



KNIGHT TIMES



Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Year 24 --- Number 1 – July-August 2009

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Our 24th Year!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,



As always, it was a busy spring. We had some great events including a sub sale, VDOT road cleanup, and a great time celebrating our Clergy at their Appreciation Dinner. We had a very good KOVAR collection and started off our fund raising efforts for the summer with WMZQ Fest at Nissan Pavilion. As I write this, we are still remembering the best Parish Festival we have had so far and we are looking forward to the Parish 25th Anniversary celebration.

We also had to say goodbye to one of our Brother Knights, Sir Knight John Fritsch as he was called home by his Father to his eternal rest. John was a good friend and a great example of what it is to be a Knight of Columbus. He will be missed. We are lucky to still have Bette with us as part of our family.

As the Fraternal Year comes to an end, I would like to congratulate our newly elected slate of officers. Thank you for stepping forward to support of our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons as well as your Brother Knights. I would like to congratulate every member of Ascension Council on such a successful year. We accomplished a lot and we had a lot of fun as well. It was an honor to have been allowed to serve as your Grand Knight this past year. It was a very rewarding job made easier by all of the hard work and dedication of you, my Brother Knights. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual award barbeque on Sunday, June 28th, and then again on Thursday, July 2nd as we install Grand Knight-elect Bob Garman and the 2009-2010 officers.

Ad Gloriam Dei
Vivat Jesus!

Rick Johnson

Grand Knight

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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 Angelotta Don Hajec

BIRTHDAYS



The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating July and August birthdays:

Carl Birchard	John Brady
Richard Couture	Cosmas Emegbusim
Allan Erickson	Wallace Geiger, Jr.
Charlie Govsky, PGK	Joseph Gozzo
Archibald Kielly	Don Lewandowski
William T. Miller	Joe Mitchell
Steven Palkovitz	Mike Romero, PGK
Michael Saller, Jr.	John Schroeder
Peter Sisa	James St. Amour

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for April is Brother John Fritsch, may he rest in peace. John was our Worthy Warden and attacked his job with gusto. When John became too ill to still attend meetings, he was apologetic that he could no longer assist. A faithful Knight until the end, John was the Honoree for the District 12 2nd Degree Exemplification on April 14th. John is a shining example of what it is to be a Knight of Columbus and we, your Brother Knights, will miss you dearly.

Our Knight of the Month for May is Past Grand Knight Tom Zum Brunnen. Tom is our VDOT Chairman and co-hosts all of our pancake breakfasts with Brother John Brady. Brother Tom set up a great VDOT road cleanup this spring...we filled a record 21 bags with trash and refuse! He and Dixie were important members of the Parish 25th Anniversary celebration committee and Tom was co-chief cook at the annual Parish Festival. Brother Tom is a shining example of what it is to be a Knight of Columbus.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to those of Worthy Grand Knight Rick Johnson for the service each of you has provided to the Council and our Church this past fraternal year.

Our membership may not be huge but it is present and active at every liturgy and significant church event. As an example, the Parish 25th Anniversary was warm and inviting to all who attended thanks to Past Grand Knight Bryan Roberts, his family and all the knights and church members who assisted.

As the incoming Grand Knight, I also want to express my personal gratitude to the many knights who have agreed to continue in their current roles another year. Your experience and expertise will certainly help us sustain the level of success we enjoyed this past year.

To help us kick the new fraternal year off on a rousing start, Past Grand Knight George Darnell is again hosting the annual pool parties. The Family party is July 19th starting at 2 PM and the Adult party is August 1st at 6:30 PM. Please bring a side dish to share.

Also, please note that the August business meeting has been moved to the 3rd week so I can attend.

The next Virginia State Meeting will be held July 11th in Virginia Beach. I will send out an update on any issues of importance to our council after I return.

