



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights:

As we begin the new calendar year of 2015 and make our New Year's Resolutions, it is a great time to live out our Knights values of charity and fraternity. As you are making your resolutions find a way may be once a month that you are doing something for someone in need or being involved in raising funds for a charity. How about contacting a Brother Knight that you haven't seen for a while and having a cup of coffee with them? We will hold our Annual Oyster Roast on January 25<sup>th</sup>, it is a great time to raise some funds for our charities as well as spend some time with your fellow Knights.

In our first six months of this fraternal year, our Council donated almost \$9000 for various charities. See the minutes of our December Council Business Meeting for more details at the end of this month's newsletter. This doesn't include the money that was raised from those who volunteered for the Turkey Race.

During this month, there are two opportunities to be part of a Rally for Life. One will be in our own state in Columbia on January 10<sup>th</sup> and the other one is in Washington, DC on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. I hope you will join us for the Stand Up for Life Rally on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also in our first six months of this fraternal year, our Council has exemplified our value of fraternity in various ways some of them include: first, our Council sponsored a Second and Third Degree for the District in August; second, several Brother Knights stepped up and took on various leadership positions for our fund raisers, for some of the officer positions and some of the service positions—plus this doesn't count all the Brother Knights who volunteered for the various service and fund raisers that we have held; third, one of our First Degrees had 8 new Brother Knights who joined our Council which is a record for the number who came in at the same time; fourth, our women are gathering once a month and this has strengthened their involvement and awareness of the fine good works that we are doing; and finally, our Knights Helping Knights group has made a difference in several of our Brother Knight's lives and their families during times of need. And finally, I hope you will join us on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for our Memorial Liturgy for all our Brother Knights who have passed away at 6:30 p.m. at Stella Maris Church.

While as a Council we have had to face various issues, we have much to be proud of because of the involvement and commitment of each of you as Brother Knights to our core values of Charity and Fraternity. I am constantly in awe of what has taken place in the first six months of this fraternal year. God has once again blessed us in our service to others for the Spread of the Good News.

I want to wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Faternally,

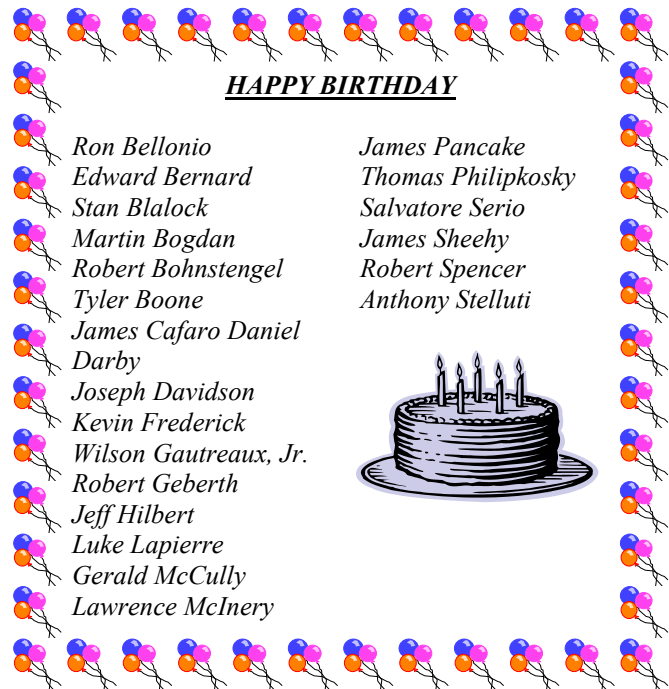
Frank Osage

Grand KnightBrother Knights:


## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

New Years Day	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Nocturnal Adoration	01
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	02
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	03
Feast of the Epiphany	06
Officer's Meeting	08
COK— Life Center—7 PM	
Stand up for Life Rally	10
Columbia, SC	
Memorial Liturgy for our deceased Brother Knights	12
Regular Business Meeting	15
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Second and Third Degree	17
Hilton Head, SC	
Annual Oyster Roast	17
Gold Bug Island —6:30 PM	
March for Life	22
Washington, DC	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ron Bellonio	James Pancake
Edward Bernard	Thomas Philipkosky
Stan Blalock	Salvatore Serio
Martin Bogdan	James Sheehy
Robert Bohnstengel	Robert Spencer
Tyler Boone	Anthony Stelluti
James Cafaro Daniel	
Darby	
Joseph Davidson	
Kevin Frederick	
Wilson Gautreaux, Jr.	
Robert Geberth	
Jeff Hilbert	
Luke Lapierre	
Gerald McCully	
Lawrence McInery	



**Family of the Month  
December, 2014  
DJ and Allyson Thatcher**

DJ and Allyson have four children. Michael is a stage actor and tenor based in New York. He is currently on tour with a Broadway production. Olivia is a US History teacher and social studies teacher in China. Andrew is a firefighter/paramedic major at Jefferson College in Roanoke, VA. Joseph is a junior at Bishop England. He is a starting defensive lineman for the varsity football team and member of the rugby team.

DJ is a business owner, as well as a trauma nurse and a paramedic. He is Board certified in a number of specialties, and is a former hospital administrator. He continues to work as a paramedic for Berkeley county a few days a month, continuing a career path he started in 1978 in Pennsylvania, where he worked on one of the first paramedic units in the nation. Additionally, DJ is also "paid to talk", which Allyson calls a god-send since he never shuts up. He is a performance coach for Dale Carnegie, specializing in working with individuals and companies in developing dynamic and effective human relations and communications strategies. He serves all of South Carolina and is also an online trainer globally. He previously worked as a TV and radio broadcaster for news and traffic, and continues free-lance voice and video work through his business. DJ has been a train conductor for the Strasburg railroad in his hometown in Pennsylvania for nearly 30 years.

Allyson is a Texas native, and 3rd generation physician. She is board certified in family medicine, and is a partner in Trident Pain Center, which has several locations throughout the low country.

DJ and Allyson have been active at Christ Our King Parish since moving from PA eight years ago. Allyson is a member of the choir and a cantor. DJ is an usher and lector. He and the boys often assist in decorating the church. DJ is a Fourth Degree Knight and assists with various council activities and fundraisers. DJ served as Grand Knight of the council in 2011. DJ and Allyson value the strong friendships they have formed at Christ our King and through the Knights of Columbus.



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

**ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT  
Saturday, January 17, 2015—6:30 PM  
Gold Bug Island**

*(at the foot of Ben Sawyer Bridge)  
12 yrs. & older \$25.00— All Children \$8.00 - \$30.00 @ Door  
Includes Oysters, Fish Stew, Hot Dogs, Beer and Wine - No Coolers  
Tom Franzone - 843-884-5670*

**Knight of the Month  
December, 2014  
Jim Pancake**

Jim was born and raised in Indiana. He joined the US Air Force at 17 years old. After attending basic military and technical training, Jim was stationed throughout the world: Italy, Turkey, Germany, and several bases in the States. Jim also served three tours of duty in Southeast Asia, Vietnam/Thailand. In 1975, He retired from the Air Force after 20+ years of service.

For the next ten years, Jim worked for Hitachi Communications in Stockbridge, GA as an assembly technician, lead test engineer, and production manager. In 1985, he moved to Dallas, TX with Ericsson Radio Systems. Jim worked there as site manager, radio base station instructor, and radio base station engineer until his retirement in 2001.

Jim met his wife Rita in 1986, and they have been married for 28 years. Rita is from Pittsburgh, Pa. where her family, brother and sister, and their families still live. Jim has two sons from a previous marriage: Justin, who lives in Dalla/Ft. Worth area, and Michael, who is in the Army Stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, TX. Jim and Rita have three grandchildren: Hayley (7), MJ (4) and Arias (2). Jim also has a brother and two sisters living in Lafayette, IN, and one sister living in Warfordsburg, Pa.

