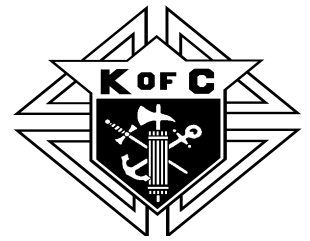




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Ascension Council #9285
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Our 23rd Year!

Year 23 --- Number 4 -- December 2008-January 2009

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,



Merry Christmas! I hope you will join me this season in extending that very greeting to everyone you see. As always, we have been very busy with all of our activities this fall. We had very good turnouts for both our VDOT road cleanup and the ARC home cleanup in October. We were able to welcome two more Brother Knights to our ranks due to some great efforts during our membership blitz. Thanks to all who participated and spread the word about our Council and our good works. In concert with WOSH, we sponsored a very successful children's Halloween Party. We had wonderfully informative social meetings in both October and November where we got to hear about the state of Prince William County Schools and listened to an excellent presentation from Brother Don Murphy on our Fraternal Benefits. We continued our fundraising efforts with a great sub sale, our first of the fraternal year. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable Christmas Party on December 13th hosted by the Befumos followed by our annual Corporate Communion Mass and Brunch on December 28th starting at 10:30 AM. As always, I want to thank you in advance for all you do for our Parish and the Knights of Columbus. I hope you are all able to spend some time enjoying this joyous holiday season with your families and that you all have a very happy, prosperous, and Blessed New Year.

Ad Gloriam Dei
Vivat Jesus!

Rick Johnson

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Mother Mary ... Pray for Them

Please remember all members and relatives of Ascension Council in your prayers as they work through challenges to their health.

John Fritsch
Don Hajec

John Angelotta



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month for October is Brother Art Bohn. Our Charter Grand Knight worked extremely hard this summer trying to make our Nissan fundraising efforts work under some very trying circumstances. Thanks to his diligence, Ascension Council closed out the season in a much better position financially than we would have otherwise. Brother Art is also a veteran member of our First Degree Team and has helped out other Councils, even outside of our District, when they needed his expertise for an Exemplification. Brother Art is a shining example of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

Our Knight of the Month for November is Brother Steve Palkovitz. Steve worked very hard alongside our other volunteers to help spruce up the ARC home this fall. In an outstanding display of charity, Steve volunteered to chair our sub sales for this fraternal year. His first sub sale was on a weekend when we had never sold before. Even though he had to be away on business, he made sure we had everything we needed and the sale was a rousing success. We sold almost 230 subs that day and donated the rest to a very grateful (and hungry) Youth Group. Brother Steve epitomizes the spirit of Charity that is the first principle of our order.

BIRTHDAYS



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

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Benedicto Agoo | Andy Baronavski, PGK | |
| Raymond Bazan | George Daniels | Ron DeSpirito |
| Bill Hechmer, PGK | John Hon | Clement Ryan |
| Ken Mathiasmeier | William McCabe | Robert Garman |
| Christopher Potvin | Michael Ragan | Ray Stearns |
| Albert Thomas | Ed Wickenhofer | Jim Yuengert |

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

With the holiday season here, there are many great opportunities to share fellowship with your brother Knights.

Our first big council event is the Annual Christmas Party on December 13th at 7 PM at PGK Jeff Befumo's house.

Next, we will celebrate Communion as a group on December 28th at the 10:30 Mass and then head to a local restaurant for brunch.

The start of the New Year is not that far away and that is the traditional time to make plans for changes in your life and set new goals.

If you haven't been that active with Council events lately, think about coming out January 4th and helping with the next Pancake Breakfast or attending a Social Meeting.

Also, as Knights, it is important we take care of our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. Start a workout program, schedule time for a brisk walk or a bike ride once a week, or go visit some of the many museums or parks in the local area. Staying active will make you feel better, reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and also provides a great opportunity for having fun with your family members.

Finally, don't forget we will have our second sub sale of the year starting January 31st. I look forward to seeing you there - it only takes about an hour each morning on Saturday and Sunday.

Program Director

Bob Garman

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 & Donuts service are served by the Knights after each Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Contact Bob Garman to sign up for a particular Mass you attend.

We will finish selling KCIC Christmas cards the weekend of December 13th.

We will have a Pancake Breakfast after the 7:30, 9 and 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, January 4th. Contact John Brady to volunteer.

We are in the early planning stages for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 24th. More detail will be provided at the January business meeting.

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 next sub sale will take place on the weekend of January 31st and February 1st after all Masses. Please meet at 8 AM Saturday and 7 AM Sunday to help make subs.

The December Social meeting has been moved to coincide with the Council Christmas party on December 13th at the Befumo's home. Dress is Christmas casual. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre or a dessert to share and a White Elephant Gift to exchange.

Grand Knight Rick Johnson plans to attend the Virginia State Council Mid-Year Weekend Meeting on Saturday January 10, 2009 at St. Edward's Council 6546 in Richmond. Other council members are welcome to join him – please contact Rick to coordinate.

