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Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Our 21st Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



The Glorious Easter season is here: the Son of God is Risen! I trust that each of you experienced a spiritually enriching Lent. It's hard to believe that Easter and spring have arrived. The flowers are blooming, the trees are sprouting their green canopies, and the drug store counters have long lines of allergy sufferers! Ah, for many of us there is indeed a price to pay for admiring God's beautiful handiwork. With spring comes one of our most beloved service projects, KOVAR, scheduled for the weekend of April 21st. Jim St Amour needs our help so please let him know if you can devote an hour or two to this worthwhile project.

As the last few months of the fraternal year sneak up on me I'm amazed at quickly the time has sped by and how much we have accomplished. It's through the hard work of the dedicated knights of Ascension Council that we've accomplished so much. For that, I thank each of you. For others I'd like to pay special tribute for their service to our Order and community. They will be highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. In the meantime, please have a Joyous Easter with family and friends. And may that same Easter Joy remain with you always.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

I'm pleased to acknowledge John Brady as our Knight of the Month for March. John is our pancake maker extraordinaire, and did a fantastic job of coordinating our inaugural Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. This new event was well-received and generated nearly \$300 towards the Bishops Lenten Appeal. Thanks John.

Our Knight of the Month for April is Jin St Amour. Anyone who has chaired the KOVAR service program knows how time consuming it is to coordinate all the needed volunteers to man the collections posts and count all those coins! Give Jim a hand in aid and a hand in appreciation for his efforts to KOVAR. Thanks Jim.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Often times we forget the fine examples set by Catholic families that may not be part of our Knights of Columbus family. This month I'd like to recognize one such family that was brought to my attention by a fellow parishioner. That family is the Dave Westley family. David and Laura, along with their three boys, David, Daniel and Matthew, are active in the Sacred Heart parish; taking on leadership roles in the Fall Harvest Festival, CCD, and Lenten Friday meals. The oldest boys are Altar Servers, Boy Scouts and members of the Legion of Mary. Congratulations to Westleys and thank you for setting an example for all families.

I am so very pleased to recognize the Hon Family as the Family of the Month for April. The commitment to church and community by John, Dianne and their three children Anthony, Ashley and Patrick is ever visible and very much appreciated. John with his outreach to the needy and Dianne with her indefatigable involvement with the Venture Crew and our youth are inspirations to all of us. Congratulations Hon Family!

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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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Brother Knights, this Lenten season has graced us with good works and humble knights who have stepped up to lead our Parish. Events of the past two months demonstrate our wealth of time and faculties. Between feeding the families of Sacred Heart on Saturday and Sunday mornings, taking the time to ensure all of our inspections and permits are closed and approved for the kitchen, this has been a very successful period for us. We continue to provide great support for Donut Sunday, thanks to a dedicated core team and every knight who takes a few moments of their busy Sunday morning to provide a hand, or a word of encouragement – I and our Grand Knight Thank You!

I hope you have been able to participate in Faith Fest this year, taking the time to care for your spiritual-self and that of your family's.

Our Council's programs continue to have a great year – reaching out in all program areas to ensure we support the parish and refresh the Men we call Knights, in leadership and follower rolls. John, just tell me what to do in the kitchen (to include stay out of your way, when need be) and we'll have yet another successful egg-filled Pancake Breakfast.

We must continually look towards the future to ensure the viability of our Council and each of our knights. We must guard against burn-out, or just the event of a knight being continually asked to support – and out of a sense of duty – continuing to say yes – when it would/could be a good thing to give our very giving knight a well-deserved rest.

I would like for each of the knights of our Council to look at the great teamwork we have and ask themselves, can't I take an extra hour a month to commit to the Council and become the director for; Family Activities, Council Activities, Youth Activities, or Community Activities?

- I would like someone to step up and take on KOVAR for next year (remember burn-out...)
- I would like someone to assist Ray Stearns with KCIC Chairman...
- I know Joe does a fantastic job as Newsletter Editor, maybe someone could step up to assist him when he's looking for a hand ...

- Curtis continually steps up as our Pro-Life Chair, trying to get people to take the bus to DC, planning early enough so people can take off from work to attend is a lot of work – anyone willing to step up and help?
- Mike has agreed to step up for Sub Sales Chairman yet again, bless his heart. I know I tend to be working 4th Degree Subs at the same time – I'd like to see a co-lead help Mike to keep him from going completely mad before our next sub sale – Anyone?
- Art, what can I say about you being Nissan Chairman? Thank you. I know Karen, Bryan, myself among others help to count the money and tie up loose ends – if you are looking for more, please let us know...
- John, as Parish Brunch Chairman I've never seen a program run so smoothly, even when you get help you didn't even know you wanted or needed. When you need a co-chair (I'm always looking for a volunteer to help him) pray, maybe one will step into your life...
- Leo, I know being Clergy Memorial Chairman is a challenge. We'll work to move this program forward this year, promise...
- Tom, VDOT Road Cleanup Chairman. We'll soon have signs and we continue to make our little corner of the world much better. Any one of our knights willing to help Tom as co-lead?
- Bryan, ARC Home Chairman. This is near and dear to many of us. I will continue to be there and support every event, but that does not preclude another knight from helping with the ministry to spread the work to other councils and have them adopt their own home – any takers?