Jim joined the Knights in Jonesboro, Ga, in 1977 and became a 4th degree knight in 1982. As a member of the Knights, Jim was instrumental in forming a new council in Stockbridge GA. He also has served as : inside guard, recorder, warden, advocate, trustee, inside sentinel, faithful scribe, deputy grand knight, grand knight, and commander of the 4th degree color/honor guard. Jim is presently the faithful navigator of Assembly 3243. In Texas, Jim was the grand knight, served on the 1st degree team, was member of the 4th degree exemplification team, and was also on the Retention Committee and Admissions Committee. Jim has participated in our wreath sales, book sale, spaghetti dinner. Christ Our King Bazaar, First Responders Pancake and Awards Breakfast, and several honor/color ceremonies.

**Youth of the Month  
December, 2014  
Alyson Hart**

Alyson attends Palmetto Christian Academy and is in the 7th grade. She is on the basketball and track team. Alyson attends youth group and participates in the choir.

Alyson helps with her neighbors dog and with her grandfather who is sick, she also babysits for three children who have a mom who is a single mom. She sings to the elderly at the Summit Place of Daniel Island.

Alyson attends church on Saturday evenings and attends Catholic education classes. Her family has adopted a 10 year old Nicaraguan boy named Jose and she writes letters to him.



**SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Stand Up for Life — Contact Don Campbell — 471-1085**  
**Oyster Roast — Contact Tom Franzone — 884-5670**  
**Drivers for Seniors to Medical Appointments**  
**Contact Jack Vax — 856-2212**  
**Flea Market — Contact Steve Majewski — 327-2877**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
 FEBRUARY**

Super Bowl Party _____	01
Officer's Meeting _____	05
COK—Life Center —7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	05
Stella Maris—8PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	06
COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	07
COK—7:30 AM	
Valentine's Day _____	14
President's Day _____	16
Ash Wednesday _____	18
Regular Business Meeting _____	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Fourth Degree Exemplification _____	21
Columbia, SC	
First Sunday of Lent _____	22

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz*  
*Melvin and Elnora Lands*

**SPOUSE EMAIL Update:**  
 Please send your spouse's first and last name with her email address to Neil at [ngwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:ngwhitman@yahoo.com)



**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Vincent Y. Maroun	216-0039
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	471-2121
Grand Knight	Frank Osage	614-7877
Deputy Grand Knight	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Chancellor	Bill Shoemaker	884-1378
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	972-8193
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Jack Vax	856-2212
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Ryan Kinowski	518-229-8725
Warden	Michael O'Connor	416-8818
Inside Guard	Stan Adams	884-8331
Outside Guard	Allen Briggs	471-1411
3 Yr. Trustee	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
2 Yr. Trustee	Mark Lazo	881-1237
1 Yr. Trustee	DJ Thatcher	513-0214
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
	Jack Vax SB	856-2212
	Jerry Gimbert SC of A	655-9111
Vocations Chairman	Anthony Herlihy	388-7647
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	884-1378
Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	513-0214
Council Director	Victor Mroczkowski	793-8656
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Family Director	Kevin Cunnane	216-5354
Culture of Life Director	Fred Koch	884-1713
Youth Director	Sean O'Tool	404-271-3999
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Admission Chairman	Bill Shoemaker	884-1378
Recruitment Committee	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Marion Wright - COK	884-0140
	Joe Harkins - SB	881-5768
	Thomas Gwiazdowski	757-373-4814
Retention Chairman	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Retention Committee	Jeff Pulaski - COK	972-8193
	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Stan Adams - SB	884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert - SC of A	655-9111
Insurance Promotion	John Bride	388-5147
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	249-2356
State Deputy	Frank Davis	
District Deputy	Ed McDowell	518-0963
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

