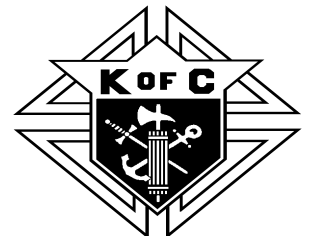




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Our 22nd Year!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



Easter has brought us a beautiful spring, hopefully with an increased appreciation of the lessons taught to us by Jesus. As Catholic gentlemen we are asked to keep our vision ever looking outward to help others. God shares his secrets with us; our council needs to continually share our secrets of success, through good works, with our community.

We have KOVAR coming up this month. I ask each and every Knight to give generously of your time to assist Brother John Brady as he sends out the schedule. Each and every one of us should spend a few hours asking others of our community to donate towards those less fortunate than ourselves. I thank you, and Father McGivney thanks you as well, for the time you give. Your soul will rejoice with gladness for all your hard work during the KOVAR season.

We have a First Degree scheduled for April 10th. If you have a friend who you had been meaning to ask to become a brother knight, please consider asking them this week. Brother Clement Ryan is preparing the team for those gentlemen who are ready to become knights.

Thank you, each Brother Knight of our Council, for the good works you do.

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.



John Fritsch

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Rick and Paula Crete are the family of the month for February. Rick is an active Knight. They are dual sponsors for Adult RCIA; what greater gift can a Knight and his family give but to sponsor Christians into the Catholic faith? They are very giving of their time and talents, showing others the way to Christ. Rick and Paula's active membership in the council and community are to be commended.

The Family of the Month for March is Steve and Debbie Trotman. Steve, Debbie, Lauren, Erin and Emily are the complete package. Steve is a respected PGK and Council Trustee. Steve and Debbie are parish Eucharistic Ministers. A true parish model family. Steve is the program chair for prayer books to our catechumen, providing a Catholic Prayer Book to each new RCIA Catholic Member each Easter, and each young parish member being confirmed.

The Family of the Month for April is George and Michelle Darnell. George is a respected PGK, current One Year Trustee and an active member of the Fourth Degree as a Sir Knight. Michelle is active in the church. They are both very active with their extended family, the church family and local community with daily activities. They can be counted on, in a moments notice to support any council need. I'm forever in their debt for the advice I receive from them. Thank you.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Happy Easter! As always, we had a very busy February and March and the events keep coming! Thanks go to all of you who donated your time, talent, and treasure to support our council and our church over this past Lenten season. 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 Sub Sale and Mardi Gras Dance the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday. We followed those events with our very popular Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We had a small, but intimate crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the pancakes. Great job John Brady! We were able to attract six new members during our membership blitz the weekend of February 9th and 10th. Thanks to all who participated. On February 28th, we held a very successful 1st Degree Exemplification, welcoming two of our own new members into our council as well as three from other area councils. This past weekend, we had a very nice evening at Captain Pell's Fairfax Crab House as we celebrated our Clergy Appreciation Night with Father Mike, Father Jude and Deacon Tom. Great food and great conversation was the highlight of the night! 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 getting ready for our Spring VDOT Road Cleanup. We have another 1st Degree Exemplification on April 10th. The weekend of April 19-20th is our first of two weekends of KOVAR. Please volunteer to take a shift or two to help this very worthy cause. Our April Social meeting will be on the 24th. We will host Father Peter and Father Jude for an evening focusing on our outreach program to our sister Parish in Nigeria. The Knights will provide the pizza and we ask each family to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Please bring a friend with you to this event! We have moved our ARC cleanup and mulch lay-in to April 26th to coincide with Boy Scout Troop 608's mulch delivery. In May, we will have our annual pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 11th. All Moms eat for free! Brother Art Bohn will take us on a tour of the Museum of the United States Marine Corps on Sunday, May 18th. We will hold our annual elections on Thursday, May 22nd. Please come out and participate!

As we enjoy this Easter season, let us not forget the sacrifice He made for us. Please enjoy this wonderful

spring season with your families and join us for any and all events as we serve our bishop, priests, and parishioners.

Vivat Jesus!

Program Director

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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.

John Schroeder (a member of Ascension Council) on trumpet and Glenn Moore on piano are giving a recital at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on April 12th at 7 PM.

We will be cooking pancakes and serving them free to all mothers and, for a small additional fee, the mother's families (or anybody else) on Mother's Day, May 11th after the 7:30, 9 and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Contact John Brady to volunteer.

Mark your calendars to help with the parish festival on June 7th. More details will be forthcoming.

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.



Although there are no specific youth activities in April or May, you may want to consider volunteering jointly with



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your children or grandchildren for KOVAR. Please see John Brady's article on page 6.

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.



Our business meeting for April (the 10th) will include a first degree. Our social meeting for April (the 24th) will include a talk given by Father Peter or Father Jude and by Laura Westley on our sister parish in Nigeria. The council will provide pizzas at 6:30 PM – please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Elections for Fraternal Year 2008-2009 will take place at our May business meeting on May 22nd. The May social meeting will be held in conjunction with the outing at the Marine Corps Museum on May 18th.

