council gained a profit of over \$700 due to his tenacity and advance planning. Jack also serves as the Chairperson for the Roses for Life program. We wish Brother Jack well as he recovers from his recent shoulder surgery.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Our Family of the Month for February is the Brady's. John and his wife Nhu-Anne did a terrific job in organizing and managing the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner for our council. We had over 100 council and parish members participate and a great time was had by all. John continues to be a terrific role model for his brother Knights and will be leading the KOVAR charge this spring.

## DEGREE SCHEDULE

Below are listed the remaining degrees scheduled in the 2009-10 Fraternal year.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Council #7165  
Mar. 3, Apr. 21, May 19
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Council #8183  
Mar. 23, June 15
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Council #9285  
Apr. 8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree - District #12-JP1 Home: Mar. 4, Apr. 13, May 25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - Mar 21 #2473 Arlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - Mar 27 #367 Norfolk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - June 5 #6546 Richmond
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - June 6 #3548 Norfolk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - June 12 #5332 Manassas

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The following activities are coming in the next months.

### 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 are served by the Knights after each Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

### 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.*



There is no Officer Meeting scheduled for March or April.

The April Business Meeting will feature a First Degree.

The Business Meeting in May will be on May 27<sup>th</sup> and will include council elections. A slate of officers will be published in the May-June newsletter.

The State Bowling Tournament will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Kegler Bowling Lanes, Charlottesville, Virginia. Registration Deadline is 24 March 2010. The cost is \$100 for a team. This item will be discussed at our March Business Meeting. We had a great time last year. If you would like to participate this year, please send an email ASAP to our GK Bob Garman.

The State Convention will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. If you would like to attend please talk to Bob or Rick.

### 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.*



There are no youth events scheduled in March or April.

### 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.*



There are no family events scheduled in March or April.

### 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.*



Our quarterly road clean-up for VDOT will take place on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the parish parking lot at 9 AM. Contact PGK Tom Zum Brunnen for more details.

### KOVAR UPDATE

Last year KOVAR donations enabled us to lend \$150,000 to buy a group home in Northern Virginia and provided \$536,644 in grant aid to 38 organizations throughout Virginia including Special Olympics of Virginia and Easter Seals Virginia. More needs to be done. So far this year requests to Kovar exceed these amounts while donations have declined. Last year Ascension Council collected \$4,149 dollars, which, like the statewide collection, was down over 20% from previous years.

This is the time when many of us will have the chance to donate to organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), United Way or other campaigns. CFC lists Kovar with this description: "Give citizens with intellectual disabilities the chance to succeed. We provide grants for equipment, furniture, transportation and job skills training so they can live independently." The CFC code for Kovar is 42569.

By designating Kovar in these campaigns, you can help the Intellectually Disabled. Ascension Council's Kovar drive can be credited with this donation by sending a copy of your designation to Jeffrey Befumo, who is the Treasurer of Kovar.

The KOVAR drive this year will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at locations to be announced.



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## LECTURER'S CORNER

We had 21 Knights and Ladies in attendance at our January social at Cracker Barrel. Also, we were pleased and proud the Worthy District Deputy Hector Dittamo and his Worthy Warden Gary Lee were present. Each Lady was presented with a Rose by our Deputy Grand Knight Rick Crete. We also want to commend the Dumfries Cracker Barrel for giving us a large table and excellent service.



The February Social was the Shrove Tuesday Dinner which Bob reviewed in his column on page 1.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, our Social Meeting will be held at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater in Woodbridge, VA. The evening will include the play Shenandoah and a buffet dinner. Details on the play are below. The cost is \$41 per person – please send your RSVP to our Grand Knight, Bob Garman at [rmgarman@comcast.net](mailto:rmgarman@comcast.net). Cocktails are served starting at 6 PM with dinner and then the play following.

Shenandoah - A proud Virginia farmer tries desperately to keep his family from being caught up in the throes of the Civil War. "A tuneful, thoughtful, sentimental musical – clean as a whistle, youthfully vibrant, yet as moving as the history it portrays." (Christian Science Monitor)

The April social meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and focused on Life Management issues such as retirement planning, insurance, health, leisure, and fitness activities.

Joe and Suzanne Marshall will host the May Social scheduled for Saturday evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a pizza night featuring a selection of pizzas for both vegetarians and carnivores alike.



