



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights:

We are in the midst of the Holy Season of Lent, it is a time to recall once again our themes of the year: Charity and Fraternity. I hope during the Season of Lent you will take time to volunteer at your Church or within our Community for those in need.

In the spirit of being Fraternal, call or visit one of our Brother Knights who is sick or you haven't talked with for a while.

Congratulations to our Brother Knights who made their Second and Third Degree last month: Robert Geberth and John Karnaszewski.

I hope will sign up for a time slot during our 24 hour Vigil at the Abortion Clinic. The Knights of Columbus have always been a strong supporter of Life.

Our Council needs you or your company as a sponsor or a team for our Council Golf Tournament. It is a great way to be involved and to be supportive of our three charities.

Let us remember Brother Knight Hoyt Kiser who joined his Lord on February 10. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord. Please remember in your thoughts and prayers, his three sons.

Fraternally,

Frank Oage
Grand Knight

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Sir Knights, Victor Mroczkowski, Greg Raven, Justin Gaeta, and James Morini who received their Fourth-Degree on February 21st in Columbia, SC.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

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| 24 Hr. Vigil at Abortion Clinic | 02 |
| Golf Tournament | 04 |
| Officers Meeting | 05 |
| COK—Life Center—7PM | |
| Nocturnal Adoration | 05 |
| Stella Maris—8PM to 8AM | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | 06 |
| COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM | |
| Pro-Life/Rosary | 07 |
| COK—7:30 AM | |
| St. Patrick's Day | 17 |
| St. Joseph's Day | 19 |
| Regular Business Meeting | 19 |
| St. Benedict's Parish Hall | |
| Dinner: 6:30 PM | |
| Meeting: 7:00 PM | |
| State Free Throw Contest | 21 |
| St. Joseph's—Columbia, SC. | |
| Council Membership Day | 22 |
| Stella Maris—after Masses | |
| Knights of Columbus—Day of the Unborn | 23 |
| Palm Sunday | 29 |
| Founder's Day | 29 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Daniel Ames | Joseph Rosenberger |
| Albert Baciocco | Barry Sturmer |
| Matthew Blackwood | Jon Tirpak |
| R. Joseph Bolchoz, Jr. | Tim Voit |
| Mark Calabrese | Steven White |
| James Carter | |
| Neil Whitman | |
| Gerard Gaeta | |
| Alfred Lopez | |
| Henry Miller | |
| Joe Mule | |
| Joseph Myers | |
| Nazario Paragano | |



FAMILY OF THE MONTH
February, 2015
Jerry and Loretta Gimbert

Jerry and Loretta have been married for 53 years. Jerry was born in Pittsburgh, PA and Loretta was born in Roanoke, VA. They both grew up and graduated from high school in 1955 and 1956 in Roanoke. They attended different high schools so did not know each other until their meeting at Virginia Beach in 1958, when Jerry was in the Navy, stationed in Norfolk. Loretta attended National Business College and worked with the telephone company in Roanoke and Blacksburg.

Jerry and Loretta were married in 1961 and have four children, Chad and wife, Ellen, live in Oak Ridge, NC. Clark and wife, Amy, live in Dacula, GA. Angela and husband, Reece, live in Mt. Pleasant and Adam and wife Kelli, live in Myrtle Beach. Jerry and Loretta are blessed with the joy of grandchildren from each family with a total of eight, ages 1 year to 25 years, making family (all 18) times together a real celebration.

Jerry worked with Western Auto and True Value Hardware in franchise sales for 30 years. He and his family lived and worked in the Atlanta, GA, Charlotte, NC and Dover, DE areas. Loretta worked in the school system in Georgia, as executive secretary for 13 years in Charlotte and secretary for 6 years in Dover. Both Jerry and Loretta retired in Dover and moved to South Carolina in 2003 to be close to family.

Jerry and Loretta were active at Christ Our King, Jerry with the Knights and volunteering in The Way of the Cross Garden and Loretta volunteers with the I-Beam program as a reading mentor. They now are parishioners at St. Clare of Assisi where Jerry is involved with the Life Teen Ministry, Men's Club and is an Eucharistic Minister. Loretta is a member of the Environmental Team. They enjoy being a part of this new faith community working together toward a new parish.



