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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The month of January brought the solemn 34th anniversary of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court ruling. The Knights of Columbus have been at the forefront of the effort to overturn this ruling and respect life at all stages of creation. Brother Knights from our council have demonstrated their support at the local, state and national levels. Several Brothers regularly attend the rosary that is said monthly at a local Charleston abortion clinic. Other Brothers traveled to Columbia on January 13th for the Stand Up for Life March and Rally. Finally, our council's Pro-Life Couple, Barry and Jaquie Sturmer, traveled to Washington, DC to attend the national March for Life. The January 22nd event was attended by over 100,000 supporters. If you would like to show your support for this cause, please contact Barry Sturmer for more information.

We are entering into a busy period for Council activities over the next few months. Some of the highlights are our annual free throw contest to be held on Fridays in the month of February. Contact Matt Story to volunteer to help. Neil and Melinda Whitman will be hosting this month's social - a Super Bowl Party. By all reports, it was a wild time last year. The date is February 4th, contact Neil Whitman for details. We will be holding a Tootsie Roll fund raiser for Operation Hope at the Seaside Farm's Piggly Wiggly on February 10th. Contact Jim Pancake for information.

With the month of March falling within Lent, it brings with it a time for reflection. In what has turned into an annual event, we will be hosting a retreat to the Mepkin Abby on March 31st. This retreat will be centered on the family, as the Pope has made 2007 the year of the family. Contact Bill Harrington for more information. Looking further down the line, we'll be bringing back the ever popular spaghetti dinner in April, as well as the Police and Fireman's Breakfast and a regular Sunday Pancake Breakfast.

Let's keep up the good works of our Council and honor our bonds of charity, fraternity, and unity.

Yours in Christ,
Rick Karkowski
Grand Knight

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Officer's Meeting	01
Life Center -- 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	01
Stella Maris -- 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	02
COK -- 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Free Throw	02
Moultrie Middle School- 8 am to 3:30 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	03
COK -- 7:30 AM	
Superbowl Party	04
Neil & Melinda Whitman -- 5PM	
Operation Hope	10
Piggly Wiggly-Seaside Farms	
10 AM to 2 PM	
Lincoln's Birthday	12
St Valentine's Day	14
Free Throw	16
Laing Middle School - 8 am to 3:30 PM	
Washington's Birthday	19
Regular Business Meeting	20
Island Club -- Sullivan's Island	
Dinner -- 6:30 PM	
Meeting -- 7:30 PM	
Ash Wednesday	21
President's Day	21
Free Throw	24
COK/SM - 12 noon to 2 PM	
Fourth-Degree Exemplification	23, 24, 25
Columbia, SC	

SUPERBOWL PARTY

When: Sunday, February 4, 2007
Where: Neil and Melinda Whitman's House
1167 Waterfront Dr.
856-5034
Time: 5 PM

Council will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share with others. Please RSVP to Neil ASAP.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
January, 2007
Jerry Arthur Barnett, Sr.

Jerry was born in Rome, Georgia on June 23, 1936. He graduated from Evans City High School in PA and he has a degree in Safety. He has been married to Diana for the past 30 years. They had boy/girl twins who graduated from Christ Our King elementary school and went on to graduate from Bishop England High School. Our son, Jason, graduated from the College of Charleston with a BA degree in Computer Science and our daughter, Beth, graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a BS degree in Health Science. My wife, Diana, worked at Christ Our King School until she retired in 2001.

His family has been members of Christ Our King parish for 30 years. He is also a charter member of Council 9475 and served on the Christ Our King Church Maintenance Team and the Church Council for two years each. He has recently reactivated his third degree membership in the Knights and is becoming an active participant in our Council activities.

His other service activities include being an active member for 2 1/2 years of the Snee Farm Homeowners Association Board as Maintenance Chairman. He is a Life Member of the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club Executive Board and presently serves as the Membership Chairman.

