



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

April will again be a busy month for the Knight's as we host our semi-annual Spaghetti Dinner at Christ Our King Grace Hall on Thursday, April 26th. In addition, that same week is the 91st State Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites in Columbia, from April 27th-29th. I urge as many Brothers as possible to attend the event, as you will learn a tremendous amount about the Knights, and can join in the many festivities that are planned. Spouses are encouraged to attend, and several day trips are planned to tourist sites throughout the region. Check out the state website at www.southcarolinaknights.org, click the "Programs" tab, and select "State Convention" for all of the information. It would be terrific to fill a 15-passenger van to travel to Columbia!

Keep your eyes and ears open for the upcoming announcement regarding a Knights of Columbus "Open House" and informational session to be conducted at St. Benedict Church on a Sunday in late April or early May. We plan to invite potential Brother Knights and their families for an informal gathering to highlight all that we have to offer as an organization. Refreshments and hors devours will be offered. We will be working closely with the staff at St. Benedict to spread the word, and also need the help of all of our fellow Knights to make others aware of what we have to offer. By the way, if you are a Knight who has not been active for some time, we invite you to take a "re-look" as well, since many changes are taking place within the Council.

My family and I wish each of you and your family a very pleasant, joyful, and meaningful Easter!

Vivat Jesus,

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Knights of Columbus
East Cooper Council #9475

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, April 26, 2012 – 5 to 7:30 PM
Christ Our King Life Center – Grace Hall

Adults \$8.00 - Children 6 to 11 \$5.00 - Under 6 Free
Includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Refreshments

Eat In or Take Out

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Palm Sunday	01
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting	05
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper	05
Good Friday - The Lord's Passion	06
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK - 7:30 AM	
Holy Saturday	07
Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord	08
Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Officer Meeting	25
Assembly 3243- Stella Maris - 7 PM	
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rev. Antony Benjamine

Philip Chuy

Charles Davidson

Michael Fabrizio

Terry Johnson

Richard Karkowski

Sean O'Toole

Michael Ricciardone

William Russo

Richard Schiliro

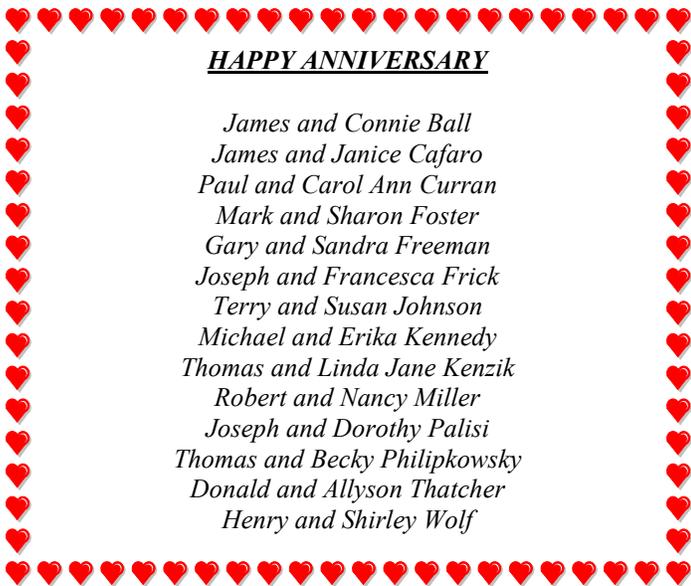
John Watson



Family of the Month
March, 2012
Mike and Kathy Eovino

Mike & Kathy have been married 42 years. Both of them are from New Jersey and lived there until 2000 when they moved to Mt. Pleasant. Mike was an information systems manager for Verizon for 30 years & Kathy was a special education/ elementary school teacher until retirement in 1998. They have a daughter in [Charlotte, NC](#) and a son, daughter-in-law and 2 granddaughters in Richmond, VA. Mike is a 1st degree knight and has helped with the book sale, spaghetti dinner, he & Kathy also worked on the "Sock-Hop". The Eovino's have been active members of St. Benedict parish since 2000. Mike has been a member of the sacristy team & collection counting team and is now also on the finance council and is chair of the collection counting team. For relaxation, Mike plays golf and works in the yard. Kathy is a member of the choir, MOM's club, vice-president of the women's club & volunteers at St. Vincent DePaul. She has also been chair of the RCIA program & on the leadership committee for the FIRE program at St. Benedict. Kathy loves to travel, crochet, read & play games with her granddaughters & friends via the internet. Kathy has also been a travel consultant for 25 years; for the past 6 years she and Mike have been owner/managers of their own business, New Adventures Travel.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE AND KATHY !!!!!



Knight of the Month
March, 2012
Dave DiPietro

Dave and Meghan both grew up near Baltimore, Maryland. Dave started his own business doing house renovations in 1992. Dave and Meghan were married in 1994 and moved to Charleston in 1999. Meghan has been in Human Resource Management for twenty years. She is currently a Human Resource Officer at the Town of Mount Pleasant.

