



# KNIGHT TIMES



Ascension Council #9285  
Manassas, Virginia

**Our 19th Year!**

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,



As I write this report, we are all in prayer for the Pope. When we reflect on someone's life, we think about the good things they have done. We begin to realize how someone can affect other people's lives by the good things they do and the example they set. Pope John Paul II has affected our church and all of us. His respect for life and dignity for the human race has been shown by everything he has done. As knights, we too have the ability to affect the lives that we touch, by the things we do for our family, friends, brothers and community. May we gain strength in our faith and in our lives to make a difference in what we do and how we do it. And may God bless the Pope!

April is our KOVAR month. Please sign up to help this great cause.

Thanks to all members that attended the TIPS training and have signed up to work at NISSAN this spring and summer.

We have a busy month for April, so please volunteer where you can and mark your calendars.

Vivat Jesus.

**Jerry Michonski**

*Grand Knight*

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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  
Charlie Govsky, PGK  
Dixie Zum Brunnen  
John Murray, PGK  
Andrew Hennessey

Frappier Family  
Ken Henz  
Andrew Krafcik



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month award for February goes to Art Bohn. Art has volunteered to be our NISSAN Chairman and helped conduct the council's audit in February. Thanks, Art, for the good work you do for the council.

The Knight of the Month award for March goes to John Angelotta. Since arriving at our council, John has been active in many of our activities. He saved the day for the cleaning of our room in the church hall, by notifying me that no one had shown up. We mustered together a team and got the job done. Thanks for your efforts John.

## BIRTHDAYS

The following knights will be celebrating April or May birthdays:



Rich Brosh	Tony Catabui	Tim Driskill
John Cunha	Thomas Cyr	
Jack DuFrain	Dominick Pellegrino	
Joseph Penning	Bryan Roberts	

## DEGREES

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

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday - #7877 Stafford (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday - #511 Hampton (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday - \$5480 Newport News (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday - #2473 Arlington (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday - #9259 Potomac (1 <sup>st</sup> )
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday - #7165 John Paul I (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday - #6546 Richmond (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday - #5332 Manassas (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR



The Council has several activities planned for April and May that will interest most of you knights and I encourage you to review the activities calendar. Our representatives for each activity are listed below and we all could use your help. We are still seeking a Council Director and a Community Director for our Council. Their objectives are listed below. Talk to me anytime about your interests with the Council.

*Program Director*

**Bryan Roberts**

*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.*

Our Clergy Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Tiziano's in Dumfries with Father Mike, Father Peter and Deacon Tom. Please call our Worthy Grand Knight, Jerry Michonski to reserve a place with us for dinner.

Our next event is the First Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall on April 24<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Brother Joe Mitchell and his wife Leslie have volunteered to organize this event and we are looking for servers, cooks, and clean up crews after each mass. Please call Joe at (703) 794-8634 or call Bryan Roberts to help find out how you can help us.

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

*Church Director*

**Andy Baronavski, PGK**

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## 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.*



We had three winners at the District Free throw contest. Alex Whittaker, Nicole Michonski and Alexandra Michonski made 19, 8, and 9 free throws, respectively.

Unfortunately, no one could make it to the State Competition.



There are no activities planned for April or May.

*Youth Director*

**John Murray, PGK**

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## 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.*

KOVAR will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at Mapledale Plaza, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Manassas Junction and after all Masses that weekend. Check the council website and then call brother Steve Trotman at (703) 794-1137 to schedule your time.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we have scheduled a roadside cleanup. Our area is Dale Blvd, south of Hoadly Road. We are scheduled to meet at the front of the Church at 9 AM.

The Community Program Director is currently vacant and we are looking for a volunteer to take on the responsibility of directing our activities. Call our Worthy Grand Knight, Jerry Michonski to discuss how you can help our community.

*Community Director*

**VACANT**



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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 Council Director position is open.

Our Council has agreed to work at Nissan Pavilion events as a non-profit organization along with the Parish Venture Crew to receive a portion of the revenue to fund new projects for the two organizations. Art Bohn has volunteered to organize this group and we have been very successful in the past generating funds. Our first Nissan event is the WMZQ Fest on May 7th. If you are interested in helping us, call Brother Art Bohn at (703) 368-6964.

Plan on visiting one of our Council Meetings on the second Thursday of every month. Call Bryan Roberts to discuss how you can participate with our Council.

