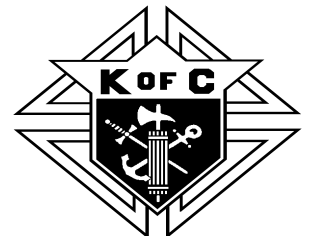




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Our 20th Year!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

We are once again reminded of our faith and the gifts bestowed on us as Catholic men living in an area that has been unaffected by natural disasters. Since our last newsletter in September, hurricanes have devastated Mexico, portions of the Gulf Coast and Florida; rain, floods, and mud slides have killed thousands in Central America; and an earthquake in Pakistan killed thousands. Our Council was able to donate almost \$500 to the Virginia State Council for the Katrina victims and I thank you for your unselfishness. Please remember the victims of these natural disasters and their families in your prayers and donations.



Our Council has been busy with many events over the last few weeks and we are looking forward to many more as we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Please check the calendar for our events and place some time aside to assist us with the many activities that are both rewarding and challenging for yourself and your family. One event that is first on my list and a challenge to you is to assist us with our newly adopted home run by ARC of Prince William County - a non-profit organization that provides services to children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities (www.arcgpw.org). We will be helping out on the first and second weekends in November to rake leaves, mulch flower beds and clean the rain gutters. We will need at least four core members to address this rewarding opportunity; call me to volunteer.

Brother Knight, John Angelotta has coordinated with a plumber, an electrician, and a local appliance supply to keep the parish kitchen project moving in a positive direction. Keep your eyes and ears open for how you can help when this project nears its construction phase.

Over the last month, I tried phoning everyone in our Council to invite them to visit us at our business meetings. If we were unable to connect and you have questions relative to how you can contribute to your parish community, call myself or our Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director, Brother Steve Trotman.

Bryan Roberts

Grand Knight

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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

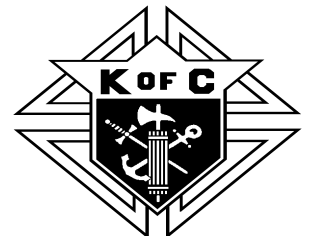
1st Degree - Thursday, November 10th – Ascension
2nd Degree – Wednesday, November 30th – JP I
3rd Degree – Sunday, December 4th – Richmond
3rd Degree – Sunday, January 28th, 2006 - Fairfax
1st Degree – Thursday, February 9th – Ascension
3rd Degree – Saturday, February 18th - Fincastle
2nd Degree – Wednesday, February 22nd – JP I
3rd Degree – Sunday, February 26th – Sterling
3rd Degree – Saturday, March 11th – Norfolk
3rd Degree – Sunday, March 19th - Arlington
2nd Degree – Tuesday, March 28th – JP I
3rd Degree – Sunday, April 8th – Stafford
3rd Degree – Sunday, May 13th - Arlington
1st Degree – Thursday, May 25th – Ascension
2nd Degree – Tuesday, May 30th – JP I
3rd Degree – Sunday, June 3rd – Richmond
3rd Degree – Sunday, June 10th - Manassas

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Brother Knights, this past month of October was a busy one for us. As the saying goes: "there's no rest for the weary" as the month of November is shaping up to be just as busy and fulfilling.

First let's recap the exciting events having taken place in October. In addition to our regularly scheduled first Sunday donut duty we prepared for the parish a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday October 23rd. Thanks to John Brady for his leadership of this successful event and to the many volunteers that showed up to help.

Next we sponsored a road clean-up on Saturday, October 29th. Tom Zum Brunnen, PGK, coordinated the event and was joined by several knights who braced the chilly and breezy morning for several hours of good exercise and warm fellowship, all for a worthy cause. Below is a picture of the crew.



The month ended with a children's Halloween Party the evening of the 29th. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Youth Group and aided by the Knights of Columbus, Rick Johnson lead the charge as he and other knights set up and decorated for this fun-filled evening of ghouls, goblins and treats.

Please see the following sections for activities of the coming months. Our programs and service projects make a difference in our parish and community at large. And it also gives each of us an opportunity to fulfill our call to be a witness for Christ. Thanks to all who

selflessly devote their time and talent, and keep up the good work.

Program Director

Steve Trotman

Deputy Grand Knight

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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.

November 5th is the parish Fall Festival and Silent Auction. The Knights will be there in full force to not only help with the event but enjoy the dinner and dance as well. Proceeds from this event will be split between assistance to our adopted parish in New Orleans and the new parish kitchen fund so let's all help make this a successful event.

