



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights,

A look to the year ahead, the plan is to emphasize the ‘charity’ and ‘fraternity’ aspects of being a Knight. We will mention ways that Brother Knights may be of service within their local parish or in the greater Mt. Pleasant area as part of living out our value of charity. We hope to again be involved as a group in a Habitat for Humanity project. We hope to find new ways to be involved in each of our parishes. And finally, we hope to raise additional funds throughout the year from our fund raisers to make donations to various charities within the area. Some of the ways that the ‘fraternal’ aspects of being a Knight may be implemented might include: first, create at least one new way to integrate our 1<sup>st</sup> degree knights into the Council; second, implement at least one new way that a new knight and his wife can meet other knights and their wives; and finally, implement at least one new way to encourage knights who haven’t been involved in one of our events to do so.

As a Council there are some issues that we need to talk through and resolve this year. One of those is a review of our fund raising activities to determine if we need to create a new one or refresh what we are doing in order to raise the funds that we need to make contributions to our various charities. A second one that we need to determine ways that all four parishes and our members may be represented and we are active in each of them.

And finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and blessed Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. One that is filled with fun filled activities, a cook out or a day at the beach. We have much to be thankful for on this day as we celebrate the many freedoms that we have because we live in this fine Country.

Fraternally,  
*Frank Osage*  
Grand Knight

### **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)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

Officers Meeting_____	03
COK - Life Center 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Independence Day_____	04
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
St. Benedict’s Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Assembly 3243- Dinner and Installation of Officer’s_	23
Stella Maris Parish Hall - 6:30 PM	

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

<i>Gerald Baty</i>	<i>Paul O’Rourke</i>
<i>Stephen Beach</i>	<i>Frank Osage</i>
<i>Eric Bendig</i>	<i>Steven Ruether</i>
<i>Ruford Bolchoz</i>	<i>Barry Socia</i>
<i>Gerald Bresnihan</i>	<i>Donald J. Thatcher</i>
<i>Thomas Brown</i>	<i>Ernie Torres</i>
<i>William Brown</i>	<i>Jay Tronco</i>
<i>Brian Byrne</i>	<i>Michael Vasko</i>
<i>Jack Cleghorn</i>	<i>Henry Wolf</i>
<i>Edward Doyle</i>	
<i>Anthony Francin</i>	
<i>Thomas A. Franzone</i>	
<i>John Gallagher, Jr.</i>	
<i>Matthew Kiefer</i>	
<i>Thomas Knisley, Jr.</i>	
<i>Melvin Lands</i>	
<i>Ebbo Leonzio ( Al )</i>	
<i>John Maize</i>	
<i>Mike McGinty</i>	
<i>James Morini</i>	



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

**Family of the Month  
June, 2014  
Jan and John Maize**

John and Jan Maize have been married for 48 years. They have 3 children, Sandra Maize Tolly, John Maize, Jr. and Jennifer Maize Lesslie. They have 8 grandchildren including 5 who live in Mt. Pleasant and 3 in Anderson.

Jan and John are originally from Michigan where he attended medical school and did residency training in Dermatology at the University of Michigan. They met in Ann Arbor where Jan was doing nurses training at St Joseph Mercy Hospital. They moved to Mount Pleasant in 1980. John came to Charleston to help start the Department of Dermatology at MUSC, and he is now a Professor of Dermatology and Pathology at MUSC

John is a 3rd Degree Knight.

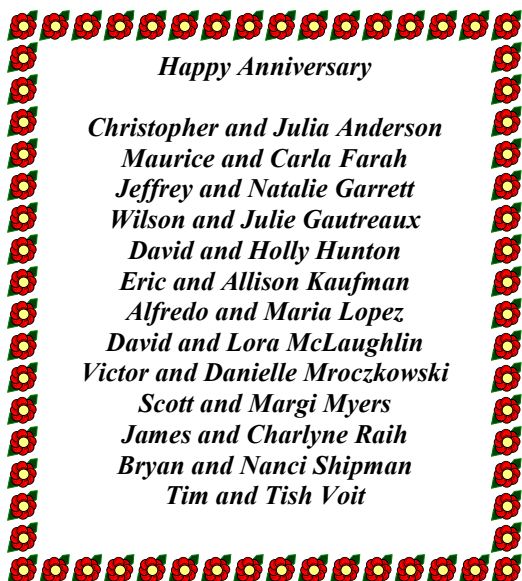
Jan is a retired operating room nurse and volunteers her time at Christ Our King where she is head of the Shelter Team, serves on the Parish Life and Lazarus Committees, is a Lector and serves as a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound and Nursing Homes. She also delivers a weekly route for East Cooper Meals on Wheels.

John also volunteers at East Cooper Meals on Wheels as a member of the Board of Directors..

Jan and John are members of Christ Our King Church, where John serves President of Pastoral Council, a position he has held since 1989. John is also a member of the Finance Committee and he is a Eucharistic Minister.

Their hobbies include: traveling, spending time with the grandkids, playing bridge, boating and golfing.

