



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everybody is staying cool and enjoying their summer. I am honored to have been chosen Grand Knight for the upcoming fraternal year. I look forward to serving you as your Grand Knight and will strive to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors.

This weekend, the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and I met to review last year's finances and finalize the 2016-2017 budget. You will be pleased to know that your Council donated over \$25K to various charitable organizations in 2015-2016. I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated, generous group of Catholic Men.

I hope to lead you in another strong year of fundraising in all of our well-established fundraising activities: the golf tournament, wreath sale, oyster roast, book sale, and spaghetti dinners – just to name a few. We will also be looking to establish other fundraisers to compliment these continually successful programs.

I encourage all of my fellow Brother Knights to join me and become more involved in what is the great success story of East Cooper Council 9475.

Fraternally,
Sean O'Toole, Grand Knight

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
Officers Meeting	07
Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	07
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Spirit Night at Raising Canes	13
1777 Hwy 17 N. 3PM to 8 PM	
Regular Business Meeting	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	



Join us for a Spirit "Knight" Fundraiser at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant to support the Knights of Columbus. **Eat at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant every 2nd Wednesday 2016 from 3-8 p.m. and Raising Cane's will donate 15% of their sales when you mention the Knights of Columbus!** You can dine in or drive-thru, just make sure to mention Knights of Columbus! Raising Cane's is located at 1777 Hwy. 17 N. in front of Lowe's at Towne Centre.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gerald Baty
Stephen Beach
Eric Bendig

Ruford Bolchoz
Gerald Bresnihan
William Brown
Thomas Brown
Brian Byrne
Jack Cleghorn
John Czarnecki
Edward Doyle
Anthony Francin
Thomas A. Franzone
John Gallagher
Matthew Kiefer
Thomas Knisley, Jr.
Todd Kravchuk



William Kunderling, Jr.
Melvin Lands
Ebbo Leonzio
John Maize
Mike McGinty
James Morini
Paul O'Rourke
Frank Osage
Steven Ruether
Barry Socia
Donald Thatcher
Ernie Torres
Jay Tronco
Michael Vasko
Henry Wolf

**Family of the Month June 2016
and Year 2016
Michael and Dawn O'Connor**

Michael and Dawn O'Connor moved from Long Island where Mike was a Police Officer and a 1st degree Knight. Dawn volunteered at their children's school as PTA President. Mike retired from the Police Department in 2008 and they moved to Mount Pleasant with their 3 children in 2009. Currently, Mike is the Warden for the 3rd degree Knights and is the outer Sentinel for the 4th degree Knights. Dawn and Mike teach the Baptism classes at St. Benedict, both are Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers at St. Benedict. They both volunteer with the Somerby Ministry and Dawn just finished teaching her 6th grade Religious Education class this year and is head of St. Benedict's Hospitality Ministry and a member of the Woman's Club at St. Benedict. Although Dawn doesn't know what she's going to do without Nicole for the Hospitality season coming up this fall, Nicole made her promise to keep the ministry under her wing so she could take it over when she returns home from college! Like his Dad, their son Michael is a 4th degree Knight and is current preparing for deployment with the Marines. Their daughter Nicole is graduating from Wando High School this month and will continue her education at Brevard College in NC majoring in Communications and Business Management and playing on their lacrosse team. Nicole has been a youth group member at St. Benedict since 2009, has attended Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference for the last 4 years and she's Dawn's right hand at St. Benedict's Hospitality. She has been an Assistant Religious Education Teacher and volunteer in the nursery. Their youngest, Jack is in the 7th grade and along with his good grades, he often assists Nicole in the St. Benedict Nursery and he's passionate about basketball. Mike and Dawn are enjoying watching their children grow, emulating positive examples for them to follow and are looking forward to enjoying the results!



Past Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker center recognizes Michael and Dawn O'Connor Family of the Year 2016 at the Installation of Officers.



**Knight of the Month
June 2016
Jerry Gimbert**

- Jerry is one of our busiest and most dedicated Knight's.
- He and Loretta have been married for 55 years and are blessed with four children and eight grandchildren.
- They are members of St. Clare of Assisi Parish on Daniel Island and serve as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Life Teen Core Team and St. Vincent De Paul Parish Conference.
- Jerry has been a Knight for 60 years serving in several Councils during that time period. He has also been an active member of the Councils holding the Office of GK, DGK, Recorder, Warden, Church Director and Family Director.
- Current activities include Co-Chair of the Book Sale, Operation Hope, Operation Shoe Box, 40 Days for Life and Home Works.

"CONGRATULATIONS JERRY"



Joe Harkins left acting Family Director presents Michael O'Connor center with Family of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker right presents Michael with Knights Cup.



Don Campbell left Council Director presents Jerry Gimbert center with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker right presented Jerry with Knights Cup.

**Knight of the Year 2016
Lou Richter**

Lou is a native Charlestonian where he attended the College of Charleston and what is now Trident Technical College. He is retired from the US Postal Service and the United States Army Reserve.

Lou has three grown children, two sons and one daughter, and five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He is a Fourth Degree Knight and serves on the 1st Degree Team providing the music for the Degree. He has served as Lecture and Inside Guard.

Lou is a member of Christ Our King Parish where he serves as a Sacristan, Usher and Altar Server. He also is a member of the Parish's Newcomers Committee and helps with the Church decorations.

Lou enjoys bowling and time with his family and friends.

"Congratulations Lou"



Past Grand Knight Bill Shoemaker left recognizes our Knight of the Year 2016 Lou Richter at the Installation of Officers.

**The following Brother Knights
were Installed into Office 2016 - 2017**

Grand Knight	Sean O'Toole
Deputy Grand Knight	Don Campbell
Chancellor	Kevin Cunnane
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski
Recorder	Robert Geberth
Warden	Michael O'Connor
Treasurer	Jim Welsch
Lecturer	Ron Davis
3rd Year Trustee	Bill Shoemaker
2nd Year Trustee	Frank Osage
1st Year Trustee	Tom A. Franzone
Advocate	Ryan Kinowski
Inside Guard	John Bride Jr.
Outside Guard	Matt Keifer



The Installation of the above Officers standing in a sign of the cross, after being installed into office on Tuesday June 21 in Christ Our King Life Center, Grace Hall 6 PM and dinner followed at Liberty Tap Room and Grill, 1028 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. at 7 PM. It was a good time for all that attended.

(To see more pictures go to kofc9475.org click on Album then click 2016-17 Officers Installation. Thank You to our Web-site Controller and Coordinator Neil Whitman.)

SPOUSE E-MAIL UPDATE:

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Christopher and Julia Anderson
 Anthony and Alma Certa
 Daniel and Kim Clerci
 Carl and Maureen Counasse
 Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett
 Wilson and Julie Gautreaux
 David and Holly Hunton*

*Keith and Donna Keohane
 Alfredo and Maria Lopez
 David and Lora McLaughlin
 Victor and Danielle Mroczkowski
 Scott and Margi Myers
 James and Charlyne Raih
 John and JoAnn Stadtmueller
 Vincent and Eva Ullo
 Tim and Tish Voit*

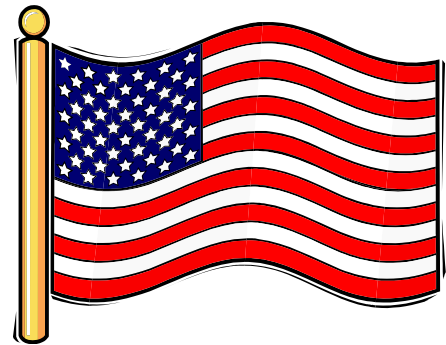


COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	843-884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	843-883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	843-471-2121
Grand Knight	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
Deputy Grand Knight	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Chancellor	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-972-8193
Recorder	Bob Geberth	845-282-5546
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Ryan Kinowski	518-229-8725
Warden	Michael O'Connor	843-416-8818
Inside Guard	John Bride Jr.	843-388-5147
Outside Guard	Matt Kiefer	843-991-5283
3 Yr. Trustee	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
2 Yr. Trustee	Frank Osage	843-830-7263
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom A. Franzone	843-884-5670
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-884-5670
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone COK	843-884-5670
	Jack Urbanic SM	843-886-2591
	Bobby Geberth - SB	843-654-9549
	Jerry Gimbert SC of A	843-655-9111
Vocations Chairman	Anthony Herlihy	843-388-7647
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	843-471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
Council Director	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	843-856-5034
Family Director	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Culture of Life Director	Fred Koch	843-884-1713
Youth Director	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Admission Chairman	Greg Raven	843-696-1182
Recruitment Committee	Jack Urbanic - SM	843-886-2591
	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Joe Harkins - SB	843-881-5768
	Thomas Gwiazdowski	757-373-4814
Retention Chairman	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
Retention Committee	Ron Davis - COK	843-856-4950
	Don Lindeman- SM	843-886-2591
	Stan Adams - SB	843-884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert - SC of A	843-655-9111
Insurance Promotion	John Bride	843-388-5147
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	843-856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	843-884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Frank Davis	
District Deputy	Ed McDowell	843-518-0963
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST

Officers Meeting	04
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	



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