Doug Blair and Ray Stearns request Ascension Council support to assist in the sale of Christmas Cards at the church after each Mass on the weekends of November 27th, December 4th, and December 11th. If you can assist, please let us know by phone or e-mail which date and Mass you can be available. Please contact Ray Stearns at (703) 791-2465 or rstearns@worldnet.att.net. Thank you for your support.

We will be selling poinsettias after all Masses on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Please stop by and help sell after the Mass you attend.



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 Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 17th at the Parish Hall in the afternoon. Check the Parish Bulletin for the time. This will be co-sponsored by WASH. Admission will be an unopened gift for one of the local charities.



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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.



In September we had a nice social. Here is a picture of the food spread. Looks good? Don't miss the next one in December.



The Ascension Council Adult Christmas Party will be held at the home of Jeff and Karen Befumo on Saturday, December 10th starting at 7 PM. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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.

Our Worthy Grand Knight will be launching on November 4th at our 9 AM our newest service project – the adoption of an ARC of Prince William County group. Volunteers are needed to help with general yard work and clean-up around a home located on Neddleton Ave within our parish boundary. This promises to be one of our most worthwhile and spiritually uplifting programs, so please let our Worthy Grand Knight know how you'd like to assist with this effort. On December 10th, we will meet at the ARC house at 9 AM and decorate the front of the house for Christmas.

Recruiting and Retention

Our recruiting and retention committee chair is John Murray, PGK and although he is active in our parish, he has abdicated his duties until his health improves. Even with this vacancy, we still have men who are interested in joining the Knights. Our Council will be conducting a first degree in November to welcome one new member. Keep up your work of meeting new families in our parish

and have them call Grand Knight Bryan Roberts if they are interested in knowing more about our council.

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.

Our council will have a First Degree on Thursday, November 10th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We have one candidate and there will be two candidates from another council participating. If you have not seen a first degree in a while, I want to personally invite you to join us for the evening to witness the degree and to welcome the new members. The more the merrier. We will provide food and beverages for the event. Thank you for your participation and I look forward to seeing you.

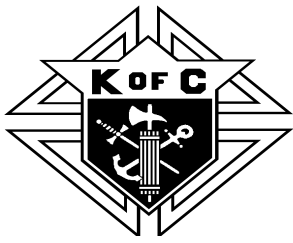
The Social Meeting for November has been moved to the PGK Dinner on November 19th. The Social Meeting in December has been moved to the Adult Christmas Party on December 10th.

Ascension Council is celebrating the tenure of our Past Grand Knight, Jerry Michonski, on the evening of November 19th at the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 PM.

Events for the evening will include:

- 6:30 PM Social and Cocktail Hour
- Please provide your own wine or liquor (BYOB);
- Sodas, juices and appetizers will be provided
- 7:30 PM Dinner
- Presentation of Colors
- Opening Prayer
- The meal will include salad, vegetable, potatoes and choice of main course among beef tenderloin, pork tenderloin, or stuffed salmon followed by dessert.
- 8:15 PM Program
- Introductions;
- Opening remarks – Grand Knight, Bryan Roberts
- Comments on the PGK
- PGK rebuttal -- PGK
- Presentations to the PGK – GK
- Indoctrination into the PGK Association
- 9:30 PM Closing Prayer & Retirement of the Colors

Cost for the evening will be \$15 per person. Please respond on or before November 12th by calling Bryan Roberts at bryanr@excaliburpllc.com or (703) 580-8660 with your attendance and choice of main course.



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our September Knight of the Month, Art Bohn, CGK, is one of the founding members of our council and we look to him for inspiration as a knight. We recognize Art for his unending support of Nissan and coordination with Diane Hon and the Venture Crew who we teamed with over the summer to raise funds for our activities. Art kept us abreast of the schedule, encouraged many of us to attend concerts as volunteers, was a strong guide on Nissan conduct, and was always available to work on those hot and muggy nights. Please take the time to thank him and recognize him for his bountiful inspiration. You are a great man, Art. Thank you.

Our Knight of the Month for October is Rick Johnson who scheduled and arranged for all of the people and supplies necessary to run the Halloween Party for our parish children. He took on the role with limited experience and was able to coordinate with the Boy Scouts and the parish to make sure all of the activities were geared towards entertaining our costume-clad children. Candy, cakes, cupcakes, drinks, and chips were plentiful along with games and toys. As your Grand Knight, I attended the party for the first time and had a great time with my family and fellow parishioners. Thank you Rick for pulling your resources together.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following Ascension Council knights will be celebrating their membership anniversaries in November and December (years as a knight are in parenthesis).

