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Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Our 22nd Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



I know I am a good and faithful follower. My 47 short years have placed me on many paths of follower-ship. Starting as a young altar boy in the early 70's, then 28 years as an enlisted airman, and my 13 plus years as a knight have all taught me how to be a good and humble follower. I feel that I need to remain a good follower and servant of Christ to be a good leader in the Knights of Columbus. I am humbled that you have allowed me to shepherd our council of one hundred and twenty six Catholic gentlemen for this fraternal year.

I am restless that this fraternal year we will be asked to look at ourselves and question who we are as Catholic gentlemen. I pray that this emotion will keep us focused on why we became Knights of Columbus.

Yes, you have granted me the title of Grand Knight. I am nervous, but I know that you, my brother knights, many of whom are Past Grand Knights, will mentor me, ensuring that we remain successful as Knights of Columbus, and assistance me whenever needed. I will never turn away from advice from anyone, in return, when I ask for help or assistance please look in your heart to assist us as well. For this I thank each and every knight in our council who has volunteered their time and energy to any and every event we Knights have sponsored or assisted.

I ask each of you to please read these next few words; "I need your help to ensure Ascension Council remains strong." I would like to come to know each and every knight in the council (better), but as I look through our roster, I have to say that I can only recall 36% of the names on our Constitutional Rolls (47 of 126). Should I know more of you? Should there be more familiar faces? Only you can answer that question as it is asked of you. "Do you know Doug Blair?" I hope you can answer that question some time this year as well.

Our Council roster shows we have ten brother knights who live outside the state of Virginia. We have a hand-full of brother knights who live outside the local Manassas/Woodbridge area. I ask that you who are our brothers, take the time to write the Council a short letter. Please tell us how life is going with you in your area, how your faith is strengthened as a Knight of Columbus,

so that we may better server you here at the council as well.

At the recent State Organizational meeting, I was able to hear our new State Deputy, Brother Lenny Pulizzi. I would like to attempt to internalize his theme "TEAM," into our council as well this year. Together Everyone Achieves More. If each of us helps just a little, we have 126 small changes in our council. I am not asking a lot of each knight, though I know there are many in our council that will do great things this fraternal year. So please ask yourself: how can I help Brother Doug and Ascension Council be a little better this year? I know I joined the Knights to help, and they only asked for me to help when I can – I'll help at one activity this year and make a difference and be part of the TEAM. For this I thank each brother knight in our council.

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Blair

Grand Knight

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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.



Frank Varljen

Frappier Family

Charlie Govsky, PGK

Dixie Zum Brunnen

Ray Bazan (Father of Fr. Mike Bazan)

Ray Stearns

John Murray, PGK

Andrew Hennessey

Andrew Krafcik

Ken Henz

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Brother Knights: I would like to thank each and every one of you for your confidence in electing me to this position. I am both humbled and honored to serve our council and our Worthy Grand Knight, Brother Doug, over this next fraternal year. I have learned much since Brother Bernie introduced me to this wonderful council two short years ago, but there is so much more to learn. Our programs are strong, but as always, I will be coming to you, my brother knights, over the next few months to help maintain and refine them.

Our greatest need right now is to fill our three remaining program chair positions: Council, Youth, and Pro-Life. Our Council Chair's responsibility is to increase fraternalism among members, provide enjoyment to members and their families, and ensure service to the brotherhood and advancement in the Order's degrees. Please consider volunteering to serve in this capacity.

Our Pro-Life family works to educate each of us on activities we should be supporting, events we should attend, and inform us on local initiatives we should be supporting as knights. Please talk to your spouse and consider volunteering for this most important function.

The Youth Committee chairman's responsibility is to provide opportunities for all youth to become personally involved and committed to programs for improvement of their physical, social, and moral development. He helps pull together our Halloween Party, Youth Christmas Party, Free Throw Competition, and Soccer Kick Competition. I'm sure Brother George Darnell would love to get the word out and have more children at the summer pool party next year! Please think about volunteering to chair this important position.

Brother Knights, we have accomplished a lot over the past year and we have a full and rewarding year ahead of us. I look forward to working hard with you to make this year even better!

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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.



We just completed supporting a wonderful retirement party for Gerry Zitzmann. We had Brothers Art, Andy, Richard, Bob, Dave & Dave, John & John all helping at one time or another. Gerry

thanks you all.

Coffee and Donuts will be served by the council members on the first Sunday of each month starting in September.

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.