George Brent Council Presents:

“NEW YEAR'S EVE in NEW YORK”

When: 31 Dec – 8 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.

Where: K of C Council Home – 9290 Stonewall Rd

Cost: Singles - \$20 / Couples - \$35 Dress Casual

Cash Bar – Beer & Wine (BYOB)

Includes DJ (8:30-12:30), Hors d'oeuvres, Sodas

Reservations Required by December 23rd

Contact Joe Arseneault Ph: 703-367-9898

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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 Women of Sacred Heart will be running the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 21st from 2 to 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

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.



Five Ascension Council members and three guests did a VDOT Road-side clean-up on October 4th. We met at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 9 AM to start this quarterly activity. Our assigned area is Token Forest Road from Reserve Street past the church to the end where it comes close to Hoadly road. The other part is Dell Blvd starting at Hoadly Road and going south to the first intersection past the Fire Station. 14 bags of trash were picked up in approximately 2 1/2 hours. Bill Miller brought his whole family: wife Karen and sons William and Camden to assist us. Rick Crete, Steve Palkovitz, Richard Rocha and Tom Zum Brunnen were the other Knights that assisted in the activity. I would like to thank all of our Brother Knights and Guests that helped – may God bless you and yours.

Please meet us at 9 AM in the Sacred Heart parking lot before going to the ARC home to install Christmas lights on December 13th. It's a wonderful way to give a little back during the Christmas season. Bring a string of lights and I will bring the extension cords. Lights are scheduled to be removed on January 3rd at 9 AM. Thank you and enjoy your day. Contact Bryan Roberts, PGK for more information.

Brother Rick Crete needs some help this same weekend cleaning up some graffiti near Old Bridge Road. He is thinking about starting at 11 AM Saturday December 13th and it should only take an hour or so with 3 volunteers. Those who want to get a weekend "two-fer" can help with both.

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.



Please join us for the Council Christmas Party which will take place on Saturday December 13th starting at 7 PM at the home of Jeff and Karen Befumo.

Mike and Charlene Romero have invited council members and their spouses to a Wine and Cheese "Social Meeting" at their home on Saturday night, January 17th starting at 7 PM. You are welcome to bring a wine or some appetizer to share.

LECTURER'S CORNER

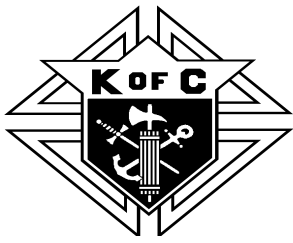
With the holidays, we decided to keep the social meetings light. Hopefully you can join us at the Befumo's on Saturday December 13th and at the Romero's on Saturday January 17th.

In February, we will move our social meeting to Saturday, February 21st at 9:30 AM following Mass. We will start with a continental breakfast open to the parish and then launch into the following program:

"Lost Gospels or False Gospels? - The Truth about the "Other Gospels" of Early Christianity.

Ted Zeunges and I will show a 56 minute DVD by Ignatius Press on the large screen Video projector in the hall. We will then lead a discussion and answer questions. We will have handouts of key points from the DVD. We will also have copies of some of the "other gospels" for folks to browse through.

Saturdays in February are dead and I think we will get a better turnout than on a Thursday night. We encourage folks to go to Mass at 9 AM and I will see if Fr. Mike can move Mass to the church.



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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Family of the Month for October is Brother John Malich, his wife Sue Straka, and their sons, Zachary and Nicholas. The family is one of the most active in our Parish and you see them at virtually every event. Sue is the President of Women of Sacred Heart (WOSH), where she does a wonderful job. She is in charge of the giving trees, and was the lead planner behind our very successful Harvest Dance. She runs virtually every social event at Sacred Heart and John and the boys are there to help and participate every time. John and Sue set up and ran the children's Halloween Party in October and Sue is the lead cook for our monthly Faith Fests.

Our Family of the Month for November is the Westley Family – Dave and Laura and their three sons David, Daniel, and Matthew. Laura is involved in almost every part of Parish life and is in charge of all Outreach Ministries. She has been the driving force behind our efforts to support our sister Parish in Nigeria. Laura is also a Eucharistic Minister, is in charge of the Middle Scholl Program for our monthly Faith Fests, and also helps distribute food and clothing to the needy every Saturday. She is Sacred Heart's Chartered Organization Representative to Boy Scout Troop 608, of which David and Daniel are active members. David and Daniel are also Altar Servers and Davis is an active member of the Sacred Heart Youth Group.

