



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

This is my last report as your Grand Knight, as Mark Lazo and the other newly-elected officers will assume their posts later this month. Please join me in congratulating the new members of your Board, and consider attending their **Induction Ceremony** to be held on **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00 pm** in Grace Hall of Christ Our King Parish.

I have been truly blessed and humbled to have served as your Grand Knight for this Silver Anniversary year and am deeply appreciative of the support and efforts made by everyone in the Council. Yes, this Council has been in existence for 25 years, and a fitting celebration will take place this fall to honor, remember, and celebrate the people who have made this possible.

Probably as most past GKs will understand, I look back over this past year and think about all of the agenda items that *I wish* I could have accomplished. Having said that, I have been reminded by several smarter, wiser, and more experienced Knights that *we have* come a long way this year, and any unfinished items can be continued under the new administration. Indeed, we have at least 25 new Brother Knights who joined our ranks this year! We have raised tens-of-thousands of dollars for our charitable works! We have enjoyed the fellowship of our fellow Knights and their families and many social and work party events! We have moved our business meetings into the fabulous facilities at St. Benedict Church, and now equally divide our activities among all three parishes east of the Cooper! Our Council has been recognized at the state level as a "Distinguished Council"! Indeed, it has been a good year----**Thank YOU!**

Although the Fraternal Year is ending, there is still much work to be done this month. On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, the officers will meet at Grace Hall at COK and will distribute funds to many charities and other organizations that we support. That meeting, as with all others, is open to the general membership, so please join us. As I write this article, we are awaiting numbers from our Used Book Sale that has just finished. Many thanks once again to John and Nancy Murphy, and to everyone who volunteered to make the sale a continued success! Unfortunately, there is not nearly enough room here to thank all those who deserve recognition for their work this year.

Finally, please promote the "**Open House**" that we are planning at **St. Benedict Parish on the weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is to offer snacks and drinks to prospective members and their families after each Mass, and share the many benefits that I (and hopefully you) enjoy as a Knight!

Vivat Jesus,

DJ Thatcher, Grand Knight

## OPEN HOUSE

There will be an **Open House at St. Benedict Parish** on the weekend of **June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** after each mass for all prospective Knights and their families.. Snacks and drinks will be served.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK - 7:30 AM	
Officer's Meeting_____	07
COK Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Open House_____	9&10
St. Benedict Parish Hall-after all masses	
Flag Day_____	14
Flag Day Ceremony_____	14
Yorktown-Patriots Point - 9 AM	
Father's Day_____	17
Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Installation of Officer's_____	25
COK - 6 PM	
Fourth Degree Officer's Meeting_____	27

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



James Ball  
Jerry Barnett  
John Demo  
Bill Evans

Michael Flato  
Richard Garcia  
Gregory Gormley  
Edward Ix  
Timothy Keenan  
Ken Kobularcik  
Patrick McDavid  
Edmund McMahon  
Scott Myers  
Kenneth Schwallie  
Mark Smith  
Timothy Trouche

**Family of Month**  
**May, 2012**  
**Nancy and John Murphy**

John and Nancy are originally from Michigan, but lived in Atlanta for over 35 years before moving to Mt. Pleasant in 2001. They have three children and one granddaughter and have been married for 52 years.

John and Nancy are members of Christ Our King Parish where they lector at the 7:30 Mass.

John joined the Knights in 1962 and has served as Outside Guard, Warden and Chancellor of the Council and Faithful Pilot of the Assembly. He has been a member of the First Degree team for the last five years..

John's activities with the Knights include volunteering for the Spaghetti Supper, KOC Bazaar, Oyster Roast, Harbor Cruise, Operation Hope and Christmas wreath sales.

John founded and has headed up the Book Sale for ten years.

Nancy volunteers with Respite Care of Charleston and I-Beam.

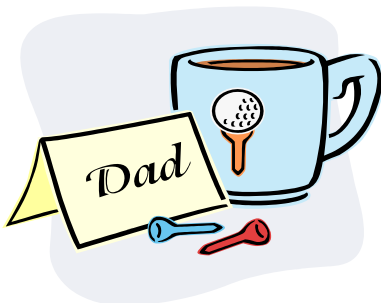
Together they enjoy golf, reading and playing bridge.

