



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights:

We begin the month with a fantastic fraternal event that we will gather in Ed and Kathy McDowell's home for our Super Bowl party. It is a great time to renew friendships and to invite prospective Knights to this fun event.

Congratulations to Kevin Cunnane who made his Second and Third Degree in January! Remember being a Knight is a process and one begins it when one makes his First Degree. The journey continues with the Second and Third Degree. There is an opportunity this month to make your Second and Third Degree. In addition, there is one that our Council is hosting in the month of March. Plan on continuing your process of becoming a Knight.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights who volunteered for our Council Free Throw Contests.

Thanks to Tom Franzone who chaired our Oyster Roast and for all the Brother Knights who sold tickets, volunteered for the event and attended it.

The Knights of Columbus in the State of South Carolina along with Bishop Guglielmone are sponsoring the first Men's Conference in March. This is open all Catholic men from the age of 18 up and is a great way to deepen one's faith and to gather within our Diocese.

As all organizations, the Knights of Columbus is the same in that in order for us to continue to do the works of charity and other activities of our fine Council. We need to invite other Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus and our Council. I hope each of you will reach out and invite one person to join our Council this year.

Fraternally,

Frank Orage
Grand Knight

Super Bowl Party

When: Sunday, February 2, 2014

Time: Starting at 5:30 PM

Where: Ed and Kathy McDowell,
2165 Beckenham Drive,
Masonborough sub-division in Park west.

The McDowell's will be serving ham and Swedish meatballs. Please bring along a covered dish or dessert to share with others. Hope to see you there.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

District Free Throw Contest	01
St. Joseph's Church, West Ashley	
Super Bowl Party	02
Edmund and Kathy McDowell's Home	
Officers Meeting	06
COK-Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	06
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	07
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	08
COK - 7:30 AM	
Second and Third Degree	08
Florence, SC	
Fourth Degree Exemplification	14 - 15
Columbia, SC	
President's Day	17
Regular Business Meeting	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*William and JoAnne Cary
Michael and Kay Fabrizio
Tom A. and Fran Franzone
Frederick and Faye Koch
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski
Joseph and Hilda Rosenberger
Joseph and Jeannie Scheirman
James and Susan Welsch*

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**Family of the Month
January, 2014
Kevin and Deanna Cunnane**

Kevin and Deanna have been married 14 years, they have three children: Anne Marie, Rose Marie and Valerie.

Kevin and Deanna are originally from New York, where Kevin was employed by the FDNY as Fire Lieutenant and was an Attorney in private practice. He is also admitted to practice in South Carolina.

They moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2011.

Kevin is a Third Degree Knight and he participated in the book sale, operation shoebox, habitat for humanity, and the Christmas parade float.

Deanna is a Human Resources Consultant and volunteers her time serving on the Boards of the Tri County Human Resource Management Society, the Laurel Hill School Improvement Committee, the East Cooper Montessori Charter School and serves on the Mt. Pleasant Magnet school planning committee.

Kevin and Deanna are members of St. Benedict where they served as Heart to Share campaign hosts, Kevin participates in the Mens ministry at St. benedict and Adoration, and is on the Matthew Kelly event host committee.

Hobbies include Traveling, museums and driving the kids around town for various activities.

**Knight of the Month
January, 2014
Jack Vax**

Jack was born in Pittston, PA. the son of a coal miner. His parents were of Polish heritage, neither having advanced beyond 6th grade. Jack attended Holy Rosary grammar school, and later the University of Scranton, a Jesuit institution. He met his wife Ruth while in the Army at Ft. Knox, KY. And told his friends, "I took the greatest treasure out of Ft. Knox." Jack and Ruth were blessed with four children and nine grandchildren, who now live in Michigan, Minnesota, and Prague, Czech Republic. Jack is a retired banker, and spent his last 35 years with several regional banks as a vice president in commercial lending, and later as bank president.

In 1996, Jack and Ruth moved to Mt. Pleasant, in part because one of Ruth's best friends Esther has a daughter living here. After 49 years of marriage, Ruth died in 2004. Jack and Esther's relationship grew closer, and this past Thanksgiving holiday Jack and Esther enjoyed having all 32 of their combined family members in Charleston to celebrate a Commitment of Love between Esther and Jack. (Jack: It seemed only natural to "hook up" with one of Ruth's best friends.)

