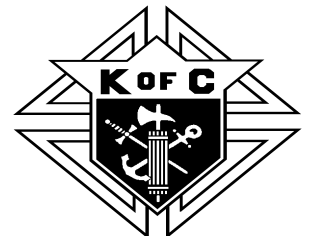




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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights of Ascension Council,



The Christmas season is upon us and many of us are beginning to feel the stress of holiday shopping, party hosting and travel planning. All too often the true beauty of the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is lost amidst all this activity.

The Knights of Columbus however, strive to highlight the true beauty in seemingly small, yet profound ways. Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards remind people what and for whom we are celebrating and our community outreach activity such as decorating the ARC home with holiday lights, is a visible sign of bringing joy and caring for others. Let each of us find some way, large or small, to spread the true meaning of Christmas to others.

Christmas has certainly come early for Ascension Council as we have been blessed with the gift of several new and transfer members this past month. A warm, heartfelt fraternal welcome is extended to our newest Brother Knights:

Newly Exemplified 1st Degree Members

Steven J. Palkovitz John R. Fritsch

New Transferees

John P. Malkich Albert A. Thomas
Gordon R. Tassi Thomas M. Conti
Robert J. Wiencko Norberto A. Seso
John R. Kapp John R. Ontko
Delano G. Olson

Again, welcome one and all. We are grateful for your choosing Ascension Council to be your home for fraternal brotherhood and Catholic charity. We are truly blessed by your membership.

As I stated earlier, the Christmas season really isn't complete without some festive gatherings. So don't forget about the Council's annual Christmas party on December 16th at Jeff and Karen Befumo's home. Be prepared for fun, laughter, good food and drink, and some of the wackiest, tackiest gifts you'll ever receive! Also, the Children's Christmas party is planned for December 17th from 2-4 PM in the parish hall. Volunteers are needed to help set-up and clean-up afterwards. Please contact Rick Johnson for more information.

As I close, I'm reminded of something a dear friend shared with me many years ago his reflections on the Christmas season and its true meaning. Not being a particularly religious man, or a Catholic, he would go out on the deck of his home every Christmas Eve at midnight. Alone and quiet with his own thoughts about the holiday, he would stare up into the midnight sky and wonder about that fateful evening two millennia ago that changed the world forever. With the silent stillness of the night he would celebrate the real Christmas with praise of thanksgiving and joy for all that life and Christ had brought to him and his family. At that moment he said, he felt the presence of God. My wish for all my brother Knights this Christmas is that each of us take time to find that quiet stillness and give thanks to Him for all we have that matters. And I believe we will find that the most worthwhile Christmas present is Christmas Presence.

God Bless and Merry Christmas.

Steve Trotman

Grand Knight

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UPCOMING DEGREES

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

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

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Merry Christmas and the happiest of 2007's to all brother knights. We continue to do great acts, even during this busy time of year. I would like to thank each and every knight who has taken precious time out of their busy schedule to participate in our numerous good works.

We are blessed to have knights who show great leadership, dedication, who unceasingly give from the heart to help our Council, our parish and our people feel that they are a part of the community and are welcome each and every time they step into Sacred Heart church or participate in a Knights of Columbus event.

I'd like to take the time to recognize brother knights Ray Stearns, Bryan Roberts, PGK, Curtis Donato and Richard Rocha. These knights are spot-lighted for their efforts to support our Keep Christ in Christmas program, our Membership Drive, our ARC Group Home efforts, our Parish Directory, our Poinsettia Sales and Donut Duty for the First Sunday of every month.

We have strong programs that reflect our dedication as knights and our passion to support our parish community. For all brother knights who have volunteered to assist with each of these programs our Grand Knight Steve Trotman and I are eternally grateful. We have completed taking all the pictures for the Sacred Heart Parish Directory. Brother Curtis is now pulling together additional photos and preparing the layout of the parish directory. Brother Bryan ran a seamless Poinsettia sale where we grossed just over \$1,000. Brother Ray continues to sell Christmas cards for KCIC. His crew has done an outstanding job, and I'm sure will sell out this last weekend of sales.

