



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights,

I would like to first say thank-you to all the brother knights who helped with Operation Christmas Child. Secondly, we collected enough donations during our turkey drive, that we were able to donate 60 turkeys to the less fortunate this Thanksgiving.

I also want to wish everyone and their families a merry Christmas and safe holiday season. Remember to support our annual Christmas Wreath sale located just off of Coleman Blvd. near C.O.K. church.

If any brother knows of a member of this council, or an unassisted brother of the order, sick or in distress please contact me (843) 884-2964.

Please note that our next officers meeting will be held Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm at my house.

Happy Holidays,

Thomas L. Kelly  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Officer's Meeting_____	04
Tom Kelly-1204 Old Course Lane—7 pm	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	04
Stella Maris—8pm to 8 am	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK— 7:30 am to 5 pm	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	06
Feast of the Immaculate Conception_____	08
Holy Day of Obligation	
Business Meeting_____	16
Island Club-Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 pm	
Meeting: 7:30 pm	
Christmas_____	25
New Year's Day_____	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Sillette and Danny Austin  
 Karen and Phil Chuy  
 Laura and Roland DeVita  
 Kathy and Michael Eovino  
 Nora and Kevin Frederick  
 Mary and Richard Garcia  
 Becky and Stephen Grimaldi  
 Ashley and James Ullrich*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Michael Carter  
 Jeffrey Cartini  
 David DiPietro  
 Charles Dourillard  
 Michael Duffy  
 Joseph Frick  
 Carl Geier  
 Ken Hundemer  
 Patrick Hunkler  
 Carroll Joyner  
 Thomas Kenzik  
 Tracy Kinsinger  
 Gene Knisley  
 Frederick Koch  
 Brenden Lo  
 Richard Mahon  
 John McDermott  
 Daniel McKay  
 John McNeill  
 Ramiro Montalvo  
 Patrick Morrissey  
 Robert Newton  
 Cliff Solberg  
 Matthew Story  
 Marco Vasquez*

**MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS  
 AND  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November, 2008

Stephen Grimaldi

Stephen Grimaldi was born in Washington, DC in 1958 and is the oldest of five siblings. He graduated from The Citadel where he held rank as a cadet officer and was a member of the Summerall Guards. After graduation, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and subsequently completed a six month Officer Basic Course at Quantico, VA. He and his wife Becky were married on December 18, 1982 by Fr. Anthony Justs, who is now a Bishop in Latvia. For the next four years they were stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was honorably discharged from the Marines after attaining the rank of Captain and was subsequently appointed an FBI Special Agent in July of 1986. He returned to Quantico, VA and completed new agents training at the FBI Academy. He has been assigned to FBI offices in Albany, New York, New York City, New Orleans, FBI HQ and performed a one year assignment at the CIA in Langley, VA. From 2001 to 2007 he supervised the FBI's office in Charleston and retired from the FBI last month after 22 years of service. He received a Master of Science degree in Management earlier this year and is currently taking online courses at Villanova University in Information Security Management.

Stephen and Becky live in Mt. Pleasant and have been members of COK since 2001. They have three children: Laura, Stephen, and Catherine. Laura graduated from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA and is a math teacher at St. Thomas More Middle School in Decatur. Laura and Thomas Busbee were married by Deacon Cahill at COK in June of this year. In 2007, Stephen's son, while a student at the College of Charleston, was diagnosed with cancer and after a year of chemotherapy, radiation, and countless prayers is now in remission. He hopes to return to the College of Charleston and is now taking courses at Trident Tech. Stephen's youngest daughter Catherine is currently attending Trident Tech and will attend the College of Charleston next semester. Stephen is a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston and the American Legion, Post 56. Stephen originally joined the Knights in 1978 and recently became active by joining our Council earlier this year. He is a member of the COK Shelter Team and participated most recently in the Stella Maris/COK Bazaar.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

September, 2008

Marco Vasquez

Marco and his wife, Amelia, were born in Panama. They have been married 43 years and have four children (Carmen, Martha, Amy and Luis) and six grandchildren (Nicole, Patrick, Alfredo, Ana, Luis Fernando and Victoria). Two of the grandchildren are in Mt. Pleasant and the others live in Panama. He worked for AT&T in Panama and relocated to Long Island, NY in 1997. His wife retired the same year from the US Army Hospital in the Canal Zone. He retired and relocated to Florida in 2002 to be near two of his daughters and their grandchildren. When they relocated to Mt. Pleasant in 2005 Marco and Amelia followed them. Marco became a US citizen this year.

