



KNIGHT TIMES



Ascension Council #9285
Manassas, Virginia

Our 21st Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,

It's a Thursday night and it has been a long day at work. Thousands of regional commuters are stuck in miles of stop and go traffic. To make matters worse the weather is beginning to deliver high winds and torrential rain. All you want to do is get home and be with family. And who could blame you? For as the saying goes, "Home is where the heart is." Well it certainly did my heart good to see so many of our brother knights and their families turn out for the social meeting and cookout on Thursday, September 28th. Despite the traffic, bad weather and not quite ready for prime time condition of the parish hall we had a terrific turnout, proving once again that Ascension Council is a home away from home for many of us. A special thanks to Tom and Dixie ZumBrunnen, PGK, for doing a good deal of the heavy lifting in setting it up.



Mark your calendars for the annual Ascension PGK Dinner. We will be honoring Bryan Roberts, PGK, for his dedicated year of service as Grand Knight of Ascension on Saturday, October 21st in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful evening filled with delicious food, good fun, hearty laughter and fraternal warmth. Please be sure to RSVP to Jerry Michonski via email (jerry.michonski@nvl.army.mil), voice mail (703-791-3148). Cost will be \$20 per person.

I'd like to also welcome our newest brother knight to Ascension Council. Brother Will Hechmer, son of Bill Hechmer, PGK, received his First Degree on September 20th. Will is currently a senior at Osbourne Park High School and will be pursuing college studies next year. Please join me in welcoming Will and congratulating Bill for raising such a fine young man.

As we approach the coming months, filled with warm social gatherings, the sacred liturgies, celebrations of the holidays and the many service programs our council will be involved in, let us remember that in all we do, we do for the Glory of God.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Trotman

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UPCOMING DEGREES

The following degrees are scheduled during the remainder of the 2006-7 fraternal year:

First	October 3 rd	SEAS Council 8183
Second	October 5 th	John Paul I Council 7165
First	October 18 th	John Paul I Council 7165
Third	October 21 st	Council 7369 in Chantilly
First	November 9 th	Ascension Council 9285
First	November 15 th	John Paul I Council 7165
Second	December 7 th	John Paul I Council 7165
First	January 3 rd	John Paul I Council 7165
Second	January 11 th	John Paul I Council 7165
First	January 16 th	SEAS Council 8183
Third	January 27 th	Council 6292 in Fairfax
First	February 8 th	Ascension Council 9285
First	March 6 th	SEAS Council 8183
Second	April 24 th	John Paul I Council 7165
First	May 10 th	Ascension Council 9285

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.



Frappier Family	John Murray, PGK
Charlie Govsky, PGK	Andrew Hennessey
Dixie Zum Brunnen	Andrew Krafcik
Ray Bazan (Father of Fr. Mike Bazan)	Ken Henz
Ettore Zappacosta (Jerry Michonski, PGK Father-in-law)	

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Brother Knights: We have been very busy this fraternal year. I would like to thank everyone who takes precious time out of their week to participate in our good works.



This month we look to wrap up a very successful fund raising season at Nissan Pavilion. Brother Art Bohn, CGK, is truly inspirational, from the freshly laundered shirts and hats, to his preparation for each event we support. He makes our fund-raising as stress-free as I've ever seen. We are blessed to have his leadership and continual support. Our last concert is Toby Keith on October 7th – please volunteer to help out. We'll be ending the year with a big event – so stay tuned for additional information from Brother Art for all you Nissan volunteers.

This month I'd like to take the time to discuss, in depth, the vast abilities of the Church Director, Brother Richard Rocha, and the many people who support the many activities he oversees.

Church Director

The Church Director ministers to the needs of the church. The changing world around us demands that we further develop the ministries of the church. The Director's mission is to promote these actions, spread the word, and appeal to the unity of our church community. We need to strive to sponsor at least one new or different church activity each fraternal year. To give our council ideas of activities we are or should support, I'd like to cover just a few of those suggested by the Supreme - Parish Round Table:

- Lay Apostolate
- Evangelization
- Vocations
- Parochial Services
- Religious Devotions
- Keep Christ in Christmas

We are all familiar with KCIC. Brother Ray Stearns leads our program and continues this year with a very established program. Our Council purchases boxes of KOC Christmas Cards and we sell them to the members of Sacred Heart. There are also many other programs that we have available to our council that could help us celebrate this wondrous time of year.