**Congratulations John and Nancy !!!!!**

**2012-2013 Officer's**

<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Mark Lazo</b>
<b>D. Grand Knight</b>	<b>Frank Osage</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Jerry Barnett</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Joe Harkins</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Neil Whitman</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Michael Fabrizio</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Ron Davis</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Matt Story</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Ron Bellonio</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Stanley Adams</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Richard Bachschmidt</b>
<b>3rd Year Trustee</b>	<b>DJ Thatcher</b>

These are your new officer's for the 2012-2013 fraternal year. The installation will be held a Christ Our King on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6 PM.



**Knight of the Month**  
**May, 2012**  
**Joe Scheirman**

Joe has been married to Jeannie for 36 years and have three children from Charleston, WV until 2008 when they became members of St. Benedict Parish. Their Children: Jeff (deceased in May 2001); Jennifer (married to Dave Mason) parish member of St. Benedict; and Jo Ellen (married to Jay Carpenter) parish members of Blessed Sacrament in South Charleston, WV. They have three grandchildren by Jennifer and Dave; Jeffrey age 10; Caitlin age 8; and Caleb Joseph age 4.

Joe joined Council 771 in Charleston, WV in 2006 and transferred to Council 9475 in 2008, where he quickly took his 2nd and 3rd degrees in 2008. Joe received his 4th degree in Myrtle Beach in 2009 and is a Charter Member of Assembly 3243 fourth Degree, holding a couple of officer positions, most recent to be installed as the Faithful Pilot.

Joe works in the Christmas Wreath Sales; Stella Maris Soup and Sandwich Supper; The Book Sale; Spaghetti Dinner; and Assists in Operation Hope.

Joe is a Eucharistic Minister and his wife is a Lector and a Ala Carte Chef at St. Benedict; Joe just completed a 24 week class at St. Benedict in the Great Bible Timetable Course

Joe was born in Charleston, WV and lived their for 58 years. After graduating from the University of Charleston he joined the Charleston Police Department, worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Circuit Clerk in the County Court System in Charleston; and retired from the Department of the Army as a Supervisory Staff Administrator for a Brigade with 25 years of service as a civilian and 38 years as a Operations Sergeant Major in the Army Reserves.

Both Jeannie and Joe enjoy going to their grandchildren's soccer and swimming competitions reading at the beach, going to movies, and gardening. Joe is a recent graduate of the Mount Pleasant Citizens Police Academy and can assist the department when needed.

**Congratulations Joe !!!!!**

**FOURTH DEGREE**

The assembly will hold a Flag Day ceremony on June 14 on the flight deck of the Yorktown. All Brother Knights are invited. The Assembly along with the Boy Scouts will present the colors, raise the flag and honor our veteran members. The Boy Scouts will accept old flags to be properly retired. The ceremony brings at 9 AM.

**Happy Father's Day**  
**Sunday, June 17, 2012**

## INSURANCE

Dear Brother Knights,

Memorial Day is past and summer is upon us. For many of us that doesn't make much difference except that we will be either spending more time in the air conditioning or enjoying the water, but for others summer is totally different than the rest of the year.

The same is true in our personal lives. For many of us there will be no significant changes this year so this year is pretty much like last year. But for others, we will be getting married, welcoming a new baby, changing jobs, buying a new house or retiring. And when these changes occur we need to revisit our finances and everything associated with our financial plans. (Or if we don't have a financial plan, now is a good time to develop one.)

And one of the key components of our financial plan should be life insurance and what we need—or more accurately—what we and those around us need. Maybe we need to increase coverage, and maybe we need to decrease coverage, but if there has been a significant change, now is the best time to look at what we have and what we need.

And to help create a financial plan is one of the key roles of your Knights of Columbus field agent. I have professional financial planning software that is at your disposal just for the asking. In a short time we can input your data and see how you are doing and create that plan.

Enjoy our South Carolina summer!

Your Brother Knight  
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### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Stanley and Jean Adams  
Daniel and Phyllis Ames  
Albert and Jane Baciocco  
John and Angela Demo  
Mark and Diane Dickson  
Darryl and Angela Elliott  
Raymond and Barbara Franz  
Gene and Natalie Knisley  
Patrick and Jane McDavid  
Edmund and Kathy McDowell  
Daniel and Tammy Nesbit  
John and Jackie Reeb  
William and Penny Shoemaker  
Don and Kim Slowek*

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
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	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



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AND  
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**