



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

In thinking about these monthly newsletter reports, it struck me that the intended audience for them is really the Brother Knights who do not regularly participate in the Council activities. For example, many of our Brothers may not realize that we just experienced a wonderful, and successful, oyster roast. Hats off to Tom Franzone and his group of Knights and family members who made the event very enjoyable. Additionally, absent members may not realize that Neil and Melinda Whitman are graciously opening up their home again this year for their annual Super bowl Party. Our Council will provide basic food and drinks, and each of us is encouraged to bring a dish to share. This social is a terrific opportunity to become re-acquainted with your Brother Knights, and is also a great venue for inviting a *potential* Brother Knight and his spouse. For the sports enthusiast, our Council is also presently running the annual basketball free-throw championship, and additional help is always needed.

Non-participating Brother Knights may also not realize that we have had the pleasure of hearing from some wonderful guest speakers at out dinner meetings over the past few months. Chancellor Frank Osage is doing an outstanding job lining up guests such as Mt. Pleasant Mayor Billy Swails, among other notable names. For those Knights who have not participated in a Council activity in some time, I encourage you to come and check out all that is happening, including our move to St. Benedict's Parish, **where we will hold our dinner meetings beginning this month.** For those members who are actively involved, please invite and *bring along* a Brother Knight who is not active, so that they may experience all that we have to offer.

On a final note; one reason why some members do not take an active role in the Council is because they have never become "full-fledged" Knights by becoming Second or Third Degree members. Our Council has a rather high percentage of First Degree-only Brothers. That issue can be resolved this month, as several degree ceremonies will take place in our vicinity. Please contact me with your questions or concerns about the Council, and about how you can reap the *full* benefits of your membership!

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Chuck Stark who received his First Degree on Jan. 17, 2012. Welcome to the Knights of Columbus family. Also the following Brothers received their 2nd Degree on Jan. 12, 2012, Marion Wright, Jeff Garret, Don Campbell and Edmund McDowell. Father Bosco and Chuck Davidson received their 3rd Degree on Wed. January 25.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

Officers Meeting_____	02
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK - 7:30 AM	
Third Degree_____	04
Immaculate Conception in Goose Creek	
Lincoln's Birthday_____	12
St. Valentine's Day_____	14
Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Church Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
President's Day_____	20
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Ash Wednesday_____	22
Washington's Birthday_____	22
Fourth Degree Exemplification_____	24-26
Columbia, SC.	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Leo Albano
David Benson
Waddy Caron
Randy Cooper
Patrick Dunleavy
John Fluder
William Harrington
Jeffrey Isaac
Thomas Koenig
Mark Lazo
Donald Lindeman
John Murphy
Francis O'Neil
Pat Piglia
Jonathon Santilli
Bryan Schultz
Bryan Lee Shipman
Warren Tawes
Richard Tomlinson

**Family of the Month
January, 2012
Jack and Gerry Urbanic**

Jack and Gerry were married August 19, 1967 in Independence Ohio. They left the snow and cold of Ohio for Charleston in 1989. They have three children and four grandkids. Jackie, the oldest is a part time stay at home mom and part time market analyst. She lives with her husband Rob and daughter Megan in Portland Oregon. Jim lives with his wife Kathy and Clare, Sarah and James in Winston Salem North Carolina where he is a radiation oncologist and on the faculty of Wake Forest University. Peggy is a shareholder in the firm of Clawson and Staubes and lives here in Mt. Pleasant.

Jack retired as a school psychologist from the Charleston County School District after 42 years in education. He has been Grand Knight of this Council twice, Faithful Navigator of the P. N. Lynch Assembly and is currently Faithful Navigator of the Capodanno Assembly. He has served the Knights as State Membership and Retention Director and District Deputy. Gerry still teaches in the Paralegal and Criminal Justice programs at Trident Technical College and hears teacher discipline cases for the South Carolina State Board of Education.

They are both active members of Stella Maris where they chair the Community Service Committee, masterminding the Angel Tree for 600+ poverty level children at Christmas. They have received the Papal honor of being made Knight Commander and Lady Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. They are both on the Board of Directors for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League.

In their so called spare time they enjoy music, reading, tennis, golf, walking the beach and enjoying the grandkids.

CONGRATULATIONS JACK AND GERRY !!!!!