- There is the "Light Up For Christ" program, where we could plan a Christmas tree or Nativity scene

lighting ceremony. This is normally initiated at 8 PM on the first Tuesday in December.

- We could visit local nursing homes and Veteran's Affairs hospitals during the Christmas season, letting our fellow Americans know that their community does care about them.
- We could provide each person we greet a special Christmas card, signed by our Grand Knight, to bring a little Christmas cheer to those less fortunate. We could also offer cards to those who wish to send their families a Christmas card, assisting them with signing, addressing, and mailing these cards.
- We could promote Advent calendars and wreaths. We could help others understand the special meaning these icons have during this time when we celebrate the birth of Christ.

These are just a few of the many ideas available to the Church Director and our KCIC Chairman. If you have other ideas and would like to assist this year please contact any officer of our Council.

Brothers: We had a great time at the September social event. There aren't enough words to thank brother Tom and many others who pulled together great friends, good food and drink and allowed us all to have a great time sharing great memories on a rainy night. I know we will continue to further our relationship, with each and every knight in our council and with Jesus Christ our Savior.

Strength through Unity,

Program Director
Doug Blair
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NISSAN

We continue our Nissan Concert fundraising with one remaining concert:

October 7th – Toby Keith

Please contact Art Bohn, CGK, to volunteer.

So far we have raised \$5317 this year!

There will be a Nissan Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 12th at 6 PM at DAKS.



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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 October 1st and November 5th.

As the first week of photography for the Parish Pictorial Directory draws near, the time has come to request volunteer assistance from our brother knights and/or their lovely spouses. Kim Murray has graciously volunteered to help me coordinate this event. We need help with the following.

Register Families for their photography sitting. This entails filling out two pieces of information; a mailing label and an information form which insures that the correct information is associated with the correct family portrait. Although one person can certainly handle this we are asking for two volunteers to split the time in half. All that is required is legible handwriting. We ask that if you or your spouse volunteers that it not be during the window of your sitting, since it will be difficult at best to do both at the same time.

- Monday October 9th
- 2:45 PM – 6:15 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- Tuesday October 10th
- 2:45 PM – 6:15 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- Wednesday October 11th
- 2:45 PM – 6:15 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- Thursday October 12th
- 2:45 PM – 6:15 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- Friday October 13th
- 2:45 PM – 6:15 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- Saturday October 14th
- 9:45 PM – 1:30 PM: < 1 volunteer>
- 1:15 PM – 5:20 PM: < 1 volunteer>

If interested please contact Curtis Donato (curtisdonato@verizon.net) or Kim Murray (kim.murray@comcast.net) You can also email to sacredheartdirectory@verizon.net. We will once again be selling cards to Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC). We will be needing volunteers to man the table the weekends of November 25th-26th, December 3rd-4th and 10th-11th.

We continue with the parish kitchen project. We recently met with the county and went over all the paperwork. We are moving forward with only a few small glitches to overcome. Our hope is to be done by Thanksgiving

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 will have our Fall cleanup at the ARC Group Home on October 21st. Brrring your rakes and gloves and meet at the church parking lot at 9 AM. Contact Bryan Roberts, PGK, for more information.

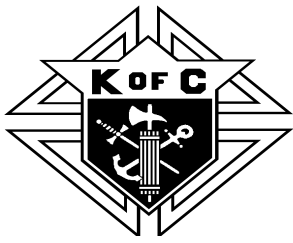
Family

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.



Thanks to Don Hajec for becoming the Family Activities Director.

Mark your calendars now – our two council Christmas parties will happen on December 16th. The Children's Christmas party will be in the afternoon and the Adult Christmas party will be in the evening. The Befumo's have graciously offered to once again host the adult party at their new home in the Four Seasons development.



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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.



We begin our fall recruitment efforts this month. There will be an information table setup after all Masses during the first two weekends of October. Knights will read an announcement from Pulpit on the weekend of the 14th and 15th. Knights are invited to wear their KOC shirt, name badge or lapel pin to Mass that weekend.

The PGK Dinner in honor of Bryan Roberts, PGK, is now scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Cocktails and Appetizers will be served at 6 PM with Dinner starting at 7 PM. Attendees are welcome to bring additional appetizers. Reservations are required and should be sent to Jerry Michonski, PGK at jerry.michonski@nvl.army.mil or by voice mail at 703-791-3148.

