



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights:

To continue the themes of this year (i.e., fraternity and charity), I'd like to invite you to reach out to your brother knights and bring them to our next Council meeting or encourage them to volunteer for our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner. In this issue of our Council Newsletter and in future one's this year, there is a section entitled: 'Service/Volunteers Needed'. I hope you will get involved and be of service to our Church and our local Community. Being fraternal and being of service or charity are key to being a Knight. And finally, there is a request in this issue of our newsletter to obtain your spouse's email address, we want to begin having them be more included in what is going on in our Council.

When one becomes a Knight, it is a journey. The journey begins when one becomes a Knight in the First Degree. However, that journey doesn't end there. To understand the essence of being a Knight, then one need to take the Second and Third Degree. I want to encourage you if you haven't taken them to do so during the month of August. There is a second and third degree in the Charleston listed in this issue of our newsletter.

And finally, I have been humbled in this role being a witness to the many ways that you as Brother Knights have truly responded to a brother who was in need. Continue to be that brother and reach out just as Jesus has shown us while he was amongst the people.

Fraternally,

Frank Osage
Grand Knight

PLEASE NOTE

Electronic delivery of minutes and newsletter

If you would like to suspend mail delivery and receive an electronic version only please email Tom Franzone at Tzone1941@aol.com.

SPOUSE EMAIL Update:

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her email address to Neil at ngwhitman@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Nocturnal Adoration	01
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting	01
Life Center - 7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	02
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	03
COK - 7:30 AM	
KOC Family Week	11- 18
161th Anniversary of	12
Fr. Michael J. McGivney's Birth	
123th Anniversary of	14
Fr. Michael J. McGivney's Death	
Second Degree	13
Blessed Sacrament, West Ashley - 7 PM	
Regular Business Meeting	15
St. Benedicts Parish Hall	
6:30: Dinner	
7:15: Meeting	
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Third Degree	17
St. Thomas the Apostle, North Charleston	
Fourth Degree	31
Hilton Head	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stanley Adams	Ronald Kolanko
Peter Bernard	Brian McGee
Ercole Chiola	James Meister
Mark Dickson	Harry Moxley
Bosco Duraisany	Thomas Oltorik
Darryl Elliott	Peter Paloni
Michael Eovino	Michael Rausa
Rocco Falcone	Adam Russo
Gerald Gimbert	Edward Ryan
Stephen Grimaldi	William Schnipke
Robert Humphrey	Charles Stark
Michael Kennedy	Michael Swindle
Hoyt Kiser	Joseph Tarr
Harry Trautman	

**Family of the Month
July, 2013
Frank & Kristen O'Neil**

Frank and Kristen O'Neal have been married for 12 years and have an 11 year old daughter named Bridget, who attends Cario Middle School in Park West. They were married in 2001, Bridget was born in 2002 and in 2004 they decided to move the Longpoint Subdivision in Mt. Pleasant. They made the move from Boston, Massachusetts in order to be closer to Kristen's family. Both Frank and Kristen were born and raised in Boston which explains Frank's love of all sports Boston (Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics). He works in the A/C service industry for Total Comfort Solutions and she works in Records for the Charleston County Sheriff's Dept.

In addition to being raised Bostonians, Frank and Kristen were also raised Catholic. They have attended Christ Our King Church since they moved here and their family contributes greatly to the Church and community. He is an usher and the Family Activity Coordinator for C.O.K. which keeps him busy organizing meetings, activities and events for parishioners to meet and socialize. He also supports the St. Vincent De Paul Society. In the community, Frank can be seen making ECCO furniture drop offs and pickups. Frank joined The Knights of Columbus in 2007 on the recommendation of Phil Chuey in an effort to be even more involved in the Church and Charities. As you can see they stay busy as a family, but when they do have some free time Kristen loves to get outside and do you yard work as well as take on around the house projects. While Frank didn't seem as passionate as Kristen about the chores, he did say that he enjoys spending time with his wife and family regardless of what they are doing, including his Honey Do List.

Congratulations Frank and Kristen !!!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Leo & Wendy Albano
Joseph & Jerilyn Bandiera
Peter & Dorice Bernard
Joseph & Patti Bolchoz, Jr.
Allan & Catherine Briggs
John & Andrea Gallagher, Jr.
Patrick & Sarah Hunkler
John & Diana Isaac, Jr.
Chris & Janet Kerrigan
John & Patty McDermott
Brian & Deborah McGee
Harry & Marie Moxley
Michael & Pamela Rausa
Edward & Sandra Robinson
Edward & Patricia Ryan
Jonathon & Beth Santilli
Richard & Joan Schiliro
Kenneth & Kay Schwallie
John & Geri Urbanic*

**Knight of the Month
July, 2013
Neil Whitman**

Neil was born on Long Island, NY and grew up in an Air Force family. As a child, Neil attend 13 different schools in 12 years, and lived in many places including the Azores, Japan, Hawaii, Florida, and New York. Neil met Melinda in 1971 while attending the University of South Florida in Tampa, and they married the next year. After graduation, Neil worked for Sears for ten years assigned in Key West, Hollywood, Fl, N. Little Rock AR, and Hammond LA.

