



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights:

As we begin the new calendar year of 2014 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 25th, it is a great time to raise some funds for our charities as well as spend some time with your fellow Knights.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights and your families and friends who volunteered a shift or more for the Turkey Day run this helped our Council raise over \$2000 which will go to Operation Hope.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights and families who were involved with our Council float which won First Place in the Community Category. Special Thanks to Mark Lazo who Chaired the Float Committee, to the Float Committee, to Jerry and Diana Barnett who's idea it was and who helped in so many ways—from securing customs to securing individuals to be involved in the float—to loaning a generator, etc., to those who created the float, to those who were involved in the Float the night of the event and to Sam and Barbara Limbaker who allowed us to use their drive area for several days to set up and take down the float.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights and Ladies who created the Christmas wreaths, staffed a shift or more. This helped our Council raise some money. Special Thanks to Tom Franzone and Joe Harkins who continued to sell the wreaths after the Trees were sold out.

Special thanks to Kay and Michael Fabrizio who hosted our Council Christmas Party where a good time was had by all.

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 11th and the other one is in Washington, DC on January 22nd.

Please join me in extending a warm Fraternal Welcome to our newest Brother Knight Steve Evangelista who is a member of St. Benedict Church. Thanks to Joe Harkins who invited Steve to join the Knights and our Council.

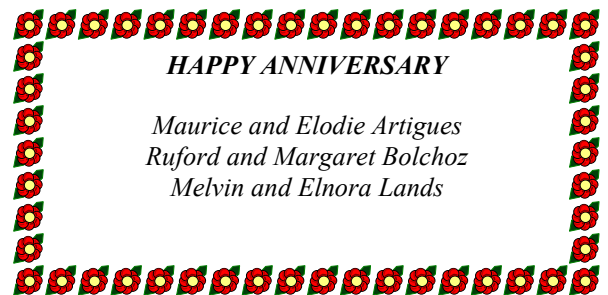
I want to wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Fraternally,

Frank Orage
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Year's Day	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Officers Meeting	02
COK Life Center - 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK - 7:30 AM	
Second & Third Degree	04
Pawley's Island	
Feast of Epiphany	06
Stand Up for Life Rally	11
Columbia, SC.	
Regular Business Meeting	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Second & Third Degree	18
Spartanburg, SC	
March for Life	22
Assembly 3243 Meeting	22
Stella Maris Parish Hall	
Oyster Roast	25
Gold Bug Island - 6:30 PM	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

PLEASE NOTE

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If you would like to suspend mail delivery please Email Tom Franzone at Tzone1941@aol.com

**Family of the Month
December, 2013
Mark and Debbie Lazo**

Mark and Debbie have been married for 11 years. They have a 16 year old son, Austin, who attends Simsbury High School, in Connecticut, currently planning on attending college pursue an engineering degree.

Mark was born February 10, 1969, he is 1 of 6 children, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Debbie was September 30, 1965, 1 is 3 children, 2 sisters. Mark and Debbie met at Wild Wing Café in Mount Pleasant in 1999 and started dating in 2000. Their first date was Palm Sunday mass at COK followed by brunch at Atlantic Bread Co. They were married on Dec. 8th 2002.

Mark worked 21 years for Fire Protection Engineering Co. and is currently at Sr. Fire Protection engineer with C.E.M.S. Engineering/Architecture. Debbie is a Legal Assistant with Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice.

Mark is a Fourth Degree Knight and is a Past Grand Knight and currently a Trustee. Mark and Debbie participate in Spaghetti Dinners, Oyster Roasts, Operation Christmas Child and other events and activities as time allows. Recently completed the Christmas Parade Float and participated in the Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade. Debbie was the angel in the manger.

Mark and Debbie are active members of Christ Our King Church since 2000. They have been gift bearers and Mark is an Altar Server.

Debbie volunteers with Fur Life German Shepherd Rescue and enjoys reading, shopping, and spending time with their own 4 legged children. Mark plays tennis and softball, likes cooking, fishing, shrimping, crabbing, home improvement projects and spending time with family.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK AND DEBBIE



**Knight of the Month
December, 2013
Mike O'Connor**

Mike is a native of Long Island, New York. He married his high school sweetheart, Dawn, in 1994. After serving for twelve years as a NYC Police Officer, Mike transferred to Long Island's Suffolk County Police Department. He retired in 2008, and Mike and his family moved to Mount Pleasant in 2009.