Marco joined the Knights in 2006 and became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight in 2008. They are members of Christ Our King parish and serve as ushers. In addition to participating in our Council activities, Marco volunteers at ECCO.

## December 2008 Gardening

Poinsettias abound in December, contributing a holiday atmosphere. Did you know that the poinsettia got its common name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, a Charleston native? He is credited for being the first to bring cuttings of the plant from Mexico to the U.S. in the early 1800's. For longer life, poinsettias and other holiday plants should be placed in a cool, bright spot out of direct sunlight. Poke holes in the bottom of foil wrappers to drain away excess water.

Shrubs, trees, and woody vines will do better in the summer if planted now. Late blooming spring bulbs can still be planted. Tulip bulbs being stored in your refrigerator can be planted between mid-Dec. and early Jan. Bare-root roses can be planted at the end of the month. Winter annuals need fertilizing every two weeks with a water-soluble fertilizer. Houseplants need half-strength fertilizer and less frequent watering. Cut back perennials that have no visual appeal or provide no food for the birds. If a freeze is predicted, water everything thoroughly and move container plants to a sheltered place. If you cover tender plants, avoid using plastic and remove the covering immediately after danger has passed. Winter greens can manage a light freeze. A hard freeze is when the temperature goes below 26 F for more than 6 hours.

This is a great time to improve your soil. Start by getting a soil sample completed by the County Extension Service. Dig up 6-10 dry soil samples at a depth of 6-8" from various spots in your yard and mix them all together. Take 3 cups to the extension office for analysis. The report you receive will tell you the best fertilizer for your use and recommendations for any additives needed. Add organic matter such as compost, composted manure, aged manure etc. Bees Ferry Rd landfill, 571-0929, has compost for sale. Organic matter needs to be added to soil regularly as it decomposes. Grind leaves to use as mulch or compost. Replace your mulch after leaves have all fallen. Wait for azaleas to finish flowering before mulching them. Mulch at a depth of 2-3" Keep mulch 18-24" away from base of your house and keep it away from the trunks of trees, plants, or shrubs. Common mulches are pine straw, (good for staying in place and on slopes), pine bark nuggets, (can float away in heavy rain) and shredded hardwood. Dousing young shoots of Florida betony a few times with a herbicide containing 2,4-D should prevent them from maturing. Florida betony has 1-2' tall square stems, lance shaped leaves 2" long and white to pink flowers. Enjoy the cold weather by browsing through garden catalogs and magazines looking for new ideas for spring planting. Happy Holidays to all.



**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

Brother Knights and Families,

Our 2008 Christmas Social will be held at the Raven’s Run Clubhouse on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 PM.

Please bring an hors d’oevre 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, eventful evening; and one to which you should bring a new prospective member.

Raven’s Run is located on Rifle Range Road north of the Isle of Palms Connector (SR517). It is a gated community and you can gain access by using the gate entry code = #5456. Once inside the gate continue on Omni Boulevard, turn at the first right, and continue to Clubhouse Road (marked with balloons) and turn Left to the Clubhouse, approximately 1/2 mile from the gate.

Joe Harkins (881-5768)  
Pat Piglia (216-7680)

**CHRISTMAS WREATH’S**

The Christmas Wreath’s have arrived and are being sold at the COK tree lot for \$25.00. Support your Knights and buy a wreath or two. We will be selling them until December 14th.

If you would like to volunteer to help please call Tom Franzone at 884-5670.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**JANUARY**

New Year’s Day_____	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Officer’s Meeting_____	01
Tom Kelly’s 1204 Old Course Lane	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris—8pm to 8am	
Adoration of thr Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK—7:30 am to 5 pm	
Pro-Life/ Rosary_____	03
COK 7:30 am	
Martin Luther King Day_____	19
Business Meeting_____	20
Island Club-Sullivan’s Island	
Dinner: 6:30 pm	
Meeting: 7:30 pm	
March for Life_____	22
Washington, D.C.	

*Remember to keep Christ In  
Christmas*

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA  
AND  
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**