



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I had the pleasure of serving at the food booth for the Christ Our King – Stella Maris School Bazaar. I was very proud of the number and enthusiasm of fellow Knights at the event. We all had a grand time and from the looks of it, the Bazaar appeared to be a huge success. I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and effort for this event. A special recognition is due to Barry Sturmer for organizing our Council's volunteer efforts.

As we head into the busy Christmas season, I would like to encourage all brother Knights and their families to find a little time in your busy schedule to help support our Council's various fund raising events and get involved in fellowship activities. With so many activities going on, there is something for everyone. Here is a brief rundown of what is going on this month:

On-going – Christmas Wreath Sales at Christ Our King – Stella Maris School

December 2nd – December Social: Christmas Party at Joe and Peggy Harkins

December 3rd – Charleston Christmas Parade and Christmas Party at Council 704

December 9th – Operation Hope Iootsie Roll Fund Raiser at Sam's in North Charleston

December 10th – Mt Pleasant Christmas Parade with the 2nd Annual Kazoo Band

Look for details of these events elsewhere in this newsletter

The Fourth Degree Exemplification is coming up on February 23-25, 2007 in Columbia, SC. As a 4th Degree Knight myself, I know what an enriching and rewarding experience the Exemplification is. For all you 3rd Degree Knights, I highly recommend that you consider making your 4th Degree. If you are only a 2nd Degree, don't worry – there is still a way for you to make your 4th Degree in February. Call me (971-3095) or Jack Urbanic (886-2591) for more details.

May God Bless and Keep You,
Rick Karkowski
Grand Knight

REMEMBER JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Christmas Social	02
Joe & Peggy Harkins	
3192 Linksland Road	
Charleston Parade	03
Officer's Meeting	07
Life Center — 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	07
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Feast of Immaculate Conception	08
Operation Hope	09
Sams Club — 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade	10
Regular Business Meeting	19
Island Club — Sullivan's Island	
Dinner — 6:30 PM	
Meeting — 7:30 PM	
Christmas Day	25
New Years Day	January 1, 2007

MOUNT PLEASANT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Once again, we are going to take part in the Mount Pleasant Christmas parade on Sunday, December 10th. Matt Story is already arranging for his scouts to participate. In addition I'd like to see as many of you and your children march with us. Thanks to Mark Lipsmeyer we'll have a flatbed trailer which will hold as many as 18 at a time. Since it's about a 2 mile walk we can take turns riding and walking. No prior kazoo playing experience is required. You can learn as you go!

We'll assemble on Coleman Blvd. near Houston Northcutt around 3:00 PM and step off around 5:00 PM. We may also need some help decorating the float.

Please get back to me if you'd like to participate. Include your name, the names of any additional participants, and a contact phone number.

Thanks,
Neil Whitman PGK
ngwhitman@yahoo.com

OPERATION HOPE

We are having Operation Hope function on Saturday, December 9th from 10 AM to 3PM, at Sams Club in North Charleston. We need your help for 1 or 2 hours. Please send me an e-mail and let me know if you can attend and what hours you can work.
Thanks. Jim Pancake—j.pancake@msn.com

CHARLESTON PARADE

Our Council has been invited by Council 704 to participate in the Charleston Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 3rd. Anyone interested in attending the Christmas party at Council 704 (across from Marion Square on Calhoun Street) should e-mail me and let me know. There is no charge for this, they just need to know how much food to prepare and if you are bringing any children, how many presents Santa should bring.

I'm also looking for a group of Knights from our Council to carry our banner in the parade. Please e-mail or call me (971-3095) if you can help. (richard_karkowski@hotmail.com)

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Our Christmas Social will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at Joe and Peggy Harkins home at 7:00 PM.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, and a "white elephant" gift (one per person) to trade. Gift can be an unused household item, or if purchasing an item it should not exceed \$10.00. This is traditionally a fun and event-filled evening, and one to which you should bring a new prospective member.

Directions: North on HWY 17 to the first Charleston National entrance. Turn right onto National Drive, proceed past the pool complex, and turn right onto Linksland Road. Stay left at the Orchard/Glen sign, and proceed to the second house on left (3192 Linksland Road).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

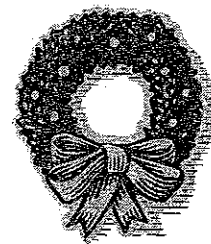
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JOSEPH FRICK
CARL GEIER
KEN HUNDEMER
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THOMAS KENZIK
TRACY KINSINGER
FREDERICK KOCH
BRENDEN LO
RICHARD MAHON
JOHN MCDERMOTT
DANIEL MCKAY
JOHN MCNEILL
RAMIRO MONTALVO
PATRICK MORRISSEY
ROBERT NEWTON
CLIFF SOLBERG
MATTHEW STORY

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Christmas Wreaths have arrived and have been decorated and are being sold at the tree and wreath sales lot, located on the school playground near Camellia Drive/Coleman Blvd.

