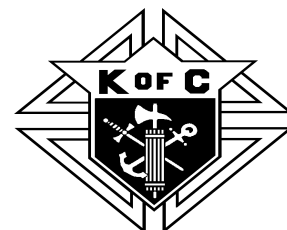




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Manassas, Virginia

**Our 24th Year!**

Year 24 --- Number 6 – May-June 2010

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brother Knights,

With the fraternal year rapidly coming to a close, I want to thank all the Brother Knights who served so well and faithfully this year as Council Officers and in all the other important positions such as Newsletter Editor, Membership Director, Church Director, etc. Due to your hard work and fantastic participation, we have enjoyed a successful year and continued to be a very active Council in support of our Parish and Community.

I want to thank all the vendors and service companies who came out for our Life Management event in April. It went pretty well for our first time and I hope this will continue as an annual program.

The State Annual Convention is scheduled for May 14-16<sup>th</sup> and your council will be represented by myself and PGK Rick Johnson. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for ways to make the KoC programs better able to serve you, please let us know soonest.

The Parish Council has offered us a membership table at a parish event focused on volunteer opportunities during the weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please wear your Knights shirt that weekend and work extra hard to recruit a friend in the parish to our council. With this increase in the number of volunteer and service programs, we could really use another 4-5 active members for the next fraternal year.

Looking forward to our annual Awards Picnic at the Bado's in June when we can recognize all our All-Star performers for this past fraternal year.

Fraternally yours,

**Bob Garman**

*Grand Knight*

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## DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Council #7165 - May 19
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Council #8183 - June 15
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree - District #12-JP1 Home: May 25
- 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

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Neil Roberts was selected as our Knight of the Month for March. One of our newer and youngest members, Neil has been very active in both our council and 4th Degree activities. Neil has been a great addition to our council and has already recruited one new member for this fraternal year.

Brother Doug Blair has done an outstanding job as one of our Council trustees and also serves the Parish regularly as an usher. In April, Doug displayed the Knight's principle of charity by helping a needy church member obtain a VKCCI grant to help her from losing her family possessions. Doug continues to be a shining light in our council (and not just from his camera) and is our Knight of the Month for April.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Brother Bill Miller and his entire family turned out to help with the Spring VDOT Road Clean-up. Due to their outstanding support, we had more people for this event than at anytime during recent history. All the work was done within 2 hours which left us plenty of time to enjoy a hearty breakfast at I-HOP. Brother Bill has also done an outstanding job this fraternal year as Council Recorder and his family has been selected at the Family of the Month for March.

PGK Mike Romero and his lovely wife Charlene greatly deserve the Family of the Month Award for April. They graciously opened their home for an annual Wine and Cheese social. A large number of Knights and family members attended and everyone had a great time. We can't thank the Romero's enough for their hospitality and fellowship.

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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.

The Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Columbus Grill. Dress will be casual. The Columbus Grill is located at 8349 Centreville Road in Manassas.

There will be a Knights Memorial Mass held at the Church on May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 PM.

There will be a sub sale the weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> after all Masses. Preparation starts at 3 PM on Saturday and 7 AM on Sunday.

The Parish Festival will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Knights will be assisting with setup and takedown. We will be setting up the big tent in place of the officer's meeting on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. Food will be available to those helping out on Thursday night.

### 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 bowling team competed in the state bowling tournament in April in Charlottesville. Although no awards were won, a good time was had by all participants.

At the April Business meeting, Lee Bennett was nominated and elected warden to serve out the vacant position for the 2009-2010 fraternal year. There was not enough time left to publish his nomination and wait for

election at the May meeting for less than a month of service.

The Business Meeting in May will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> and will include council elections.

Doug Blair, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers and delegates for election in May for the 2010-2011 Fraternal year:

Office	Nominee
Grand Knight	Rick Crete
Deputy Grand Knight	John Brady
Chancellor	Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK
Recorder	Bill Miller
Treasurer	Jerry Michonski, PGK
Advocate	Steve Trotman, PGK
Warden	Carl Birchard
Inside Guard	Rick Ontko
Outside Guard	Bob Richard
Outside Guard	Stefan Garman
3 Year Trustee	Bob Garman, PGK
2 Year Trustee	Rick Johnson, PGK
1 Year Trustee	Doug Blair, PGK
GK Delegate	GK Elect, Rick Crete
GK Alternate Delegate	Dep GK Elect, John Brady
PGK Delegate	Bob Garman
PGK Alternate Delegate	Rick Johnson

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 May or June.

### 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.*





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Joe and Suzanne Marshall will host the May Social for Knights and their spouses on Saturday evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. This will be held at their new home at 12576 Daffodil Drive in the Classic Hollow neighborhood at the end of Landview Estates off of Route 234. Various homemade pizzas will be prepared for those attending to dine on along with beverages. Joe worked at a pizza place on the south side of Chicago during his high school years and adapted the recipe while at college and has been making homemade and rather healthy pizzas ever since. Please RSVP to Joe or Suzanne at 703 791-4119 or [voyagerjs@comcast.net](mailto:voyagerjs@comcast.net) by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate if there are any ingredients you cannot eat on a pizza or if there are any ingredients or combinations you especially recommend. Planned ingredients include green peppers, onions, mushrooms, black olives, artichokes, pepperoni, ham, veggie sausage, and broccoli. Attendees are welcome to bring a side salad or dessert or favorite wine to share – please coordinate with Joe and Suzanne so as to have a nice assortment to go with the pizzas.