Finally, Charter Grand Knight Art Bohn has provided us an update from Nissan Pavilion that priority on concerts will be given to larger groups. The turn-out for Nissan concerts has been less due to the declining economy and as a result, they don't need as many volunteer workers. Please contact Brother Art if you can attend additional events.

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 are served by the Knights after each Mass on the first Sunday of each month. This has been suspended for the summer and will resume on Sunday September 6th.

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 activities scheduled in July or August. This is a great time to spend some quality time with your children.

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 council has committed to a Panera Bread Pickup at 9 PM every Wednesday to support our food ministry. Meet at the church hall around 9:15 to help wrap the bread for weekend distribution. Call PGK Jerry Michonski (703) 791-3148 to volunteer.

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 Family Pool Party will be held at the Darnell's home and pool on July 19th at 2 PM followed by an Adult Pool Party (no-one under 18) on August 1st held at 6:30 PM. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share to each. Please RSVP to George if you are planning to attend.



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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 Ascension Council Officer Installation Ceremony for Fraternal Year 2009-2010 will take place on Thursday evening, July 2nd, starting at 7:30 PM. Those council members taking part in the installation should arrive by 7 PM and should wear business attire (coat and tie). Refreshments will follow the installation ceremony.

The business meeting will be held on the third Thursday in August (20th) at the normal time of 7:30 PM. The pool parties taking place in July in August have been designated as those month's social meetings.

ELECTION RESULTS 2009-2010

The following gentlemen were elected officers to serve Ascension Council during fraternal year 2009-2010 commencing July 1st.

Grand Knight	Robert Garman
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Crete
Chancellor	Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK
Recorder	Bill W. Miller
Treasurer	Jerry Michonski, PGK
Advocate	Andy Baronavski, PGK
Warden	Steve Palkovitz
Inside Guard	Carl Birchard
Outside Guard	Rick Ontko
3 Year Trustee	Rick Johnson, PGK

In addition, George Darnell, PGK will continue to serve as Lecturer and Jeff Befumo, PGK will continue to serve as Financial Secretary. Most remaining appointed offices will be announced in July.

LECTURER'S CORNER

Our program of interesting talks will resume in September. Please join us at the family and adult pool parties we are hosting this summer.

Lecturer

George Darnell, PGK

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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

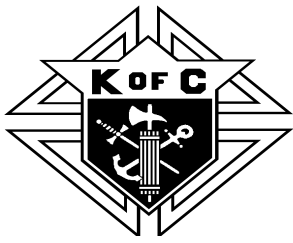


- Andrew Krafcik (49)
- Frank Burkart (44)
- George Darnell, PGK (30)
- Richard Couture (25)
- Archibald Kielly (12)
- Joseph Penning (12)
- Curtiss Donato (9)
- Thomas Zum Brunnen, IV (8)
- Robert Richard (1)

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Family of the Month for April is Brother Doug Blair, his wonderful wife Arden, their daughters Amanda and Ariel, and their son Alex. Doug is our three-year Trustee, our membership chair, and 4th Degree Liaison. He personally wrote letters to over 300 prospective Knights in our Parish and then followed that up with a phone-call campaign plan. Brother Doug represented our Council as Past Grand Knight Delegate to the State Council Annual meeting, one of the few who attended every meeting. He and Alex are Ushers at the 5:00 PM Mass and Brother Doug is the unofficial Ascension Council photographer.

Our Family of the Month for May is Brother Bill Miller, his lovely wife Karen, and their two boys Will and Camden. Brother Bill is one of our Worthy Outside Guards. When our Recorder had to take a short-notice assignment overseas, Brother Bill immediately volunteered as his replacement. He is our Recorder-elect for next Fraternal Year. The Miller Family is one of the anchors for our VDOT road cleanup each fall and spring and Bill and the boys helped out immensely this year with KOVAR collections. Bill and his family always lend a hand whenever they can for Parish events.



