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Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Our 20th Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

With the recent devastation from Hurricane Katrina in our minds, I ask that every knight thank God for their gifts and pray for those who are affected by this tragic natural disaster. Our council officers are asking all of our brothers in our council to send a donation for relief efforts to a charity of your choice. Should you elect to join us, our council will be making a donation to Virginia State Council. For every dollar donated to the State Council by our council's knights, our council will match your donation (up to \$250). Make your check out to Knights of Columbus, Virginia State Council. The memo line should show Disaster Relief Fund. Send your check to Bryan Roberts, 11538 Gunner Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192 and I will present the money to the State Council on October 1st. Thank you for your consideration.



Summer's end is upon us and it is my wish that you all have had a relaxing time with family and friends and have enjoyed your well earned respite. For many of us, preparing for our children's school year keeps us on our toes and unable to juggle all of our responsibilities. But relax; Christ is with you and guiding your response.

It is my intent this fraternal year to accomplish modest goals that are consistent with our order and with our parish. Many of you know that Father Mike is planning for our second community fair in the spring which will not only include our parish community but the community around us. With this spirit, I invite all of our brother knights to embrace one of our Council's goals - to assist ARC of Prince William County. This non-profit organization provides services to children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities (www.arcgpw.org). We will adopt one of their homes near our parish and visit their home two or three times per year to clean leaves, gutters, provide home repairs, and to coordinate with their maintenance staff. We will need at least four core members to address this rewarding opportunity; call me to volunteer.

My other goals for the year include developing our relationship with Christ through prayer, assisting Father Mike to the best of our abilities, developing a committee to design and build a kitchen for the Parish Hall, promoting our first degree team, offering opportunities for our 4th Degree Assembly to join us, and promoting our Council during every social event at the parish. You

can help me by first calling me and we will work out a schedule of events.

I look forward to speaking to all of you in the next few months by phone to hear about your ideas and to invite you to join us in the many rewarding activities of our Council. Listen for my phone call in the evening between 8 and 9 PM; however, it may take awhile since we have over 100 members in the council.

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Mother Mary ... Pray for Them

Please remember the following members and ladies of Ascension Council in your prayers as they work through challenges to their health.



- Bernie Kocis, PGK Frappier Family
- Charlie Govsky, PGK Ken Henz
- Dixie Zum Brunnen Andrew Krafcik
- Joe Michonski (Father of PGK Jerry Michonski)
- Harry Bonds (Father-in-Law of Tom Zum Brunnen)
- Andrew Hennessey John Murray, PGK

UPCOMING DEGREES

- 2nd Degree - Tuesday September 13th – JP I
- 2nd Degree - Tuesday October 18th – JP I
- 1st Degree - Thursday, November 10th – Ascension
- 2nd Degree – Wednesday, November 30th – JP I
- 1st Degree – Thursday, February 9th, 2006 – Ascension
- 2nd Degree – Wednesday, February 22nd – JP I
- 2nd Degree – Tuesday, March 28th – JP I
- 1st Degree – Thursday, May 25th – Ascension

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Brother Knights, the upcoming year promises to be a busy one with many programs, both new and legacy, being planned. As our worthy Grand Knight stated in his report, an exciting new program for this year is our adopting one of the ARC of Prince William County group homes. This is a wonderful extension of our KOVAR program as ARC has been a frequent recipient of KOVAR grants - grants made possible by the hard work of our very own Ascension Council. Adopting a group home allows us to see first hand how our efforts are making a difference in the lives of those we seek to serve.

Additionally, with the initial steps being taken by John Angelotta in designing a new parish kitchen for the social hall (another new project for our council) we will have a more adequate and efficient facility for our parish pancake breakfasts and other dining related functions. John is the new chairman of the kitchen project committee and is in need of volunteer committee members; give him a call if you would like to lend a hand with this project. We have a lot of work ahead of us, work that will bring us together as a council and make a visible and positive impact on the parish community. Stay tuned for details and project start dates and get ready to roll-up your sleeves and pitch in!

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.

Many of you may not be aware of the support that Ascension Council gives to vocations. One of the vehicles we use is the R.S.V.P. effort through Supreme

Council. As part of this program, we offer financial assistance to a seminarian who is recommended to us by the Diocese of Arlington. This year, we sponsored Seminarian Matthew DeForest, who attends Mt. St. Mary's Seminary.

Matthew sent a letter thanking us for our contribution that should be shared with all Knights, as it is your support to which he writes:

Greetings from the seminary! Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to you and the Knights of Ascension Council for your most generous financial gift to me. It is, I assure you, greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Thank you for your example here in the Diocese and your constant support of our Church and her priests and seminaries. Our priests truly are men who preach with courage, teach with clarity and serve with charity. It is with your help that they can do everything that they do to continue building Christ's kingdom.

