



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

My family and I pass along blessings and best wishes for a joyous and prosperous new year! The New Year, of course, inspires many of us to set “resolutions” and re-define our goals for the upcoming year. Since “resolutions” tend to fail miserably, let us focus on our Council goals for 2012. From a broad view standpoint it is important to keep in mind why we are in existence: first, to provide *support* to eligible Catholic men and their families through our fellowship and insurance/financial services; secondly, to *serve* the three Catholic Parishes within our jurisdiction; and thirdly to provide *financial backing* to organizations who directly assist members of our community who are in need.

With those responsibilities in mind, I am pleased to announce that **we will be moving our Council’s meeting place from the Sullivan’s Island Clubhouse to St. Benedict’s new Catholic Church beginning this month.** This move will allow our Council to attract new members from the rapidly-growing St. Benedict’s congregation; support Msgr. Chet Moczydlowski’s needs (as we do for the other priests); and also provide an attractive, *expandable* area in which to conduct our business. This move also gives us an active presence in each of our three parishes, with Christ Our King hosting our Officer’s inductions and meetings, as well as our spaghetti dinners; Stella Maris hosting all Fourth Degree functions; and now St. Benedict’s hosting our Council dinners and business meetings. The only “challenge” for us is that St. Benedict’s cannot accommodate us on the third Tuesday of each month; therefore **we are proposing to move the monthly business meeting to the third Thursday of each month** beginning at 6:30 pm. Further updates will be communicated shortly.

THANK YOU for your continued support, and have a blessed New Year 2012!

Donald (DJ) Thatcher
Grand Knight



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

New Years Day_____	01
Solemnity of Mary	
Officers 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	
Second Degree_____	12
Christ Our King after 7 PM	
Martin Luther King Day_____	16
Business Meeting_____	19
St. Benedicts - {Tentatively}	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Annual Oyster Roast_____	21
Gold Bug Island - 6:30 PM	
Third Degree_____	21
Pawley’s Island Council 11028	
March for Life_____	23
Washington, D.C.	
Business Meeting Assembly 3243_____	25
Stella Maris	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Fourth Degree Meeting_____	25
Stella Maris	
Speaker - Marine Colonel Robert Sheridan	
Dinner: 6:30	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Maurice and Elodie Artigues
Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz
Melvin and Elenora Lands*

**Family of the Month
December, 2011
Will and Gabriela Simons**

Will has always lived in Mt. Pleasant and Gabriela is from Brazil. They have been married for 25 years and have three children, William 22, Caroline 20, and Virginia 17.

Will and Gabriela are members of Christ Our King parish they are active in supporting vocations in the diocese. Will is committee chairman for a new Scout Venturing crew, and Gabriela started a Rosary group at the senior ministry she is active in.

CONGRATULATIONS WILL AND GABRIELA

**FREE THROW DATES
{VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED}**

Moultrie Middle School - January 13, 2012 - 8AM - 3 PM
COK/SM School - January 20, 2012 - 8AM - 11AM
Daniel Island Middle School - January 27, 2012 - 8AM - 3PM
Laing Middle School - February 3, 2012 - 8AM - 3PM

Please volunteer to help out - we need 8-10 Knights per shift.