Jack joined the Knights in 2008 and over the past six years has volunteered for most of our Council's projects every year. Jack is currently Chairman of Operation HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday). In addition to two "Tootsie Roll" projects last year, he successfully requested and received a \$1000. grant from The Walmart Foundation.

Jack attends St. Benedict, where he serves on the Parish Finance Council as lector. Jack is also active in the community serving as Chairman in Rotary for CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust), delivering Meals on Wheels, supporting fundraising for the Charleston Symphony, and volunteering with IT-NCharlestonTrident (Independent Transportation Network) which provides arm-through-arm, door-through-door transportation for seniors and the visually impaired.

In his spare time, Jack reads at least one book per week, and he and Ester love traveling. One of their best trips was a whirlwind tour of Prague, Vienna, Venice, Florence, Rome, Athens, and the Greek Isles.

Congratulations Jack !!!!!

**Youth of the Month
January, 2014
Michael O'Connor**

Michael is a 17 year old Senior at Wando High School and has set his goal to become a Marine after graduation.

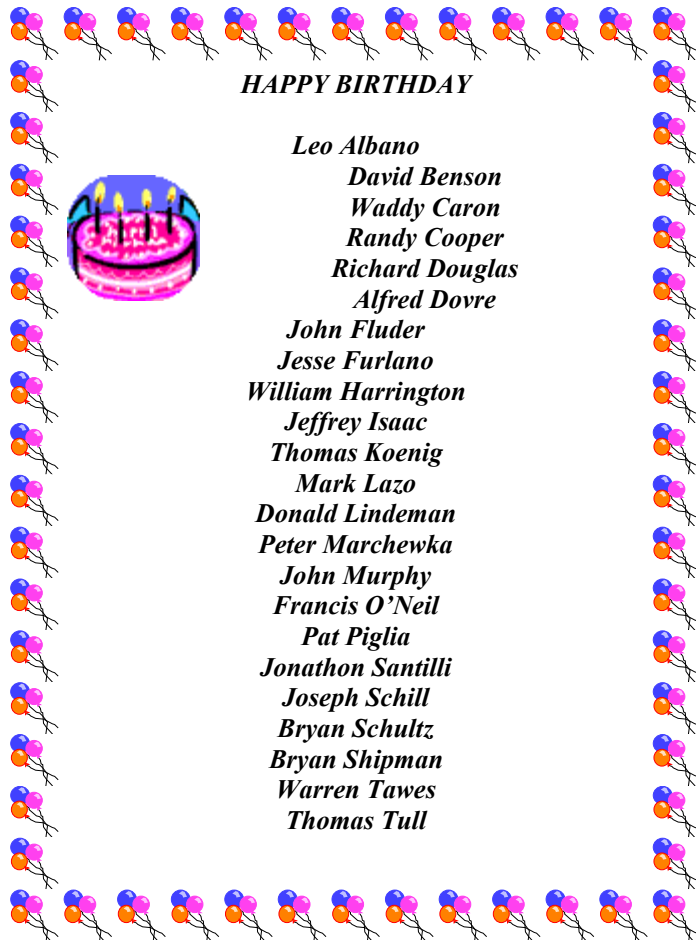
Michael is a member of St. Benedict parish. He is an Usher and has been since he was 16, for the 11:15 am mass every Sunday. Regardless of whether or not he is on the schedule, he always goes prepared with his name badge and appropriate dress. Usually, he not only ends up serving the mass but also takes the lead role by taking the head counts from all the other Ushers as well as taking on the responsibility of breaking down the narthex after the mass.

Michael participates in the St. Benedict Youth Group and is currently in Indianapolis at the Nation Catholic Youth Conference. He is always willing to assist and most recently by driving to Grace Hall after work to assist with the Operation Christmas Child. He has completed the Buddy Walk and has been involved with Meals on Wheels for the past 4 years.

Michael gives blood regularly with the Red Cross. He used to play football until he hurt his back and he needed back surgery at a young age. Now, rather than continuing sports, Michael holds a part time job at Abide-A-While Nursery.

Michael is a devout Catholic, surprisingly so for such a young man. Always prepared to assist when needed especially if it is to help a good cause. His grandfather was a Knight, I am currently a 3rd degree Knight and Michael is looking forward to February when he turns 18 and can become a Knight himself.

Congratulations Michael !!!!!



Congratulations Kevin and Deanna !!!!!