OYSTER ROAST

The Oyster Roast was a great success with about 200 people attending, the weather was great and the oysters were delicious. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who were involved. A special thanks to Mark Lazo for all his help. Look forward to our Oyster Roast next year.

Thanks again,
Tom Franzone

SUPER BOWL PARTY

When: Sunday, February 5, 2012
Where: Neil and Melinda Whitman's
1167 Waterfront Drive
Time: 5:30 PM

Your council will provide the beverages and grilled meats. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Bring a prospective member with you. RSVP to Neil at 856-5034 or ngwhitman@yahoo.com

**Knight of the Month
January 2012
Brenden Lo**

Married 15 year to Beth. Their son Reese is 3 years old The Lo's have lived in Park West since 2000 when they moved to Charleston. Brenden was the general manager for Continental Airlines at the Charleston airport from 2000 to 2006. He recently joined Swordfish Sweepstakes and will be managing their Bahamian operations.

Brenden who attends Christ Our King joined the Knights in 2005 and is a 4th degree knight. He is an altar server, and volunteers at the oyster roast, spaghetti dinners, and the COK SM bazaar.

Brenden is hoping to get a medical certificate that will allow him to continue pursuing a career as a pilot.

CONGRATULATIONS BRENDEN !!!!!

**Youth of the Month
January, 2011
Megan Elizabeth Santilli**

Megan is currently a freshman at Wando High School. In her first semester of all honors course work she earned straight As. She is an active member of the Bands of Wando and is currently 2nd Chair flute in the Concert I Band. In the past she has earned all-county, region and all-state chairs. Megan volunteers her time and talent to Christ Our King parish by playing during the noon Mass and by accompanying the Children's Choir when they perform. This usually amounts to roughly 3 hours of time each week and some weeks she attends both Saturday and Sunday Masses. Megan also plays with the Charleston Music Club during the Christmas season at various nursing homes around the local area. Her other volunteer activities include assisting at St. Vincent de Paul Society's furniture program.

CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN !!!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*William and Joanne Cary
Ercole and Ruth Chiola
Michael and Kay Fabrizio
Tom and Fran Franzone (50)
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski
Joseph and Hilda Rosenberger
Joe and Jeannie Scheirman
James and Susan Welsch*

Dear Brother Knights,

One of the idioms of modern society is, "The only constant is change." Whether we like it or not, it is here to stay. And the Knights are changing too.

In the past year the Knight's insurance program has made several positive changes. Some of them are: We offer disability insurance. We have now risen the maximum age for whole life to age 80. And we now offer a 10 pay life insurance policy.

The only negative change is in new annuities. Reflecting our current economy, new annuities have a guarantee of 1.5% instead of the previous 3% or 3.5%. But with no sales charges and no fees, this is still more than competitive. And if money is put into a new contract it will earn 2.75% for the first year. (If you currently have an annuity, all money in there and any money added will still earn the guaranteed rate in the contract.)

The Knights also have several constants. We have the highest possible ratings for any domestic insurer from Standard & Poor's and from Moody's ratings services. We have the highest dividends in the industry. We are owned by our members and are here for our members. And finally, we are unapologetically Catholic.

In the next few months, I'll cover these topics separately, but if any of them are of interest now, please contact me for more information.

Your Brother Knight,

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Financial Secretary	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
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Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
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Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
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Pro/Life Couple	Edward and Sandra Robinson	881-7041
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	388-1544
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Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
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	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
Columbian Squires	Clement Grannan	573-2397
Membership Director	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Recruitment Committee	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
	Mark Kennedy	849-8871
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Retention Chairman	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
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State Deputy	Thomas Monahan	803-648-9925
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Meeting: 7:15 PM	
St. Patrick's Day_____	17
KOC Day of the Unborn Child_____	25
Soup & Sandwich_____	28
Stella Maris - 6:30 PM	
4th Degree Business Meeting/Officer Elections_____	28
Founder's Day_____	29
March 29, 1882	

REMINDER

DON'T FORGET THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE MOVING FROM THE ISLAND CLUB TO ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH HALL STARTING THIS MONTH. FEBRUARY 16TH. DINNER AT 6:30 AND MEETING AT 7:15 PM.



**GOD BLESS AMERICA
AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**