



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Thatcher Family to yours! Yes, *"It's OK to say Merry Christmas"* is our adopted slogan this year. Buttons and stickers with the slogan are available at our Christmas Wreath sale, and come complete with an image of, get this, a Manger scene! We are not attempting to stir-up controversy or force our religious views onto others, but instead provide some relief and a subtle approval to those who really want to say "Merry Christmas" but feel awkward when sales clerks and others say something like "have a nice winter holiday event if you choose to celebrate and are not offended".

During this special Thanksgiving and Christmas season, my family paused to acknowledge all that we are thankful for. Something that immediately came to mind was the KofC Council. Despite the challenging economic times that we all face, it is terrific to be part of an organization that directly assists those who really struggle day after day, regardless of the economy. An example of "putting our Catholic Faith into action" is the recent *Operation HOPE* campaign headed by Chairman Jack Vax. In a simple six-hour period Jack and our Brother Knights and families raised \$800 to directly assist those with intellectual disabilities. Way to go Jack!

As we approach the half-way point in my having the honor to serve as your Grand Knight, I offer a very sincere "Thank You" to all my Brother Knights who are making our Council a Shining Star. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Donald (DJ) Thatcher



Congratulations to Fr. John Bosco, Rick Hallett, Edmond McDowell, John "Larry" Reed, and Jim Welsch who received their First-Degree on Tuesday, November 15th. Welcome to our Knights of Columbus family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

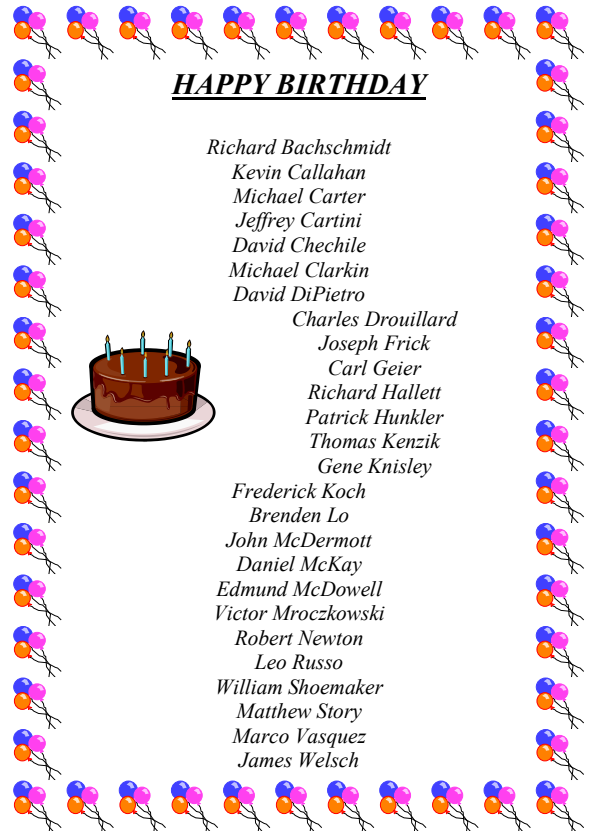
Officer's Meeting_____	01
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK - 7:30 AM	
Feast of the Immaculate Conception_____	08
Holy Day of Obligation	
Annual Christmas Party_____	10
Our Host are DJ and Allyson Thatcher	
Fourth-Degree Christmas Party_____	17
Hosted by Mickey and Betty McMahon	
Business Meeting_____	20
Island Club - Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Christmas_____	25
New Years Eve_____	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Richard Bachschmidt
Kevin Callahan
Michael Carter
Jeffrey Cartini
David Chechile
Michael Clarkin
David DiPietro

Charles Drouillard
Joseph Frick
Carl Geier
Richard Hallett
Patrick Hunkler
Thomas Kenzik
Gene Knisley

Frederick Koch
Brenden Lo
John McDermott
Daniel McKay
Edmund McDowell
Victor Mroczkowski
Robert Newton
Leo Russo
William Shoemaker
Matthew Story
Marco Vasquez
James Welsch



**Family of the Month
November, 2011
Tom and Fran Franzone**

Tom and Fran are originally from Wilmington, Delaware and moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1981. They will be married 50 years in February, 2012 and have three adult children: Mark, Lynda and Tom, and have six grandchildren: Roman (23), Gabrielle (21), Rosario (17), Mackenzie (13), Coleman (5), and Caroline (3). Tom retired from Amoco Chemicals Corp. after 37 years service.