Mike and Dawn have three children. Michael, a 17 year old senior at Wando HS, is an usher at St. Benedict and plans to enlist in the Marine Corps upon graduation. Nicole, a 16 year old sophomore at Wando HS, is very involved in the Youth Group, the Hospitality Committee, and is an assistant instructor with the Religious Ed program. Jack, a 10 year old fifth grader at Charles Pinckney, looks forward to joining the Youth Group next year.

Mike first joined the Knights on Long Island in 2008. His father was a Knight for many years, and Mike was proud to follow in his footsteps. Since arriving in Mount Pleasant, Mike became a 3rd degree Knight and will receive his 4th Degree in February. As for committee involvement, Mike always lends a hand wherever necessary. He has volunteered with the book sale, spaghetti dinners, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas float assembly and anywhere else needed.

The family is very involved at St. Benedict and works closely with the parish priests. Mike serves as a usher at 11:15 am Mass, along with his wife and son. As a family, they serve as greeters. Mike and Dawn are also Eucharistic Minister and Baptism Instructors. His wife is the Community Building Chairperson and the head of Hospitality, for which she claims the whole family as "assistants"

In his spare time, Mike loves fishing. He'll fish for anything, anywhere - "even in the bathtub". Mike is proud to be a Knight, and looks forward to becoming a 4th degree Knight and continuing his service in the Church and with the Knights.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE

SPOUSE EMAIL Update:

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her email address to Neil at ngwhitman@yahoo.com

SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Council Golf Tournament - Contact Jim Welsch - 849-1979
Stand Up for Life Rally - Don Campbell - 471-1085
Oyster Roast - Tom Franzone - 884-5670

**HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Calendar of Events

February

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	

**Youth of the Month
December, 2013
Nicole O'Connor**

Nicole is a 16 year old Sophomore at Wando High School. She has set her goals to attend a Christian College and has really focuses on her grades now holding over a 3.9 gpa.

Nicole is a member of St. Benedict and is very involved in the parish. She helps her Mom to head-up the Hospitality team, sometimes single handedly setting up alone. We joke that she is the only kid in the parish who knows how to move the walls in the triple room. Nicole volunteers as a leader for the children's liturgy and in the nursery during masses. She is a member of the Youth Group attending meetings every Sunday. She regularly assists in babysitting for the Mom's group during their meetings. She has volunteered for the Special Olympics, Buddy Walks, the Homeless Awareness projects and has been a leader for the Vacation Bible School for two years now as well as a Teacher's Assistant in Religious Ed for the past 3 years. Nicole attended the Steubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta June of this year and is currently in Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference. Nicole has played the Bass in Orchestra since 4th grade and has her sights set on playing through college.

Nicole is a member of the Key Club and the Spanish Club at Wando. She is majoring in Broadcasting and is excited to have the opportunity to be part of their Student News, Tribe Talk as a Junior.

Nicole's excitement in life is contagious and her religious beliefs are strong, she is the perfect candidate for this accommodation. Her Grandfather was a knight and I am a knight and couldn't be prouder of the effort she puts in to exemplify her values of life.

CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE

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

**ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT
Saturday, January 25, 2014 - 6:30 PM
Gold Bug Island
(At the foot of Ben Sawyer Bridge)**

**12yrs and 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**

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
Co-Chaplin	Rev. Vincent Y. Maroon	216-0039
Grand Knight	Frank Osage	614-7877
Deputy Grand Knight	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Chancellor	Richard Bachschmidt	200-6435
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	Mark Kennedy	343-2900
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Outside Guard	Paul O'Rourke	388-5915
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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
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	Tripp Hoover	367-3494
Culture of Life Director	Fred Koch	884-1713
Youth Director	Chris Anderson	416-8527
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	James Morini - SB	495-0460
	Mark Kennedy - COK	849-8871
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Retention Committee	Jeff Pulaski - COK	972-8193
	Mark Kennedy - COK	849-8871
	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Stan Adams - SB	884-8331
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	Richard Gabriel	797-6804
District Deputy	Daniel Barton	367-1871
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