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Manassas, Virginia

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,

I find myself humbled yet excited, as I embark on this fraternal year as Grand Knight. I'm also nervous, but I know that you, my brother knights, and the ranks of Past Grand Knights will eagerly come to my assistance whenever needed. For that I thank each of you in advance.



We are all familiar with the three pillars of our organization: Fraternity, Unity and Charity; and, it is these three pillars that bind us one to another and exemplifies who we are as knights, what we do as knights and ultimately how we respond to God's call to serve His Church. I believe it is true to say that being a knight is a vocation to the Church. My prayerful hope for Ascension Council for this coming fraternal year is that each of us can utilize our own unique gifts and talents in service to others and thereby express and achieve: Fraternity, Unity and Charity.

In the prologue of his Rule, St. Benedict instructs his monks with the following, which I believe is relevant for each of us and words that I would like to use as a theme for Ascension council this fraternal year.

St. Benedict states:
"... every time you begin a good work, you must pray to Him most earnestly to bring it to perfection."

And so I ask that this coming fraternal year be one of Ora et Labora, that is Prayer and Labor.

Let those three little words speak volumes about each of us and define the spirit of Ascension Council. And may each and every one of us find some time, no matter how little, to serve our council in the many programs and services we offer to the community. Remember, many hands make light work!

Vivat Jesus!

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We extend a special thank you to this year's program and service directors:

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| FAMILY DIRECTOR | OPEN |
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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.



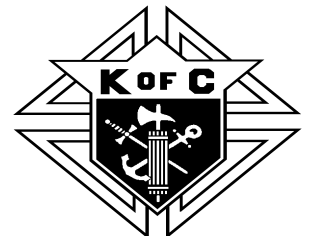
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| Frappier Family | John Murray, PGK |
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| Dixie Zum Brunnen | Andrew Krafcik |
| Harry Bonds (Father-in-Law of Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK) | |
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| Ettore Zappacosta (Jerry Michonski, PGK Father-in-law) | |

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Brother knights; our 2006–2007 fraternal year is upon us. We are all very, very busy in our spiritual, personal, and professional lives. We are continually asked to give more of ourselves. The voice inside ourselves, given by God, continually tells us – “Am I doing the right thing in all aspects of my life?” I would like to ask each and every one of you to take the time every day and listen to that voice and be sure to yourself that you are in-fact “Doing the Right Thing.”

I am following in the footsteps of many great Catholic gentlemen, who have asked many of you to give of your time, give of yourself, and also ask others to give as well. As the Ascension Council Program Director, I know it takes a great team of dedicated and talented knights to achieve our many works and to serve our parish and local community.

In the coming months, I would like to take the time to allow each of our council knights to become more familiar with the duties of each of our directors, to demystify their rolls and allow for more participation through familiarity. I pledge my works to our worthy Grand Knight, as does the Membership Director (Brother Bryan Roberts, PGK). The Directors/Chairs the Knights of Columbus asks us to maintain are: Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth. As outlined in our Grand Knight’s article on page one, we have all of these chairs filled with the exception of Family Director.

I ask all brother knights to listen to your inner voice and ask, “If I am not a leader or follower in Ascension Council, how can I become one or both?” I, brother Doug Blair, have faith from God that we do not walk alone, neither in our spiritual or fraternal lives. If you are interested in knowing more about being this year’s Family Director, please continue to read and then drop me a line, stop me at church, or give me a call. I will help you in every way possible to be successful and have a lot of fun leading others all at the same time.

Family Director

The Family Director has the focus of keeping the Catholic Family strong. The Knights of Columbus Family Week is August 5th through 13th! We should understand and celebrate all aspects of this great institution – the Catholic Family. The Family Director also oversees programs such as: Marriage Encounters,

Family Corporate Communion meals, even a Marriage Vow Renewal Program. There are additional programs as well; Adopt a needy family could be added, establishing a ‘family contest’, ‘volunteering as a family’, family wellness or family piece, not to mention Family of the Month and Year programs. I personally challenge each of our knights to think about their own family – those in other families in our Parish, and seek to understand and assist in making their lives better or more enriched. I’ll be here to help.

Looking at the upcoming calendar, please don’t forget to have fun, with your family and your brother knights! We have several Nissan concerts (August 12th, September 9th and 23rd) just to mention a few. This is the largest single fund-raiser for the Council. I have yet to grow tired of going, having a great time with Art Bohn as our leader, and engaging with the interesting folks of northern Virginia. We have the Adult Picnic and Social at Brother Darnell’s home on August 26th (Please remember to bring swim-wear!). We need everyone to come out and help with the Sub Sales on the weekend of September 9th. I manage the 4th Degree Sub-Sales; therefore, I know the amount of work and reward that comes from putting it all together. Please make it a part of your weekend. I’ll see you all at the PGK Dinner on September 16th.

Ascension Council has many great brothers and men. I count you all as friends, mentors, and brothers. You are selfless knights, willing to share your forte throughout our Council. I want to thank each and every one of you. I hope I can earn your respect as your new Program Director. Strength through Unity,

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NISSAN

We continue our Nissan Concert fundraising with five remaining concerts through the remainder of the summer. The concerts we are working are:

- August 3rd – Jimmy Buffet
- August 12th – Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
- September 9th – Rascal Flatts
- September 23rd – Roger Waters
- October 7th – Toby Keith



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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 Septmeber 3rd.