Tom is a charter member of the Knights and has been very active through the 24 years our council has been in existence. He is a 4th Degree Knight and plays an integral part on our First Degree Team. Tom is a Past Grand Knight having gone through all the offices of our council. He is our Program Director, a post he has handled for the past 18 years.

Tom is our oyster roast chairman this year as he was for the last 7 years, Tom also helps with the Free Throw, Spaghetti Dinner, Book Sale, Operation Hope and Operation Christmas Child. He also helps Ed Bernard with coordinating the Knights in seasonal decorating of the church. Tom and Fran have been chairman of the Christmas Wreath fund raiser for the last 15 years.

Tom and Fran are active members of Christ Our King Church. Tom coordinates schedules and trains ushers for the five weekend masses. He also schedules Brother Knights to serve as altar servers every Sunday at the 7:30 AM mass. They are also Greeters and Offertory Gift Bearers at 9:30 mass on Sunday.

Fran is a weekly volunteer at ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach), and belongs to ECOMC (East Cooper Outboard Motor Club) Ladies Auxiliary, and she is the organizer and editor of our monthly newsletter. Fran is the key to the success of our council socials, and fund raising events, in that she is a tireless worker being the first to arrive and last to leave.

Tom and Fran communicate very well together whether it is organizing the newsletter, preparing for a church sponsored or knights social event, or participating in a fund raising event. They seem to be where you need them all the time. They were chosen as South Carolina State Council Family of the year 2005 – 2006.

Tom enjoys golfing, Fran enjoys reading and they both enjoy the beach, boating, gardening and family.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM AND FRAN !!!!!



**Knight of the Month
November, 2011
Jeff Pulaski**

Jeff is a native Charlestonian and a 1978 graduate of the College of Charleston. While attending C of C, he also worked part-time at UPS. Following graduation, he managed a family owned fast food restaurant while working nights at UPS. In 1981, he became a full-time employee with UPS as a delivery driver and is currently a member of the UPS Circle of Honor, honoring 29+ years of Safe Driving. He and Debbie were married in 1992 and reside in Belle Hall Plantation.

Jeff joined the KOC in 2009 and was honored to receive his Fourth Degree in 2010. He has been involved in supporting the Spaghetti Supper, Home Works Project, KOC Book Sale, Fourth-Degree Pancake Breakfast (Recognizing our Emergency and Public Safety Departments), and the annual Turkey Day Run. Jeff also looks forward to attending the annual Fourth Degree Exemplification in Columbia, South Carolina in support of his fellow Knights.

Jeff represents the KOC as an altar server for the 7:30 mass at Christ Our King and an usher for the noon mass. In addition, as a former RCIA candidate, he has served as an RCIA sponsor for the last three years.

CONGRATULATIONS JEFF !!!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Ronald and Joan Bellonio
Philip and Karen Chuy
Roland and Laura Devita
Michael and Kathleen Eovino
Anthony and Phyllis Francin
Kevin and Nora Frederick
Richard and Mary Garcia
Stephen and Rebecca Grimaldi
Mark and Debbie Lazo
James and Suzanne Meister
Francis and Kristen O'Neil
Greg and Kathy Raven
James and Ashley Ullrich*

REMEMBER TO

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

New Years Day _____	01
Solemnity of Mary	
Officer's Meeting _____	05
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	05
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	06
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	07
COK - 7:30 AM	
Martin Luther King Day _____	16
Business Meeting _____	17
Island Club - Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
March for Life _____	23
Washington, D.C.	
Business Meeting Assembly 3243 _____	25
Stella Maris	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	

CHRISTMAS DROP-IN

When: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Where: DJ and Allyson Thatcher

Time: Starting at 6 PM

We ask if you would bring a covered dish to share with others. The Knights will provide the drinks. You may also bring a white elephant gift if you like to participate in the gift exchange. The Thatcher's address is 3924 Colonel Vanderhorst, in Dunes West sub-division. Home phone-388-1544.

To Whom It May Concern,

Whoever sent me the anonymous newsletter clipping and didn't have the decency to call me. I have been doing this newsletter for 16+ years and would be happy to hand it over to you.

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS -

***WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.***

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
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Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Robert Miller	881-2951
Inside Guard	Stanley Adams	884-8331
Outside Guard	Hank Wolf	971-1106
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2 Yr. Trustee	Michael Swindle	224-8024
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Church Director	Tom A. Franzone COK	884-5670
	Jack Urbanic SM	886-2591
	Gene McLaughlin SB	849-2271
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Council Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Family Director	Richard Bachschmidt	200-6435
	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
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	Mark Kennedy	849-8871
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AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**