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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As the Christmas season approaches and our liturgical year, The Year of the Eucharist, starts with Advent, we are reminded to use an Advent wreath as a focal point for our families prayers and holiday celebrations. In addition, we can create an Advent calendar of actions we and our family can take each day to bring us closer to Christ. These actions can include donating clothing to homeless people, donating toys for needy children, volunteering at a soup kitchen, attending mass and receiving the eucharist, and placing a creche in our homes.

We had our annual Memorial Mass for our deceased Brother Knights on Saturday, November 6th at Stella Maris Church. After mass we took four of our Brother Knights widows to dinner at the Mustard Seed Restaurant. All whom attended had an enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Michael Kennedy who entered our order in October, and advanced to his second degree in November. Congratulations to Paul Midghall who also advanced to his second degree last month. For those second degree Brother Knights who wish to advance to the third degree, there will be an exemplification at Hilton Head on Saturday, January 8, 2005. Please call Tom Kelly (884-1660) or me (881-5768) for further details.

A special thanks to Tom and Pat Kelly for hosting our first social of the fraternal year. Our Christmas Social will be hosted by Neil and Melinda Whitman on Saturday evening, December 11th.

We had a successful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 14th. Thanks to Pat Piglia and other Brother Knights and their families who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up.

Again, our pancake breakfasts are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month.

We are asking for Brother Knights and their families to give an hour of their time either on Sunday, December 12th and/or Sunday, December 19th for our Operation Hope "Tootsie Roll" efforts. Both dates will be at the Wal Mart from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM.

Please call Nick Christopher (856-9127) or me (881-5768) to volunteer your time.

We will need volunteers to help with our Christmas Wreath sale at Christ Our King in the evening hours from approximately 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Sales run daily from the weekend after Thanksgiving through the second weekend in December. Call Tom Kelly (884-1660) or Tom Franzone (884-5670) to offer your help.

Our Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on February 25, 26, and 27, 2005 in Columbia. Any Third Degree Brother Knight interested in taking his patriotic degree please contact me (881-5768) or Mike Stuffle (813-3778).

A copy of the "Individual Member Worksheet" of our "2004 Survey of Fraternal Activity" is included in this newsletter. Please take the time to read and fill in the numbers requested. These numbers support our Knights Order as a Fraternal Organization.

Please pray for our President, our troops deployed in foreign lands, and our Culture of Life. Also, pray for our Priest and religious, including Seminarian Philip Gillespie, and all the sick and distressed throughout the world.

My wife, Peg and I want to wish you and your families a very merry, safe and holy Christmas Season. May God bless and be with all of you always.

Fraternally,

Joe Harkins, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas Wreath Sale	01
Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris—8PM to 8AM	
Officer's Meeting	02
Life Center—7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK—7AM to 5PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK—7:30 AM	
Feast of Immaculate Conception	08
Holy Day of Obligation	
Christmas Social	11
Neil & Melinda's House—7PM	
Pancake Breakfast	12
Grace Hall—after 7:30 and 9:30 masses	
Operation Hope	12
Walmart—12 noon to 5PM	
Operation Hope	19
Walmart—12 noon to 5PM	
Regular Business Meeting	21
Island Club-Sullivan's Island 7:30 PM	
Dinner is served at 6:30 PM	
Christmas Day	25
New Years Day	January 01

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**MICHAEL CARTER
DAVID DIPETRO
CHARLES DOUILLARD
MICHAEL DUFFY
JOSEPH FRICK
KEN HUNDEMER
PATRICK HUNKLER
CARROLL JOYNER
TRACY KINSINGER
JOHN KNOX
FREDRICK KOCH
RICHARD MAHON
JOHN MCDERMOTT
DANIEL MC KAY
JOHN MC NEILL
RAMIRO MONTALVO
PATRICK MORRISSEY
ROBERT NEWTON
LEO RUSSO
MATTHEW STORY**

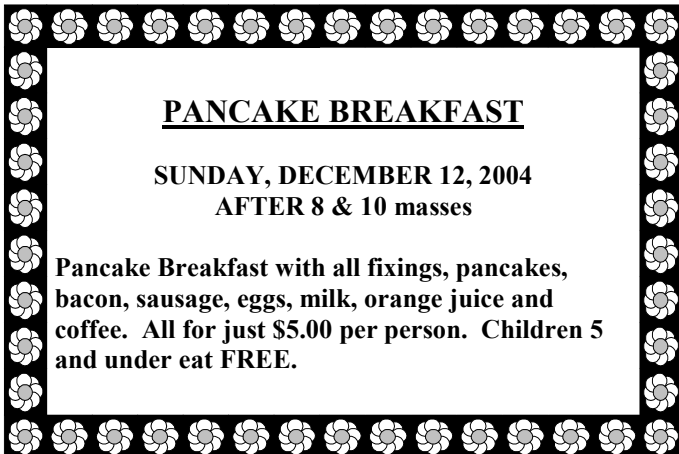
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month for November is Ron Davis. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and a member of Christ Our King Church. Ron joined the Knights at Council 9475 and has been actively involved since that time. He has held the offices of Outside Guard, Family Director and currently serves the Council as Lecturer. He is a strong supporter of the fund raising activities and gives of his time freely. For the past two years, he has been instrumental in the operation of our annual book sale by providing storage and transportation in the collection and delivery of books and equipment for the sale.