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DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

1 st	8183	Tuesday	Jul 21	@St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 st	7165	Wednesday	Aug 5	@ John Paul I Home
1 st	8183	Tuesday	Aug 18	@St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 st	7165	Wednesday	Sep 2	@ John Paul I Home
2 nd	Dist 12	Tuesday	Sept. 15	@John Paul I Home

NISSAN

With 40% of our committed concerts now history, we have had very disappointing results. This appears to be a combination of the very high prices at Nissan and the poor state of the economy. To date the very dedicated volunteers have earned the council around \$550 over 4 nights (average \$5/person-hour).

The remaining concerts for 2009 are shown below:

7/25 – Brad Paisley	8/8 – Dave Mathews Band
8/22 – Crue Fest	8/29 – Kenny Chesney
9/5 – Jimmy Buffet	9/12 – Toby Keith

Contact me if you can help so we can fill in any last minute cancellations.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

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

We decided to get this newsletter back and aligned on the fraternal year boundary so we relied on AIRSET and word of mouth to get the word out in June.

Please see the attached budget. This was presented and tabled at the June business meeting and will be voted upon at the July 9th meeting.



I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the August calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by August 1st. For the September/October issue I will need articles by Saturday, August 29th. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines. If I don't get inputs you don't get a newsletter...*

See a softcopy at <http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters> and [Calendars/koc0709.pdf](http://ascensioncouncil.org/Calendars/koc0709.pdf). Please email me with your contributions at voyagerjs@earthlink.net.

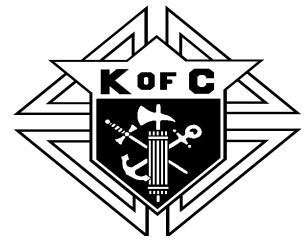
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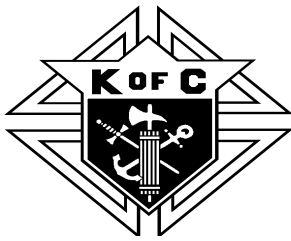
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2009-2010 Council Budget Draft

Expense Category	Expense Obligations	Expenses	Income Category	Income Source	Income
E1	Administrative ways & Means		I1	Administrative ways & Means	
E1.01	Supreme Assessment	\$500.00	I1.01	Dues (75*36)	\$2,700.00
E1.02	State Assessment	\$500.00	I1.02	Initiation Fee	\$40.00
E1.03-01	Supreme Advertising	\$130.00	I1.03	Coucil Raffles (50/50 & SB)	\$400.00
E1.04-01	Financial Secretary Stipend	\$270.00	I1.04	Donations/Misc	\$100.00
E1.04-02	Postage & Supplies	\$80.00			
E1.05	Recorder Stipend	\$36.00			
E1.06	Treasurer Stipend	\$36.00			
E1.07	Newsletter w/ postage	\$200.00			
E1.08	Insurance - VA State Council	\$160.00			
E1.09	Supplies and Miscellaneous	\$231.00			
E1.10	Website	\$100.00			
	Total Administrative Way & Means	\$2,243.00	Total I1		\$3,240.00
E2	Church			Church	
E2.01-01	PKD Penny/Knight/Day (3.65*110)	\$401.50			
E2.01-02	RSVP	\$500.00			
E2.02-01	Clergy Appreciation Dinner	\$1,000.00		Clergy Appreciation Dinner	\$1,000.00
E2.02-02	Clergy Apprec.Gifts	\$100.00			
E2.02-03	Vocations Sub Sale	\$364.58	I2.01	Vocations Sub	\$833.33
E2.03	Parish Projects- Parish Breakfast	\$80.00	I2-03	Parish Projects- Parish Breakfast	\$320.00
E2.03-01	BLA - Shrove Tuesday Pancake	\$36.00		BLA - Shrove Tuesday Pancake	\$120.00
E2.04	Parish Sub Sale	\$364.58	I2.02	Parish Sub Sales	\$833.33
E2.05	Bishop's Lenten Appeal	\$84.00			
E2.06	Catholic Schools				
E2.06.01	St Thomas Aquinas	\$100.00			
E2.06.02	All Saints	\$100.00			
E2.06.03	Seton	\$100.00			
E2.06.04	Bishop O'Connell HS	\$100.00			
E2.07	Christmas Cards KCIC	\$210.00	I2.04	Christmas Cards KCIC	\$700.00
E2.08	Parish Donations				
E2.08.01	Parish Spring Festival	\$250.00			
	Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School	\$100.00			
	Sacred Heart Lenten Rice Bowl	\$100.00			
	Confirmation Prayer Books	\$640.00			
E2.08.02	Parish Kitchen Fund	\$0.00	I2.08.02	Parish Kitchen Fund	\$0.00
E2.09	Super Bowl Raffle Expenses	\$1,300.00	I2.09	Super Bowl Raffle Sales	\$1,700.00
	Total Church	\$5,930.67	Total I2		\$5,506.67



