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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

My Brother Knights,

Charity. It is the first and most important principle of our order. During the telephone blitz we conducted this past month it became quite apparent that our council's commitment to this principle is serious. The following statistics reflect the hard work of your council in 2005.

Cash Donations

Church	\$4380
Community	\$10451
Youth	\$4099
Total	\$18930

Even more impressive is the generosity you show in the giving of your time. This past year, our council members **donated 17,935 hours of their time to church, community, youth, and other activities.**

Speaking of statistics, we now have 106 email addresses for brother Knights and 29 on file for our ladies. If you'd like to have your name added to our email distribution list, please send it to me at ngwhitman@yahoo.com. You'll get regular notices of upcoming meetings, socials, and other KofC events. I promise no SPAM! In addition to our growing email distribution list, I hope you'll take a moment to visit our website at www.kofc9475.org. There, you'll find a calendar of events, contact information for your council officers, links to Supreme, and a growing photo gallery of our many activities.

A quick update on recent and some upcoming events. The telephone blitz mentioned earlier was a great success. Thanks to Bill Harrington, Pat Piglia, Joe Harkins, Mike Swindle, Tom Kelly, and Tom Franzone for their assistance. The results were a big monthly meeting and some good ideas for our council. Matt Story has done a great job organizing this year's free throw contest. In our first two competitions, we've had over 500 participants. Thanks also to all of you for your assistance with this important event in our council calendar. Our upcoming events include a Superbowl Social hosted by Melinda and me on February 5th and a spaghetti dinner on February 22 at Christ our King. We conclude the month with a 4th degree Exemplification in Columbia on February 23 and 24.

While compiling the statistics mentioned earlier it became apparent to me how blessed we are as a council. There are brothers who give a lot and others who are limited in their participation. Whatever you can give even if it's limited to a prayer I thank you. I am humbled and thankful that you have allowed me the opportunity to lead this generous group of men known as Council 9475. May God continue to pour His blessings on you and your families.

Neil Whitman
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Officer's Meeting	02
Life Center — 7:00 PM.	
Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Super Bowl Social	05
Hosted by Neil and Melinda Whitman	
Lincoln's Birthday	12
Second Degree	12
Council 704 — 2:00 PM	
St. Valentine's Day	14
Social For New Fourth-Degree Knights	18
Council 704	
District Free Throw	19
Citadel — 1:00 PM	
President's Day	20
Regular Business Meeting	21
Island Club — Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:30 PM	
Washington's Birthday	22
Spaghetti Super	22
Fourth Degree	24,25,26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

RUTH & ERCOLE CHIOLA
TAMMY & EDWARD DEMAREE
KAY & MICHAEL FABRIZIO
FRAN & TOM FRANZONE
CATHY & EDWARD TUCKER
ELLEN & WILLIAM ZORN

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Ed Soltis January

Ed was born and raised in Streator, Illinois approximately 90 miles southwest of Chicago. His dad, Ray, is a 4th degree Knight in Streator Council 790 where he has served as the Grand Knight. Ed has 5 brothers, all active Knights. Ed received his BS degree in pharmacy from Butler University in Indianapolis in 1979 and his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Florida in 1984. Prior to his moving to Mount Pleasant in 2002 and his current job at MUSC, Ed was on the faculty at the University of Kentucky in Lexington from 1988-98 and Western University of Health Sciences in California from 1998-2002. Ed's wife Terry is a pharmacist working part-time at both MUSC and Longpoint Pharmacy. They have two children, Kathryn a sophomore at Bishop England High School and Bradley who is in the 6th grade at Christ Our King Stella Maris School. Ed and Terry met while at the University of Florida and were married in 1983.

Ed is an active member in the Christ Our King parish and school. He has volunteered his efforts for several activities, including set-up for the school Bazaar as well as manning a booth, Cub Scout Beach Sweep on the Isle of Palms, and as a parent chaperone for various student events. He has also helped out with the Bishop England Daniel Island 5K run held in March. Ed has been a member of the adult choir since the fall of 2002 and helps out with social and fundraising events for the choir, such as their yearly oyster roast. He has devoted a significant amount of time the past two years for school fundraising as chair of the Christmas tree sales.

Ed became a Knight in 1977 and joined Council 9475 in 2002 following his move to Mount Pleasant. He was inducted as a 4th degree Knight in February 2003, an event made special by the attendance of his dad and mom. He has volunteered at the yearly oyster roast and has helped with the annual tootsie roll sales.



FREE THROW

The District Free Throw will be held Sunday, February 18 at the Bishop England gym at 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Volunteers are needed. Please call Matt Story at 577-2026

OYSTER ROAST

The Oyster Roast was a huge success with about 300 people attending. A special Thank You to Gabriella Simons for getting our raffle items, and to Dick King for doing an outstanding job chairing the Digital Camera raffle, which was won by Sister Pat Keating, and to all the Knights and Ladies that helped. Thanks again for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you.

