



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you and you families had a wonderful Christmas.

What a busy month we had!

First, there was the annual wreath sale that Tom and Fran Franzone organized. Even though several wreaths went "missing," we still turned a profit. Thanks to all the Knights who devoted their precious holiday time to this effort.

Then there was the Christmas Part for Children with Autism and Downs Syndrome. Joe Neri (who brought you the Living Rosary) and a committee of devoted Knights worked tirelessly to make the event come together. The children were delighted when Santa himself came by for a visit. Joe and DJ led the party with dancing, music and singing. The Boy Scouts and other youth members of the parishes were there to assist. With many hands to help set-up, serve food, break down and clean-up the party went off like clockwork. The only unpleasant thing was the Grand Knight seen dancing.

We also entered a float in the Mount Pleasant Lights Parade. Another great effort, this time headed by Mark Lazo. The theme was Keep Christ in Christmas. Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree escorted our float and gave out candy. The float depicted the Holy Family and the Three Wise Men – yes, we were able to scrap together three wise men from the council.

Dawn and Michael O'Connor hosted this year's Council Christmas party. It was a wonderful holiday celebration, extending well into the evening. Thank you Dawn and Michael for allowing the Knights to celebrate Christmas at your home.

I would like to remind you a few upcoming events. First, we have the Annual Oyster Roast on January 21 on Gold Bug Island. There will be plenty oysters as well as other food and we will be raffling several items. I hope to see you there.

The March for Life is on January 7. Deputy Grand Knight Don Campbell is heading this up. We will meet at the Christ Our King parking lot at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 7. We will to caravan to Columbia and participate in the Stand for Life March followed by the Teen for Life Rally and Mass with our Bishop. Please contact Don Campbell or Stasi Gormley for more information.

Also, mark your calendars for A Night to Cherish, a Valentine Day dance. This elegant affair is being organized by Debbie Pulaski and will be our must attend social event of 2017! There will be food, drink, music, and photo opportunities. Come join us for a great time on Saturday, February 11 at Grace Hall from seven to 10 PM.

As always, thank you all for your support of Council 9475. I wish you all the best for 2017!

Fraternally,

Sean O'Toole

*Happy
New Year*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	01
Officers Meeting	05
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 am	
Stand Up for Life March	11
Columbia, SC	
Martin Luther King Day	16
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
KOC Annual Oyster Roast	21
Gold Bug Island —6:30 to 9 PM	
Emmaus Retreat	27
St. Christopher's on Seabrook Island	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Edward Bernard

Stan Blalock

Martin Bogdan

Robert Bohnstengel

Tyler Boone

Richard Burman

James Cafaro

Daniel Darby

Coleman Dunne

Kevin Frederick

Jackey Frye

Wilson Gautreaux

Robert Geberth

Jeff Hilbert

Daniel Jost

Luke Lapierre

Gerald McCully

Msgr. Lawrence McInerny

Louis Milone

John Napolitano

James Pancake

Henry Rogers

Salvatore Serio

James Sheehy

Thomas Siwarski

Fr. Robert Spencer

Anthony Stelluti



**Knight of the Month
December 2016
Joe Harkins Jr.**

- Joe is oldest son of Joe and Peg Harkins. He re-discovered his Catholic faith over four years ago and is an active parishioner and Knight

- Moved to Charleston in 2013 and joined the Knights in 2014. He is already a third degree and looking forward to making his 4th degree

- Joe is the consummate "handyman" and operates a handyman business serving the entire Mt Pleasant area. He is an invaluable asset and volunteers on numerous projects for St Benedict's and our Council.

- Joe also serves as a St Benedicts usher at the 8 AM Mass

Congratulations Joe!!!



Left Grand Knight Sean O'Toole presents Joe Harkins Jr. center with Knight of the Month Certificate and right Deputy Grand Knight and Council Director Don Campbell presenting Joe with a Knights Cup.



Above is a picture from Brother Knight Kevin Cunnane our Family Director of his daughter Rosie with Brother Knight and Soccer Ref Michael Flato; What a great example of Knights giving back to the community. The Knights thank you Kevin for picture and Michael for your service to the community.

**Family of the Month
December 2016
Tom and Ruth Sloggett**

We thank the Knights for the honor of family of the month. Tom and Ruth were born in Michigan and are married 62 years. He worked for Dow Chemical; she at Michigan Bell and was in the first laymen class for teaching religion by the Diocesan seminary to be coordinator of CCD. We were childless for 9 years and adopted Todd, then Mary was born. We were transferred to Ohio by Dow where we raised and educated our children for 23 years.

Retirement came and we have lived in South Carolina for 21 years. Tom took up shrimping and carpentry so 90% of our furniture and that of family and the sanctuary stools at Stella Maris were built by him. He makes bowls now. Ruth worked for AARP taxes for 12 years; reading in schools program; the Symphony Orchestra League; we doted on home and garden tours for 15+ years; now he/Meals on Wheels, she/Library. We belong to St. Benedict Church and enjoy serving with the Knights' activities. Tom is learning to hear with a cocklear implant now.

Congratulations Tom and Ruth!!!



Left Grand Knight Sean O'Toole presents Tom Sloggett center with Knights Cup and left Family Director Kevin Cunnane presented Tom with a Family of the Month Certificate.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz
Thomas and Donna Brown
Christopher and Melssya Engdahl
Melvin and Elnora Lands*



If you didn't get to see the Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade and Our Float, below are a few pictures



Left to right Guardian Angel Debbie Lazo, Blessed Mother Regina Franzone, Joseph Tom M. Franzone and Wiseman Ed Doyle.



Left to right Three Wisemen Ed Doyle, Robert Turner and Our Grand Knight Sean O'Toole.

Right is a picture of Our Fourth Degree Color Guard Commander and Past Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker. All lite up for the parade and passing out candy to all the children along the path of the parade. In the far back ground is a Wiseman and our Grand Knight Sean O'Toole ready to get the parade on its way.



Our float ready to go



Left to right street level is Our Fourth Degree Color Guard Commander and Past Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker, Fourth Degree Color Guard Knight Don Campbell and his wife Kathy. In back ground on float is our Manger scene with three Wisemen and right on the float is Guardian Angel Peggy Harkins.



Last but not least Our Float Chairman and Fourth Degree Color Guard and Past Grand Knight Mark Lazo. All lite up and ready to hand our candy as well, to all the children along the parade path . We sure had a great time working putting the float together and participating in the parade.

Thank you to all Brother Knights, Wives and those that donated lights and helped decorate the float.

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Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
St. Valentine's Day Dance _____	11
Grace Hall — 7 to 10 PM	
St. Valentine's Day _____	14
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Presidents' Day _____	20

DON'T FORGET
OUR OYSTER ROAST FUND RAISER



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Cooper Council # 9475

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT

Saturday, January 21, 2017 - 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 & Wine - No Coolers

Tom A. Franzone - (843) 884-5670

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Then coming in February will be
A NIGHT to CHERISH
Valentine dance



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

\$50.00 per couple

Contact Don Campbell 843-471-1085 or Debbie Pulaski 843-813-7689

