



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights,

As we are about to enter Holy Week. Holy Week is an important time in our Life in the Church as we remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. I hope you will take time during Holy Week to attend one of the services, spend some time in prayer and as a Brother Knight do some charitable acts.

Let's congratulate those Brother Knights who made their Second and Third Degree in March at Christ Our King. The following Brother Knights made their Second Degree: Leo Albano, Chris Anderson, Tyler Boone, John Bride, Steve Evangelista, Sam Limbaker, Gene McLaughlin and Tony Werner. And to those Brother Knights who made their Third Degree: Leo Albano, Chris Anderson, John Bride, Steve Evangelista, Jeff Garrett, Sam Limbaker, Gene McLaughlin, Joe Myers and Tony Werner.

In addition, I want to thank the following Brother Knights who help make the Second and Third Degree happen: Tom Franzone, Jerry Barnett, DJ Thatcher, Jim Pancake, Kevin Cunnane, Bill Shoemaker, Ed McDowell, Joe Harkins, Jeff Pulaski, Jim Welsch, Jack Vax, Allen Briggs, Richard Bachschmidt, Michael Fabrizio, Mark Lazo, Chris Anderson and Joe Myers.

The Knights of Columbus has been one of those Catholic organizations that have been supportive of efforts against Abortion. We will begin the 40 Days of Life and we need your support by spending an hour or two in prayer near one of the Abortion Clinics...you can do that with one of your Brother Knights or invite your spouse. We need your help, it isn't fair to have one Brother Knight spend more of the time doing this as was the case last fall. Please contact Don Campbell today and sign up for a couple of hours—471.1085.

Please make note, at our March Business Meeting, those present voted to change our Business Meeting in April to April 24<sup>th</sup> because April 17<sup>th</sup> is Holy Thursday.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and your loved ones—a Holy and Blessed Holy Week. In addition, I hope the Season of Easter is filled with much new life and hope in our Lord and being a Catholic and a Knight.

Fraternally,  
Frank Osage  
Grand Knight



### PLEASE NOTE

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If you would like to suspend mail delivery please Email Tom Franzone at [Tzone1941@aol.com](mailto:Tzone1941@aol.com)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### APRIL

Officers Meeting _____	03
COK - Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	03
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	04
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK - 7:30 AM	
40 Days of Life - Our Council Day _____	07
Palm Sunday _____	13
Holy Thursday _____	17
Good Friday _____	18
Easter Sunday _____	20
Assembly 3243 _____	23
Stella Maris Library - 6:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	24
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
SC Knights of Columbus State Convention _____	25-27

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Antony Benjamin*  
*William Brumley*  
*Philip Chuy*  
*Charles Davidson*  
*Michael Fabrizio*  
*Terry Johnson*  
*Richard Karkowski*  
*Mark Lipsmeyer*  
*Vincent Maroun*  
*Sean O'Toole*  
*Randolf Pierce*  
*Michael Ricciardone*  
*William Russo*  
*Richard Schiliro*  
*John Watson*  
*Nicholas Zimmerman*

### SPOUSE EMAIL Update:

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her email address to Neil at [ngwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:ngwhitman@yahoo.com)

**Family of the Month**  
**March, 2014**  
**Michael and Kay Fabrizio**

Michael and Kay Fabrizio have been married for 11 years. They met May 28, 2001 on the back lawn of the Daniel Island Club (love at first sight!), and have been happily “joined at the hip” since that day. They have three grown children, Jonathan, Jennifer and Lauryn, a junior at the University of Florida. They also have three grandchildren. Kay moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2001 and Michael moved back to the area in 1999.

Most of Michael’s career has been in the East Cooper area in the golf business. Immediately after graduating from North Carolina State University, he started at Wild Dunes during construction in December 1979. He left in 1983 to build and maintain Dataw Island Club in Beaufort, and returned to Wild Dunes for 7 more years in 1988. He currently is the Director of Grounds at the Daniel Island Club, where he has been since inception in 1999. He is also a Past President of the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association. Kay has held several accounting positions in Rock Hill, and the Charleston area. She was previously the CFO of New Tradition Custom Homes, and the past 5 years has been a club accountant at the Daniel Island Club.