Matt Story - 843-577-2026 or mobile: 843-224-2405
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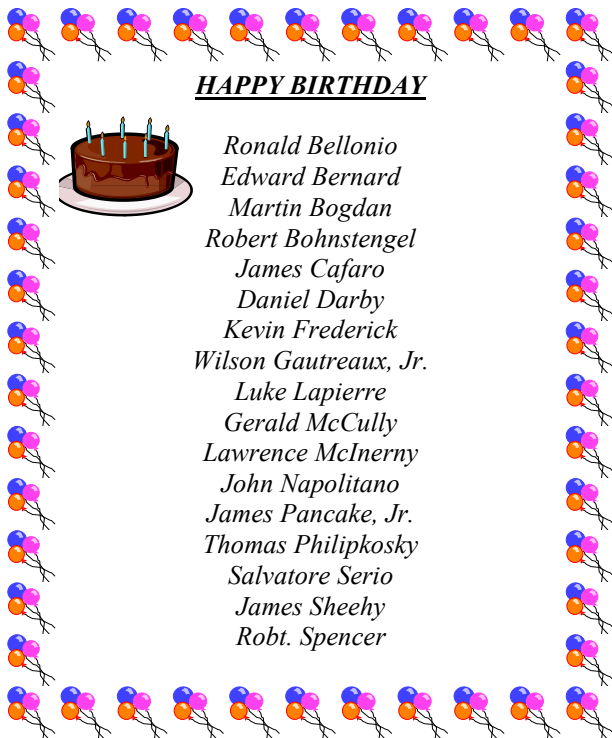
**Knight of the Month
December, 2011
Gene McLaughlin**

Gene is a Third Degree Knight and an active member of St. Benedicts Church. Gene's service in the Knights began almost 50 years ago when he joined the Knights in 1955 while still in high school. Like many of us, he entered into a period of inactivity due to continuing his education at West Point, four years in the army, more education followed by a 25 year career with J.C. Penney. He and his wife Elaine have four wonderful children, Barry, Bevin, Brenda and Brian - otherwise known as the four B's.

In 1994, while living in Dallas, Gene once again became active in the Knights of Columbus. Upon retirement in 2000, Gene and Elaine relocated to Mt. Pleasant and his service began in Council 9475. He has volunteered his time in many of our fund-raisers including, Operation Hope, the Free Throw Contest and the Oyster Roast. He has also served the Council as Chancellor.

Gene's service to St. Benedicts Church is noteworthy. He serves on the Sacristy Committee and volunteers his time with St. Vincent DePaul Society. In addition, he participates with the Charleston Ports and Seafares Society by providing information and assistance to seamen coming into the Charleston area.

CONGRATULATIONS GENE



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Cooper Council # 9475**



**ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST &
BENEFIT**

Saturday, January 21, 2012 - 6:30 PM
Gold Bug Island

(At the foot of Ben Sawyer Bridge)

12 yrs. & older \$25.00 – All Children \$8.00

*Includes Oysters, Fish Stew, Hot Dogs, Beer and Wine
No Coolers Please*

Tom A. Franzone - (843) 884-5670



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.	

The Social at St. Benedicts

The social at St. Benedicts was a huge success with about 40 Knights and their wives attending. The food and fellowship was great. Our District Deputy, Daniel Barton and our Insurance Agent Steve Kramp and his wife K.C. were in attendance. The Knights presented a \$500.00 check to the Boy Scout troop 470. The church is beautiful and we look forward to having our monthly business meetings there on the third Thursday of the month. Hope to see you there.



“2012”

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
Grand Knight	Donald J. Thatcher	3881544
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Lazo	881-1237
Chancellor	Frank Osage	614-7877
Financial Secretary	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Robert Miller	881-2951
Inside Guard	Stanley Adams	884-8331
Outside Guard	Hank Wolf	971-1106
3 Yr. Trustee	James Pancake	856-3887
2 Yr. Trustee	Michael Swindle	224-8024
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone COK	884-5670
	Jack Urbanic SM	886-2591
	Gene McLaughlin SB	849-2271
Vocations Chairman	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
Community Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Pro/Life Couple	Edward and Sandra Robinson	881-7041
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	388-1544
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
Columbian Squires	Clement Grannan	573-2397
Membership Director	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Recruitment Committee	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
	Mark Kennedy	849-8871
	Albert Baciocco	884-0995
Retention Chairman	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	249-2356
State Deputy	Thomas Monahan	803-648-9925
District Deputy	Daniel Barton	367-1871
Insurance Agent	Stephen Kramp	771-2437
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130



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