Those interested in volunteering to help should contact Tom Franzone at 884-5670. Sale hours are:

Monday - Friday 1:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturdays - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sundays - 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November, 2006
Greg Gormley

Greg is originally from Huntington Beach, California. He graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing from San Diego State University. His family moved to Mt. Pleasant deliberately to be located in a smaller, more value oriented environment than they found in Southern California. They consider Christ Our King Parish and the Knights to be a major part of that decision process. Greg originally moved here and opened a staffing business but has recently become Retail Sales Manager for the Post & Courier for the West Ashley area.

He has been married to Stasi for eight years and they have three boys. Andrew is seven and attends Christ Our King School. Michael is four and Luke is two and they will also be attending the parish school. Stasi went through the RCIA program and converted to Catholicism in 2002. She helps with the Marriage Ministry, and the Ice Cream Social, the Picnic, and many other church related activities. She is an Occupational Therapist and works for the Association for the Blind and MUSC's Storm Eye Institute. She is an angel for many of her vision impaired patients, and gives so much hope back to their lives.

He joined the Knights in 2002 and is a 3rd Degree. He is planning on taking the 4th Degree in February. As a member of the Knights, Greg has been active in many of our Council Activities, including spaghetti dinners, tootsie roll sales, and the book sales. Congratulations.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CELLETTE AND DANNY AUSTIN
KAREN AND PHILIP CHUY
LAURA AND ROLAND DEVITA
KATHY AND MICHAEL EOVI
MARY AND RICHARD GARCIA
ASHLEY AND JAMES ULLRICH

GARDENING COLUMN

by
Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

By mulching leaves with the lawn mower, you will get a fine-textured mulch that can be placed around flowers, shrubs and trees. Use about 2-3 inches. Keep about 4 inches from trunks of trees and shrubs. This is a good time for a general yard cleanup. Cut back annuals and perennials that have died and dried up. This discourages disease and insects for next year. Dig up tender summer bulbs, i.e., caladiums, dahlias, gladiolas and store for the winter. Remove diseased and damaged tree limbs. Any major pruning should be done in February. Cold and wind can kill dry plants. Continue to water plants and shrubs as needed. Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees until after they bloom. Grape myrtles should be pruned by 1 January. If you have scale or aphids on trees and shrubs, use Volck oil. It does a better job of suffocating insects and eggs. Be cautious of nighttime lows. Freezing temperatures shortly after an application of Volck can burn plants. Take cuttings now of favorite plants. Poinsettias are grown at a temperature of 70-72 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night in greenhouses. To water, check soil daily. If surface is dry to the touch, water until water runs freely from bottom. Be sure to remove any decorative wrap from bottom and place pot in a saucer so it can drain. If using a live Christmas tree, water it as soon as you bring it home. It may absorb as much as a gallon of water. Check the water level once or twice a day after that. Even if the tree doesn't use it, a pet may be drinking the water. There is a new type of Pansy out. It is Matrix. Supposedly it is larger and more durable.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS East Cooper Council # 9475

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT

Saturday, January 27, 2007 - 6:30 PM

Gold Bug Island

(At the foot of Ben Sawyer Bridge)

12 yrs. & older \$20.00 - All Children \$8.00 - \$25.00 at door

Includes Select Oysters, Fish Stew, Hot Dogs, Beer Available-No Coolers

Tom A. Franzone - (843) 884-5670



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The Fourth-Degree Exemplification will be held on February 23, 24, 25, in Columbia, SC. If anyone is interested please call Jack Urbanic @ 886-2591

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY**

New Years Day	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Officer's Meeting	04
Life Center --- 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris --- 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK --- 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	06
COK --- 7:30 am	
Third Degree	07
Hilton Head, SC	
Martin Luther King Day	15
Regular Business Meeting	16
Island Club --- Sullivan's Island	
Dinner --- 6:30 PM	
Meeting -- 7:30 PM	

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY AND SAFE
NEW YEAR**



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	883-3109
Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Deputy Grand Knight	John Gallagher	849-0321
Chancellor	Paul Midghall	881-4190
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	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
3 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
2 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
1 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
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
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
Family Director	John Gallagher	849-0321
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
Oper. Hope Chairman	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Admissions Chairman	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Membership Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Recruitment Committee	John Gallagher	849-0321
	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Retention Chairman	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
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	Steve Dunlap	553-6493
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

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Pontifical College Josephinum
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA
AND
PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**