



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights,

I thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me Grand Knight for the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year. I am humbled by being fast-tracked into a leadership role in our great organization. Many thanks are due to those who have mentored and directed me so far, with a special thank you to our outgoing GK Jim Pancake. Jim kept me actively involved in every aspect of this past Fraternal Year and has provided a terrific springboard to help launch this coming year.

I will provide details about my objectives and goals for this year at our July Business Meeting. My primary objective is to leave the Council better than I found it, which will be a daunting task considering that we are in a very strong position both financially and in membership. As a preview though, a general theme this coming year will revolve around the concept of "The 24-Hour Knight", as outlined in the June issue of *Knight line*.

Finally, *congratulations* to each of the other Officers elected in June. YOU *really* direct the Council and I will certainly rely on your knowledge and guidance!

YBIC
GK Donald "DJ" Thatcher

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett
Wilson and Julie Gautreaux, Jr.
David and Carly Lincoln
Scott and Margi Myers
James and Charlyne Raih
Tim and Tish Volt
William and Carrie Weston*

Please Note-- Michael Swindle will be collecting toiletries for the Vets. (Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Hand Cream., Shaving Items, Deordant etc.)

Assembly 3243, Installation of Officer's will be held at Stella Maris on Wednesday, July 27th at 6 PM.



Happy Birthday America

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK -- 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK -- 7:30 AM	
Independence Day_____	04
Officer's Meeting_____	07
Life Center -- 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris -- 8 PM to 8 AM	
Business Meeting_____	19
Island Club--Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Fourth Degree Installation of Officer's_____	27
Stella Maris @ 6 PM	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Stephen Beach*
- Ruford Bolchoz*
- Gerald Bresnihan*
- Thomas Brown*
- Leland Marion Bull*
- Anthony Francin*
- Thomas A. Franzone*
- John Gallagher, Jr.*
- Anthony Giammusso*
- Thomas Knisley, Jr.*
- Melvin Lands*
- John Maize*
- Paul O'Rourke*
- Frank Osage*
- Jack Parker*
- Steven Ruether*
- Miller Shealy*
- Barry Socia*
- Donald Thatcher*
- Ernie Torres*
- Henry Wolf*



**Knight of the Year
2011
Michael Swindle**

Michael grew up in Texas and New Mexico and graduated from veterinary school at Texas A&M in 1969 and was in the Army three days later. Prior to moving to Mt. Pleasant in 1985, Michael was in private vet practice for a short time before becoming a faculty member at John Hopkins where he served as director of surgical research. Since 1985 he has been Professor and Chairman of the Dept. of Comparative Medicine at MUSC. He is board certified in his specialty in both the US and Europe and spends a lot of time on airplanes and giving talks on his research using swine to study heart disease.

Michael became a Knight in Baltimore in 1979 and is a charter member of our Council and a 4th Degree Knight. He also was in Rotary for 27 years and has served on the board of directors of the American Heart Association. He decided to become more active in the K of C ten years ago and served as Grand Knight last year. He has been involved in most of the activities in our Council as well as serving on the 2nd degree team. This year he will be serving as Faithful Navigator for our new 4th Degree Assembly 3243. He serves as a lector at the 7 AM daily mass at Christ Our King and is an usher on Sunday at 7:30 mass.

Michael and Paula have been married for 38 years and have two daughters. Paula is a native of Baltimore and graduated from Towson University with a teaching degree in 1970. They met at the Officer's club in Aberdeen, MD. Shortly after he returned from Vietnam in 1971. It was love at first sight and they were married in 1972. Paula taught elementary education and served as a librarian, as well as finding time to have two children and earn a masters degree. Katelyn and her husband Matt are PhD Chemical Engineers at Universities in St. Louis. Ashley is a PharmD who recently completed a residency program at MUSC.

Michael and Paula are avid cooks and wine lovers and cook most meals at home from scratch. Michael is board certified as a wine judge and maintains a large collection of wine as well as giving wine tasting and judging national contests. They enjoy traveling immensely and will be doing more in the future since the children no longer live at home.