He retired in 1994, after 36 years, from Amoco Chemicals Corporation as a Safety Superintendent. He is now enjoying the good years with his hobbies, which are, recreational fishing, shrimping, yard work, and of course the honey-do list.

CONGRATULATIONS JERRY !!!!!

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The Fourth-Degree Exemplification will be held on February 23, 24, 25, in Columbia, SC. We are in need of candidates for the exemplification in February. If you know of a 3rd Degree Knight that has been a member for at least 1 year by the last weekend in February, please call Jack Urbanic @ 886-2591.

MEPKIN ABBEY RETREAT
Saturday March 31, 2007

This retreat is for singles or couples, the cost is \$15.00 per person. If you are interested, please call Bill Harrington at 209-4038 to reserve your spot. More details will follow.

GARDENING COLUMN

by
 Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Even if plants are dormant, they require moisture regardless of the temperature. With the winter winds, plants in containers dry out more quickly. Check containers with winter annuals often.

Now is the time to do major pruning. Roses should be pruned back to sturdy limbs. Any limb smaller than a pencil or crossing other limbs should be removed. Winter and spring-blooming shrubs such as camellias, sasanquas and azaleas, should not be pruned until after they bloom.

Dead and diseased leaves on the ground around bushes should be removed. Replace old mulch with fresh mulch around shrubs. To prevent petal blight, pick up fallen camellia blooms.

When planting 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.

Divide perennials such as asters, coreopsis, mums, daylilies and Shasta daisies. Separate individual root systems by hand.

Ornamental grasses, such as liriope and pampas, should be cut to within three inches of ground level (use hedge shears, weedeater or lawn mower) before new growth begins.

Do not fertilize grass until two weeks after it greens up. Weed and feed is not appropriate for our area. Fertilizer should be applied at a different time than the weed killer.

For camellia lovers there are many shows and festivals in the area now, such as Magnolia Gardens, Camellia Walks at Middleton, and Diamond Jubilee Camellia Festival at Cypress Gardens.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LEO ALBANO
DAVID BENSON
WADDY CARON
JEFFREY CARPER
RANDY COOPER
JOSEPH CURTIS
WILLIAM HARRINGTON
JEFFREY ISAAC
THOMAS KOENIG
DONALD LINDEMAN
JOHN MURPHY
PAT PIGLLA
BRYAN SCHULTZ
WARREN TAWES, JR.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH
FOR
JANUARY 2007
Tom and Fran Franzone**

The Family of the Month for January is Tom and Fran Franzone. Tom and Fran have been married 44 years (soon to be 45) and have three adult children: Mark, Lynda, and Tom, have five grandchildren: Roman, Gabrielle, Rosario, MacKenzie and Coleman.

Tom is a charter member of the Knights and has been very active through the 20 years our council has been in existence. He is a 4th Degree Knight and plays an integral part on our First Degree Team. Tom is a Past Grand Knight having gone through all the offices of our council. He is our Program Director, a post he has handled with diligence for the past 14 years.

Tom has helped build 3 ET (Elderly Transportable) homes that have been presented to poor families. He is presently available to start working on the 4th ET home. Tom is also available to Senior Ministry when need to pick up furniture from donators and delivering to needy families. Tom is our oyster roast chairman this year as he was last 2 years.

Tom and Fran are active members of Christ Our King Church. Tom coordinates schedules and trains ushers for the five weekend masses. He also schedules Brother Knights to serve as altar serves every Sunday at the 7:30 am mass.

Fran is a weekly volunteer at ECCO (east Cooper Community Outreach), and she is the organizer and editor of our monthly newsletter. Fran is the key to the success of our church, social, and fund raising events, in that she is a tireless worker being the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Tom and Fran communicate very well together whether it is organizing the newsletter, preparing for a church sponsored or knights social event, or participating in a fund raising event. They seem to be where you need them all the time. They were chosen as South Carolina State Council Family of the Year 2005-2006.

