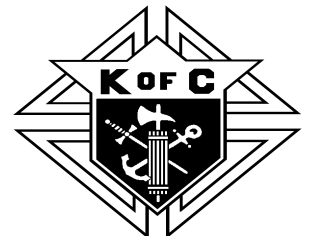




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**Our 22nd Year!**

Year 22 --- Number 3 -- October-November 2007

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



We are blessed with great Catholic men in our Council. I have worked with many great men in my life and few surpass the qualities I've seen in each brother knight in Ascension Council. The Knights of Columbus have always been good to me and my family; I thank you for every day and every hour you give of your time.

Our Council recently celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> Past Grand Knight's Dinner. Through the very hard work of brother Art Bohn, brother Jeff Befumo and his lovely wife Karen, brother Tom Zum Brunnen and his lovely wife Dixie (I'll try to keep that straight) and the team led by our worthy Deputy Grand Knight who set up



the hall to look so nice, I thank you all for your very hard work and dedication to make it night to remember. If you have pictures, please share them with brother Joe Marshall, for use in the newsletter and Web site.



I do look forward to working with brother Bryan Roberts and work to recruit additional Catholic gentleman into our council. I pray that our prayers are answered and many of our men in the Sacred Heart Catholic Community became Knights of Columbus.

I would like to thank each of you for having the continued confidence in me. Being the Faithful Captain for the Assembly does drain the time I can spend towards supporting our important works here at the council. If I start to lose focus, please remind me of where my priorities lie. Through each of our efforts, Ascension Council will remain a strong council.

A special person, who wants us to succeed and we should work to support in every way possible is our District Deputy Hector Dittamo. He asks that we work to dedicate some time each month to the Knights. I know it is some times very hard to break free and dedicate

some time throughout fraternal year for the council. He feels we should ensure there is time reserved for good works. So please ask yourself, how can I help? Ascension Council and Sacred Heart need more of my help this year. You know you joined the Knights to help, and we only ask for you to help when you can. I'll be to every event I can, please help out at one activity this year.

Brother Knights, we need a brother knight to step forward and fill at least one of our two remaining chairman positions; Council and Pro-Life.

Our Pro-Life family works to educate each of us on activities we should be supporting, events we should attend as knights and support local initiatives. Please talk to your spouse and volunteer to be our Pro-Life Chairman for this fraternal year.

Make a difference and be part of TEAM Virginia. For this I thank each brother knight in our council.

Vivat Jesus!

**Doug Blair**  
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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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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Frank Varljen                        | Ray Stearns         |
| Frappier Family                      | Charlie Govsky, PGK |
| Andrew Hennessey                     | Dixie Zum Brunnen   |
| Andrew Krafcik                       | Joe Michonski       |
| Ray Bazan (Father of Fr. Mike Bazan) | Ken Henz            |

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Our Fraternal Year is in full swing. We had an outstanding PGK dinner a couple of weeks ago and now the hard work of executing all of our programs will begin in earnest. Since our last meeting, brother John Angelotta has graciously agreed to help me execute the Youth Program this year. He will begin by helping out at the Council free-throw competition in January. Hopefully that will not scare him off! Thank you, brother John. We are still in desperate need of two program chairmen, Council and Pro-Life. Please call, e-mail or see me personally if you can volunteer your valuable time for either of these very important positions.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> we will complete another successful fund raising season at Nissan Pavilion with the Brad Paisley concert. As you all know, the money raised through our work at Nissan makes a lot of our council programs possible. I would like to personally thank brother Art Bohn, CGK, for his expert leadership this past season. Once again, he has done a fabulous job organizing our volunteers. Those volunteers will be recognized at an appreciation dinner on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at Dak's Grill in Woodbridge. All who came out to help at Nissan this past summer and fall, please join us and celebrate!

We will have our annual recruiting drive at all Masses the weekend of October 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Please wear your Knights of Columbus shirts proudly and stop by and help us recruit some new members.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have our fall cleanup and mulch lay-in at the ARC home of Prince William County. Please join us for a morning of yard work! On October 27<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Women of Sacred Heart, we will put on the annual Children's Halloween Party from 5 to 8 PM. More information will follow, but we can always use help setting up (starting at 2 PM) and tearing down. If you have any ideas for games or crafts, please let me know.

In November, we will begin our annual Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) card sales. Brother Ray Stearns is again leading the charge on this important program and will have more information as we get closer to Thanksgiving.

As you can see, we are as busy as ever. Please consider donating your valuable time to one of the many activities we have over the next few months. Please

remember that your family comes first. We would love to see you at every event, but know your time is valuable. May we have a successful autumn.

