



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have emerged from our Lenten observance and have celebrated the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we emerge from this time of reflection and head into the busy spring season I ask that each of you remember to continue to support your Council and get involved because it's a lot of fun being a Knight.

We have just recently completed the majority of our annual fund raising functions and I would like to thank John Murphy for another successful book sale, Tom Franzone for a fabulous oyster roast and Tim Davis for yet another outstanding spaghetti dinner. These fund raisers allow us to support the charities of our choice, our local clergy and seminarians, and in the case of Operation Hope, children with special needs.

Before we know it our fraternal year will be coming to a close and I will be stepping down as your Grand Knight. It has come time to nominate a slate of new officers for the upcoming year. I have gotten some commitments from current officers and some future officers. If you can find it in your heart to help guide this wonderful council please contact me or one of the Trustees. We will present the slate of nominated officers at the next business meeting.

Alex Swanson, age 12, representing our Council at the State Free Throw Contest scored the highest in his age group, making 21 of 25 buckets. Congratulation Alex!

Until next month, may God bless and keep you,

John Gallagher  
Grand Knight

## WINE TASTING SOCIAL Saturday, April 19, 7 pm

Michael & Paula Swindle  
695 Lake Point  
Wakendaw Lakes Subdivision  
MTP 29464  
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maps/695+Lake+Pt+Mount+Pleasant+SC+29464-5121/](http://www.mapquest.com/maps/695+Lake+Pt+Mount+Pleasant+SC+29464-5121/)

We will be tasting three whites and three reds from around the world (New Zealand, Italy, South Africa, California, Germany). All of these wines are medal winners in Best Values categories (<\$15). Handout material will be provided and we will have some games and educational activities with the event. Please bring a hor de overs. No RSVP required.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

April Fools Day_____	01
Officer's Meeting_____	03
Life Center—7PM	
Third Degree_____	12
Summerville Council	
World Day of Prayer for Vocations _____	13
Monthly Business Meeting_____	15
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner at 6:30 PM	
Meeting at 7:30 PM	
Wine Tasting Social_____	19
Michael & Paula Swindle	
695 Lake Point	
Wakendaw Lakes	
National Volunteer Week_____	April 27—May 3

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Paul Barrera*  
*Stephen Chadwick*  
*Philip Chuy*  
*Paul Donohue*  
*James Dubrouillet*  
*Michael Fabrizio*  
*Terry Johnson*  
*Richard Karkowski*  
*Mark Lipsmeyer*  
*David Lugo*  
*Michael Ricciardone*  
*Michael Roth*  
*William Russo*  
*Richard Schiliro*  
*Robert Summers*

**Ask a friend and his family to  
 join us in the Knights of  
 Columbus**

**Michael Fabrizio  
Knight of the Month  
April, 2008**

Michael, a third degree Knight, was born just outside Washington DC, and grew up on a small family farm in Orange County Virginia. He played varsity football, basketball and track, and was a member of the National Honor society in high school. Michael attended North Carolina State University graduating with High Honors in 1980, obtaining a degree in Turfgrass Management from the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He then moved to Sullivan's Island where he began his career in golf course management with the construction of the Links course at Wild Dunes. During that time he attended Stella Maris Church, where his daughter was Baptized. After building and maintaining several courses throughout the Carolinas and Florida, he returned to Charleston in 1999 as the Director of Grounds and Golf Maintenance at The Daniel Island Club. His fond and spiritual memories of Stella Maris influenced him to ask for admission back into the church when he moved to Daniel Island in 2003, and in 2004 brother Mike Stuffle recruited him into the Knights.

Michael has been active in youth sports since college and has enjoyed helping with the KOC free throw contests. He is a member of our Second Degree team, and has enjoyed the retreats to Mepkin Abbey. He has collected boxes of books for our book sale, and has helped out with our annual oyster roast. Michael and his wife Kay have three children, Jonathon, Jennifer, and Lauryn, and a granddaughter, Emma Jean.

**CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL !!!!!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Brian and Amy Agnew  
James and Connie Ball  
James and Janice Cafaro  
Paul and Carol Ann Curran  
Dennis and Nancy D'Annunzio  
Timothy and Nicholette Davis  
Mark and Sharon Foster  
Gary and Sandra Freeman  
Joseph and Francesca Frick  
Terry and Susan Johnson  
Michael and Erika Kennedy  
Thomas and Linda Jane Kenzik  
Jack and Robbie Kingston  
Patrick and Kimberly Lamontagne  
Gregory and Paula Martiska  
Robert and Nancy Miller  
Joseph and Dorothy Palisi  
Miller and Jennifer Shealy  
Donald and Allyson Thatcher*

**April Gardening Tips**

Time to fertilize your lawns! Two to three weeks after your grass is completely green, use a fertilizer that contains at least 50% slow release Nitrogen (N). A blended fertilizer of slow release and quick release N begins fertilizing when applied and continues throughout the growing season. Fewer applications are required and there is less waste due to leaching. Look at the ingredient list on the bag for a WIN number that indicates the percent of water insoluble Nitrogen (slow release). On St. Augustine, Bermuda, and Zoysia grass use 10 lb/1000 sq. ft of 16-4-8 fertilizer that is 50% slow release N. On Centipede and Carpet grass use 3-4 lb/1000 sq ft of 50% slow release N of either 16-4-8 or 15-0-15. You can use the same 16-4-8 to fertilize your azaleas and camellias after the blooms are gone. Lawns can be sprigged, sodded or seeded when the average ground temperature is 65-70. Mow or hand pull weeds before their flowers turn to seed.

