



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

As I write this update my wife Allyson and I have just returned from the KofC State Convention that was held in Columbia from April 27-29. Many thanks are given to PGK Jim Pancake and his wife Rita, and to Ron and Joan Bellonio for attending the convention as a Delegate and alternate, respectively. The convention was humbling to some degree in the sense that, as the second-largest Council in the state, only six of us attended. Many smaller Councils had significantly greater numbers of members who attended. These state-wide events are excellent venues for learning how our Council contributes to the overall mission of the Supreme Council, and also enable us to learn first-hand what other groups are doing to contribute to their regions. Consider attending in the future! I am proud to report that ours was one of a handful of Councils to receive the "Distinguished Council Award" for our success with the Inter-Council Competition. Many thanks go to Mike Swindle, who submitted volumes of paperwork that verified our efforts!

Some stats that we learned at the convention include the fact that Catholics now make up about 4% of the population in South Carolina, with the vast majority living in the Lowcountry. Of these Catholics, 8700 are members of the KofC and donated \$10.4 million to their communities last year. These are impressive numbers, no doubt, yet we can do better. Bishop Gugliemone, a Fourth Degree Knight, addressed the attendees and stressed the importance of encouraging ALL eligible Catholic men to join our Order. In particular, he emphasized that members of the clergy are NOT to be engaging in direct political battles, but that the lay members of the Church, and particularly the Knights, absolutely should.

One example of how the Knights assist on this front is that, during the convention, a Resolution was unanimously passed that calls upon our government to stop violating our First Amendment protection of religious liberty. This resolution directly addresses the issue of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate that has dominated the news recently. More details will be provided in upcoming emails.

Although we have fun as active Knights and contribute greatly to our local community, remember that we are also a very large and effective organization that wields significant influence over national issues that we face. Stay tuned for more information and for specifics about how we each can contribute...

Vivat Jesus,

DJ Thatcher
Grand Knight



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

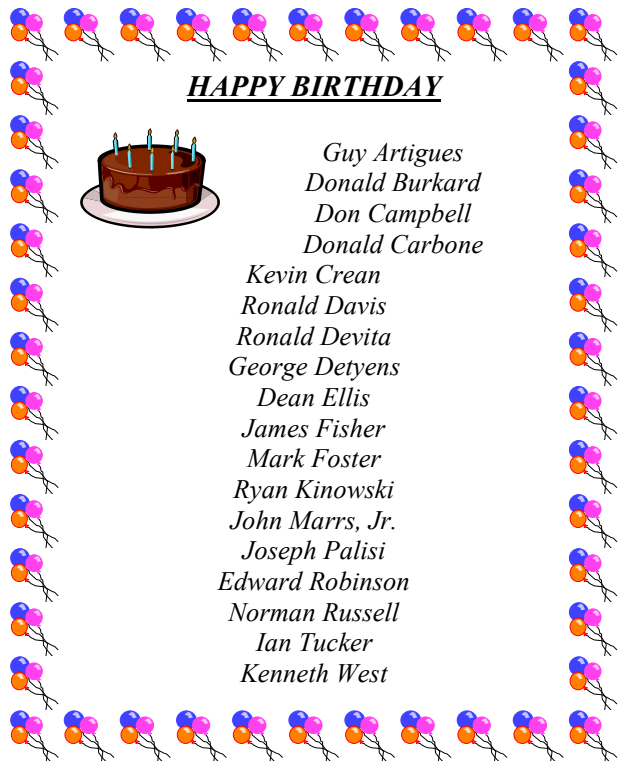
MAY

Officer's Meeting	03
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	03
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	04
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	05
COK - 7:30 AM	
Mother's Day	13
Business Meeting	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Book Sale	18 - 25
Seaside Farms by (Target)	
Feast of the Ascension	20
Family Picnic	20
Wild Dunes property owners clubhouse	
3 PM to 6 PM	
Business Meeting - Stella Maris	23
Assembly 3243	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Memorial Day	28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Guy Artigues
 Donald Burkard
 Don Campbell
 Donald Carbone
 Kevin Crean
 Ronald Davis
 Ronald Devita
 George Detyens
 Dean Ellis
 James Fisher
 Mark Foster
 Ryan Kinowski
 John Marrs, Jr.
 Joseph Palisi
 Edward Robinson
 Norman Russell
 Ian Tucker
 Kenneth West



Family of the Month
April, 2012
Jerry and Diana Barnett

Jerry and Diana were married in September, 1977 and have two grown children, Jason and Beth, who are twins. They have two granddaughters, Abigail and Anna Grace, and another granddaughter, Makenzie Caroline, on the way in June. Both children graduated from COK-SM ,Bishop England and live in Hanahan.

Jerry spent 4 years in the USAF from 1954 – 1958 and holds an Associates Degree in Safety and Fire Protection from the University of Wisconsin & Joliet Junior College. He was employed by Amoco Chemicals in 1959 and after 36 years retired as Safety Superintendent in 1994. He enjoys fishing, shrimping and yard work. He is a charter member of the K of C Council #9475, where he was Chancellor for 2 years and a charter member of the 4th degree K of C Assembly #3243. He helps with the book sale, spaghetti dinner, Christmas Child, Christmas wreath sales, and works in the food booth at the school bazaar. Jerry has been a member of the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club since 1976 and has been on the Executive Board since 1986.