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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 supported a Pancake Breakfast on September 23<sup>rd</sup> as a Back to School celebration. Brother John Brady, his wife and son stood by for the entire morning ensuring everyone was fed. Tom and Dixie Zum Brunnen were there to make sure the event was a success. Ray



Bazan was a real trooper and helped make sure we had enough to feed everyone. Alex Blair and Michael Scarren helped where they could. When we couldn't figure out why there was a loss in water pressure – Dixie went out and bought water to ensure there was enough to feed everyone pancakes. Brother Knights, the support from others was not what it should have

been. Please come out to support our parish and our council during our next event.

Coffee & Donuts are here again on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Knights of Columbus have the First Sunday of the month. Please support before and after the Mass you normally attend, even a hello goes a long way. Without your 30 minutes of support, it is a lot of work on just the two or three knights that work to support the parish on "Our" Sunday.



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KCIC sales will begin the weekend of November 24-25<sup>th</sup> and continue for two weekends in December. We also plan to be selling poinsettias during one of the weekends in December.

## 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 wear your KOC shirt to Mass the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in support of our recruiting drive.

Our social meeting in October will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (October 18<sup>th</sup>). Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled for attendees. Please bring other dishes to share. Our social meeting in November will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday (November 29<sup>th</sup>). More information will be announced at the November Business Meeting.

Mark your calendars for the annual Council Christmas Party to held on Saturday evening December 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jeff and Karen Befumo. More details will be printed in the December newsletter.

## 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 completed another successful Road Clean-up on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We didn't have a large turn-out and it worked the team pretty hard. Richard, Tom, Doug, Rick, and Richard worked their tails off. A special thank you to George and Michelle Darnell for the chili and corn-bread; it was a tasty meal after all that work.

The ARC Home Fall cleanup is coming up on October 20<sup>th</sup> – Brother Bryan would like to have you help prepare the home for the winter. Many of us will be in Richmond for the Exemplification, so please make an extra effort if you are not coming down to Richmond and come out and support this very worthy event.

## 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.*



Beyond the events already mentioned, no other specific family events are planned for the rest of the year.

## 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 be held on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 PM. Setup will begin at 2 PM. Please come out and support this fun event.

## BIRTHDAYS

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



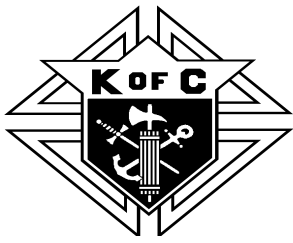
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Kerri Crutchman  
Mark Graves  
Mark Heller  
David Jesser  
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Gordon Tassi  
Thomas Zum Brunnen IV

Wilfredo Cardona  
Richard Crete  
Timothy Dumm  
George Gross  
Paul Hillenbrand  
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John Ploschnitznig  
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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for July is George Darnell, PGK. George sponsors fraternity within the council. He is a self-less and dedicated PGK, PFN and knight who only wants to see others succeed. He hosted not one, but two community pool parties this year. His dedication extends to ensuring those that work hard are supported by feeding those who work out in the field, such as preparing chili for the VDOT Road Clean up crew. Thank you, George.

The Knight of the Month for August is Jerry Michonski, PGK who continues to show dedication to the council and order and is now our Treasurer. Jerry has picked up where everyone thought it was impossible. After a very long time of brother George handling Treasurer duties, Jerry stepped in without missing a beat and ensures all money transactions are carefully tracked. He is truly a Knight among Knights.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for July is Rick, Paula and Jessica Crete. The Crete Family clearly demonstrates the core qualities every knight's family strives to achieve and display. They are active in the Sacred Heart Parish and leaders in the Catholic Community. Rick and Paula are both Eucharistic Ministers and quickly volunteer to fill in when they can. They have both actively taken up rolls within the council and fully participate in events - planning, setup, administration, and clean-up. They make me proud and continue to volunteer. Thank you, Crete family.

The Family of the Month for August is Tom and Dixie Zum Brunnen, PGK. They also were selected as one of Supreme's August 2007 Families of the Month and will receive a family-oriented religious figurine. The Zum Brunnen family is focused and dedicated to our council and our church. They are mentors to the young and young at heart. They are ceaseless in their willingness to help foster family at all council events. They are Eucharistic Ministers and very visible in our faith community. Thank you Zum Brunnen family.