Tom Franzone,
Oyster Roast Chairman

GARDENING COLUMN

by
Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

Regardless of the temperature, plants require moisture even if they are dormant. Plants in containers dry out more quickly, especially with the winter winds. Containers with winter annuals should be checked often.

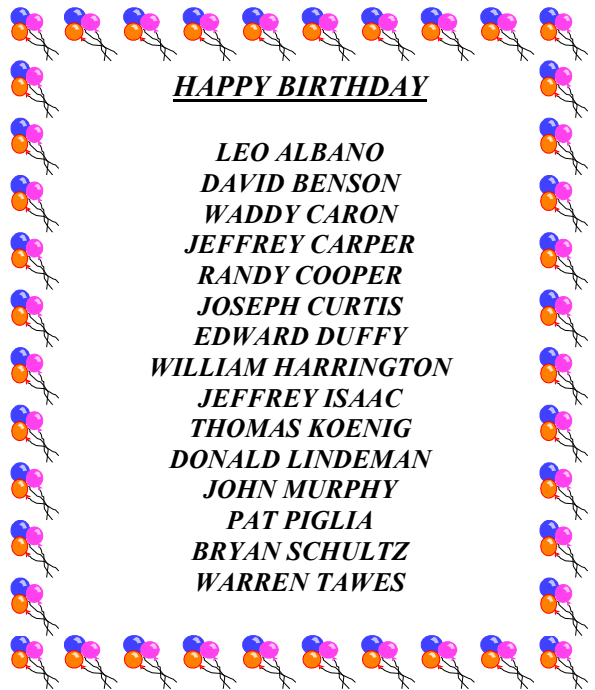
Major pruning should be done now. Winter and spring-bloomers such as camellias, sasanquas and azaleas should not be pruned until after they finish blooming. Always check because there are exceptions to every rule. Dead and diseased leaves around bushes and on the ground should be removed. Remove old mulch and replace with fresh mulch around azaleas and camellias. Pick up fallen camellia blooms to prevent petal blight.

Wait until February to prune roses. Soak bare root roses in water for 12-24 hours to rehydrate the roots, then, plant as soon as possible. In coastal SC, roses should be planted with the graft bud 2 inches above ground level. To protect cones from drying winds until new growth begins, mound up well over the bud union with soil and water well.

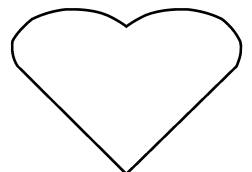
Perennials (asters, coreopsis, mums, daylilies and shasta daisies) should be divided. Separate individual root systems by hand.

Cut ornamental grasses, such as liriope and pampas to within 3" of ground level (use hedge shears, weedeater or lawn mower) before new growth begins.

Grass should not be fertilized until two weeks after it greens up. Weed and feed is not appropriate for our area. Fertilizer should be applied at a different time.



***HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY!!!!***



VALENTINES DAY

It's that time of the year again! A time to tell your valentine just how much you really do love her. What are you going to get her this year? Flowers? Some candy and a card?

Why don't you get her something that truly shows what she means to you? We are talking about life insurance.

Give her the greatest gift of all, the financial security that she will need when you aren't here any more. Sure, flowers are pretty and smell nice but there is nothing left when they die. Candy is great but once Valentine's Day is over it, too, is gone. What is left when you're gone?

Call me for an appointment. so we can make sure there is something left for her.

Steve Dunlap, Field Agent, (843) 569-1954

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MARCH

Ash Wednesday _____	01
Officer's Meeting _____	02
Life Center — 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
St. Patrick's Day _____	17
Regular Business Meeting _____	21
Island Club — Sullivan's Island	
Dinner — 6:30 PM	
Meeting — 7:30 PM	
Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child _____	24
Founder's Day _____	29
March 29, 1882	

SUPERBOWL SOCIAL

A Superbowl Social will be held at Neil and Melinda Whitman's house, 1167 Waterfront Drive. on Sunday, February 5, 2006 @ 5 PM. The Council will provide hot dogs & hamburgers and all the trimmings, and a variety of beverages. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Wear your team colors and feel free to invite a prospective member as your guest. Please RSVP to Neil at 856-5034 or via email ngwhitman@yahoo.com.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	883-3109
Grand Knight	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Chancellor	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Recorder	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Paul Midghall	881-4190
Inside Guard	John Gallagher	849-0321
Outside Guard	Michael Kennedy	216-1111
3 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
2 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffie	813-3778
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
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	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
	Paul Midghall	881-4190
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Council Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
Family Director	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
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Membership Committee	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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	Mike Stuffie	813-3778
	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Retention Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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State Deputy	Raymond Hock	864-244-8828
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