When they moved to town, they realized that new construction was prevalent instead of renovations. Dave realigned his company and has had the pleasure of building over 85 custom homes in the Charleston area, and look forward to all the future projects that may come by.

Dave and Meghan have two dogs (rescued mutts) and lots of nieces and nephews to keep them busy. Meghan is a foodie, goes to the movies every week, and loves to read. Dave enjoys golf, sailing, watching the birds on the porch and the Ravens during football season.

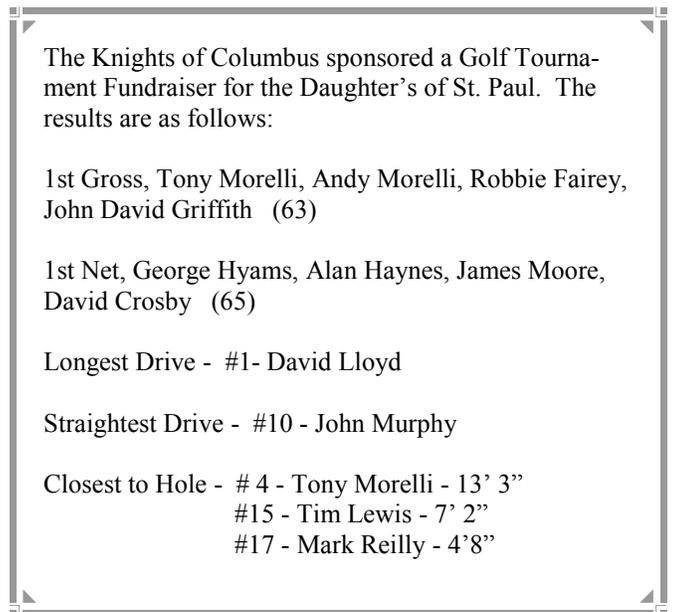
Dave went to Catholic School for most of his life. His parents are quite devoted and very active in their church in Maryland. Dave joined the Knights in 2003 and is currently a Second Degree Knight.

Dave and Gene McLaughlin are working with the Seafarers to get a chapel up and running at the port. They hope to have this done in the coming weeks.

Dave just volunteered to be an Altar Server at 7:30 am mass at Christ Our King.

Dave would like to thank the Knights for all their support and kindness during a difficult surgery he had recently.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE !!!!!



INSURANCE

Dear Brother Knights,

Since it is that time of year, one of the things that might be on your mind is taxes. And taxes—or avoidance thereof—is one of the areas that is central to many of the products the Knights carry.

Life insurance, with very few exceptions, goes to our beneficiaries tax free. So besides what is the obvious purpose of providing protection for our loved ones, it is often the single best vehicle to pass along our monies to the next generation, or to whom ever happens to be the beneficiary. It can also be an excellent vehicle to make a donation to your favorite charity.

So, if you would like to find out about how to take advantage of these features, which are inherent with our life insurance products, just give me a call and we can explore how this can work for you!

Your Brother Knight,
Steve Kramp, Knights of Columbus Field Agent
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Youth of the Month March, 2012 David Sottile

David Sottile attends Bishop England High School. He is a member of the BE wrestling team where he mentors two younger wrestlers. David participated in the regional wrestling competition for BE this year and received first place in his weight division. David has also helped BE Campus Ministry put together some great videos. David's favorite subjects are math and science.

David has been a member of the Stella Maris high school youth group for two years. He always makes me smile. He is full of energy and has to force himself to sit through some of our meetings, but when it is time to act, he is focused and ready to go. Every Lent, the youth group sets up, serves and cleans up Soup and Sandwiches on Wednesday after Stations of the Cross. David has been volunteering with his dad for years but during the last two years, David has been totally in charge of the kitchen. He sets it up, he makes sure everyone's crock pot is clean and he doesn't leave until the kitchen and hall are pristine. If someone complains, he is gracious and helpful. The other members of the youth group like to work with him because David makes it fun.

Last summer the youth group went to Louisiana to participate in a week long mission trip. David worked on the roof from the time we arrived until it was time to go for the day. He is very skilled and was able to teach several of the other youth what needed to be done. Roofing in July in Louisiana is a rough job but David never complained, he was a positive force on and off the work site. David also has a wonderful knack of reaching out to others who are feeling isolated and making them feel part of the group.

Another example of David's tremendous work ethic would be the service project we did at the LEARN horse rescue farm in Meggett, SC. David spent most of the day working with the men to build a ramp so physically challenged youth would be able to get on the horses. When he finished that project, David entertained the younger youth by riding a huge pig and giving them rides on the tractor.

David is an example of living the Catholic faith. He gives of his time and talents unselfishly and with a smile. His energy, passion for life and good humor is contagious. David models much of what it means to be a Christian without ever saying a word.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID ! ! ! ! !

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