Please join us for an evening with our past Grand Knight, Steve Trotman and his family in the Parish Hall on September 15th at 6:30 PM. A formal invitation will be sent at a later date but wanted to get on your schedules as soon as possible. The schedule of events may change but we will have a cocktail hour followed by a four course meal and dessert with guests and speakers from the council. Please invite your fellow knights and their brides to join us.

The Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus is again having their 2007 NFL Football Sweepstakes. We are looking for an NFL Football Fanatic to assist as our Council's Coordinator for this program. Brother Rick Johnson will have tickets available at our Business Meeting on August 9th. We have 25 tickets (with more



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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 Rick Johnson if you are interested in handling sales. Until we have a volunteer - please contact Brother Rick should you want tickets. Tickets will also be available at our August Social Meeting.

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.

Brother Tom Zum Brunnen will lead a VDOT Road Clean up on September 22nd; please look for additional announcements.

The ARC Home is coming up in the fall – Brother Bryan and Doug would like to have your help preparing the home for the winter.

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.

We'll be supporting a Pancake Breakfast on September 23rd, a Back to School Celebration. Brother John Brady will be heading this up again this year. Please come out to support him, learn from the King of Pancakes and assist your brother knights.

Keep any eye out for Sub Sales this year, please come out to support.

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.



Ascension Council Knights of Columbus and the Cursillo Community of Sacred Heart and will be having an Adult Pool Party and Picnic at the home of George and Michelle Darnell on Saturday, August 18th starting at 6:30 PM. All current and prospective Knights and Cursillistas are invited. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. The Darnells will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, wine and soft drinks. If you have special favorites or dietary needs, bring your own. Call George or Michelle Darnell, 703-791-5153, to RSVP and for more information.

BIRTHDAYS



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

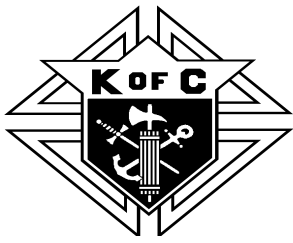
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| Doug Blair | John Brady |
| Steve Burwinkel | John Buyna |
| Allan Erickson | Charlie Govsky, PGK |
| Christopher Hadley | Don Hajec |
| David Hangsleben | John Kapp |
| Archibald Kielly | Don Lewandowski |
| John Malkich | William Miller |
| Joe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

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



- Andrew Krafcik (47)
- Frank Burkart (42)
- George Darnell, PGK (28)
- Clement Ryan (26)
- Thomas Wolter (25)
- Richard Couture (23)
- Ed Wickenhofer (15)
- Doug Blair (13)
- Archibald Kielly (10)
- Joseph Penning (10)
- Curtis Donato (7)
- Thomas ZumBrunner IV (6)
- Bill Hechmer III (1)



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DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

August 21	1 st @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
September 6	1 st @ John Paul I
September 27	2 nd @ John Paul I Home
September 29	3 rd @ 5998 Alexandria
October 2	1 st @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
October 17	1 st @ John Paul I
October 25	2 nd @ John Paul I Home
October 27	3 rd @ 7369 Chantilly
November 29	2 nd @ John Paul I Home
December 18	1 st @ John Paul I
January 2	1 st @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 15	2 nd @ John Paul I Home
January 19	3 rd @ 6296 Fairfax
February 16	3 rd @ 6175 Sterling
March 4	1 st @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
March 5	1 st @ John Paul I
March 6	2 nd @ John Paul I Home
March 9	3 rd @ 2473 Arlington
May 7	1 st @ John Paul I
May 27	2 nd @ John Paul I Home
June 14	3 rd @ 6332 Manassas

INSURANCE AGENT

Worthy Brother Knights:

I have been notified that Field Agent John Niemiec intends to submit his resignation in the near future. In expectation of that event, any member needing service or wanting to meet with an agent regarding new or existing life insurance, retirement annuities, or long term care insurance should contact my office.

I am actively seeking his replacement and have two candidates in process. If you know of any brother knight or a Catholic man eligible for KofC membership who you believe would be a good candidate for a Field Agent career, please let me know.

Until further notice, please utilize my name and phone numbers as the contact for KofC Insurance.

Fraternally,

General Agent

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NISSAN

A big thank you goes to those who have volunteered for your hard work – we have made a good start in providing funds for council activities.

The remaining shows are scheduled with volunteers indicated in parenthesis – please call or email me to volunteer to help – we especially need people near term for Kenny Chesney.

- Dave Mathews Band, Saturday, August 11th (7)
- Kenny Chesney, Saturday, August 25th (5)
- Rascal Flatts, Saturday, September 8th (11)
- Brad Paisley, Saturday, October 6th (10)

Please do volunteer, the moneys we earn goes a long way to helping our church, our community, and our council!