**CONGRATULATIONS JAN AND JOHN !!**



**Knight of the Month  
June, 2014  
James Welsch**

Jim was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1945. He graduated from St. Louis University High School, then United States Naval Academy. He has graduate degrees from Johns Hopkins University and The Citadel.

Jim retired from the Navy after 27 years, 25 of them as a nuclear submariner. He then worked as a Program/Project Manager for various contractors supporting the Navy Engineering laboratory (SPAWAR) in North Carolina.

Jim joined the Knights in 2011, and completed his 4th degree in February 2013. He has been involved with several spaghetti dinners, the book sale, and the golf tournaments. He is an active member of Christ Our King, serving as an usher and a lector. He is also the Lector Coordinator and a member of the Pastoral Council. Previously he served as Treasurer for the COK/SM school Home and School Association.

Jim's hobbies include golfing, reading and woodworking. He is a past president of the Charleston Council of the Navy League and the Charleston Chapter of the USNA Alumni Association. He is currently the Treasurer for the NISE East Hackers golf league.

Jim and Susan have been married for 45 years and have one daughter, Sarah. They have three grandchildren, James 3, Evelyn 2, and Margaret 2 months. They moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1994.

**CONGRATULATIONS JIM !!!**

**Youth of the Month  
June, 2014  
Leo Albano, Jr.**

Leo is involved with St. Benedict Catholic Church in a variety of ways. He is active with the St. Benedict Youth Group, is involved with Altar Serving during both weekday and Sunday masses, participated in the live Stations of the Cross during Lent, Homeless night at St. Benedict Church, and also with the St. Vincent DePaul Furniture Ministry. He enjoys playing a variety of sports with local schools and the Mount Pleasant Recreation department. He played quarterback this year with the Christ Our King 8th grade football team, played basketball with Wando HS B-team, and played baseball with the Mount Pleasant Olympians. He currently attends school with his three adorable younger sisters, Emma, Olivia, and Ava at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Home school. He has been recognized for his academic achievement in the Duke TIP program and also by being accepted into Academic Magnet High School. He has chosen Bishop England High School to continue his Catholic education throughout his formative years and will be looking forward to starting in the fall of 2014.

**CONGRATULATIONS Leo !!!**

**Family of the Year  
2014**

**Michael and Dawn O'Connor**

Mike and Dawn have been married for 19 years. They have 3 children, Michael 17, Nicole 15 and Jack 10.

Mike and Dawn are originally from Long Island, NY where he was employed by NYPD before transferring to Suffolk County as a Police Officer. He retired in 2008 and they moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2009.

Mike is a 3rd Degree Knight and has volunteered at the Spaghetti dinners and Book Sale.

Mike and Dawn volunteer their time at Church and try to keep it family oriented as well. They are Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers along with their son Michael, Hospitality Chairpersons along with their daughter Nicole, Baptism leaders and assist with the Somersby ministry. Dawn is a teacher for the religious education program and the Chairperson for Community Building with St. Benedict Parish. Mike and Dawn also volunteer at Meals on Wheels.

Their hobbies include: Fishing, Family Time, Fishing, Reading and more Fishing.

**CONGRATULATIONS MIKE AND DAWN !!!**

**Knight of the Year  
2014**

**Jack Vax**

Jack was born in Pittston, Pa. He attended Holy Rosary grammar school and later the University of Scranton.

Jack and Ruth were blessed with four children and nine grandchildren, who now live in Michigan, Minnesota, and Prague, Czech Republic. Jack is a retired banker.

In 1996, Jack and Ruth moved to Mt. Pleasant. Ruth died in 2004. Esther was Ruth's best friend so after Ruth's death, Jack and Esther grew closer, and this past Thanksgiving holiday Jack and Ester enjoyed having all 32 of their combined family members in Charleston to celebrate a Commitment of Love between Esther and Jack.

Jack joined the Knights in 2008 and over the past six years has volunteered for most of our Council's projects every year. Jack is currently Chairman of Operation HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday). In addition to two "Tootsie Roll" projects last year, he successfully requested and received a \$1000 grant from The Wal-Mart Foundation.

Jack and Esther attend St. Benedict, where he serves on the Parish Finance Council and is a lector. Jack is also active in the community serving as Chairman in Rotary for CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust), delivering Meals on Wheels, supporting fundraising for the Charleston Symphony and volunteering with ITNCharleston Trident (Independent Transportation Network) which provides arm-through-arm, door-through-door transportation for seniors and the visually impaired. In his spare time, Jack reads at least one book per week, and he and Ester love traveling. One of their best trips was a whirlwind tour of Prague, Vienna, Venice, Florence, Rome, Athens, and the Greek Isles.

**CONGRATULATIONS JACK !!!**

**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. Maroun	216-0039
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	
Grand Knight	Frank Osage	614-7877
Deputy Grand Knight	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Chancellor	Bill Shoemaker	884-1378
Financial Secretary	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
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
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	Chris Anderson	416-8527
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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
	Ben Lapierre - SC of A	377-8003
Insurance Promotion		
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	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	703-338-7924
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AMERICA**