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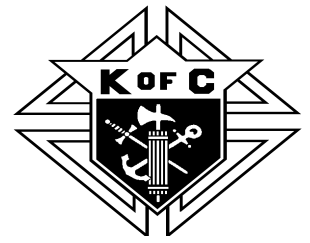


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E3	Community		I3	Community	
E3.01	Serve Donation	\$100.00			
E3.02	Acts Donation	\$100.00			
E3.03	Birthright Donation	\$100.00			
E3.04	St Vincent de Paul Donation	\$100.00			
E3.05-01	KOVAR	\$2,000.00		KOVAR	\$2,000.00
E3.05-02	Tootsie Rolls	\$200.00			
	Community Breakfast	\$96.00		Community Breakfast	\$320.00
	ARC Group Home Expenses	\$224.00			
E3.06	Clothing Drive	\$25.00			
E3.07	State Charity Donation	\$490.00			
E3.08	Highway Cleanup	\$0.00			
E3.09	Donations	\$0.00			
E3.10	Community Sub Sale	\$364.58	I3.01	Community Sub Sale	\$833.33
E3.11	Project Rachel	\$0.00			
E3.12	DEMY	\$150.00			
E3.13	Blood Drive	\$0.00			
	Total Community	\$3,949.58	Total I3		\$3,153.33
E4	Council			Council	
E4.01	Name Tags	\$50.00			
E4.02	GK Contingency Fund	\$400.00			
E4.04.01	Quarterly Meetings (\$30 each)	\$120.00			
E4.04-02	Convention	\$350.00			
E4.05	Installation Reception	\$100.00			
E4.06-01	PGK Dinner	\$750.00	I4.06	PGK Recognition	
E4.06-02	PGK Recognition Gifts	\$400.00	I4.06.01	Dinner Receipts	\$450.00
E4.06-03	Officer Recognition	\$200.00			
E4.07	Knight of the Year / Month				
E4.07.01	Knight of Month				
E4.07.02	Knight of Year				
E4.08	Degrees				
E4.08-01	First Degree	\$50.00			
E4.08.02	Second Degree	\$75.00			
E4.08-03	Third Degree	\$75.00			
E4.09	Council Christmas Party	\$300.00			
E4.10	Meeting Expenses	\$350.00	I4	Social Meetings	\$120.00
E4.11	Bereavement	\$100.00			
E4.12	Recruit / Membership	\$0.00			
E4.13	Ascension B-day Sat PM	\$0.00			
E4.14	Council Anniversary Dinner	\$0.00			
E4.15	Parish Breakfast	\$96.00	I4	Parish Breakfast	\$320.00
E4.16	Council Events Sub Sale	\$364.58	I4	Council Events Sub Sale	\$833.33
E4.17	Council Promotional Tees	\$0.00			
E4.18	Nissan Events - Insurance	\$300.00	I4	Nissan Events	\$3,600.00
	Total Council	\$4,080.58	Total I4		\$5,323.33

