



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

We are off to a wonderful start to 2017!

The Annual Oyster Roast was a resounding success. Despite the rainy weather, there was a big crowd. The locally harvested oysters were fantastic. In addition, we had some fantastic fish stew as well as hotdogs and a slew of desserts. Another job well done by Tom, his crew, and all the helping hands.

The Council held its yearly Free Throw Event. We had 438 youths participate. Thank you Matt Story and all those who assisted.

Best of all at our last Council Meeting we initiated seven First Degree members. Please welcome the following new Brother Knights.

Bill Arent
Ben Byrnes
Paul Cheverie
Lou Mondello
Wilfred Lemire
Larry Plumb
Joey Seymour

This brings out total membership to 320.

Our financial Secretary, Jeff Pulaski, has compiled, completed, and submitted our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2016. You will be proud to know that this council contributed more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service.

As I mentioned in last month's letter, we have an exciting and unique social function coming in February. It is *A Night to Cherish* in celebration of Valentine Day. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and beverages. *Lee Edwards Entertainment* will provide the music and there will be a photo "booth." Please join us Saturday, February 11 from 7:00 PM to 10:PM. Tickets are \$50 per couple. You can buy them from any Knight but if they are out you can contact me at 404-271-3999, Don Campbell at 843-471-1085, or Debbie Pulaski at 843-813-7689.

The next exciting activity we have planned is the Eighth Annual Golf Tournament. The Wild Dunes Harbor Course will host the tournament on March 21. Sign-in is at 11:30 with a shotgun start at 1 PM. All proceeds go to the Daughters of St. Paul. For registration contact Bob Fintak 803-917-1530 or bfintak@yahoo.com. For sponsor information, contact Jim Welsch at 843-849-1979 (home), 843-442-9614 (cell), or email at welschj@hotmail.com.

Fraternally,
Sean O'Toole

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

Officers Meeting	02
COK—Life Center—6:30 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	
A Night to Cherish	11
COK— Grace Hall — 7 PM to 10 PM	
St. Valentine Dance	
Second and Third Degree	11
Precious Blood of Christ Church, Pawley's Island	
St. Valentine's Day	14
Regular Business Meeting	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
Presidents' Day	20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Leo Albano
David Benson
Waddy Caron
Cam Comire
Randy Cooper
Richard Douglas*

*John Fluder
Jesse Furlano
Bill Harrington
Brian Headley
Jeffrey Isaac
Keith Keohane
Thomas Koenig
Mark Lazo
Fabian Leiker
Don Lindeman
Michael McDermott*



*Lou Mondello
John Murphy
Michael O'Connor
Frank O'Neil
Jonathon Santilli
Joseph Schill
Bryan Schultz
Warren Tawes
Thomas Tull*

**Family of the Month
January 2017
Vincent and Eva Ullo**

We moved here 7 years ago from North Carolina and struggled to find a church that we truly felt at home with until we were welcomed in to St. Benedict! We feel as though the church and its members are our second family, and my family looks forward to every mass, as this is truly where we feel most at peace. Vincent and I have been married for almost 26 years and we have 2 children, Nico and Bella.