For those of you who may or may not know of non-traffic routes to take to Nissan to work the concerts and sitting in stopped traffic on Wellington, you may want to try the following:

Take PW Parkway / Rt 234 Bypass towards Manassas. Left onto Sudley Manor Drive (or Left onto Wellington Road and then Left onto Sudley Manor Drive - this is not typically backed up at all) Right onto Linton Hall Road / Route 619. Right onto Devlin Road Left onto Wellington Road to Left into Nissan (about a 1/4 mi. down Wellington Road from Devlin Road)

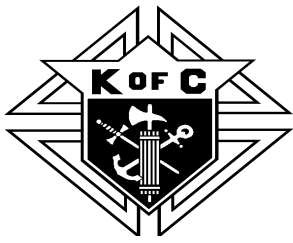
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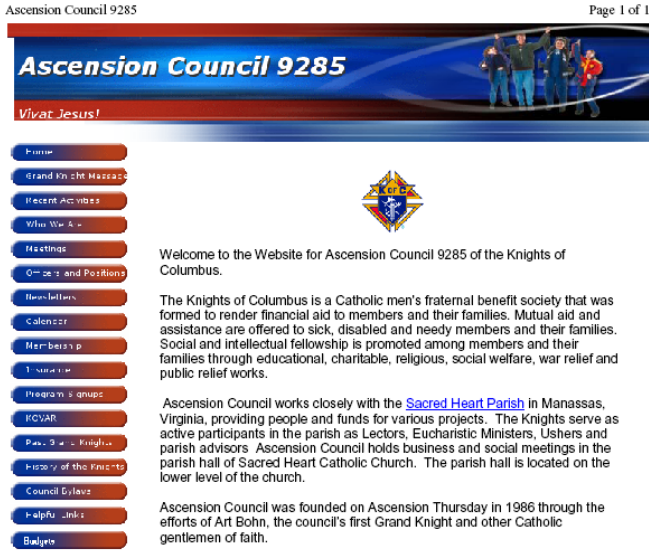
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COUNCIL WEBSITE

We have moved. Our council website is now located at <http://ascensioncouncil.org>. Shown below is a print of the home page for the website. Tabs on the left for easier navigation have been included on all pages. There are a variety of new pages for you to check out including a list of all of our Past Grand Knights.



<http://ascensioncouncil.org/index.html>

7/29/2007

We plan to add additional pages, such as a charities link and a list of all Families and Knights honored each month. Please send all corrections, updates and ideas for improvement to me.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

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

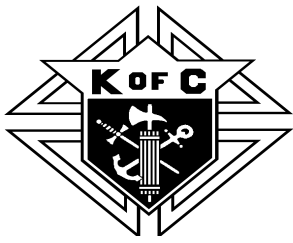


If you currently receive this newsletter hardcopy and have an email account where you can receive and read PDF files, please consider providing it for newsletter delivery and for updates by our council Airtel calendar website. This also saves the council postage and printing costs. All files are sent 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 September calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by September 1st. For the October/November issue I will need articles by Saturday, September 29th. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at <http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters and Calendars/koc0807.pdf>. Please email me with your contributions at voyagerjs@earthlink.net.

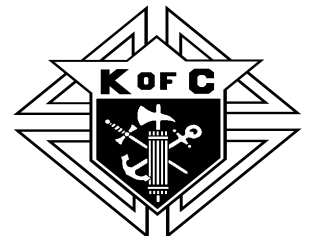
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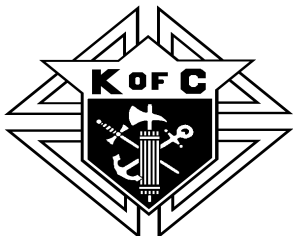


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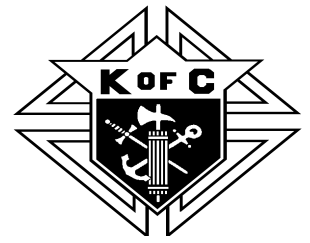


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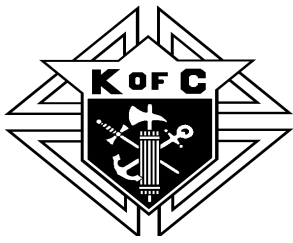


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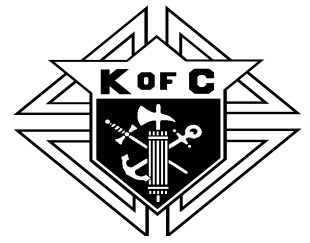


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