The Knights will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast for the parish on Sunday, September 24th from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Contact John Brady to assist as there are many volunteer positions.

Parish Kitchen Project

Currently, John Angelotta has completed the design and is working on the permits with Prince William County. Over the last year, John has stuck with this project and he has devoted considerable time and energy and we want to recognize his supreme efforts.

John and Father Mike have secured the services of a plumber and an electrician who are both ready to do their part once the kitchen space has been created. Father Mike has ordered a roll-off box for the demolition debris.

Rich Rocha has agreed to prepare the materials list and map out the steps to complete this project. Rich, John and I reviewed the plans tonight in the Parish Hall and we identified a few items that will need special care during the demolition and construction sequences.

In an effort to make this project as orderly as possible, I have summarized below the work and tools anticipated during each one of the days. I am asking anyone interested in helping to join me on August 10th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall (before our business meeting) for a 15 minute organizational meeting to assign duties for the 12th and 19th. Please RSVP.

On August 12th, we will begin in earnest at 8 AM, cleaning out the kitchen space, demolishing the floor tile, securing the ceiling drop down tiles, removing the wall, and removing the drop down ceiling within the kitchen area. If you are interested in helping out on August 11th to begin some of the activities to ease the work on Saturday, please let me know.

Tools needed will be the following:

- Each member will need their own hammer, utility razor knife to cut drywall, pry bar, square tipped shovel to scrape up and remove floor tiles, work gloves, work shoes, eye protection, and lunch.
- A minimum of 6 large wheel barrows to move the debris outside to the roll off box.
- Any other tools you think will be needed.

On August 19th, we will begin the construction sequence at 8 AM and work until the walls are completed (about 4 PM). This includes building the new walls, door header, and securing the ceiling to the newly constructed wall. This will require all of our organizational skills. We will need to develop teams of men, working independently on individual aspects of this phase. All of the building materials will be supplied. Tools needed will be the following:

- Each member will need their own hammer, utility razor knife to cut drywall, work gloves, work shoes, eye protection, and lunch
- We will have two compressors and two to four nail guns; due to safety concerns, there will only be a few people operating this equipment.
- Saw horses to secure lumber and drywall.
- Chop saws and reciprocating saws will be needed.
- Drywall tools for cutting dry wall, installing, and mudding the wall.
- Battery operated screw guns for drywall installation.

There will be more information as we get closer. Should you care to get involved with the project between August 12th and August 19th, we need volunteers to work 2 or 3 hours in the evenings removing floor tile, tile glue, and preparing the concrete floor. Call me with your availability.

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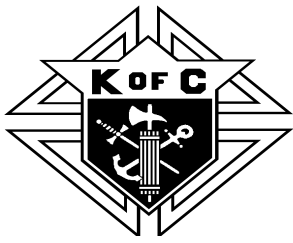
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Community

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.

On Saturday, September 16th, we will be meeting at 9 AM for a VDOT road cleanup along Dale Blvd. This is typically about two hours of light labor. Contact Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK to volunteer



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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 Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus is again having their 2006 NFL Football Sweepstakes. We are looking for an NFL Football Fanatic to assist as our Council's Coordinator for this program. Doug Blair will have tickets available at our Business Meeting on August 10th. We have 25 tickets (with more available from our State Sweepstakes Coordinator if needed.) Our Council can make an easy \$50 should we sell all 25 tickets. The program sales are only through October 12th. Please contact Doug Blair if you are interested in handling sales.

Until we have a volunteer - please contact Brother Doug should you want tickets. Tickets will also be available at our August Social Meeting.

On September 9th and 10th we will be making sub sandwiches to serve after all Masses. We will meet at 8 AM on Saturday to make sandwiches for the Saturday Mass. On Sunday, we will meet at 7 AM to begin making about 190 sandwiches for the Sunday Masses.

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.



Michelle and George Darnell will once again open their home and host the Council Adult Pool Party and Picnic (Council members and their spouses only) on August 26th from 6 to 10 PM. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring any special food requirements and a dish to share. Also don't forget to bring your swim suit. More details will be announced at the August business meetings and by email.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in August or September (years as a knight are in parenthesis).

Andrew Krafcik (46)	Francis Burkart (41)
Gennaro Cuomo (40)	George Darnell, PGK (27)
Clement Ryan (25)	Thomas Wolter (24)
Richard Couture (22)	Ed Wickenhofer (14)
Doug Blair (12)	Archibald Kielly (9)
Joseph Penning (9)	Curtis Donato (6)
	Thomas Zum Brunnen IV (5)

BIRTHDAYS

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating August or September birthdays:

Doug Blair	John Brady
Steve Burwinkel	John Buyna
Gennaro Cuomo	Allan Erickson
Charlie Govsky, PGK	Christopher Hadley
Don Hajec	David Hangsleben
Archibald Kielly	Don Lewandowski
William Miller	Joe Mitchell
Mark Mitchell	John O'Neill
Mike Romero, PGK	Michael Saller, Jr.
John Schroeder	Andrew Weyel



EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. This is coming out a bit late because I did not receive inputs when requested.



I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the September calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by September 2nd. For the October/November issue I will need articles by Saturday, September 30th. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0806.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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