



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights,

I was truly honored to have such a large turnout for the Officer's Installation in June. Congratulations to my fellow newly installed Officers and thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our Council as the Grand Knight for Fraternal Year 2012-2013. I hope to meet and exceed your expectations as well as my own. We start off this year in great shape financially and our membership continues to grow. This is all thanks to your efforts over the last year as well as the leadership of our past GK DJ Thatcher. Well done DJ! You are going to be a tough act to follow.

Our momentum with membership continues as we have at least 3 First Degree candidates identified for July. A goal of all GKs is to retain and increase membership and that goal will continue to be one of mine. One of my other goals this year is to advance our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights to their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. From your 1<sup>st</sup> Degree you were exemplified with our principle of Charity. Now is the time to be exemplified with our principles of Unity and Fraternity. If you have not yet completed these Degrees, I encourage you to do so soon to complete your journey to Full Knighthood.

Once again, thank you for your trust in me. I look forward to a great year for our Council.

YBIC,

Mark Lazo, Grand Knight

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett  
Wilson and Julie Gautreaux  
Alfredo and Maria Lopez  
Victor and Danielle Mroczkowski  
Scott and Margi Myers  
James and Charlyne Raih  
Bryan and Nanci Shipman  
Tim and Tish Voit*

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE  
FOURTH OF JULY**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

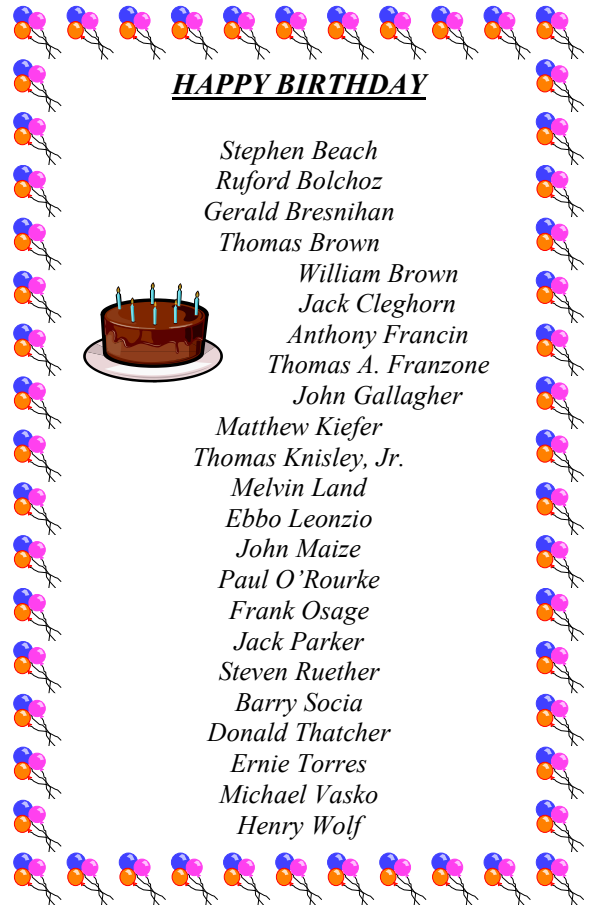
Independence Day_____	04
Officer's Meeting_____	05
COK- Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	05
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	06
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	07
COK - 7:30 AM	
Business Meeting_____	19
St. Benedict Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Business Meeting_____	25
Assembly 3243 - Stella Maris	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Installation: 7:15 PM	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Stephen Beach  
Ruford Bolchoz  
Gerald Bresnihan  
Thomas Brown  
William Brown  
Jack Cleghorn  
Anthony Francin  
Thomas A. Franzone  
John Gallagher*



*Matthew Kiefer  
Thomas Knisley, Jr.  
Melvin Land  
Ebbo Leonzio  
John Maize  
Paul O'Rourke  
Frank Osage  
Jack Parker  
Steven Ruether  
Barry Socia  
Donald Thatcher  
Ernie Torres  
Michael Vasko  
Henry Wolf*



**Family of the Month**  
**June, 2012**  
**Mickey and Betty McMahon**

Mickey was born in Burlington, Vermont in 1926. He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 as a Hospital Corpsman in the Pacific. He left Active Duty in 1946, joined a reserve unit, and returned to school. Along the way, he married Betty in 1949. After graduating from the Vermont College of Medicine in 1954, he returned to Active Duty and subsequently retired as a Captain.

Mickey and Betty have 5 daughters and 12 grandchildren. They've been members of Stella Maris since 1985 and volunteer at the parish, the Stella Maris Men's Club, East Cooper Meals on Wheels and have been an integral part of the success of The Family Circle Cup for the past 12 years. Mickey is a 4th Degree Knight and is active with our Book Sales.

**Congratulations Mickey and Betty !!!!!**

**Family of the Year**  
**July, 2012**  
**Jonathon and Beth Santilli**

Jonathon and Beth were married August, 1993, and have two daughters: Megan and Allison. Megan is a rising freshman at Wando High School, while Allison is a rising 5th grader at Pinckney Elementary.