Michael has been a Knight since 2006 and Treasurer since 2009. He is a member of the first and second degree teams, and usually volunteers for the wreath sale, book sale, annual oyster roast and basketball free throw contests. Kay graciously volunteered “her house” and hosted our annual Christmas social in December. (She did all the preparation and work, as Michael wasn’t allowed because it’s her house!).

Michael has been a member of Stella Maris all the years he has resided East of the Cooper. Because of that, he wrestles with whether he should leave Stella Maris and get involved with the new parish just being formed on Daniel Island. Although not Catholic, Kay occasionally attends mass with Michael. His daughter Lauryn was baptized at Stella Maris by Father McNerny 21 years ago.

They both work out and exercise regularly, although Michael may be classified as a fanatic, usually trying to exercise 5-6 days a week due to heart disease being prevalent in his family. Playing basketball, golf and running used to be Michael’s main hobby and passions, but that had to be replaced when his back gave out a little over five years ago. His main passion is riding his Harley, which also opened the door to volunteering in the Patriot Guard Riders. The Patriot Guard offers escorts and honors to military funerals, deployments and welcome home missions. Although he never served in the military this has given him much personal gratification due to the admiration and respect for Americans that have served this country in the military and public service sectors.

**CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL AND KAY !!!!!**

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

40 Days of Life  
Contact - Don Campbell - 471-1085  
Drivers to take people to doctor’s appointments  
Contact - Jack Vax - 856-2212  
Homeworks Projects  
Contact - Bill Shoemaker - 884-1378  
Habitat for Humanity  
Contact - Bill Shoemaker - 884-1378  
Youth Projects  
Contact - Chris Anderson - 416-8527



**Knight of the Month**  
**March, 2014**  
**Chris Anderson**

Originally from Fayetteville, Arkansas, Chris Anderson met his wife Julia in downtown Charleston in 1993. Married six years later at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, they have one son, Graham, age 5, in kindergarten at Christ Our King/Stella Maris. Graham is learning karate, plays soccer, and has developed the reputation of being the class scientist. Graham is an inquisitive little guy—he collects rocks, loves taking things apart, uses his microscope to investigate, and sets traps for dad with his laser beam detectors.

A biology major, Chris graduated from College of Charleston, and Julia, a Nurse Practitioner, graduated from MUSC. The last ten years they’ve lived in Tampa, FL and Mt. Pleasant, SC due to Chris’ jobs with US Central Command, Air Force, and the U.S. Dept. of Labor involving safety, emergency management, and mishap response actions in the U.S. and Middle East. Chris is currently Director/Chief of Safety at Joint Base Charleston as a DOD civilian.

Chris joined the Knights at St. Benedicts 6 months ago and attain his 2nd and 3rd degrees March 22, 2014 at Christ Our King. He is currently serving as our Council Youth Director and has a project planned to rehab the landscaping and entrance to the East Cooper Senior Daycare Center in April 2014.

Chris and his family have been members of St. Benedict Parish since 2011. Over the last 6 months: Chris assisted with the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) class; created a booth for St. Benedict’s Annual Picnic; is a member of St. Benedict’s Men’s Group; helped with Christ Our Kings Fall Festival booth set-up and manned the emergency/first-aid tent with Julia; prepared the name graphics for Baptismal shawls which Julia makes for St. Benedict parishioners; helped Julia make Thanksgiving cards/letters for soldiers overseas which Church youths signed and placed their hands prints on; helped move a brother parishioner in need out of their home; helped make gift boxes/packages for the Seafarer’s Ministry drive; made Christmas gift boxes for men in our community in need of basic life essentials; and participated in many church functions. Chris credits his wife Julia, saying “She’s the foundation of all the volunteer work and good I do, accomplishing 50% of the work I get credit for...She’s my team!”

**CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS !!!!!**

Dear Brother Knights,

Are you trying to get some growth on your savings, or start something for your retirement? Are you looking for an alternative to the stock market? If so, I would like to speak with you about our retirement products. We have an annuity product which can be a Roth IRA, a traditional IRA, or simply money which is neither of these. It can come from another IRA, 401, TSP, 403b, or from any other account. Or it can be a check. It can come from you, the Knight, or from your spouse. There is a guaranteed minimum rate of return—currently at 1.5%—but it is currently higher than that. But since there are no sales charges and no yearly fees, the interest rate that you earn is the real rate of return. Depending on the type of product you choose, it will be tax deferred or tax exempt!

And if you already have an annuity with us it may be guaranteed at 3% or 3.5%. If you do, and if you add to it, the “new money” will also have that same guaranteed minimum interest rate.

If this sounds like it may be of interest, please contact me.

Your Brother Knight  
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**Youth of the Month**  
**March 2014,**  
**Christian Zimmerman**

Christian Zimmerman is a youth who stands out as always going above and beyond. He is very active in his school, Boy Scout troop and in the community.

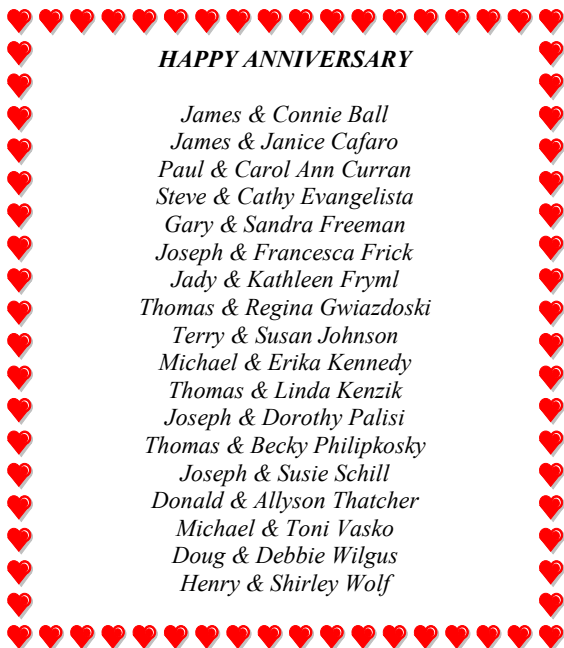
In school, he is an honor student. He was nominated to the school's National Beta Club. Last month he competed in the National Beta Conference in Myrtle Beach. He is a member of the COK-SM Lego- Robotic team and his team is going to the state competition this month. He also is on the school's archery team and will be in several competitions this month representing COK-SM.

He is a founding member of St. Benedict Troop 529. Christian is a boy scout and is a Star Rank and is working diligently toward his Life rank. He is very active in the troop and participates on all activities and service projects. He helped organize and implement a food drive for ECCO food bank, assisted with the Scouting for food during the Mount Pleasant Parade, cleaned up Givhans Ferry during National Beach sweep, and this month he helped his troop clean up the Francis Marion National Forest.

He is an altar server for St. Benedict Parish and is a member of the youth group.

In addition to the service that Christian performs with his scout troop and church, Christian has formed his own non-profit charitable organization called Knots for Hope. Christian makes products from parachute cord (parachord). He uses parachord made in the USA because it is stronger and more durable. He makes bracelets, key chains, dog collars and dog leashes. In a little over a year, he has donated over \$300 dollars to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation in support a family friend's son who suffers from this disease. Thank you for this opportunity to nominate this fine young man and for you consideration in his nomination of Youth of the Month.

**CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTIAN !!!!!**

  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
*James & Connie Ball*  
*James & Janice Cafaro*  
*Paul & Carol Ann Curran*  
*Steve & Cathy Evangelista*  
*Gary & Sandra Freeman*  
*Joseph & Francesca Frick*  
*Jady & Kathleen Fryml*  
*Thomas & Regina Gwiazdoski*  
*Terry & Susan Johnson*  
*Michael & Erika Kennedy*  
*Thomas & Linda Kenzik*  
*Joseph & Dorothy Palisi*  
*Thomas & Becky Philipkosky*  
*Joseph & Susie Schill*  
*Donald & Allyson Thatcher*  
*Michael & Toni Vasko*  
*Doug & Debbie Wilgus*  
*Henry & Shirley Wolf*

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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