Prune Azaleas and spring flowering vines after the blooms are gone. Azaleas must not be pruned after July 1. After that time the next year's blossoms are being formed. Pinch back new buds and stems of chrysanthemums to prolong the blooming time. Take off dead flowers of snapdragons to keep them flowering.

Begin moving tender plants outside to a shady area. Acclimate them by gradually extending the length of time they are outside. Easter Lilies can be planted outside and then pruned after the leaves and stems die back. They might produce a second round of flowers in June. If you see aphids and/or spider mites on your plants spray them off in early morning with a strong stream of water. Spraying early prevents disease by letting leaves dry off before nighttime.

Plant transplants of tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers etc. and seeds such as beans and annual flowers.

Look for "Knock Out" roses. They are pretty, easy to grow, and fairly maintenance free. Roses that bloom repeatedly can be fertilized now and then in mid-summer with a slow release fertilizer. When watering roses or any plant try to keep leaves from getting wet.

Think of planting for butterflies and hummingbirds. Zinnias, lantana, butterfly bush, plumbago, coral honeysuckle, red pentas, Lady in Red salvia, pineapple sage, and passionflower vine are some of the great attractors. For best results you should have at least 6-12 plants of the smaller flowers. (such as zinnias)



**APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY  
FLOWERS**

**New Field Agent**

It is my pleasure to introduce our newest member of the Agency team, Stephen Kramp. For those of you who don't know Steve he is currently District Deputy in District 5 and comes to us after 20 years of service with Bosh Corp. Steve is a very dedicated Knight and will serve the growing Charleston area along with Steve Dunlap. Steve is a dedicated family man and is joined in his new endeavor by his lovely wife Kathleen and his two children Margaret and Timothy. Steve will serve the following councils: 1/2 of 704 ( K-Z ). 8502, 8900, 11910, 11991, 9475. I would ask your patience as Steve "gears up" for his new career. All concerns from the above named councils should contact me at 843-824-5632 for the next few weeks. Please join me in welcoming Steve to this most vital position.

Viv Jesu'!

Robert Boni, FIC  
General Agent, SC

**Family of the Month  
Mickey and Betty McMahon  
March, 2008**

Family of the Month for March is Edmund (Mickey) and Betty McMahon. Mickey and Betty are members of Stella Maris Church. They are strong supporters of our fund raising activities and both give of their time freely to their Church and community.

Over the years, Mickey and Betty's service to Stella Maris has been noteworthy. Mickey served as President of the Men's Club and continues to support their fundraisers. You can find Mickey and Betty at the Men's Club dinners cooking and cleaning up. Mickey also spends every Monday morning in the Church counting room.

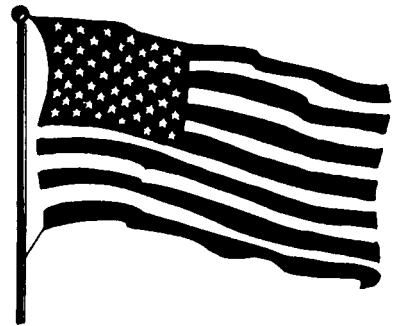
Retirement brought Mickey and Betty to the Isle of Palms. Once again, they were giving of their time to the community where Mickey served on the Board of Directors and was treasurer of the Wild Dunes Association. Mickey has never lost his love of the water and is still a sailor at heart. Much of Mickey and Betty's free time is spent sailing. Mickey and Betty currently reside in Seaside Farms.

**Congratulations Mickey and Betty**

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	
<u>MAY</u>	
Feast of the Ascension _____	01
Officer's Meeting _____	01
Life Center—7 PM	
State Convention _____	02
Greenville-Spartanberg	
Mother's Day _____	11
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner—6:30 PM	
Meeting —7:30 PM	
Third-Degree _____	24
Sumter	
Memorial Day _____	26

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
Grand Knight	John Gallagher	849-0321
Deputy Grand Knight	Brenden Lo	388-8859
Chancellor	Bill Harrington	209-4038
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Recorder	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Tim Davis	971-2050
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
3 Yr. Trustee	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
2 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
1 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
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
Community Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Council Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Family Director	Brendan Lo	388-8859
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
	Mike Fabrizio	388-6908
Membership Director	Brendan Lo	388-8859
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Oper. Hope Chairman	Jack Vex	856-2212
Recruitment Committee	Brendan Lo	388-8859
Retention Chairman	John Gallagher	849-0321
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. James Parker	556-9454
State Deputy	Robert Ficco	803-324-0044
District Deputy	Ron Byrd	402-9066
Insurance Agent	Roy Spurlock	843-824-5632
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130



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AND  
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**