If you have other ideas and would like to assist this coming year, please contact any Officer of our Council. Please pray for my brother John, the devil has led him down a path of evil (yet again) and is looking at yet another stint in jail.

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 April 1st, May 6th and June 3rd.

Parish Confirmation will take place two evenings this year on April 30th and May 1st. We will be handing out a prayer book to each new Confirmandi.

Father Peter will be finishing up his doctorate and leaving for Nigeria in September or October. He successfully defended his doctorate on March 12th. His graduation from Catholic University is on May 12th.

We invite any Knights who are interested to attend the graduation at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Washington D.C. near the grounds of Catholic University. This would be a wonderful tribute to Father Peter and give those attending an opportunity wish him well on his spiritual journey. Contact Bryan Roberts, PGK for more information.

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.



The ARC Group Home Spring Clean Up will take place on April 21st. Meet at the parish parking lot at 9 AM. Contact Bryan Roberts, PGK for more details.

We will be collecting for KOVAR on Saturday April 21st and Sunday April 22nd at a variety of places. See the separate article later in this newsletter.

Our quarterly VDOT Road Clean-up will take place on Saturday May 5th. Meet at the parish parking lot at 9 AM. Contact Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK for more details.

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 April Social Meeting will take place on Thursday April 26th. It will start at 6:30 PM with pizza. Dominion Power will then give a talk at 7:30 PM about their power needs and plans.

We will have a corporate communion Mass and Breakfast the fifth Sunday in April. We will attend Mass together (probably at 9 AM) and then cook ourselves a breakfast in the new kitchen downstairs. Please contact Doug Blair if you and your family would like to attend.

Our next Pancake Brunch will be after all Masses on Mother's Day, May 13th. Brunch for any mother will be complimentary.

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.



We will hold a sub sale on one weekend in both April and May. On Saturday April 21st and May 19th we will meet in the kitchen to prepare subs for 5 PM Mass starting at 8:30 AM. On Sunday April 22nd and May 20th we will meet in the kitchen at 7:30 AM to prepare subs for the Masses of that day.

The State Convention this year will be held in Virginia Beach on the weekend of May 4th through 6th. Please see Steve Trotman for details if you would like to attend.

We plan to have a social meeting to celebrate the finishing of the renovated kitchen starting at 6:30 PM on Thursday May 24th. This will be a pot luck dinner and families are invited. At or around 8 PM, we will have elections for next fraternal year.

We will have a recruitment weekend May 19th and May 20th. Our business meeting on May 10th will include a First Degree Exemplification.



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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.



No youth activities are planned for April or May.

UPCOMING DEGREES

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

Second	April 24 th	John Paul I Council 7165
First	May 10 th	Ascension Council 9285

KOVAR

It is KOVAR time again. This year's dates are April 21st to 22nd at the Mapledale Plaza Giant and at the Manassas Junction Giant as well as after each Mass during that weekend. We will also be working on Saturday May 19th at the Bloom (formerly Food Lion) on Hoadly road (across from the church). We need to have at least one person for each time slot. We need coverage for the following times at the Manassas Junction Giant and at the church:

Manassas Junction Giant:

21 April (Sat): 1 to 3 PM
22 April (Sun): 12 to 2 PM, 2 to 4 PM, and 4 to 5 PM

Sacred Heart (after the following Masses):

9 AM Mass, 10:30 AM Mass and 12 PM Mass

Hoadly Road Bloom:

19 May (Sat): 11 AM to 1 PM, 1 to 3 PM, and 3 to 5 PM

Please let me know ASAP when you are available to volunteer.