Tom enjoys golfing, and Fran and Tom enjoy the beach, boating, cruising and family.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM AND FRAN!!!!



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MARCH**

Officer's Meeting	01
Life Center — 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8am	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	02
COK — 7:30 am to 5 PM	
ProLife/Rosary	03
COK — 7:30 am	
Soup and Sandwich	07
Stella Maris after 6 PM mass	
Operation Hope	10
Piggly Wiggly at Seaside Farms	
10 am to 2 PM	
St Patrick's Day Parade	17
Regular Business Meeting	20
Island Club — Sullivan's Island	
Dinner — 6:30 PM	
Meeting — 7:30 PM	
K of C Day of the Unborn Child	25
Founder's Day	29
March 29, 1882	
Mepkin Abbey Retreat	31
9 am to 3 PM	

OPERATION HOPE

Operation Hope will take place at the Piggly Wiggly at Seaside Farms, on Saturday, February 10th from 10 am to 2 PM. Volunteers are needed, please call Jim Pancake at 856-3887

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**RUTH & ERCOLE CHIOLA
TAMMY & EDWARD DEMAREE
KAY & MICHAEL FABRIZIO
FRAN & TOM FRANZONE**



Insurance Agent Newsletter Input

Brother Knights - Half our fraternal year is in the history books and January is already half over. Now is the time when most GK's and DD's start paying particular attention to monthly reports on membership and insurance. The goal... Star Council. I thought it might be appropriate at this time to reflect on what a Star Council award really means to our councils and our order. In 1882, when Fr. McGivney organized the first council in the basement of St. Mary's church, many things were different but many things were also the same. His parishoners were some of the poorest citizens in New Haven, Ct. Until just a few years prior, Catholics were unable to even own property and Catholics were considered second class citizens at best. There was a real lack of understanding of our church and that resulted in verbal attacks and worse. Today, we may not be the lowest rung on the economic ladder (with the exception of our Latino brothers) but we still suffer from a lack of understanding from the non-Catholic population and the last time I looked, we are still a favorite target of the press. If Fr. McGivney's fragile new organization was to succeed and address the conditions that his parishoner's faced, one thing had to happen. The order had to grow. Why...because without a growing and committed group of Knights who proclaimed their faith and publicly supported their church, nothing would happen. From the first meeting in St. Mary's Church to today, membership growth has been the key to our success. As our worthy DD often comments, the main topics of discussion at State Deputy training sessions are membership, membership, membership, insurance and membership. The other reason for launching the Knights of Columbus was to protect the families of his parishoners from the destitution that followed the loss of a breadwinner. In Fr. McGivney's day, Catholics couldn't even purchase insurance. As a "Fraternal Benefits Organization", the Knights could issue insurance policies to members and families. His dream became reality and the rapid growth of the order was matched by a rapid growth in insurance issued by the Knights. This accomplished several things. First, Fr. McGivney's goal of providing for the families of Catholic men was achieved. Second, the success of the Agency Department provided a source of funds for the ever growing charitable needs of the K of C. And last but not least, the Knights of Columbus "Agency" became a leader in the insurance industry which brought distinction to our order and public acceptance of our organization. Back to today. When our councils achieve Star Council, we are continuing to support the dream of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. We make it possible for the Knights of Columbus to donate \$139 million dollars to charity. We make it possible for the Knights to continue expanding into other parts of the world where our principals of charity, unity and fraternity are desperately needed. And finally, we continue to provide the finest insurance coverage available to our members and their families. Whether we continue to achieve our lofty goals always boils down to what each of us does. Now is the time to sign up that guy you have been talking to for the last six months. Now is also the time to talk to a field agent. I know, you have a lot on your plate and there's always next week but please remember what's at stake and give your field agent a call. Whether our councils make Star Council and make it possible for the dream to continue will be determined in the next three months. Success will bring the highest honor achievable for our councils. Success will keep the dream alive.

Roy Spurlock
Field Agent
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AND
PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**