Jonathon and Beth were both born and raised in West Virginia and graduated from West Virginia University. After college they moved to the DC metro area. In July 2003, they moved to Mt. Pleasant.

Jonathon is a Systems and Network Support Engineer with General Dynamics Information Technology. He works for the United States Senate, providing IT support for all the Senator's state offices. Before Jonathon entered the world of IT, he taught High School Biology for 8 years. Beth graduated from Charleston School of Law and is just beginning to launch her law career. Beth was lucky enough to obtain a contract opportunity with Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman. Beth has gained invaluable litigation experience and is deeply appreciative of her time with the firm.

Jonathon joined the Knights in 2008, and is a 3rd degree knight. He has helped with the Book Sale, Oyster Roast, Spaghetti Dinner, Youth Awards and COK/SM Bazaar. Jonathon is our Charity in Motion chairman for the Cooper River Bridge Run and helped raise over \$2,700.00 this year.

The Santilli's are active members of Christ Our King Church where Jonathon is a sponsor for the RCIA program and a Lector. Megan plays flute during Mass. The family also volunteers with St. Vincent DePaul Society.

**Congratulations Jonathon and Beth for being chosen**  
**Family of the Year !!!!!**

**Knight of the Month for June, 2012**  
**And**  
**Knight of the Year**  
**July, 2012**

The nominee for SC Knight of the Year from Rev. Msgr. John Laurence McLaughlin Council 9475 is Ronald P. Bel-lonio. Ron is a member of Christ Our King parish in Mt. Pleasant. He is a management and business consultant. He has been married to his wife Joan for 48 years and has two children and two grandchildren.

Ron achieved First Degree certification in April 2011. He has now completed exemplification of the Second and Third Degrees. He is scheduled to be exemplified in the Fourth Degree in February, 2012.

He is an active communicant in the parish and serves as usher at the 7:30 am Sunday Mass. As such he ushers approximately 50 weeks a year.

He worked in our two spaghetti dinner fundraisers as a server for approximately 6 hours.

He worked in our two book sale fundraisers as a book seller and packer for approximately 12 hours.

He worked to sell Christmas wreaths during our December sale for approximately 4 hours.

He worked on our Oyster Roast in January for approximately 4 hours.

He is on the committee for the K of C Benefit golf outing to raise funds for the Daughters of St. Paul. As such he is daily recruiting new donors and players for the spring event.

He successfully recruited five new members to the Council and has three additional nominees.

In the community he has worked as a board member and advisor 3 nights a week for a Group Home for boys to provide them a father figure.

He is the only Knight in our Council to ever achieve the Shining Armor Award.

For having been a Knight for less than a year Ron has shown an outstanding commitment to the Council. Our expectation is that he will continue to be involved with all of our charitable and Council events. He is our unanimous nominee for Knight of the Year.

**Congratulations Ron on being chosen Knight of the**  
**Year !!!!!**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Electronic delivery of minutes and newsletter**

If you would like to suspend mail delivery and receive an electronic version only please email Tom Franzone at [Tzone1941@aol.com](mailto:Tzone1941@aol.com).

## INSURANCE

Dear Brother Knights,

We are well into summer now. We can tell by looking at the calendar as well as looking at the thermometer. School has been out for about a month and the air conditioning has been running for hours a day. So now might be a good time to stay indoors, have your Knights of Columbus agent come over, and take a look at your finances. How are things going? How is the financial plan going? Or if you don't have a financial plan, how about starting one? Do you know when you are going to retire? Will you be able to? Or if you are retired, do you have enough money to do what you want to do? Or do you know how you are doing?

I can work with you to make a plan. I have the software, the training and the knowledge to do it. We can work together to see where you are, where you want to be in the future, and then create a plan to make it happen.

So if you would like to review your plan, create a new plan, or have any insurance needs, give me a call and I'll brave the hot weather with computer in hand to help you realize your future!

Your Brother Knight,

Steve Kramp, FICF

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### AUGUST

Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting_____	02
COK - Life Center - 7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary_____	04
COK - 7:30 AM	
160th Anniversary of the Birth of _____	12
Father Michael j. McGivney, Aug. 12, 1852	
Knights of Columbus Family Week _____	12-19
122nd Anniversary of the Death of _____	14
Father Michael J. McGivney, Aug. 14, 1890	
Feast of the Assumption _____	15
Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
Grand Knight	Mark Lazo	881-1237
Deputy Grand Knight	Frank Osage	614-7877
Chancellor	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
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	Ron Bellonio	216-1904
Inside Guard	Stanley Adams	884-8331
Outside Guard	Richard Bachschmidt	200-6435
3 Yr. Trustee	DJ Thatcher	388-1544
2 Yr. Trustee	James Pancake	856-3887
1 Yr. Trustee	Michael Swindle	224-8024
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**

