



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights

As we enter the season of Advent let us remember that we are celebrating the birth of our Lord.

The council Christmas Party is Sat. Dec. 5 at the Briggs Home. Hope to see many there. If you have not registered then let me know.

The council is selling Wreaths at COK/SM School tree sale and help is always needed. Let Tom know if you can help.

Jan. 16 will be our Oyster Roast at Gold Bug Island. Watch for information.

March 5 is the Catholic Men's Conference in Goose Creek. This is a day all men should attend. Information at

www.sccatholicmensconf.org.

In closing Penny and I wish all a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

YBIC
Bill Shoemaker GK



REMEMBER TO
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

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 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Council Christmas Party_____	05
Hosted by Allen and Catherine Briggs	
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary_____	08
Assembly Christmas Party_____	19
Hosted by Edmund and Kathy McDowell	
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Nativity of the Lord_____	25
Holy Day of Obligation	
New Years Eve_____	31
New Years Day_____	Jan. 01
Holy Day of Obligation	



Christopher Anderson
Richard Bachschmidt
Michael Carter
Jeffrey Cartini
Michael Clarkin
David DiPietro
Charles Drouillard
Christopher Engdahl
Robert Fintak
Patrick Flood
Joseph Frick
Carl Geier
Richard Hallett
Patrick Hunkler
Brian Justice
Thomas Kenzik
Gene Knisley
Fredrick Koch
Brenden Lo
Steven Majewski
John McDermott
Edmund McDowell

Daniel McKay
Larry Miller
Victor Mroczkowski
Robert Newton
Leo Russo
William Shoemaker
Matthew Story
Marco Vasquez
James Welsch
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**Knight of the Month
November 2015
Brenden Lo**

Personal background:

- Brendan was born in 1966, raised in Dallas, St Louis, and Potomac, Md.
- Married Beth in 1996 and have one son, Reese who is 1st grader at Christ our King school.
- 1988 Graduate from U of Maryland with business mgt. degree.

Career:

- Early career was with Sovarn bank, mortgage broker, kitchen and bath designer.
- Moved to aviation industry working for Mesa, American, Midway, Colgan, Continental express, and as General Manager of airport services for Continental here in Charleston.
- Followed "lifelong dream" and became Commercial Pilot in 2008 and now flies for Charter airline out of Charleston

Knights:

- Brenden is 4th degree Knight and 9475 member since 2005.
- Actively involved with Spaghetti dinner, Oyster roast, Alter server for 0730 Sunday Mass.
- Men's hike ministry.
- Funnel cake "Fry Master" at school bazaar.

Congratulations Brenden

**YOUTH OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2015
THOMAS SOTTILE**

Thomas is 17 and is a senior at Bishop England High School. On Thursday nights he participates as a member of the Mt Pleasant Youth Court. And Thursday, November 19th he will be in Columbia with students from all over the state for the Youth in Government conference.

Other activities, he is very involved in youth group, Leads the Confirmation retreat, has been an altar server for 8 yrs., is President of the Student Government Association at BE, a member of the National Honor society, varsity tennis team, he's volunteered at Low Country Food Bank, Windwood Farms, participated in the Franciscan University of Steubenville Leadership program, and was a Summer Counselor at Camp St Christopher.

Congratulations Thomas



**Family of the Month
November 2015
Thomas and Regina Gwiazdowski**

Regina and Tom Gwiazdowski are both from Knights' families and remember attending Christmas parties at their Dads' Councils. With a strong Catholic family focus, they both attended Catholic Schools through college. They met at Fordham University where they were both scholarship students in the Army ROTC program. After graduating in 1980, they were assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany. They returned to NY in 1981 to get married in Regina's family parish, Our Lady of Victory. Regina served in the US Army Signal Corps for 5 years and then switched to the Reserves for another 6 years. Tom served in the US Army Infantry and retired after 22 years. He continues serving the military as a Civil Servant for the Navy. Through many military moves, they have been active in parishes in Germany, Georgia, Northern Virginia, England, Colorado, Southern Virginia, and now Charleston. They were very active in the Good Shepherd Club on Daniel Island and Tom was a key member of the Men's Group under the Good Shepherd Club. The Good Shepherd club helped lead to the establishment of Saint Claire of Assisi Parish on Daniel Island, where Regina and Tom have been involved since its beginning. Regina has been active with bringing Faith Gatherings to the parish and serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Tom continues to be active with the Men's Club, assists with ushering. They have two wonderful sons, Brian and Kevin who also attended Catholic schools through high school. Brian works in New York City in Corporate Development. Kevin is married to the former Megan Horst and they have a beautiful baby boy Michael. They live in West Ashley.

Congratulations Thomas & Regina Gwiazdowski

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Our Christmas Wreaths Fund Raiser Sale is in progress at Christ Our King Stella Maris School Yard we need you help to sell the wreaths please sign-up to make it a success.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brian & Mary Burke
 Philip & Karen Chuy
 Roland & Laura DeVita
 Michael & Kathleen Eovino
 Anthony & Phyllis Francin
 Kevin & Nora Frederick
 Richard & Mary Garcia
 Daniel & Tina Jost
 Jjohn & Sandra Karnaszewski
 Mark & Debbie Lazo
 Gregory & Carol Loss
 James & Eileen Morini
 Joseph & Dawn Myers
 Francis & Kristen O'Neil
 Greg & Kathy Raven



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 JANUARY**

Mary, Mother of God _____ 01
 New Years Day _____ 01
 Holy Day of Obligation
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____ 01
 COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
 Pro-Life/Rosary _____ 02
 COK — 7:30 AM
 Annual Oyster Roast _____ 16
 Gold Bug Island
 Regular Business Meeting _____ 21
 St. Benedict's Parish Hall
 Dinner: 6:30 PM
 Meeting: 7:00 PM

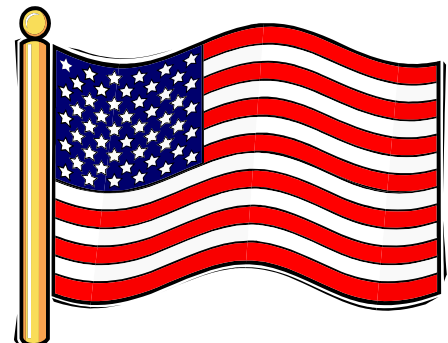
“Happy New Year 2016”

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SPOUSE EMAIL Update:

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



OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY for CHILDREN with AUTISM
at ST.BENEDICT CHURCH HALL NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Sponsored By:
Knights of Columbus Council #9475
and
Lowcountry Autism Foundation



Our Knights Autism Christmas Party Chairman left to right Tom Franzone, D.J. Thatcher, Jerry Barnett, with Santa Cecil Evens, Joe Harkins, Joe Neri Lead Chairman and Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker.



Our Chairladies from , Lowcountry Autism Foundation left to right with Santa, Susan Callahan and Julia Corey.



Jack, a young man with autism did a good job entertaining us playing his guitar.



Talking with Santa



Getting a bear from Santa



Giving Santa a Big Hug!



Santa gives child a stuffed animal sitting at table with parents looking on.