The Virginia State Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Roanoke this year during the weekend of May 2nd to 4th. There are many Knight and spouse activities available for Knight participating in the convention. Please see Grand Knight Doug Blair for more information if you are considering attending.

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.



On Sunday May 18th, our Charter Grand Knight, Art Bohn, will be giving a Docent-led tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps starting at 10 AM. If you are interested in joining this tour, please provide Brother Art with how many there will be in your group who would be attending (children welcome) by e-mailing him at arthur.bohn@vion.com no later than Friday, May 15th. And if you can't e-mail, then show up anyway, no one will be turned away! Brother Art just needs to get some kind of count of the attendees to ensure that we won't have to split the group if it is too large to be manageable!

Since it starts at 10 AM, Brother Art has suggested that those who wish to attend go to Mass on Saturday at 5

PM or Sunday at 7:30 AM and have that obligation completed in order to meet at the museum before 10 AM. The location of the museum is on Route 1, just south of the intersection of Route 619 (Joplin Road) and Route 1. As you pass Joplin Road, move to your immediate right-hand lane which will bring you to the Museum entrance – turn right into the entrance, park, and gather outside in the front of the building where Art will meet you and start the tour!

Brother Art, as our tour guide, is a museum-trained docent at the Museum, and has been so for the past year and some months. The tour will be interrupted by lunch at 12 Noon. There are two restaurants at the museum: the "Mess Hall" which is a cafeteria-style eating facility, and "Tun Tavern" which is a sit down, waiter-appointed eating area. Should you desire to bring a picnic lunch, you are most welcome to do so, and there is sufficient grassy areas to eat outside (PLEASE: No Food or Drink within the Museum spaces!) Lunchtime will be from 12 – 1 PM, following which, the tour will continue.

Should you not be able to make it to the 10 AM start, you would be most welcome to join us at the 1 PM follow-up! George Darnell will be late in attending as he will be hosting some classmates, and they will show up around 2 PM – they will join our in-progress tour, and then get what they missed later! If you find yourself running late, you can join George, et al, with their tour!

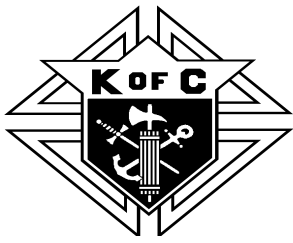
Community

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.



Brothers Tom Zum Brunnen and Doug Blair are asking that you open up your hearts and your calendar to come out this Saturday, April 5th to help us beautify the area around Sacred Heart Church and our local area for the community. All Brother Knights, please come to Sacred Heart Church at 9 AM on Saturday. Please bring a pair of gloves (safety) and a smile.

We will be meeting at Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 9 AM on Saturday April 26th to perform some spring clean-up on the ARC home and to spread mulch around the beds in their yard. Please contact Bryan Roberts, PGK for more information.



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INSURANCE AGENT

Many fine life insurance companies

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In it's credit rating of the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's stated that it's 'AAA' rating was based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we have been steadfastly committed to our motto, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from your Knights of Columbus field agent. Please give me a call. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

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NISSAN

This year we are joining the Sharks group when working at Nissan. This will enable us to earn a higher commission rate as all concerts will be covered. All Knights who help out may help out at any or all concerts. Art Bohn, CGK is continuing to act as our liason with the Sharks group. You should contact Art to volunteer. The following 2008 concerts are planned at Nissan Pavilion:

Day	Date	Artist	Gate Time
Sat	05/10/08	Kanye West	5:30 PM
Sun	05/11/08	Radiohead	6:00 PM
Sat	05/31/08	MZQ Fest: Sugarland*	3:00 PM
Sun	06/08/08	Tom Petty / Steve Winwood	5:30 PM
Sun	06/15/08	Tim McGraw*	6:00 PM
Sat	06/28/08	Dave Matthews	5:30 PM
Sat	07/12/08	Brad Paisley*	6:00 PM
Sat	07/19/08	Rush	6:00 PM
Sun	07/20/08	311/Snoop Dogg	5:00 PM
Sat	07/26/08	Rascal Flatts*	6:30 PM
Sun	07/27/08	tba	
Thurs	07/31/08	tba	
Wed	08/07/08	tba	
Sat	08/09/08	Toby Keith*	6:00 PM
Fri	08/15/08	tba	
Sat	08/16/08	tba	
Sun	08/17/08	tba	
Mon	08/18/08	Jonas Brothers	5:30 PM
Sat	08/23/08	tba	
Sun	08/24/08	Rod Stewart	6:00 PM
Wed	08/27/08	tba	
Sat	08/30/08	Buffet	6:00 PM
Mon	09/01/08	Buffet	
Sun	09/14/08	tba	
Sat	09/27/08	Martina McBride*	6:00 PM

Nissan Chairman

[Art Bohn](#)

Charter Grand Knight

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DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

April 10

1st @ Ascension

May 7

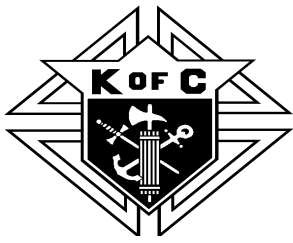
1st @ John Paul I

May 27

2nd @ John Paul I Home

June 14

3rd @ 6332 Manassas



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Vatican declares Knights of Columbus founder "venerable"

Fr. Michael J. McGivney would be first American-born priest to be declared a saint



New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008 - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support his family.