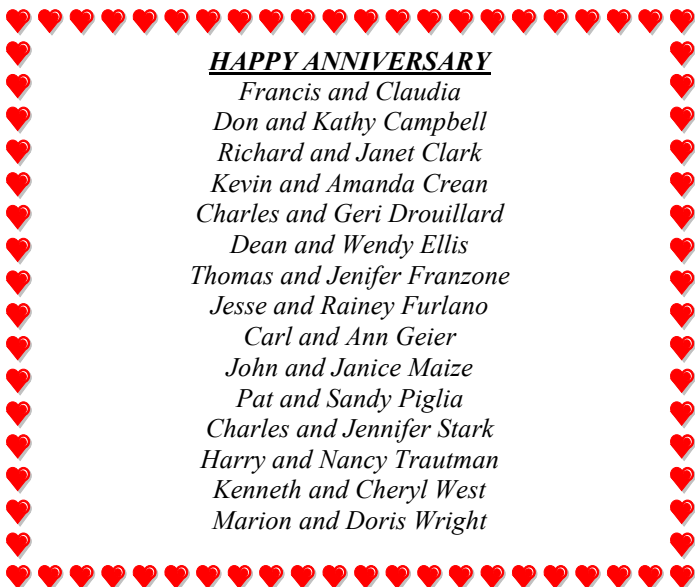
Diana retired in 2002 as Director of the After School Program at Christ Our King School. She helps with the spaghetti dinner, helps organize the hospitality suite at the 4th degree exemplification in Columbia, and is a greeter. She enjoys reading, gardening and taking care of their granddaughters.

Jerry and Diana are active members of Christ Our King since 1979, where Jerry is Usher Captain at the 12 noon mass.

CONGRATULATIONS JERRY AND DIANA !!!!!

Book Sale

Book Sale will be held in Seaside Farms from May 18 to 25. Store hours are Monday thur Saturday 9:30 AM to 6 PM and Sunday 10:30 AM to 5 PM.



Knight of the Month
April, 2012
Edmond McDowell

Edmond was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, attended Northeast Catholic High School, and graduated from La Salle University, married Frances Kathleen nee Farrell also born and raised in Philadelphia. They were married on June 9, 1962. They have four children, a son (deceased) and three daughters, Kathleen, Karen, and Tara. Kathleen is married, lives in Pennsylvania, and has four daughters; Karen is married, lives in North Carolina, and has two sons and one daughter. Tara is single, lives in Maryland, and is a practicing attorney.

They have lived in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, California and Virginia.

Upon Graduating from La Salle Edmond was an Assistant Manager for Robert Hall Clothes. In June of 1964 he joined the U.S. Border Patrol and was assigned to the Laredo, TX station. In January 1970 he joined the U.S. Secret Service and was assigned to the New York City office. While a Special Agent he had the opportunity to protect Presidents of the U.S., foreign heads of state, work counterfeit cases and was assigned to the Department of Justice Organized Crime task force. His last assignment was with the Uniformed Forces and Firearms Training as the Special Agent in Charge.

Following his retirement from the Secret Service he entered the corporate world and held various positions in security the last position being Vice President of Corporate security at ACE Insurance a Property and Casualty Co.

After retiring from ACE they moved to Mount Pleasant in 2005. Kathy and Edmond started to follow their desire to travel. They have taken a cruise to Alaska, a river cruise down the Danube during Christmas time, and have traveled to Australia and New Zealand. This year they are traveling to Tuscany Italy.

Edmond joined the Knights in 2011 at Christ Our King and is currently a third degree Knight. He has helped at the Intellectually Disabled program, the Free Throw event and the Oyster Roast.

For the last four years Edmond has been lector at Christ Our King and Kathy is a volunteer at ECCO.

CONGRATULATIONS EDMOND !!!!!

2012 - 2013 Officer Nominations

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

These candidates to be presented at the April regular business meeting and voted on at the May regular business meeting.

Nominating Committee: Joe Harkins, Tom Franzone, and Jack Urbanic

INSURANCE

Dear Brother Knights,

Spring is upon us, which means nice weather and spring cleaning. So as part of your spring cleaning, maybe it's time to look at your insurance needs. And just like with spring cleaning, some people don't need to do it because they are always up-to-date. But for the majority of us, we aren't always up-to-date and so spring cleaning is necessary to begin anew.

So I would just like to ask a few questions to help you think about your needs. Do you have any insurance at all? And if not, are you satisfied with not having any? If you have insurance at work, are you taking advantage of it? And if yes, do you have the right amount of insurance? And if you leave work or retire, do you have any insurance outside of work, or will your coverage then go to zero?

If you are like most of us it probably time so why not give me a call and we can get together and look at what you have and what you need. And then you are done with this spring cleaning job for another couple of years. And just like spring cleaning at home, when you are done, you will feel much better!

Your Brother Knight,
Steve Kramp, FICF
Knights of Columbus Field Agent
Stephen.Kramp@kofc.org or (843) 771-2437

Youth of the Month April, 2012 Hannah Roth

Hannah is in 11th grade at the Charleston School of the Arts and has a high A/B academic average. She is a dance major. Hannah also is an ice-skater and practices before school several days a week. Last summer, she worked as a IOP beach lifeguard. During the school year, she works at a bowling alley.

Hannah has been a member of the Stella Maris Catholic Church high school youth group for three years. She has consistently participated in youth group weekly meetings and has encouraged others to participate by offering to give them a ride and calling to remind them. Hannah has participated in several service projects including: Home Works of America, L>E>A>R>N> Horse Rescue and Special Olympics - Mid Winter Games. Hannah volunteered to help with the 2011 COK 8th grade Confirmation Retreat. She also participated in the Coastal Catholic Fall retreat in 2010 and 2011. Recently Hannah attended the March for Life in Washington D.C. Hannah co-teaches a Sunday CCD class and frequently participates in the monthly youth mass.

Hannah Roth stands out as an example of a very active teen that makes time to give back to her church and her community, she is a strong woman that realizes the importance of having a relationship with God.

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH!!!!

4th 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.

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**