Our social meeting in October will feature a spirited debate about the marriage amendment on the ballot in November. Bruce Roemmelt and Delegate Bob Marshall will face off with Frank Varljen moderating. The Manassas Journal will also be in attendance to document the event. The debate begins at 7:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Church.

The Council Social on November 30th will be hosted by PGK Mike and Past President of our (former) Ladies Auxiliary Charlene Romero at their home. The Social will be a wine and cheese event. They will have wines from local Virginia Wineries like Oasis, Grey Ghost, and Pearmund, all of which are within an hour's drive of Manassas. There will likely be some "Jarhead Red" also. Most of the wines will be reds with some whites and some desert wines also. There will be plenty of non-Alcoholic beverages as well. The only thing you need to bring is your favorite wine glass or another wine you wish to share (yes you must share). You can play pool, darts, foose-ball, or try your luck on some slots. Please join us for a truly Social evening. RSVP to charleneromero@comcast.net or call (703) 590-0437.

The Romeros live at 12589 Curling Road, Manassas. From the Church take a left onto Token Forest Road and make the first left on Alistair Road. Take Alistair to the

end and make a right on Etheridge Road. Take Etheridge to the second right, Curling Road. The Romeros live at the fifth house on the right. They hope to see you there.

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 Children's Halloween Party will take place on Saturday, October 28th immediately following the 5 PM Mass. With help from the Boy Scouts, this event will take place outdoors this year. Setup will take place from Noon to 4 PM. Contact Rick Johnson for more information or to lend a hand.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in October or November (years as a knight are in parenthesis):

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| Robert Allen (28) | Richard Braun (26) |
| Christopher Farrell (25) | Peter Pallard (24) |
| Richard Brosh (23) | Andy Baranovski, PGK (15) |
| Robert Frappier (14) | Michael Ragan (14) |
| Mark Horn (13) | Wilfredo Cardona (12) |
| Jerry Michonski, PGK (12) | Benedicto Agoo (11) |
| Mark Mitchell (11) | James Yuengert (10) |
| Jon Calvert (4) | Edward Fenig (4) |
| John Toth (4) | Michael DeVera (2) |
| Robert Garman (2) | James St. Amour (2) |
| Mark Graves (1) | |



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Art Bohn is our Knight of the Month for July. Once again, Art has led the charge in fundraising by coordinating the Nissan Pavilion concession schedule. This is a tedious and truly thankless job as he goes about ensuring that everyone is keeping to the schedule and assigned to the many register and concession areas. Through his hard work and the hard work of the many brother knights (and in many cases their spouses), Ascension Council has benefited from thousands of dollars being raised for our projects and programs. Thank you Art!

I am pleased to recognize Richard Rocha as our Knight of the Month for August. Richard demonstrated his keen eye for construction and carpentry skills with his hands-on work this summer in constructing the new walls for our parish kitchen. While he certainly had help with many volunteers he made sure the walls were plumb, the nails were straight and the lumber was cut to the right size. Okay, so maybe we had to cut a few extra times! The kitchen is really taking shape and Richard has been an instrumental part of that progress. Keep on building Richard!

Tom Zum Brunnen clearly shows what it takes, not just to be the September Knight of the Month but a knight of any month! As Lecturer for this fraternal year Tom has been busy scheduling an important public meeting to discuss both sides of the important Marriage Amendment that Virginia voters will be considering during this year's election. He also brings beauty to the community through his coordination of our council's Highway Road Clean-up project. And a special "hats-off" for the wonderful September social cook-out – despite the rain! Congratulations Tom.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating October or November birthdays:



Robert Allen
Brown
Wilfredo Cardona
Kerri Crutchman
Douglas Glysson
George Gross
Paul Hillenbrand
Richard Johnson
David Munoz
Thomas Zum Brunnen IV

Wayne

Solomon Carias
Timothy Dumm
Mark Graves
Mark Heller
David Jesser
Al Litchfield, PGK
John Ploschnitznig

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 November calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by October 28th. For the December/January issue I will need articles by Saturday, December 2nd. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc1006.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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INSERT DECEMBER CALENDAR HERE

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