*New 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members Stefan Garman and Chris Sherrill with GK Bob Garman and DD Hector Dittamo*

## INSURANCE AGENT

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...

But it's coming - and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest:

"The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

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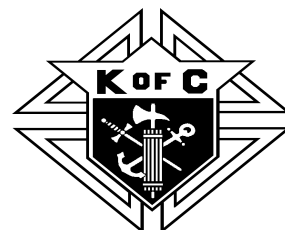
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## Knights deliver 100,000 more Prayer Books to Military Archdiocese



Knights of Columbus, including Military Affairs Director Charles Gallina and DC area college Knights, delivered a shipment of an additional 100,000 copies of the Order's prayer book for those serving in the American military on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

This latest printing of *Armed With The Faith: A Catholic Handbook for Military Personnel* brings the total number printed and donated since 2003 to half a million copies. The version provided to members of the armed forces are spiral bound, printed on special coated stock, and are sized to fit in the pockets of uniforms worn in the field.

Another version, printed on regular paper, is offered through the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service to the families of service members. Last year, the Knights of Columbus also produced *Armour of Faith: A Catholic Handbook for Canadian Military Personnel*, and 30,000 of that version have been printed and distributed for Canadian soldiers. (source - KOC Supreme website)

## BIRTHDAYS

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



John Angelotta  
Joseph Briganti  
Tony Catabui  
John Cunha  
Alfredo Escobar  
John Genualdi  
Paul Loving  
Tony Muscarella  
James Pritchert

Art Bohn, CGK  
Frank Burkart  
Thomas Conti  
Emmanuel DeVera  
Christopher Farrell  
Mark Horn  
John Murray, PGK  
Delano Olson  
Neil Roberts

Rich Rocha  
Bob Salm  
David White

Michael Saller, Sr.  
Norberto Sese

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



John Angelotta (43)  
Charles Quinones, PGK (36)  
Tony Catabui (27)  
Joe Mitchell (27)  
Jeff Befumo, PGK (24)  
John Buyna (24)  
Thomas Cyr (24)  
Ron DeSpirito (24)  
Tony Muscarella (17)  
Christopher Hadley (15)  
Mark Heller (15)  
Doug Blair, PGK (14)  
Christopher Potvin (11)  
Robert Purdy (11)  
David Jesser (7)  
Timothy Dumm (4)



## EDITOR'S CORNER

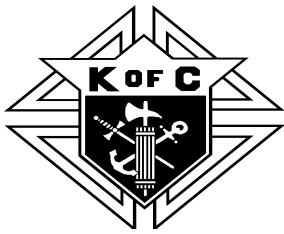
Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thank you for all the inputs. There are still many members who do not receive these newsletters because I do not have your email address...please send me your email if you can.

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 April calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by March 27<sup>th</sup>. For the May/June issue I will need articles by Saturday, May 1<sup>st</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/koc0310.pdf](http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters%20and%20Calendars/koc0310.pdf). Please email me with your contributions at [voyagerjoe@comcast.net](mailto:voyagerjoe@comcast.net).

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

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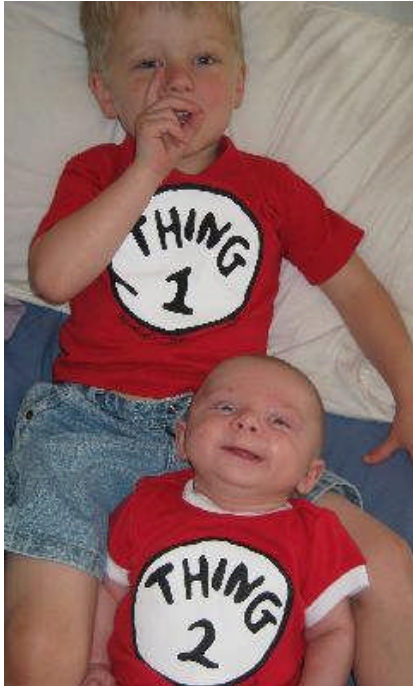


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## WALK to Beat BREAST CANCER



*Their mom is the reason Karen is doing the Breast Cancer Walk*

On May 1st and 2nd this year, Karen Befumo will be participating in the AVON Breast Cancer 2-Day Walk in honor of her daughter-in-law. Karen is the lovely wife of our financial secretary Jeff. Over those two days, she will journey 39 miles with thousands of other participants to make a difference and help find a cure.