I'd like to take a few extra lines to talk about Brother Richard Rocha and our Donut Duty program. He tirelessly arrives at church early on Sunday morning, around 7 AM to prepare the coffee and pick up the donuts. He must get the hot water ready for tea, prepare the juice and the regular (60 cups) and decaffeinated coffee (50 cups). He also sets up the tables, trash-cans, sugar and creamer. Most people aren't awake by the time he's prepared to support all the Masses for Sunday morning. We know that Brother Andy supported this program for years, and we thank him and all the other knights who continue to support this important program. Please remember to support

Richard when you come to Mass on Sunday. You only need to support the one Mass you attend to make it easier on him. The program needs to ensure at least two knights are available at all times (for all Masses through 1 PM) and then clean up, count the money and submit it for the safe drop. Please drop Richard a line (call or e-mail) to let him know that you would be willing to help him and commit to an hour on Sundays.

This month I'd like to take a few lines to talk about the Council Activities Director, and Brother Ray Stearns, who is our director this year.

The Council Activities Director sees to the needs of the council and its members. Overseeing public relations, fraternalism and bringing culture to the council as well as ensuring social events are planned and executed are just a few responsibilities of the Council Director.

We all understand that if we don't have fun doing it – it's not worth doing. The same goes for all Council activities. We should strive to make each of our activities scaled to the size of our Council and parish, so that we do not over-burden ourselves working too many projects (either over the year or just a weekend). It makes the newsletter much more enjoyable to read, if each activity director would submit a short article that covers the activity they are responsible for and any activity that may have been accomplished since the last issue. Ensuring we have a diverse set of activities that enrich all of us as knights is our goal.

Ensuring a strong fraternal atmosphere is a central focus of the Council Activities Director. Keeping the Council strong, activities safe, friendly and enjoyable are all important. The Director may look at publishing a Council-wide directory, so that all knights of the Council know how to contact each and every other knight of our Council. As we recently saw when Brother Tom brought in a very important event (the marriage debate) to our parish and Council -- this event broadened our view of this topic and strengthened our position.

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

Fellow brothers, we had a great turn out at the social event for November. I would like to personally thank Mike and Charlene Romero for opening up their home for the November social event. There aren't enough



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words to thank Brother Mike for his hospitality, good snacks and great wine. I know many other knights also brought great wines to the social. A great time was had by all who attended. We will continue to further our relationship with each other as knights and with Jesus Christ our Savior.

Strength Through Unity,

Program Director

Doug Blair

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.



Coffee and Donuts will be served by council members after all masses on December 3rd, January 7th and February 4th.

Mark your calendars for our annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on January 26th starting at 7 PM. The location will be announced shortly.

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 put up the Christmas lights at the ARC Home on December 2nd. We will take them down on January 13th. Contact Bryan Roberts, PGK, for more information or to help.

We will be doing our quarterly highway cleanup for VDOT on Saturday January 20th. Please meet at the Church parking lot at 9 AM. Contact Tom Zum Brunnen, 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.



Our council Christmas party will start at 7 PM on December 16th. The Befumo's have graciously offered to once again host the adult party at their new home in the Four Seasons development - 16933 Four Seasons Drive Dumfries VA (off 234 between I-95 and Montclar). Use 16400 in mapping programs to get directions.

At the gate enter 3911 to call the house so we can let you in. At the end of the road is club house which is 16400. Turn left to get to our house though, if parking is tight, we will pick you up in the club house parking lot.

Remember to bring a White elephant gift. Also, bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The council will provide drinks.

To celebrate the New Year as it occurs throughout the evening, the Darnell's are hosting a New Year's Eve Open House on December 31st starting around 6:30 PM. Each hour will mark New Year's in the next westerly time zone starting with Greenwich Mean Time. Though not a council event, knights and their ladies are welcome. Contact George Darnell for further information or to RSVP.

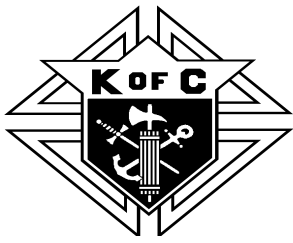
Council

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.



The social meeting for December will be combined with our Adult Christmas party on December 16th. The social meeting for January will be combined with the Clergy Appreciation Dinner on January 26th.