Our annual council awards social picnic will once again be hosted by PGK Tony and Molly Bado on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>. It will start around 2 PM and include grilled goodies, beverages, boat rides, horseshoes and awards for the concluding fraternal year. Please RSVP to Tony and Molly and bring a side dish or dessert to share. More details will be announced on Airset and at the June business meeting.

Mark your calendars for our annual pool parties hosted by PGK George and Michelle Darnell. The family pool party will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM and the adult pool party will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. More details will be announced in the July newsletter.

## 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.*



We had a great turnout to perform spring cleanup at the ARC home last month.

We will hold our quarterly VDOT road cleanup on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

## KOVAR UPDATE

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities to help out with KOVAR during the month of May. Unfortunately we'll have to work two Fridays (May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>), due to slot availability, but in a great spot—Sam's Club on Worth Ave. I'll be taking a day of leave to work slots, if anyone else is available, please consider.

Please sign up and email me or call me if you can support. Each shift at Sam's Club and Bloom is 3 hours long and has two workers as a minimum, but more are welcome.

We have the Sam's Club on Worth Ave on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> (6 volunteers) and Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> (6 volunteers). We have the Blooms on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at Hoadly (6 volunteers) and at Minneville and Spriggs (6 volunteers).

We also have the Sam's Club on Worth Ave on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> (6 volunteers) and Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> (6 volunteers). Finally, we are also doing all the Masses on the weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> (10 volunteers).

Contact me to sign up for one or more slots.

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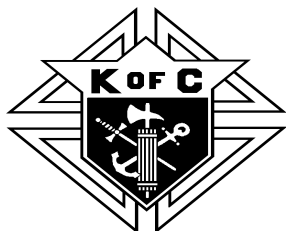
## LECTURER'S CORNER



Our chaplain, Fr. Mike, has graciously agreed to offer Mass in the main church on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM to celebrate the anniversary of Ascension Council's charter, with a brief reception afterwards. It will not be the liturgy for Ascension Thursday since that has been moved to the following Sunday in the US. But nevertheless, it seems appropriate to celebrate our anniversary on the original feast day when it was chartered. I hope to see many of our Knights families there.

In solidarity with our priests,

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## INSURANCE AGENT

Have you ever heard the expression "lazy days of summer?" While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let's get together soon. Because summer is not only busy, it's will also quickly come to an end. Call me.

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## BIRTHDAYS

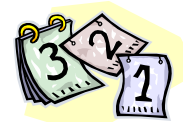
The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating May or June birthdays:



George Braun	Richard Braun
Rich Brosh	Jon Calvert
Tom Cyr	Michael DeVera
Alfred Doktor, Jr.	Curtis Donato
Terrence Gregory	Ken Henz
Andrew Krafcik	Jerry Michonski, PGK
Rick Ontko	Dominick Pellegrino
Joseph Penning	James Priester
Charles Quinones, PGK	Bryan Roberts, PGK
Stephen Trotman, PGK	Steven Villaneuva
John Woods	

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



Charlie Govsky, PGK (55)	Raymond Bazan (39)
David Priester (28)	William McCabe (24)
Joe Marshall (22)	Al Doktor Jr. (21)
David Munoz (15)	Stephen Trotman (15)
Bryan Roberts, PGK (15)	Lee Bennett (11)
David White (10)	Michael Saller, Jr. (7)
Rick Johnson, PGK (5)	John Brady (5)
Andrew Weyel (5)	Daniel Hillenbrand (4)
John Woods (3)	

## 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.

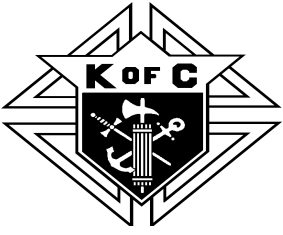
My wife Suzanne and I hope you will stop by for our council pizza party on May 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:30 PM.

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 June calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by May 28<sup>th</sup>. For the July/August issue I will need articles by Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.*

See the softcopy file of this newsletter, koc0510.pdf at <http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters> and Calendars. Please email me with your contributions at [voyagerjoe@comcast.net](mailto:voyagerjoe@comcast.net).

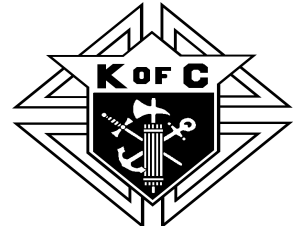
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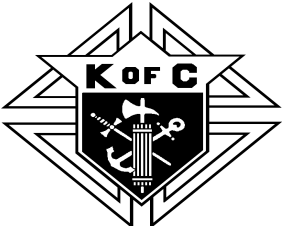


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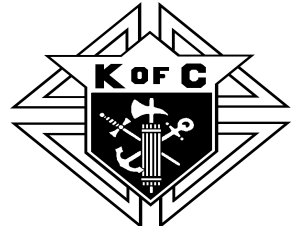


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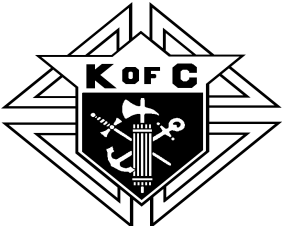


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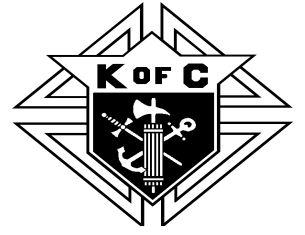


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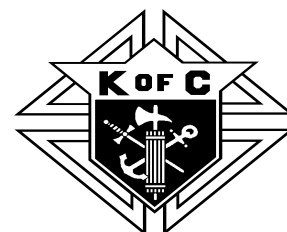


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