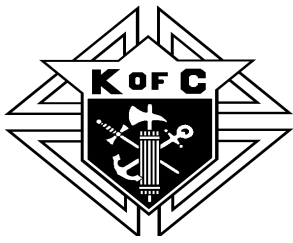


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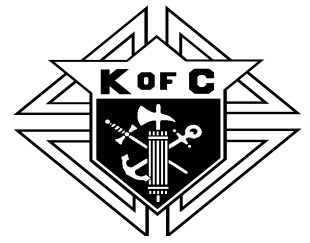


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E5	Family			Family	
E5.01	Family of the Month / Year	\$0.00			
E5.01.01	Family of the Month	\$0.00			
E5.01.02	Family of the Year	\$0.00			
E5.02	Family Picnic	\$150.00			
E5.03	Pool Party	\$200.00			
E5.04	Ladies Appreciation Dinner	\$50.00		Ladies Appreciation Dinner	\$0.00
E5.05	Family Programs Sub Sale	\$364.58	I5.05	Family Programs Sub Sale	\$833.33
E5.06	Roses for Life	\$200			
	Total Family	\$964.58	Total I5		\$833.33
E6	Youth			Youth	
E6.01	Parish Youth Parties				
E6.01-01	Movie/Pizza Night	\$0.00			\$0.00
E6.01-02	Halloween Party	\$100.00			
E6.01-03	Christmas Party	\$100.00			
E6.02	Youth Ministry	\$50.00			
E6.03	Scouting				
E6.03.01	Girl Scouts	\$0.00			
E6.03.02	Boy Scouts	\$200.00			
E6.03.03	Cub Scouts	\$200.00			
E6.04	Free Throw Contest	\$50.00			
E6.05	Youth Ministry Lock-In				
E6.06	Coles Little League				
E6.07	Young Man/Woman of the Year				
E6.07.01	Young Woman	\$100.00			
E6.07.02	Young Man	\$100.00			
E6.08	Youth Project Sub Sale	\$364.58	I6	Youth Project Sub Sale	\$833.33
E6.09	Citrus Expenses	\$0.00			\$0.00
E6.10	Deleted		I6		
E6.11	Altar Server Appreciation	\$50.00			
	Total Youth	\$1,314.58	Total I6		\$833.33
	Grand Total Expense	\$18,483.00	\$407.00	Grand Total Income	\$18,890.00

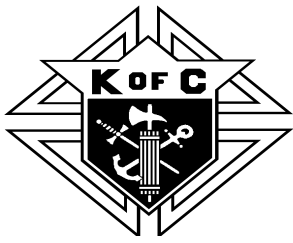


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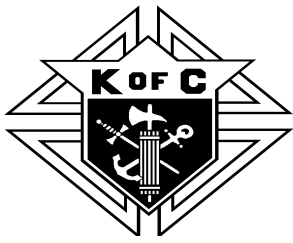


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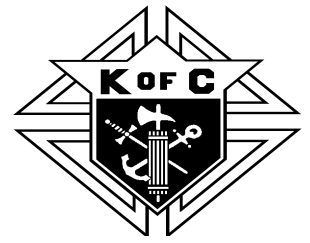


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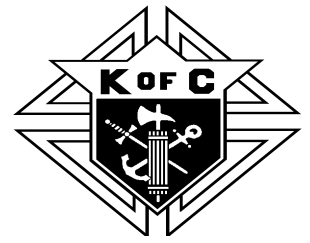


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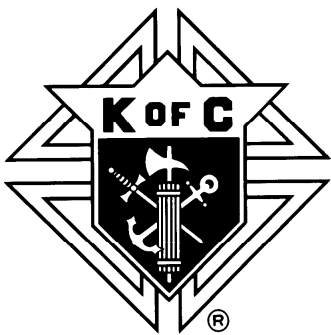


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Parish Brunch Chairman	John Brady	680.5135	JohnBrady01@comcast.net
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