Be assured of my prayers. Please pray for all of us who are in formation and those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, as I'm sure that you do. Remember especially in these coming days those men who are to be admitted to Sacred Orders for the Diocese. Again, my many, many thanks!

Sincerely,
Matthew DeForest

For more information on vocations, you can visit the <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/vocations/>.

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.

The annual Children's' Halloween Party is being planned for Saturday, October 29th at 7 PM in the parish hall. Volunteers are needed to help decorate.



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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.



Mark your calendars! Sunday October 2nd is Knights of Columbus Fun Day at Kings Dominion. Park hours will be from 10 AM until 8 PM. Tickets are \$18.50 for ages 3 and above. Children 2 and under are free. 75 cents of every ticket benefits Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities.

The park is closed to the general public, so it should be a great opportunity to enjoy your favorite rides at a great price. Only those who hold tickets from the Knights of Columbus or the Telecom Pioneers will be admitted.

Tickets may be ordered with payment until September 19th. Money orders or certified checks must be used and should be made payable to Verizon Telecom Pioneers. Ticket requests, along with payment, should be mailed to Verizon Telecom Pioneers, 1028 Manchester Avenue, Norfolk VA 23508. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped legal-sized envelope. For more information, call (757) 489-8948 or e-mail: pcmose@msn.com.

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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.

State Softball Tourney

The time is drawing near to the K of C State Softball Tournament, September 17-18th, in Manassas. We have a world class softball complex, with less than a dozen teams registered for the tournament -- three of which are from the host council, George Brent Council. If you have anyone interested in playing in this tournament, please have them contact me, Vince Fitzpatrick, at 703-368-

1754 or fitzcastle@aol.com. We can combine players from different councils to form a team.

For years, this event was one of the most well attended, competitive and fraternal events in the State. Due to the absence of leadership support, the tournament has dwindled in attendance and participation. We at George Brent Council are trying to revive this event. We are looking for support from the leadership from the State officers down through the Grand Knights of each Virginia Council.

President's Cup Golf Tournament

The 2005 President's Cup will be held at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club this year. George Brent Council has been given the opportunity to work as volunteers in the Championship Concession Tent near the club house with another non-profit organization to raise funds for their council. The Presidents Cup is from September 19th through the 25th.

The work involves two shifts of volunteers for each day and 6 to 8 persons for each shift. The first shift will start at 8 AM and the second shift at 11 AM, overlapping for lunch. Second shift will work until closing as determined by the PGA. Bryan, our Grand Knight, has volunteered to work two shifts, one in the morning on September 20th from 8 to 2 PM and on September 21st from 11 AM to close (about 4 PM).

Volunteers will receive free parking with transportation to the course, meal voucher each day they work, a pass to watch the President's Cup either before or after their shift. Parking passes and credentials to enter will be passed out at a later date. There is no uniform but volunteers are required to wear white polo shirt (no logo) khaki pants or shorts and no open-toed shoes.

Bob Weaver is the chairman for this event; please contact him at the hall Monday through Friday between 8 AM and Noon at (703) 368-8686 or after noon at (703) 369-3284 to sign up. This is not limited to Knights of Columbus; wives, children (over 18) and friends can volunteer too.

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.

No community activities are planned before November.



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Bob Garman is our Knight of the Month for June. Bob has become very active in our council and has stepped up to be our warden. He has been helping us raise money by working at Nissan for multiple concerts. Congrats on being our Knight of the Month for June.

Doug Blair is our July Knight of the Month for many reasons. First of all we congratulate him on his retirement from the Air Force and his new civilian role in our community. Second, he has agreed (and was voted in by the council) to be our new worthy Recorder. Third, he has an unending supply of energy and ideas to help sustain our council. Additionally, he has volunteered to organize the Sub Sale sandwich making duties for our sister 4th Degree Bishop Flaherty Assembly in Manassas. Through his commitment to our order, he has gained respect and admiration of many of his peers and we honor him as Knight of the Month for July.

Our Knight of the Month for August, John Angelotta has taken on one of our key goals this fraternal year by independently adopting the design work of the new kitchen. He spent many hours in the Parish Hall with maintenance personnel to understand electricity availability and plumbing designs to come up with a preliminary kitchen design that Father Mike has seen and agrees with in principle. John has taken us to the next level by creating a scaled elevation design for preparing a materials list. Please support John with your construction, design, plumbing, and electrical expertise as we move this project closer to completion for our brothers and sisters in our parish. Keep up the good work John and let us know how we can help.