We will be discussing a potential Super Bowl Raffle at the business meeting on December 14th.



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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 is from 2-4 PM on Sunday December 17th in the parish hall. There will be food, crafts, games and a visit from Santa. If you are coming with your child(ren) please bring new socks, underwear or pajamas to be donated to an area shelter. Contact Rick Johnson for more information or to help set up or clean up.

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)	

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



Bob Salm (30)
Tony Bado, PGK (20)
Jack DuFrain (20)
Rich Rocha (20)
Dominick Pellogrino (19)
Joseph Briganti (10)
John Hon (10)
Ken Henz (9)
Emmanuel DeVera (7)
William Miller (7)
Paul Neuzil (6)
Wayne Brown (4)
James McKay (2)

Stephen Burwinkel (21)
Richard Braun (20)
Bill Hechmer, PGK (20)
Micahel Vrabel (20)
Wallace Geiger (14)
John Cunha (10)
David Adams (9)
Kevin Henry (8)
Paul Hillenbrand (7)
Mark Uhler (7)
Salomon Carias (5)
Ray Stearns (4)

BIRTHDAYS

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



David Adams
Andy Baronavski, PGK
George Cunningham
Robert Garman
John Hon
Kenneth Mathiasmeier
Peter Pallard
Michael Ragan
Clement Ryan
Albert Thomas
Mark Uhler
Ed Wickenhofer

Benedicto Agoo
Raymond Bazan
Ron DeSpirito
Bill Hechmer, PGK
Mike Lang
William McCabe
Christopher Potvin
Robert Regan
Ray Stearns
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James Yuengert

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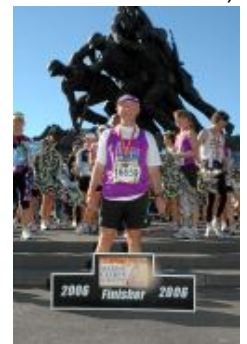


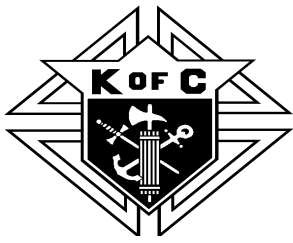
Brother knight Bob Garman recently completed his 7th Marine Corp Marathon in 4 hours 46 minutes running with Air Force Major Arnold Saunders, one of his workmates at the Pentagon. This year's event was the largest ever with 34,000 registered and about 21,000 finishers. To do this event, he logged over 650 miles since February.

For the third year, Bob participated with the National Capital Region Team in Training program to help raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and blood cancer research. Thus far, Bob and his wife Muriel have raised over \$16,000 with the help of many friends, family members, workmates and cancer survivors.

If you are interested in doing an endurance event (Marathon, Half-Marathon, Century Ride or Triathlon) and would like professional coaching, a group of supportive teammates and an opportunity to help a great cause, check out the Team in Training website at www.teamintraining.org.

For 2007, Bob is anticipating participating in the Nashville Country Music Marathon in April and the Nike San Francisco Marathon in October.





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EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. Please accept the words and images on this page as my Christmas wish to you...

I would like all future newsletter inputs no later than the **Saturday** before the 1st Thursday of the month of issue. For the January calendar/event summary I will need any changes or updates by December 30th. For the February/March issue I will need articles by Saturday, January 27th. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines.* See a softcopy at <http://sacredheart.catholic.org/koc1206.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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Joe Marshall

Chancellor

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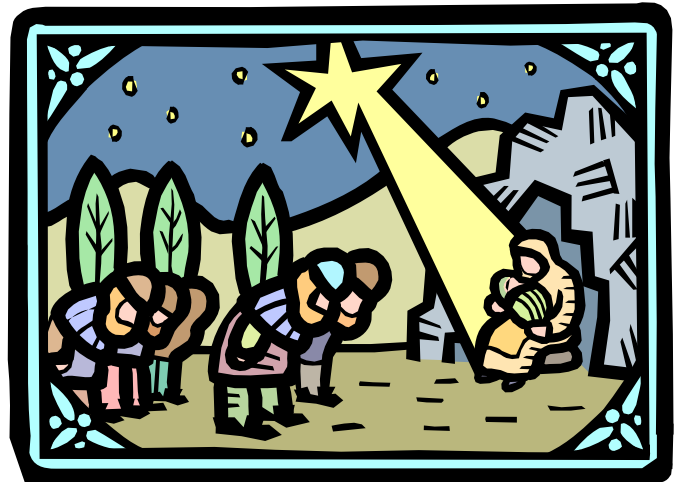


KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

I'm pleased to acknowledge Rick Johnson as our Knight of the Month for October. Rick, with amiable smile and willingness to pitch in when and where needed, brings his easy going style to so many of our youth-related parish activities and the Boy Scouts. The annual Halloween and Christmas parties are just two examples of his willingness to help out other parish organizations in order to bring fun festivities for our young people. Rick, thanks for being such a good role model.

Our Knight of the Month for November is none other Mike Romero. Mike, a Past Grand Knight of Ascension Council, has held many other leadership and volunteer positions over the years yet he remains committed to the Council. Opening his home for the November social gathering is a reflection of his dedication to our fraternal mission. Thanks Mike and Charlene, for your hospitality to your brother knights.

For December, who better exemplifies what it means to be a Knight than Ray Stearns. With his quiet, dignified presence Ray brings a reflective approach to his volunteer efforts, readily apparent in his leadership during our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sale. From purchasing the necessary inventory to coordinating volunteer assignments, Ray demonstrated true dedication to the meaning of Christmas by ensuring the real message of hope and salvation is spread to all.



Wishing You a Holy and Happy Christmas & a New Year full of Promise, Peace and Joy!



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NISSAN

I finally received the last check in the mail. Here is a break-down of what we did for the concert season, and how much we made for the council!! Thank you all!

Nissan Chairman

Art Bohn, CGK

Trustee

Concert & Sales Area	Concert Sales	Less Tax (-5%)	Gross Sales	Estimated Council Share 6%	Actual Council Share
Brooks & Dunn					
Registers 9-13	\$4,463.75	\$223.19	\$4,240.56	\$254.43	\$254.42
South B Kiosk	\$6,581.00	\$329.05	\$6,251.95	\$375.12	\$375.12
Tom Petty					
Registers 8-17	\$15,432.50	\$771.63	\$14,660.88	\$879.65	\$879.65
Dave Matthews					
Registers 10-11	\$2,064.00	\$103.20	\$1,960.80	\$117.65	\$117.65
North B Kiosk	\$13,339.50	\$666.98	\$12,672.53	\$760.35	\$760.35
Kelly Clarkson					
Registers 25-27/ Kiosk	\$7,875.00	\$393.75	\$7,481.25	\$448.88	\$302.18
North Plastic Beer	\$855.00	\$42.75	\$812.25	\$48.74	\$75.00
Kenny Chesney					
Registers 8-10	\$3,357.00	\$167.85	\$3,189.15	\$191.35	\$140.96
North Plastic / Can Beer	\$15,134.00	\$756.70	\$14,377.30	\$862.64	\$833.19
Jimmy Buffet					
North B Kiosk	\$11,802.00	\$590.10	\$11,211.90	\$672.71	\$620.26
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Y					
Reg 16-19/ Tiki Bar	\$12,990.50	\$649.53	\$12,340.98	\$740.46	\$958.48
Rascal Flatts					
Reg 3/Cans/B Kiosk	\$14,695.40	\$734.77	\$13,960.63	\$837.64	\$812.98
Roger Waters					
Reg 27-29/#3/#1/Plastic	\$16,767.50	\$838.38	\$15,929.13	\$955.75	\$975.30
Toby Keith					
Reg 21-25/#3	\$3,480.25	\$174.01	\$3,306.24	\$198.37	\$198.37
Final Totals:			\$122,395.54	\$7,343.73	\$7,303.91

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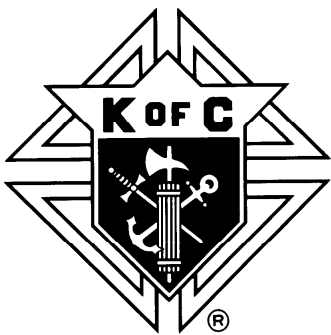


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Outside Guard	Rick Johnson	897.6078	Stumpa10@comcast.net
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