KOVAR Chairman

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BIRTHDAYS

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



John Angelotta
Tony Catabui
John Cunha
Michael DeVera
Tim Driskill
Paul Neuzil
Joe Penning
Norberto Sese

Rich Brosh
Thomas Conti
Thomas Cyr
Curtis Donato
Jack DuFrain
Dominick Pellegrino
Bryan Roberts, PGK
Eliezel Vega

NISSAN

It's that time of year again to start thinking of volunteering to work the Nissan Concerts. I don't have a full schedule yet (see below), but that doesn't mean you can't step up to the plate and let me know of your interest in volunteering. (E-mail or phone). If you're not TIPS trained, also let me know that so I can either get you into a class, or get the TIPS trainers to come to Sacred Heart to give a training session to a number of people. The next TIPS training dates at NISSAN are April 14th at 9 AM, April 16th at 6 PM, April 21st at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM and April 22nd at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Contact me if you can make one of these.

The following shows are scheduled so far which we will pick and choose from based on how many will volunteer.

- WMZQ Fest, Saturday May 5th
- Gwen Stefany, Thursday May 17th
- Alan Jackson, Sunday, June 10th
- Rush, Saturday, June 23rd
- Jimmy Buffet, Thursday, June 28th
- Toby Keith, Saturday, July 14th
- Dave Mathews Band, Saturday, August 11th
- Project Revolution, Sunday, August 19th
- Kenny Chesney, Saturday, August 25th
- Rascal Flatts, Saturday, September 8th
- Brad Paisley, Saturday, October 6th

Please do volunteer, the moneys we earn goes along way to helping our Church, or Community, and our Council!

Nissan Chairman

Art Bohn

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ROSES 4 LIFE

We have embarked on a special program called "Roses 4 Life". This beautiful program was proposed and will be chaired by Brother Jack Kapp, who along with Brother Bob Garmon are seeking volunteers. This program will promote a culture of life by recognizing Mothers at Baptisms held at Sacred Heart. A Brother Knight of Ascension Council will be at every Baptism and present a long stem rose to each Mother of the newly baptized thanking her for her respect for Life.

The Knight will present the rose with the following words:

"THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AS AN ORDER, PLACES GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE RESPECT FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE. ASCENSION COUNCIL HERE AT SACRED HEART, AS AN EXTENSION OF THAT THOUGHT, WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE MOTHER(S) OF THIS(THESE) BEAUTIFUL BABY(BABIES) A ROSE IN RECOGNITION OF MOTHERHOOD AND YOUR RESPECT FOR LIFE."

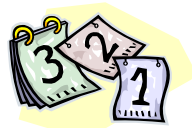
Alert the presider that you are there to make a presentation after the blessing and before they are dismissed, if it is not at Mass. If at Mass, be ready at the Communion Meditation and the presider usually calls upon you before the blessing of the parents and the final blessing.

Jack Kapp will be contacting the Safeway at Old Bridge and the Parkway for roses and set up a procedure for getting those to the Church for the Baptisms.

Please contact Jack Kapp, jkapp2@comcast or Bob Garman rmgarman@comcast.net if you would like to participate in this program.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



Charlie Govsky, PGK (52)
Joe Mitchell (24)
John Buyna (21)
Ron DeSpirito (21)
Frank Varljen (21)
Alfred Doktor (18)
John Ploschnitznig (8)
Michael Saller, Jr. (4)
Richard Johnson (2)

Raymond Bazan (36)
Jeff Befumo, PGK (21)
Thomas Cyr (21)
William McCabe (21)
Joe Marshall (19)
Bryan Roberts, PGK (12)
Christopher Potvin (8)
John Brady (2)
Andrew Weyel (2)

OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2007-8

The following Ascension Council knights have been nominated for office for fraternal year 2007-8. Elections will be held at 8 PM on Thursday, May 24th.

Grand Knight	Doug Blair
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Johnson
Recorder	Bob Garman
Treasurer	Jerry Michonski, PGK
Chancellor	Joe Marshall
Advocate	Andy Baronavski, PGK
Warden	John Angelotta
Inside Guard	Jack Kapp
Outside Guard	Dave Hangsleben
Outside Guard	Mike Saller or John Fritsch
3 Year Trustee	Steve Trotman
1 Year Trustee	George Darnell, PGK
GK Delegate	Doug Blair
Alt. GK Delegate	Bryan Roberts, PGK
PGK Delegate	Steve Trotman
Alt PGK Delegate	George Darnell, PGK

Other positions are appointed.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. Most of those celebrating 21 year anniversaries were part of our original charter council.

I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the May calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by April 28th. For the June/July issue I will need articles by Saturday, June 2nd. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines. See a softcopy at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0407.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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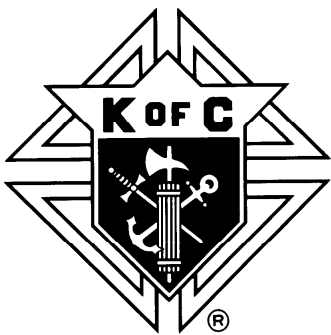


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