In 1981, Neil joined a small staffing company in Greenville, SC. In 1998, Neil became Sr. Vice President (Southeast) for a national staffing company and relocated to Orlando, FL. Two years later, Melinda and he came back to Charleston in 2000. Shortly afterward, Neil left the corporate world to start Dunhill Staffing Systems --a true "family business" owned by himself, Melinda, and Katie, their youngest daughter. Laura, Lisa, and Katie, their daughters, all reside in Charleston. Neil and Melinda have two beautiful grandsons who are "more fun than they ever imagined."

Neil joined the Knights in 1989 as a volunteer cleaning up the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo. Work and family activities didn't allow Neil to be as involved as he wanted until moving to Charleston. In 2000, Neil completed his 2nd and 3rd degrees, and his 4th degree in 2003. Neil is a past grand knight, has been the recorder for more years than most of us can remember, and has worked many activities including: the Super Bowl Party, Oyster Roast, Family Picnic, Free Throw Contests, Anniversary Dance, Flag Day Ceremony and managing our website and email lists. Neil is a charter member of our new Assembly and has been an officer for three years.

Neil joined the Church in 1981 and has been active ever since. He has served as a Eucharistic Minister for over thirty years, an RCIA sponsor several times, was on the core RCIA team at Prince of Peace, and is an alter server at Christ Our King. Melinda volunteers for the Lazarus committee.

Neil's other volunteer work includes serving on the board and Executive Committee of Charleston Metro Chamber, serving as an Honorary Commander at Charleston AFB, and serving as the treasurer for our state personnel association.

Melinda and Neil enjoy golf, traveling, and family time including spending as much time as possible with their grandsons. They have had a blessed and wonderful life together.

Congratulations Neil !!!!!

SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Drivers for Seniors to Medical Appointments --**
Contact Jack Vax - 856-2212
- Home Works - One Day Repair Houses -**
Contact Bill Shoemaker - 884-1378
- Council Golf Tournament -**
Contact Jim Welsch - 849-1979
- Spaghetti Dinner -** Contact Mark Kennedy - 849-8871
- A Knight to coordinate Youth Activities for Council--**
Contact Frank Osage - 614-7877
- A Spouse(s) to send emails out to Knight's Spouses --**
Contact Frank Osage - 614-7877

Calendar of Events

September

Labor Day	02
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Officers Meeting	05
COK - Life Center - 7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Third Degree	07
Greenville, SC	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK - 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Spaghetti Dinner	24
COK - Grace Hall - 5 to 7:30 PM	
Third Degree	28
Our Lady Star of the Sea, N. Myrtle Beach, SC	

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Vincent Y. Maroun	216-0039
Grand Knight	Frank Osage	614-7877
Deputy Grand Knight	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Chancellor	Richard Bachschmidt	200-6435
Financial Secretary	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Ron Bellonio	216-1904
Inside Guard	Mark West	718-6099
Outside Guard	Paul O'Rourke	388-5915
3 Yr. Trustee	Mark Lazo	881-1237
2 Yr. Trustee	DJ Thatcher	513-0214
1 Yr. Trustee	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone COK	884-5670
	Jack Urbanic SM	886-2591
	Gene McLaughlin SB	849-2271
	Jack Vax SB	856-2212
Vocations Chairman	Anthony Herlihy	388-7647
Community Director	Jonathon Santilli	971-7016
Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	513-0214
Council Director	Victor Mroczkowski	793-8656
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Family Director	Tripp Hoover	367-3494
Culture of Life Director	Fred Koch	884-1713
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
Membership Director	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Admission Chairman	Richard Bachschmidt	200-6435
Recruitment Committee	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Ron Bellonio - COK	216-1904
	James Morini - SB	495-0460
	Mark Kennedy - COK	849-8871
Retention Chairman	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Retention Committee	Jeff Pulaski - COK	972-8193
	Mark Kennedy - COK	849-8871
	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Stan Adams - SB	884-8331
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	249-2356
State Deputy	Richard Gabriel	797-6804
District Deputy	Daniel Barton	367-1871
Insurance Agent	Stephen Kramp	771-2437
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

Dear Brother Knights,

What most people realize is that insurance is based on age and health. Simply stated, the younger and healthier you are, the lower the overall cost. (And this includes long term care as well!) So if you are waiting to buy, it is never better later.

The reason I'm talking about this now is that I've had the first death on a policy I sold. She was perfectly healthy two years ago when I sold the policy. This policy has at least given the husband one less worry with all he has to work through. At least he won't have to take out a loan to pay for the funeral.

Also in the past few months I've had four people who have been "thinking about it" for less than a year who have had significant changes in health. This will mean anywhere from an increase in premium to not being able to get insurance.

And lastly, my sister was killed in an auto accident last fall. Her insurance policy allowed one of her children to be able to keep the family home. (The one I grew up in and the one my grandparents owned.) Insurance doesn't make up for the loss, but it helps eliminate or reduce some of the other issues.

If you are currently "thinking about it," please give me a call so I can help you make that decision.

Your Brother Knight,

Steve Kramp, FICF
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