BIRTHDAYS

The following knights will be celebrating September or October birthdays:



Robert Allen
Wayne Brown
John Buyna
Thomas Czaus
Christopher Hadley
David Hangsleben
Paul Hillenbrand
David Munoz

Doug Blair
Steve Burwinkel
Kerri Crutchman
Douglas Glysson
Don Hajec
Mark Heller
Al Litchfield, PGK

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in September and October (years are indicated in parenthesis).

George Braun (25)	Christopher Farrell (24)
Clement Ryan (24)	Thomas Wolter (23)
Rich Brosh (22)	Thomas Czaus (15)
Ed Wickenhofer (13)	Wilfredo Cardona (11)
Doug Blair (11)	Jerry Michonski, PGK (11)
Benedicto Agoo (10)	Mark Mitchell (10)
James Webster (10)	

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The June Family of the Month is the Curtis Donato Family. Norma, Curtis and Bryant were very involved with our Parish Festival in June. Curtis cooked all day. Norma helped every weekend selling tickets, joined the Altar Care Guild and is a Eucharistic Minister. Bryant and Curtis helped with the cleanup after the festival. Curtis and Norma are our Pro-Life Family. And most recently, Curtis was elected to serve on the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council. Thanks for all your efforts.

Bob and Muriel Garman are the July Family of the Month for their endless enthusiasm working at the Nissan Pavilion to raise funds for our Council. Many times they stepped up to work on those hot sunny afternoons to sell hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, and cold drinks. Bob is the worthy Warden for our council and he brings a new look and responsibility to the position that we all can admire. Thank you for your time, efforts, and volunteer spirit.

Our August Family of the Month is the Hon family. John has been a member of our council for many years and he is supporting Diane and his children as they prepare each week for Nissan events. Diane's efforts to coordinate volunteers for each event, establish a strong trusting relationship with Nissan staff, working with the Knights and the Venture Club, and making herself available for all of these while maintaining a rigorous career schedule is admirable. We not only appreciate her commitment to this worthy fund raising cause but their family's commitment to the parish community.



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KOVAR

My name is Jim St. Amour, and I have been given the opportunity to excel as the KOVAR Chairman for this fraternal year. I'd like to let everyone know that I will need your assistance in the early spring in support of this worthy cause. KOVAR is the Knights of Columbus of Virginia Assisting Citizens with Mental Retardation. In 1971, the Knights of Columbus of Virginia sought a means to accomplish the Order's charitable work on behalf of citizens with mental retardation. The Knights of Columbus formed a corporation dedicated to providing financial support to organizations that assist citizens of Virginia with mental retardation regardless of race, creed, or ethnic background. This organization was chartered as KOVAR. The primary fund raising activity for KOVAR takes place throughout Virginia during one weekend each year. During this period knights throughout the state collect in front of stores and other public places offering Tootsie Roll candy to all in hope of receiving contributions. Using this approach Virginia knights have raised over \$8 million since 1972. I will keep you informed of when I will need your assistance in support of this very important event.

One of the easiest ways to get things started and to show your support is by donating through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way campaigns at your workplace. In recent years, we were able to raise a significant percentage of our goal through these campaigns--and that was through the contributions of just a few brother knights!

To donate to KOVAR through these campaigns, simply indicate KOVAR on your donor card by selecting the four-digit number provided in your campaign directory. If you are unsure of the number, you can write in "KOVAR, 12962 Dumbarton Drive, Bristow, VA 20126". Please send a copy of your pledge card to Jim St. Amour. Copies of your pledge card are needed for the council to receive credit for your contribution.

NISSAN

Ascension Council has had a good summer selling water/soda/beer at various Nissan concerts during the summer. We have been sharing the booths with Diane Hon's young adult group who will mostly be selling the water and sodas. We have three concerts remaining and we still need lots of help. The remaining concert schedule for the year includes:

September 9th - Alan Jackson
September 30th - Cold Play
October 8th - Montgomery Gentry

Any and all assistance would be appreciated. Please check your calendars, and see if you can help! If you can, let Diane and I know!

You can volunteer for one or more concerts, but more is better for the council. Whatever monies we jointly collect during the concert we will proportionally share with the youth group.

Please call me to volunteer – better if you e-mail me - that way I can ensure that you are added to the volunteer list. If you have concerns about selling beer at the concerts, you can sell only the water and soda if that is your wish – BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Also, for all future concerts, one must provide their TIPS number and expiration date to sign in – if Diane has your TIPS card, please contact her to get this information.

NISSAN Chairman

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EDITOR'S CORNER

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

I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the October calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by October 1st. For the November/December issue I will need articles by Saturday, October 29th. *Please mark these on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.*

Please email me at voyagerjs@earthlink.net. This newsletter is posted on our council website at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc0905.pdf>. Disclaimer: the views and opinions in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the KOC.

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