Jerry Gimbert center receiving Holy Family Plaque from Grand Knight Frank Osage left and Family of the Month Certificate from Warden and acting Family Director Michael O'Connor right.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
February, 2015
Don Campbell

Born in Connecticut, Don Campbell's family moved to Charleston when he was 8 years old. He grew up in Hobcaw, went to Bishop England and graduated a "Who's Who Among Students" from Citadel. Don and his wife Kathy have been married for 33 years. They have two sons—Chris, who plans to marry this May; and Miles, who will graduate from College of Charleston this May.

Don served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force, working as a Program Manager and Comptroller, retiring with the rank of Colonel. Kathy, who also retired as a Colonel, was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy and was stationed at the Pentagon on 9/11/2001. They met at their first assignment in Dayton, OH. Don has an MBA from University of Dayton, and a Master's Degree in International Studies from National Defense University. After retiring from the Air Force, the National Security Agency hired Don to build the largest computer system ever attempted. Don also served on the U.S. House Select Committee on Intelligence and was only staffer to work for both Republican and Democrat parties. After traveling around the world in this job for four years, Don determined it was time to move back home in Mt Pleasant and he settled in Sneer Farm in 2011.

Don joined the Knights in 2011 and is a 4th Degree. He and Kathy serve as a Pro-Life couple. They organize a 24-hr vigil at the abortion clinic twice a year, and the annual March for Life in Columbia. He also volunteers with the annual Knights of Columbus golf tournament – responsible for collecting tournament and door prizes (up to 70+ prizes). This past year he also helped with the wreath sale, oyster roast, and made hundreds of funnel cakes for Christ Our King Bazaar.

Don attends Christ of King and remembers when the parish church was the school gym and they sang "Bridge Over Troubled Water" at every Mass. Don is an usher at the 7:30 morning Mass.

Don enjoys golf, fishing, cycling and antiques, and living close to his family—with his three brothers and sister in Charleston. Kevin, his oldest brother, is a fellow Knight. Don has served as President of the Mt. Pleasant Exchange club which raises money for the prevention of child abuse, was elected to the Sneer Farm Community Board of Directors, and is heavily involved in the National Cursillo Movement.



Don Campbell right receives Certificate & Cup from Deputy Grand Knight and acting Council Director Jerry Barnett left.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Drivers to take people to doctor's appointments
 Contact Jack Vax—856-2212
 Vigil at Abortion Clinic
 Contact Don Campbell—471-1085
 Golf Tournament
 Contact Jim Welsch—849-1979
 K of C Membership Weekend—Stella Maris
 Contact Jack Urbanic 886-2591

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Gerard and Michelle Gaeta
 Timothy and Sue Hensch
 Ryan and Courtney Kinowski
 Charles and Susan Momeier
 Herman and Kathleen Pundt
 Barry and Jacquie Sturmer*

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

February, 2015
Jack Wysong

Jack and his family moved to South Carolina fromn Virginia in 1996. He is a 7th grader at Christ Our King School and is a straight A student. Jack is a member of the Chorus at COK.. He belongs to the Mount Pleasant Recreation U12 Travel Football Team, State Champions and the Trident Area Basketball Team (tri-county travel team) Jack is also a member of the Boy Scout Troop 529, rank: Second Class.

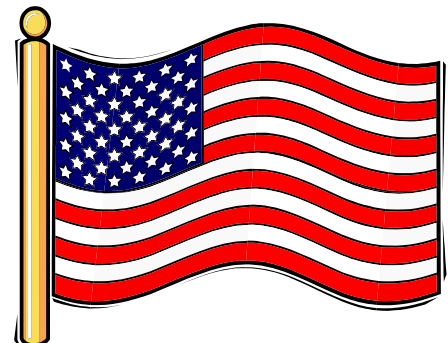
Community activities include the Beach Sweep and the Water Walk. Jack has three younger sisters whom he has taken care of while his mother has been ill.