Congratulations Michael !!!!!

The Installation of Officer's was held at Christ Our King on Monday, June 27th at 6 PM. Msgr. Carter led us in pray and the Officer's were installed. Immediately following we went to the Mustard Seed for a delicious dinner. Congratulations to our newly installed officer's. Hope you have a great year.

**Family of the Year
2011
Joe and Peggy Harkins**

Joe and Peggy Harkins are originally from Philadelphia PA. They have been married for 46 years and have four grown children and have nine grandchildren: six natural (all boys), one adopted (girl) and two step (girl and boy) grandchildren.

Joe graduated from LaSalle University Evening Division in 1970. After working in private industry for 10 years; He was appointed a Postal Inspector in 1970. After many career moves; Joe and Peggy were transferred to Charleston in 1993 and Joe retired in 1997 after 27 years of service.

Joe became a Knight in Manassas, VA. in 1978. He joined our council in October 1995 and became a Fourth Degree Knight in 1998. He has held many officers positions within our council and has served as Grand Knight in 2000 - 2001 and again in 2004 - 2005. Joe is presently our Financial Secretary and has held this position the last three years. Joe shares his time generously and has been involved in almost every activity sponsored by our council.

Joe and Peggy have been active members of Christ Our King parish and are now active members of St. Benedict's parish. Peggy has been a RICA sponsor at both parishes and is an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister at St Benedict's. She is a member of a parish Mom's group and participates in a group visiting elderly home-bound parishioners. She has also been a volunteer at Birthright and she is actively involved in the Mount Pleasant Newcomer's Club.

Joe was in charge of the sacristy ministry at St. Benedict's, setting up the church worship space in the Cario Middle School cafeteria for the past 10 years. He has been a Lector, Usher and Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. He is currently responsible for the Mass Coordinator ministry.

He was on the homeowners board and an active maintenance volunteer at the Charleston National sub-division for five years and was president for two years. He has served as a bookkeeper at Birthright of Charleston. Joe was also the caretaker at the Raven's Run gated community for three years. For the past four years, Joe has been the President of the Atlantic Region, National Association of Retired Postal Inspectors, and has coordinated four reunions within the Region.

Peggy enjoys touring, traveling and reading as part of her participation in a book club. Joe enjoys sports, especially jogging, biking, basketball, swimming and golf.

Congratulations Joe and Peggy !!!!!

**Knight of the Month
June, 2011
John Demo**

John came here, moving from West Hartford, CT in 2004. His early years were spent in Torrington and he'll be attending his 55th Torrington HS graduation in September. He enlisted in the USAF in 1956 and served as a fire control systems mechanic for 4 years and attended Rollins College while stationed in Florida. After his discharge he attended Central CT State U, UCONN, Western CT State U & the University of Hartford receiving a BS, M Ed & Sixth Year with majors & minors in Education, Counseling, History, English & Psychology. Prior to his retirement in 2000 he enjoyed a 35 year career in public education as a teacher and school counselor in New Hartford & West Hartford, CT. He & his wife Angela will celebrate 46 years of marriage this month. They live in Dunes West and are Communicants at St. Benedict CC where they are actively involved in parish ministries and activities.

Congratulations John ! ! !

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	04
Stella Maris--8 PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting_____	04
Life Center-7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK--7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	06
COK--7:30 AM	
Knights of Columbus Family Week_____	6-14
159th Anniversary of the Birth of	
Father Michael J. McGivney- August 12, 1852	
121 Anniversary of the Death of	
Father Michael J. McGivney - August 14, 1890	
Feast of the Assumption	
15	
Business Meeting_____	16
Island Club- Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
4th Degree Business Meeting_____	24
Assembly 3243-Stella Maris--7 PM	
4th Degree Exemplification_____	27
Pawley's Island	

*Have a safe
Fourth of July*



COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
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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	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
	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
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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
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AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**