His service to the youth of our community is most noteworthy with his involvement with Boy Scout Troop 59 at Stella Maris Church. At Christ Our King Church, Ron serves as an usher and altar server. He is a member of the Liturgy Committee and a volunteer with the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Ron manages his own company, Carolina Coin Amusement, a company that he has successfully operated for 24 years. His free time is spent with family, boating, fishing and just hanging out at the beach.

CONGRATULATIONS RON!!!!



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Knights of Columbus are selling fresh, aromatic, pine wreaths from now until December 11th (or supply is exhausted). You can find them at the corner of Camellia and Coleman Blvd. Plan to get your fresh wreath from us and support this important annual fund raiser. Call Tom Franzone with questions at 884-5670.

From your editor— Tom and I would like to extend to all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Remember to Keep Christ In Christmas.

GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Continue to remove leaves on the ground and in flower beds because they can prevent air, light and moisture from getting to grass blades and roots.

Even though plants and shrubs are in a dormant stage, they require an inch to an inch and a half of water per week.

Keep newly-planted shrubs and trees well-watered. Cold and wind can kill dry plants. A good root system below ground needs to be established while dormant.

When it turns colder, prune any long branches that could damage the plant in windy weather. Spring-flowering shrubs and trees should not be pruned until after they bloom. Crape myrtles should be pruned before January 1. Do not do any major pruning at this time. It is a good time to sharpen or replace the blades.

If you still have infestations of scale and aphids, now is the time to use Volck oil on shrubs and trees. It is thicker than the summer oils and will do a better job of suffocating insects and eggs. In colder temperatures, there isn't the danger of burning the plants. However, be cautious of nighttime lows, freezing temperatures shortly after an application of Volck can burn the plants as well.

Save favorite plants by taking cuttings now for replanting in the spring.

Lift potato-vine tubers. Store dry during the winter and replant in the spring.

Dead plants and branches should be removed. It can be a haven for disease and insect problems.

Clemson Extension has a new publication, "Life at the Water's Edge". It is a resident's guide to natural lakeshore and streamside buffers for water quality protection in South Carolina. It contains information on understanding the importance and dynamics of lakes, streams and watersheds in South Carolina. Chapters cover how to properly establish and manage a shoreline landscape, how to prevent fertilizer and pesticide contamination, and what plants are best for landscaping with charts of perennial grasses, shrubs and trees.

It suggest that homeowners should: leave a minimum width of 30-50 feet vegetated and free of fertilizers and other chemicals along each side of a waterbody.

Sketch a base map. Keep it simple and sensible; strive to keep the groundsurface protected and prevent rain and soil from washing into the water. Encourage densely rooted vegetation that will hold soil and soak up excess nutrients. Use native grasses and wildflowers. Herbaceous plants-particularly perennial grasses and flowers-should provide the foundation for any functional buffer that is planted from scratch.

The publication, WQL24 can be purchased through the county Extension office.

It can be ordered online at <http://cufan.clemson.edu.olos>

for \$20, including shipping.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*BRENDA & MARK CHIARIZIO
DAWN & MICHAEL COSTANZO
LAURA & ROLAND DE VITA
KATHLEEN & MICHAEL EOVIINO
MARY & RICHARD GARCIA
ASHLEY & JAMES ULLRICH*

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

When: Saturday, December 11, 2004
Where: Neil & Melinda Whitman
1167 Waterfront Drive
Hidden Lakes
856-5034
Time: 7 o'clock until ?

Bring along your favorite hors-d'oeuvre to share with others.
We will exchange "white elephant" gifts. This is
traditionally a fun event and one to which you should bring
along a new prospective new member.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	883-3109
Grand Knight	Joseph Harkins	881-5768
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Chancellor	John Murphy	971-8622
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
Inside Guard	Bob Brimmer	849-1934
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3 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
2 Yr. Trustee	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
1 Yr. Trustee	Jack McDermott	881-2586

Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
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Family Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
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State Chaplain	Rev. James Parker	556-9454
State Deputy	Raymond Hock	864-244-8828
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REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

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**JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE
SEASON.**