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| Robert Allen (27) | Peter Pallard (23) |
| Steve Burwinkel (19) | Richard Braun (18) |
| Bill Hechmer, PGK (18) | Rich Rocha (18) |
| Mike Vrabel (18) | Dominick Pellegrino (17) |
| Andy Baronavski, PGK (14) | Robert Frappier (13) |
| Michael Ragan (13) | James Yuengert (9) |
| John Cunha (8) | Kevin Henry (6) |
| Paul Hillenbrand (5) | Bill Miller (5) |
| Jon Calvert (3) | Salomon Carias (3) |
| W. Edward Fenig (3) | John Toth (3) |
| Wayne Brown (2) | Ray Stearns (2) |
| Michael DeVera (1) | Robert Garman (1) |
| James St.Amour (1) | |

BIRTHDAYS

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

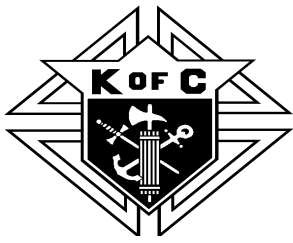
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| Andy Baronavski, PGK | Wilfredo Cardona |
| Salomon Carias | George Cunningham |
| Robert Garman | George Gross |
| Bernie Kocis, PGK | Michael Lang |
| William McCabe | John Ploschnitznig |
| Christopher Potvin | Mike Ragan |
| Robert Regan | Clement Ryan |
| John Toth | Frank Varljen |
| Tom Zum Brunnen IV | |



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Family of the Month for September is the Kocis family. Brother Bernie Kocis, PGK and his bride, Jeannie overcame illness and other matters to prepare themselves for a well-deserved trip to Ireland. Currently, Bernie's health is not at its best and we pray for his strong return to normal activity. Their spirit, vow of love, and unsurpassed family strength is an inspiration to all of us as we take on the challenges presented to us as Christians, family members, and knights. Bernie and Jeannie's efforts to participate in all of our functions, gatherings, and parish activities are legendary. Bernie is one of our founding members, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, Past District Deputy, and the list goes on. Jeannie has always been active with the Knights at the local, district, and state levels and is well-respected for her charity, good humor, and resourcefulness. Our hearts and thanks go out to you always. May God bless your works and family as you await Bernie's return home.

Our Family of the Month for October is the Brady family. John is a new member of our council in the last year and has attained the third degree. John and his wife, Nhuanne prepared, shopped, and setup for the October Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall on October 23rd. This activity was a great success for our parish and our Council. I have had the opportunity to work closely with John and it is remarkable that he and his family found the time to take on this activity for our parish community. Obviously they are blessed with many gifts including their two sons, Robert and Andrew, patience, fortitude, and love for all. Please take a moment to meet them at the upcoming activities and share with them your memories of the pancake breakfast to inspire them for



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the next one. We not only appreciate your energy and sacrifice, but your caring for us all. Thank you.

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 at the above address. Copies of your pledge card are needed for the council to receive credit for your contribution.

PRO-LIFE

Knights of Columbus Council 9285 and Sacred Heart Parish were represented on October 2nd at the Life Chain along Smoketown Road in Woodbridge. We were invited to participate in the Woodbridge Life Chain and were represented by our Pro-Life Family, Norma and Curtis Donato, Jane Kuhls, the parish Pro-Life representative, and several other members of the Sacred Heart family. Sacred Heart parishioners met at the Christ Chapel parking lot where they collected signs and joined thousands of pro-life supporters throughout the USA in this silent show of solidarity. Communications were extremely limited in advertising this event and therefore participation was light. We will work with Jane Kuhls and the parish office to increase communications and visibility of these types of Pro-Life events, so that we have better participation in the future.

Council Pro-Life Family
Curtis and Norma Donato

EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. Due to late submissions and my business travel, it is a little later than normal.

I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the December calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by November 26th. For the January/February issue I will need articles by Saturday, December 31st. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.*

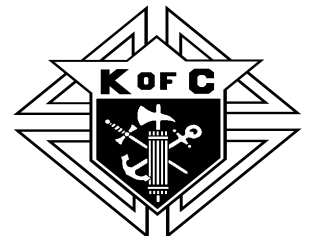
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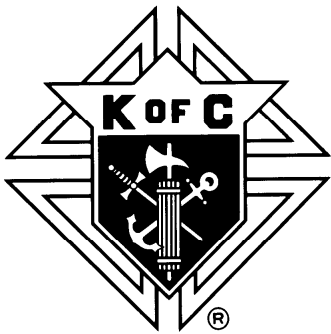


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