The Knights will be presenting Membership information after all Masses on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from the pulpit. Please wear your badge or your officer's shirt and be available at the information table in the commons area. We need knights to meet, greet and invite families to join the Knights. Our social meeting for April will be a pot-luck dinner for potential members on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Council Director  
**VACANT**



## 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.*

No Family activities are planned in April or May.

Family Director  
**Don Hajec**  
Chancellor  
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(703) 791-6296

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in April and May (years are indicated in parenthesis).

Congratulations to Charlie Govsky who marks 50 years with the Knights of Columbus in May. Way to go Charlie!

Charlie Govsky, PGK (50)	Joe Mitchell (22)
Jeff Befumo, PGK (19)	John Buyna (19)
Thomas Cyr (19)	Ron DeSpirito (19)
Doug Glysson (19)	Vince Martin (19)
William McCabe (19)	Frank Varljen (19)
Joe Marshall (17)	Al Doktor, Jr. (16)
Bryan Roberts (10)	John Ploschnitznig (6)

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2005-6

The following is the current slate of nominees for council elected positions for the fraternal year 2005-2006:

Grand Knight	Bryan Roberts
Deputy Grand Knight	Wayne Brown
Chancellor	Don Hajec
Recorder	Steve Trotman
Treasurer	George Darnell, PGK
Advocate	Joe Marshall
Warden	Bob Garman
Inside Guard	Richard Rocha
Outside Guard	Dave Hangsleben
Outside Guard	Doug Blair
3 year Trustee	Jerry Michonski
2 year Trustee	Art Bohn, CGK*
Grand Knight Delegate	Bryan Roberts
Alternate GK Delegate	Wayne Brown
Past Grand Knight Delegate	Jerry Michonski
Alternate PGK Delegate	Art Bohn, CGK

\*Frank Varljen has indicated he will be resigning from the position of Trustee at the end of June.

Nominations are still open for any and all those positions; anyone interested in being nominated for one of the above positions, please contact one of the following members of the nominating committee:

Frank Varljen	(703) 791-6218
Art Bohn	(703) 368-6964
Jeff Befumo	(703) 791-6748



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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.

The Concert Schedule as of March 23<sup>rd</sup> includes:

May 7<sup>th</sup> - WMZQ Fest  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - Jimmy Buffet  
June 26<sup>th</sup> - Dave Matthews  
July 9<sup>th</sup> - Toby Keith  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - James Taylor  
July 24<sup>th</sup> - TBA  
July 29<sup>th</sup> - Rascal Flatts  
August 10<sup>th</sup> - TBA  
August 13<sup>th</sup> - Motley Crew  
August 20<sup>th</sup> - Brooks & Dunn  
September 9<sup>th</sup> - Alan Jackson

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 had a TIPS training at our last Social Meeting and there may an additional session at Nissan for those who missed it.

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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(703) 368-6964

## KOVAR

The 2005 KOVAR drive will take place the weekend of April 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 our 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*  
**Steve Trotman**  
*Lecturer*  
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The Family of the Month award for February goes to the Romero family. Mike has run our sub sales for many years including our recent February Sub Sale. Mike is an usher, his wife, Charlene, is a Eucharistic Minister and is helping WOSH sell raffle tickets to raise money for the parish. His daughter, Alyssa, helps with every sub sale, teaches a first grade religious education class and plays violin in the choir.

The Family of the Month award for March goes to the Baronavski family. Andy is very active our council. He is our Church Director, a lector and he is on the Parish Council. He is in charge of our donut duty every month. Michele is a member of our Church Choir and active in the Woman of Sacred Heart. Thanks for the good work.

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Contact our Field Agent, Dan Garrigan, at 703-494-0967, and sign up for an Annuity. It will not only give you a better investment for your money, but will give our Council a new Insurance Member.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month of issue. For the May calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by April 30<sup>th</sup>. For the June/July issue I will need articles by Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. *Please mark these on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.*

Please email me at [voyagerjs@earthlink.net](mailto:voyagerjs@earthlink.net). This newsletter is posted on our council website at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0405.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
Chaplain	Father Michael Bazan	
Deputy Grand Knight	Bryan Roberts	580-8660
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	Curtis and Norma Donato	878-7303
Citrus Chairman	John Murray, PGK	791-6971
Sub Sales Chairman	Mike Romero, PGK	590-0437

District Deputy	George Clark, PGK	494-1607
District Warden	Leon DeCerb	794.1017
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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