From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877. He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for February is John Fritsch. John is one of our worthy Outside Guards. He has been to virtually every council meeting and event since becoming a knight. He is a strong example among great men. We will see him lead others to our council as well.

Our Knight of the Month for March is Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK. Tom is the council lecturer and VDOT Road Cleanup program chairman. He continually looks to bring the council together with family social events that bring us all closer together. He also strives to keep our community cleaner, reminding me as Grand Knight that we need to keep our community clean as well.

Our Knight of the Month for April is Joe Marshall. Joe is the Council Chancellor and Newsletter Editor. But, he is so much more. He is our bell-weather that keeps us on track each month; without him we would not look professional and our council's business would be fraught with errors and mistakes in our calendar and newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

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



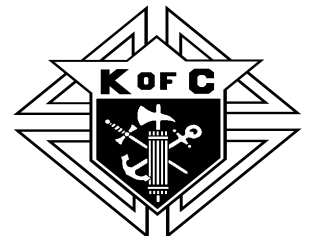
John Angelotta
Tony Catabui
John Cunha
Michael DeVera
Timothy Driskill
Paul Neuzil
Joseph Penning
Al Sese

Richard Brosh
Thomas Conti
Thomas Cyr
Curtis Donato
Jack DuFrain
Dominick Pellegrino
Bryan Roberts, PGK
John Woods



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KOVAR

Ascension Council is participating in the Knights of Virginia's Annual KOVAR Fund Drive on the weekends of April 19-20th and May 17-18th. During these weekends, members of the Knights of Columbus and their families volunteer their time by standing out in front of local businesses, distribute free Tootsie Rolls, and accept contributions for this worthy cause.

The KOVAR Goal for this year is \$650,000 and Ascension Council's goal is \$5,345.

KOVAR is Knights of Virginia Assisting Citizens with Intellectual disabilities. Once a year, we go into shopping centers, malls, and major food stores to raise funds for our neighbors with intellectual disabilities. Every penny raised, REPEAT, EVERY PENNY RAISED, is used for this worthy cause.

In the November 1996 issue of *Columbia*, the author of "Family Ties" on page 8 states "In our family, we are all active in our parish and the Knights of Columbus council." I can state from personal experience that bringing my granddaughter to the KOVAR site was a bonding exercise for both of us but also increased the donations. Anyone can bypass an old man but few will ignore the pleas of a beautiful young lady. It is great fun. Please do not miss the opportunity to build relationships with your children or grandchildren.

Please sign up with me for a block or two of time; let me know if you have any questions. I'll be adding a couple of sites for the May drive and will send that spreadsheet out later. God Bless and thanks for all your support!

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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 (53)
Joe Mitchell (25)

Ray Bazan (37)
Jeff Befumo, PGK (22)

EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed.

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 Airtel 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.



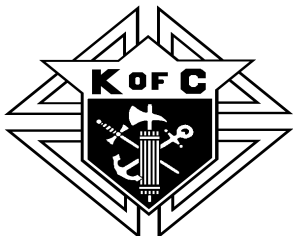
I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the May calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by April 26th. For the June/July issue I will need articles by Saturday, May 31st. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at [http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters and Calendars/koc0408.pdf](http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters_and_Calendars/koc0408.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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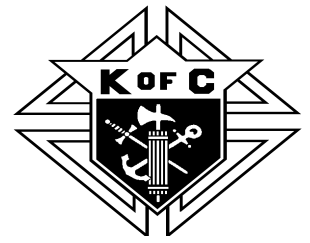
John Buyna (22)
Ron DeSpirito (22)
Frank Varljen (22)
Al Doktor (19)
John Ploschnitznig (9)
Michael Saller, Jr. (5)
Rick Johnson (3)
John Woods (1)

Thomas Cyr (22)
William McCabe (22)
Joe Marshall (20)
Bryan Roberts, PGK (13)
Christopher Potvin (9)
John Brady (3)
Andrew Weyel (3)

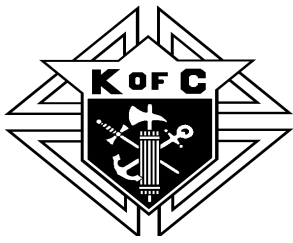


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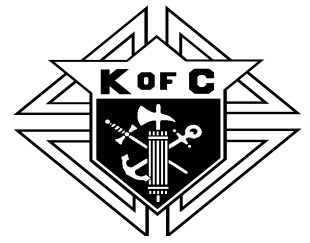


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