DEGREE SCHEDULE

The following lists all 1st through 3rd degrees of interest to the council for the current fraternal year:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
| 2 nd Dist | Tuesday | Dec 9 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 1 st 8183 | Tuesday | Jan 6 | @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| 1 st 7165 | Wednesday | Jan 7 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 2 nd Dist | Tuesday | Jan 20 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 3 rd | Saturday | Jan 31 | @ 6296 Fairfax |
| 1 st 9285 | Thursday | Feb 12 | @ Sacred Heart Church |
| 1 st 7165 | Wednesday | Feb 18 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 3 rd | Saturday | Feb 21 | @ 6175 Sterling |
| 2 nd Dist | Thursday | Mar 5 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 1 st 8183 | Tuesday | Mar 17 | @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| 1 st 7165 | Wednesday | Apr 1 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 2 nd Dist | Tuesday | Apr 14 | @ John Paul I Home – We Host |
| 1 st 7165 | Wednesday | May 20 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 2 nd Dist 12 | Tuesday | May 26 | @ John Paul I Home |
| 3 rd | Saturday | June 13 | @ 5332 Manassas |

INSURANCE AGENT

A Once In A Lifetime Offer to New Members of the Knights of Columbus

For the new member and his wife [ages 18-83]: We can help you attain your ideal retirement putting financial stability within your reach. The "New Member Annuity Plan" is designed as a one-time-only offer to new members and their wives. With a deposit of as little as \$100, you can start an annuity, open the door to a lifetime of financial security and begin building your Knights of Columbus portfolio.

There are many reasons you should begin this plan. One is the peace of mind it gives you. Another is the many benefits it offers such as:

- Tax-deferred savings
- A guaranteed minimum lifetime interest rate [your money will never earn below 3% interest!]
- Additional deposits are allowed at any time, even as low as \$50
- Currently a bonus interest of .25 on account balances of \$10,000 or more
- No administrative fees [surrender charges may apply]

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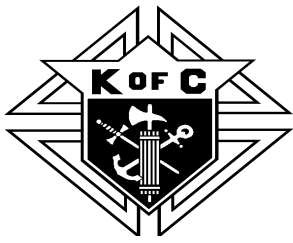
MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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



Robert Salm (32)
Tony Bado, PGK (22)
Bill Hechmer, PGK (21)
Dominick Pellegrino (20)
Joseph Briganti (12)
John Cunha (11)
Emmanuel DeVera (9)
William T. Miller (8)
Salomon Carias (6)
Ray Stearns (5)

Stephen Burwinkel (22)
Richard Braun (21)
Rich Rocha (21)
Wallace Geiger (16)
John Hon (12)
Ken Henz (11)
Paul Hillenbrand (8)
Paul Neuzil (8)
Wayne Brown (5)
David Watjen (2)



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EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Thanks to those who contributed. Sorry it is a bit late but inputs missed my window and there was not enough free time available when they finally appeared.



Due to the high cost and extra work involved, the council has decided to stop mailing hardcopy newsletters to anyone. We will continue to post the newsletter on the council website (see below) and on the Knight's bulletin board at church across from the main floor bathrooms. If this is not sufficient, please make sure we have your updated email address as those receiving email versions of the newsletter always get their first. We would like to have 100% coverage by email with the postings as backup. If I don't have your email, please send me a note with it and I will add it to the distribution list. All newsletters are sent as blind carbon copy to minimize potential malware or other threats from utilizing the entire distribution list.

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 27th. For the February/March issue I will need articles by Saturday, January 31st. *Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to meet these deadlines. If I don't get inputs you don't get a newsletter...* See a softcopy at <http://ascensioncouncil.org/Newsletters> and [and Calendars/koc1208.pdf](http://ascensioncouncil.org/Calendars/koc1208.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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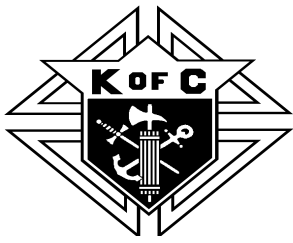
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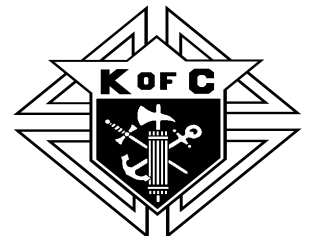


Merry Christmas!

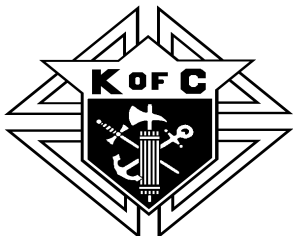


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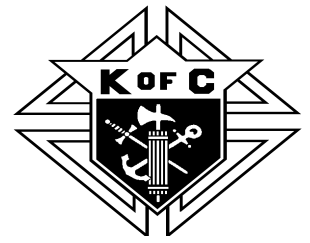


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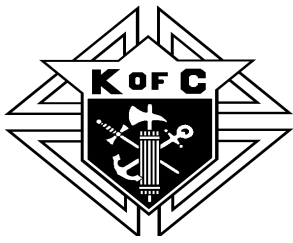


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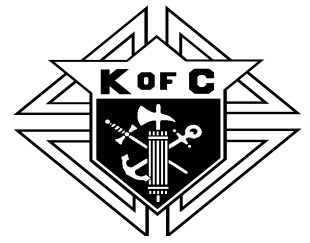


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