The money raised will provide women and men the breast cancer screening, support and treatment they need regardless of their ability to pay. It will also provide funding so that leading-edge research teams across the country can be powered by the funds they need to fuel their quest for a cure. Below are the details of Karen's effort. To help her in this fight, just go to the Avon Breast Cancer Two Day web-page to make a donation. Our Council is very proud of Karen for undertaking this journey.

Why Karen is doing this: I've committed to participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. As many of you may know my daughter-in-law, Andrea, was diagnosed with breast cancer in August of 2008. At the time she was three months pregnant with her second child. Because of the progress that has been made in breast cancer treatment she was able to begin treatment while still pregnant and we will celebrate Ian's first birthday next week. Andrea finished treatment in August of 2009 and now wakes up each morning wondering if the cancer will come back and if she will get to enjoy watching her two sons grow up. So far we are lucky but for her and all the other women facing this disease I want to do my little part to help end this horrible

disease. It's a big commitment; one that will require me to spend the next several months training and fundraising. But breast cancer is a big disease; one that still affects far too many people, and I'm determined to do everything I can to help put an end to it. The money I raise will be managed and disbursed by the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade to help provide access to care for those that most need it, fund educational programs, and accelerate research into new treatments and potential cures. I'll be just one of thousands of people that will walk up to a marathon and a half over a weekend, raising awareness of the cause and educating even more people.

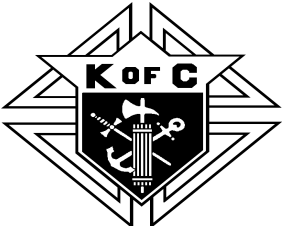


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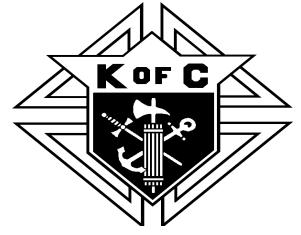
Each Friday during the month of March, the Father Richardson Assembly will put on a meatless dinner at the John Paul I Council home from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. All Knights are welcome to attend. There will be a different menu each Friday and as this article is being prepared all those menus have not been finalized. We do know that on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a Tilapia Fish dinner with two sides and on March 19<sup>th</sup> it will be Basil Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches. The only cost to the Assembly is the cost to purchase the food. The JPI House Committee will provide all the serving material and will also do the setup and breakdown. Our goal is to clear \$1.50 on each meal served so if we average 50 meals a Friday, we can clear \$ 300.00 for the month. SK Stephen Macejka will host the March 5<sup>th</sup> dinner, SK Bryan Roberts the March 12<sup>th</sup> and Tom Katrinak March 19<sup>th</sup> dinner. We still need someone to host the March 26<sup>th</sup> dinner. An advance head count is required to eliminate waste and keep our profits as high as possible. We are asking that if you plan to attend that you make a reservation by calling or emailing me by the Wednesday before each Friday dinner. Cost will vary depending on the cost to prepare but will be provided a week in advance by the Assembly e-mail list and to each of the Councils along with the menu.

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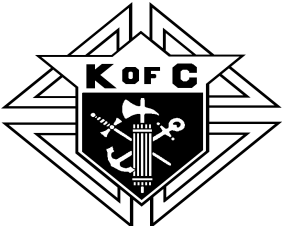


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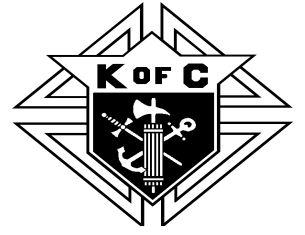


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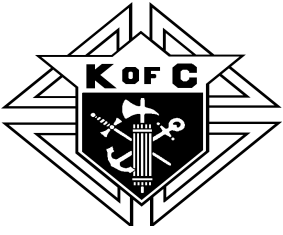


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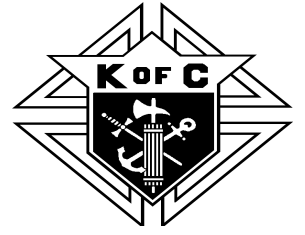


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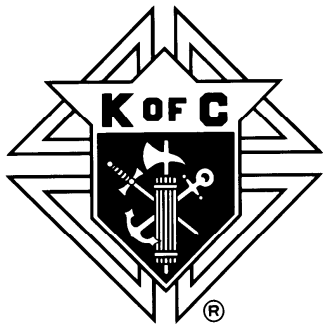
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