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Robert Allen (29)         | Richard Braun (27)        |
| Christopher Farrell (26)  | Peter Pallard (25)        |
| Richard Brosh (24)        | Andy Baranovski, PGK (16) |
| Robert Frappier (15)      | Michael Ragan (15)        |
| Mark Horn (14)            | Wilfredo Cardona (13)     |
| Jerry Michonski, PGK (13) | Benedicto Agoo (12)       |
| Mark Mitchell (12)        | James Yuengert (11)       |
| Jon Calvert (5)           | Edward Fenig (5)          |
| John Toth (5)             | Michael DeVera (3)        |
| Robert Garman (3)         | James St. Amour (3)       |
| Mark Graves (2)           | John Fritsch (1)          |
| Steven Palkowitz (1)      |                           |

## DEGREE SCHEDULE

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

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| October 2   | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| October 17  | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ John Paul I             |
| October 25  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home        |
| October 27  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 7369 Chantilly          |
| November 8  | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ Ascension               |
| November 29 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home        |
| December 18 | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ John Paul I             |
| January 2   | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| January 15  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home        |
| January 19  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6296 Fairfax            |
| February 14 | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ Ascension               |
| February 16 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6175 Sterling           |
| March 4     | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| March 5     | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ John Paul I             |
| March 6     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home        |
| March 9     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 2473 Arlington          |
| April 10    | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ Ascension               |
| May 7       | 1 <sup>st</sup> @ John Paul I             |
| May 27      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ John Paul I Home        |
| June 14     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6332 Manassas           |



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## NISSAN

A big thank you goes to those who have volunteered for your hard work – we have made a good effort in providing funds for council activities. I will announce the totals next newsletter.



The final show for this year is

- Brad Paisley, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

The following people signed up to work this:

Rick Johnson	Jeff Befumo
Karen Befumo	Doug Blair
George Braun	Pam Braun
Bob Garman	Muriel Garman
Bill Miller	

Rick Johnson will run this final concert for me.

All who worked Nissan this year are cordially invited to attend a dinner, in your honor, at Dak's restaurant on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30p.m. This invitation is to show my appreciation of the hard work you put forth in raising funds for Ascension Council, # 9285, Knights of Columbus! It is also in appreciation for those stay-at-homes who managed the home front while their other half's were working concerts at Nissan!

Please RSVP me (again for some of you) at my work e-mail address, i.e.: arthur.bohn@vion.com with your availability, and your choice of dinner if you are able to attend!

Please try to arrange your busy schedules to make this November 4<sup>th</sup> dinner a reality. For those who may be totally unavailable, a suitable thank you in cash will be provided so you can go out, on your leisure, and have your own private appreciation dinner!

*Nissan Chairman*

[Art Bohn](#)

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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 Airset 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 plan to clear off the Prayers column on the front page at the end of the year unless we hear from or for the individual. I will keep people on the list from the time they are added for 6 months unless I hear at that time they are still struggling with their health problems.

I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month of issue. For the November calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by October 27<sup>th</sup>. For the December/January issue I will need articles by Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at [http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters and Calendars/koc1007.pdf](http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters%20and%20Calendars/koc1007.pdf). Please email me with your contributions at [voyagerjs@earthlink.net](mailto:voyagerjs@earthlink.net).

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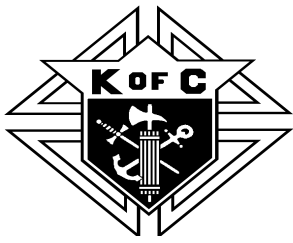
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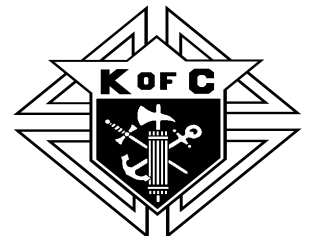
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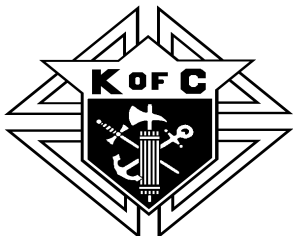


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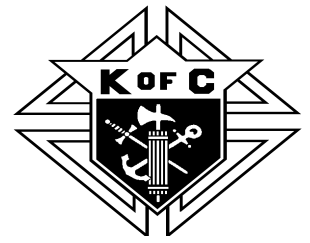


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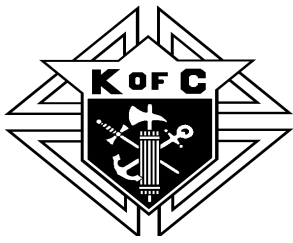


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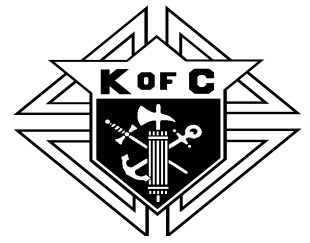


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