Nico is 18 and was accepted to several wonderful colleges, but chose to stay in Charleston where he is studying Mass Communications, with a minor in Theology. He was recruited to play soccer in college but had to push that out as he is in the process of having 2 major hip surgeries. His first surgery was on Dec. 14, and he spent the first 3 weeks virtually immobile. Nico is scheduled for his next hip surgery on Jan. 26 where they will repeat the same procedure on his other hip. Once he completes his rehab, he plans to continue with his soccer and pursue the opportunity to play at a professional level. He developed a charity to help underprivileged children turn away from drugs and crime through focusing on sports and music and plans to do this through his professional career. Nico found God at an early age and has continued to show his strengths through his deep faith. He began a speaking circuit last year, as a senior in high school where he spoke to students in the South Carolina school system and focused on subjects such as Anti-Bullying, abstaining from drugs, drinking and smoking, and using faith to accomplish their goals and dreams. Nico is a Lead Altar Server and Greeter at St. Benedict church, now serving in his 5th year. Bella is 13 years old and a very busy 7th grader at Cario Middle School. She plays volleyball for the Cario A team, and she is also on the MVP Gold travel Club team. Bella just wrapped up her musical last week where she was a Lead in The Lion King. She is on Student Council, and is the school Lead news and sports CTV reporter, yearbook committee and the FCA Music Worship Leader where she plays guitar and sings. Bella was also inducted in to the Jr. National Honor Society last year. Both the National Honor Society and Student Council require the students to complete many service hours in the community; and that is something Bella loves to participate in! She also loves spending time at St. Benedict church; she finds so much peace there. She is also a Lead Altar server and Greeter, now in her 5th year.

Vincent and I are greeters at St. Benedict. I'm also a Lector and hold the position of Altar Server Coordinator where I train the Altar servers and coordinate all of the schedules. I work for the American Heart Association where I have the privilege of working with schools and our youth in South Carolina; educating them on heart healthiness and assisting in fundraising for the American Heart Association through our various programs.

Vincent currently works for American Airlines as a Quality Assurance Inspector; in other words, he investigates safety issues prior to the FAA inspections. He is based in Charlotte, NC, where he works during the week and comes home on the weekends.

Our family has actually endured several unexpected hardships within the past 5 years and while they've been extremely difficult, we've always been able to rise above every adversity through our strong faith in Christ.

It is a deep honor that you have chosen our family to be recognized for the month of January! We are very humbled, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Congratulations Vincent and Eva Ullo !!

**Knight of the Month
January 2017
Frank O'Neil**

Frank is a 3rd Degree Knight and a member of Christ Our King since moving here from the Boston area in 2004. Frank is married to Kristen they have one teenage daughter Bridget who is a sophomore at Wando. Frank is employed as a service supervisor for a commercial HVAC contractor, Total Comfort Solutions, where he has worked for the last ten years. He serves as an usher at the 7pm Mass and on the Family Life committee. He also helps with furniture pick up with St. Vincent De Paul. Frank pitches in by doing the "clean up" after many Knights functions, a job that is hard to get volunteers. Frank was born and raised a NE Patriots and Red Sox fan and is looking forward to football playoffs this year!

Congratulations Frank!!!



DOLL HOUSE WINNER

The winner of the Doll House was Brother Knight Doug Wilgus's son Zeke and Zeke gave it to his mother Debbie, who for a hobby and living decorates doll houses. You can't ask for anything better than that! **Congratulations Wilgus Family!!!**



Left Zeke center Debbie and right Brother Doug proud owners of a huge doll house. They are so happy with it they have it displayed in their family room.

Right is a doll house that Debbie is presently working on, looks like she might only have one more room to finish. Then she can start on the HUGE house above!



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Golf Tournament	21
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gerald and Carmela Baty
Stan and Lisa Blalock
William and Jo Anne Cary
Michael and Kay Fabrizio
Tom and Fran Franzone
Fred and Faye Koch
Steven and Sylvia Majewski
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski
Joe and Hilda Rosenberger
Joe and Jeannie Scheirman
Jim and Susan Welsch



A NIGHT to CHERISH
Sponsored By Knights

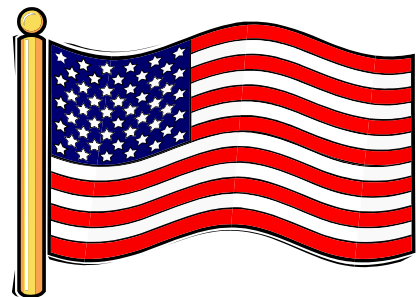
Christ Our King Parish Hall
Saturday, February 11, 2017
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and beverages
Music by Lee Edwards Entertainment



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