



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

In thinking about these monthly newsletter reports, it struck me that the intended audience for them is really the Brother Knights who do not regularly participate in the Council activities. For example, many of our Brothers may not realize that we just experienced a wonderful, and successful, oyster roast. Hats off to Tom Franzone and his group of Knights and family members who made the event very enjoyable. Additionally, absent members may not realize that Neil and Melinda Whitman are graciously opening up their home again this year for their annual Super bowl Party. Our Council will provide basic food and drinks, and each of us is encouraged to bring a dish to share. This social is a terrific opportunity to become re-acquainted with your Brother Knights, and is also a great venue for inviting a *potential* Brother Knight and his spouse. For the sports enthusiast, our Council is also presently running the annual basketball free-throw championship, and additional help is always needed.

Non-participating Brother Knights may also not realize that we have had the pleasure of hearing from some wonderful guest speakers at out dinner meetings over the past few months. Chancellor Frank Osage is doing an outstanding job lining up guests such as Mt. Pleasant Mayor Billy Swails, among other notable names. For those Knights who have not participated in a Council activity in some time, I encourage you to come and check out all that is happening, including our move to St. Benedict's Parish, **where we will hold our dinner meetings beginning this month.** For those members who are actively involved, please invite and *bring along* a Brother Knight who is not active, so that they may experience all that we have to offer.

On a final note; one reason why some members do not take an active role in the Council is because they have never become "full-fledged" Knights by becoming Second or Third Degree members. Our Council has a rather high percentage of First Degree-only Brothers. That issue can be resolved this month, as several degree ceremonies will take place in our vicinity. Please contact me with your questions or concerns about the Council, and about how you can reap the *full* benefits of your membership!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Officer Meeting_____	01
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/ Rosary_____	03
COK - 7:30 AM	
Business Meeting_____	15
St. Benedict's Church Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
St. Patrick's Day_____	17
KOC Day of the Unborn Child_____	25
Soup & Sandwich_____	28
Stella Maris - 6:30 PM	
4th Degree Business Meeting/Officer Elections_____	28
Founder's Day_____	29
March 29, 1882	
Cooper River Bridge Run_____	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Daniel Ames
Maurice Artigues
Albert Baciocco
Matthew Blackwood
R. Joseph J. Bolchoz, Jr.
Mark Calabrese
James Carter
Gerard Gaeta
Henry Miller
Navarro Paragano
Jim Posda
John Reeb
Joseph Rosenberger
Barry Strumer
Ross Sullivan
Jon Tirpak
Tim Volt
Steven White
Neil Whitman

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Family of the Month
February, 2012
Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz**

Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz are native Charlestonians and have been married for 58 years. They've been blessed with 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

Ruford joined the Knights of Columbus in 1952, has been a 4th Degree member for 43 years, and is a Charter Member of our Council. He's a Former Grand Knight and an Honorary Life Member of the 3rd Degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolchoz are active in the parish at Christ Our King.

Ruford enjoys music and poker. Margaret enjoys reading, cooking, and playing Solitaire.

CONGRATULATIONS RUFORD AND MARGARET !!!!!

Soup and Sandwich

**When: Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Where: Stella Maris
Time: 6 PM**

Please bring a crockpot of your best soup or a tray (two loaves of bread) of your favorite sandwiches. We have a tradition to uphold, Msgr. McNerny has never had "his" knights let people go home hungry! Bring your sandwiches or soup to the hall at 6 pm or sooner, stations begin at 6:15 pm followed by the soup and sandwich meal. Please note all members are asked to participate.

Call Jack Urbanic if you have questions at 886-2591

CONGRATULATIONS

On February 4, 2012 the following Knights made their Third Degree.

Marion Wright
Edmond McDowell
John Demo

On February 25, 2012 the following Knights made their Fourth Degree.

Richard Bachschmidt
Chuck Davidson
Ron Bellonio
Father Bosco

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!!!!