Grand Knight Frank Osage left hands Jack \$25.00 Gift Certificate to a religious gift and book store. Youth Director Sean O'Tool right present Jack with Youth Award Certificate.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter | 884-5587 |
| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney | 883-3109 |
| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Vincent Y. Maroun | 216-0039 |
| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Timothy West | 471-2121 |
| Grand Knight | Frank Osage | 614-7877 |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Jerry Barnett | 884-0210 |
| Chancellor | Bill Shoemaker | 884-1378 |
| Financial Secretary | Jeff Pulaski | 972-8193 |
| Recorder | Neil Whitman | 856-5034 |
| Treasurer | Jack Vax | 856-2212 |
| 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 |
| | Jerry Gimbert SC of A | 655-9111 |
| 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 | Sean O'Tool | 404-271-3999 |
| Membership Director | Joe Harkins | 881-5768 |
| Admission Chairman | Bill Shoemaker | 884-1378 |
| 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 |
| | Jerry Gimbert - SC of A | 655-9111 |
| Insurance Promotion | John Bride | 388-5147 |
| 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 | Ed McDowell | 518-0963 |
| Insurance Agent | Paul Harrington | 706-338-7924 |
| Supreme Fraternal Services | | 203-772-2130 |





Grand Knight Frank Osage left receives State Deputy's Recognition of Achievement Award from District Deputy Edmund McDowell



Congratulations to both Brother Knights John Karnaszewski left and Robert Geberth who made their 2nd and 3rd Degree Saturday February 14, 2015

Minutes

The February 26, 2015 business meeting of the Rev. John McLaughlin Council #9475 of the Knights of Columbus began at 7:15pm at the St. Benedict's Church Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. The Warden reported that all brothers in the hall were in possession of a valid membership card. A list of attendees is recorded in the Council Meeting Minutes book.

GK Frank Osage called the meeting to order led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer.

REPORTS

Grand Knight

- Welcome to Marco Vasquez
- A silent prayer was offered for Hoyt Kiser, a card sent to his son Richard and a Mass is being offered in his memory
- Thanks to all who contributed to the Soup and Sandwich at Stella Maris
- We need support for the Vigil at the abortion clinic
- Supreme has asked us to make March our recruitment month. A recruitment event will be held at Stella Maris on March 22
- Thanks to Tom Franzone, Mark Lazo and all who contributed to the oyster roast which netted \$4632.84
- Thanks to Jim and Charlyne Raih for hosting our Superbowl Party
- GK Osage urged us to make Lent a time to deepen our faith
- Supreme has offered a significant reduction in per capita for councils that achieve Star Council
- A men's conference hosted by the Bishop will be held in Rock Hill on March 7th

Financial

- We have 172 associate, 99 insurance, 14 inactive, 2 honorary, 28 honorary life, and 3 disabled

Treasurer

- Savings \$6230.42 Checking \$15352.62 Total \$21583.04

Programs

Church

COK

- We continue to serve as altar servers, ushers, and in other ministries. We need ushers for the noon and 7pm Mass.

Stella Maris

- Thank You for supporting Soup and Sandwich after Station of the Cross Wednesday 25th.

St. Clair of Assisi

- Father West is recovering nicely

Community

- Knight of the month – Don Campbell
- Family of the month – Jerry and Loretta Gimbert
- Youth of the month – Jack Wysong

New/Old Business/Dates

- Culture of Life – 24 hour vigil is set for March 2
- The golf tournament is set for March 4th

Insurance

- No report

4th Degree

- Justin Gaeta, Victor Mroczkowski, James Morini and Greg Raven received the honors of the 4th degree

District Deputy

- Greetings from Supreme and State officers.
- Joe Harkins was awarded a shirt for his contributions.
- We received a certificate recognizing our \$850 contribution for an ultra sound machine
- We were urged to attend Mass together during Lent.

Good of the Order

- Keep Sandra Robinson, Father West and Joan Bellonio in your prayers.

GK Frank Osage led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Whitman
Recorder