**Knight of the Month
February, 2012
John J. Vax**

Jack was born in Pittston, Pa. 82 years ago. He graduated from the University of Scranton, (a Jesuit School), earning his way through school, working in hotels in the Pocono Mountains, then served in the US Army.

After discharge, he worked as an Assistant Manager of a hotel in Towanda PA. and married Ruth whom he met at Fort Knox. Later worked at hotels in Chicago and Washington DC. While in Washington, he worked for the Federal Housing Administration and was promoted and transferred to Charlotte, NC. And Atlanta GA. During this period, Jack and Ruth had their four children who were born in three different cities. His two oldest daughters now live in Brighton, Michigan with their families. One daughter and family lives in St. Paul, Minnesota and his son lives in Prague, Czech Republic with his two children who speak three different languages. Jack has nine grandchildren.

Leaving the FHA, Jack took a position with a bank in Chicago as assistant Vice President; Ultimately, Jack became the President of the Evanston Bank and the First National Bank of Wheaton.

He retired in 1995 and moved to Mt. Pleasant, Ruth passed away 8 years ago and Jack has found a life long companion in Esther. Along with his volunteering in the many K of C projects, Jack has served on the boards of East Cooper Meals on Wheels, East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, East Cooper Rotary Club, Fund raising for the Charleston Symphony, but he gets his biggest kicks out of volunteering for ITN Charleston where he transports seniors and visually impaired people to their designated rounds to Doctors, Churches, Hairdressers etc.

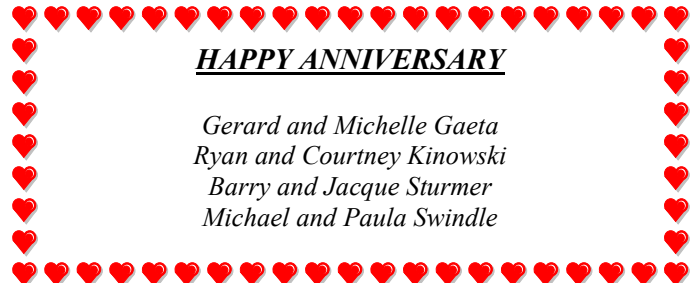
Jack became a fourth degree Knight last year and is currently serving as a lector and is on the Finance Committee of St. Benedict's in Mt. Pleasant.

He and Esther are planning a trip to Hawaii in late spring.

CONGRATULATIONS JACK !!!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Gerard and Michelle Gaeta
Ryan and Courtney Kinowski
Barry and Jacque Sturmer
Michael and Paula Swindle*



Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we need to assess where we are and where we want to be. This is true of where we are as Catholics, where we are as Knights, and where we are as members of our families.

As Catholics, we should be looking at improving our relationship with Our Lord and becoming better Catholics.

As Knights we should be trying to help our Brother Knights, when called upon, to make their lives better. Or helping with that fundraiser to help our Council, our Church, or our community.

As members of our families, and in following in the tradition set by Fr. McGivney, we should also be assessing how well we have protected our family. I can't help you with the first two items, but I am ready and willing to help you with this last item!

If I can be of assistance. Please give me a call.

Your Brother Knight,
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Youth of the Month
February, 2012
Joe Story

Joe is a 7th grader at Christ Our King/Stella Maris School. He is 13 years old. He and his family attend Stella Maris Church where he is an Altar Server for the last 5 years. Joe also is a Buddy Walk volunteer.

Joe is on the Football team, Basketball team, Boy Scout Troop 59, Crusader Choir. Congratulations to Joe Story for being named Youth of the Month for February.

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
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Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone COK	884-5670
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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
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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
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Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
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CALENDAR OF THE MONTH
APRIL

Palm Sunday	01
Holy Thursday	05
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Mares - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting	05
COK Life Center - 7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK - 7:30 AM	
Easter Sunday	08
Business Meeting	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	29



GOD BLESS AMERICA
AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS