



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through our fraternal year. We have had a very busy six months and I am looking forward to the rest of the year. The Oyster Roast, Free Throw Contest, and the 4th Degree Exemplification are just a few of the activities that lie ahead for us in the coming months that provide opportunity for each of you to get more involved in your Council. Please make every attempt to participate in our various activities and monthly meetings.

I am also excited to announce that we are halfway towards achieving our goal of Star Council and I have recently received contact information from Christ our King on those parishioners who expressed interest in joining the Knights during the last Time and Talent sign up that will allow us to potentially exceed our goals. If we are successful in achieving these goals, we will be recognized as a Star Council for the third consecutive year. That's quite an accomplishment and I look forward to reporting to you on our updated status in the months to come.

Our Deputy Grand Knight, Brenden Lo has recently embarked on a new career that will take him out of the area for several weeks at a time. To ensure continuity while Brenden is out of pocket, Tom Kelly has agreed to fill in an acting capacity when we need him to do so. Tom will officially remain our Financial Secretary during this time but I have asked Joe Harkins to lend a hand to Tom if and when he gets overwhelmed. My sincere thanks to both Tom and Joe for stepping up and extending themselves even further for our Council and a special "good luck" to Brenden as he begins a new career chapter in his life.

Everyone should have by now received their 2008 dues invoice and booklets of state raffle tickets. Please don't delay in getting these important documents back in a timely manner.

Until next month, may God bless and keep you,

John Gallagher
Grand Knight



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Years Day	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Officer's Meeting	03
Life Center—7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	03
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	04
COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	05
COK—7:30 AM	
Feast of the Epiphany	06
Stand Up for Life Rally	12
Washington, DC	
Third Degree	13
Hilton Head	
Fourth Degree Meeting	13
Council 704 — 6 PM	
Business Meeting	15
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner—6:30 PM	
Meeting —7:30 PM	
Martin Luther King Day	21
March for Life	22
Washington, DC	
Oyster Roast	26
Gold Bug Island—6:30 PM	
Third Degree	27
Citadel	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Edward Bernard
 Martin Bogdan
 Robert Bohnstengel
 James Cafaro
 Edward Croft
 John Crosby
 Daniel Darby
 Tim Forbes
 Kevin Frederick
 Wilson Gautreaux
 Thomas Jerger
 Luke Lapierre
 Lawrence McNerny
 James Pancake
 James Sheehy
 Robert Spencer
 Philip Tompkins

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

December, 2007

Lou Richter

Lou is a native Charlestonian. He attended public and parochial schools before graduation from Bishop England High School. He also attended the Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Technical Education School and graduated with a certificate in Data Processing.

In 1999 he became an active member in Council 9475 and is a 4th Degree member. Lou has served office in our council as Lector, Inside Guard and Community Director. At present he serves on the 1st Degree Team. You will find Lou participating in most of our fund raising activities.

He is a member of Christ Our King parish and serves as an Alter Server, Usher and member of the Newcomers Committee. Lou also attends daily mass there.

Lou retired from the US Postal Service and the Army Reserves after serving 37 and 28 years respectively. At present he works with a health card company.

Lou has three children: James, Audrey and Michael. They in turn have presented him with five grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS Lou !!!!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Elodea and Maurice Fatigues
Margaret and Rumford Bloch
Elnora and Melvin Lands
Kathy and Michael Roth
Janice and Philip Tompkins*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

East Cooper Council 9475

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT

Saturday, January 26, 2008—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, Gumbo, Hot Dogs, Beer Available—no Coolers

Tom Franzone—843-884-5670

Volunteers are needed. Please call Tom if you have an hour or two.

January Gardening Tips

By

Mary Irene Katsibas

Clemson University Master Gardener

January is still a good time for transplanting or planting trees, shrubs, roses, perennials and seeds for spring flowers. Don't wait until it gets too warm. Remember to make the planting hole 2 times the width of the container and the same depth. Trees and shrubs are a major part of any landscape and careful planning is important for choosing the best plant and location. A great deal of thought and research will pay off with good additions to your yard. You should give attention to choosing plants that have good pest resistance for this area. Euonymous, red tips, and cotoneasters are some that can cause problems. Find plants that don't require much water and can take the heat and humidity. It is very important to find out the mature size of anything you want to plant so you can choose the right spot. Many homeowners are stuck with plants that were planted too close to the house or are too big for the area where they are growing. Many plants come in dwarf varieties. Look for shrubs and trees having berries that will attract birds. Go to the consumer horticulture section of the Clemson University website for lists of trees and shrubs good for this area. Clemson.edu/hort/HomeHort.php Or call the extension service and ask for a list to be mailed to you. 843-722-5940

No fertilizing yet for anything except your pansies, snapdragons, and other flowers you planted in the fall. Use a fertilizer containing "nitrate nitrogen" on those. Pruning is best left until February just in case we do have a freeze. If the dry and warm weather continues, your yard will probably need a good watering at least every 10-14 days. If you haven't had a soil sample done in the past 3-5 years now is the time to do it.

Clean up fallen camellia blooms to help prevent petal blight. Give your houseplants a half turn every month so they don't grow in one direction. If you see brown edges on the leaves, mist them twice a day. Keep them out of drafty areas

If you deeply water 24 hours before a freeze hits, the moisture in the ground will hold heat and help prevent damage.

BOOK SALE



The Book Sale will be held in Seaside Farms Shopping Center, on Monday, February 11 thru Sunday, February 17th. Set-up is scheduled for Monday February 4th. Takedown will be on Monday, February 18th. Volunteer's are needed. Please call John Murphy at 971-8622.

Family of the Month
November 2007
Marco and Amelia Vasquez

The Family of the Month for November 2007 is Marco and Amelia Vasquez.

Marco and Amelia have been married 42 years and have four adult children: Carmen, Martha, Aymee, and Luis. They have six grandchildren Nicole, Alfredo, Luis Fernando, Ana, Victoria and Patrick.

They were both born in the Republic of Panama, and part of their family is still there. Martha and Luis are in Panama with their families and they visit us or Marco and Amelia go down to Panama to visit them and the rest of the family regularly.

They came to the US back in 1997 when AT&T transferred Marco from the Canal Zone to Long Island, New York. Amelia retired that same year. She used to work at the US Army Hospital in the Canal Zone. From New York they moved to Florida for two years where they lived close to their daughter Carmen and two of their grandchildren.

Both Marco and Amelia are semi-retired, Amelia after 10 years found a job with MUSC and went back to work. Marco volunteers at ECCO. They are members of Christ Our King Church.

CONGRATULATIONS MARCO & AMELIA !!!!!

Family of the Month
December 2007
Will and Gabriela Simons

The Family of the Month for December 2007 is Will and Gabriela Simons.

Will and Gabriela have been married for 21 years and have three children, William now 18, Caroline 16, and Virginia 13.

Will has owned a successful landscaping company for 29 years. They have been members of the Cathedral parish for four years. Will is in the Cathedral Men's Club and Gabriela is in the Women's Club.

Will and Gabriela are involved in Cursillo, and serve as associate volunteers at the St. Katharine Drexel house. Also they are on the formation team to charter a new Sierra Club to help promote religious vocations in the Diocese of Charleston and they are starting the "Stewards for Vocations" at the Cathedral.

You can always find Gabriela going beyond the call of duty during our annual oyster roast. She coordinates door prizes, makes sure everybody in attendance is enjoying themselves and keeps all the Knights at task to make sure the evening runs smoothly.

Will and Gabriela's family hobbies are fishing and fossil hunting.

CONGRATULATIONS WILL & GABRIELA !!!!!

EVERYTHING YOU DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT
ESTATE PLANNING

OK...a big pot of coffee brewing and there is lots of sugar for energy. I'm about to keep my promise and talk about insurance this month. Here we go..... Estate Planning! One of the least fun things we do in our life....and death. We've worked all our lives to take care of our families and have something left over for the kids and this 400 lb. gorilla walks in and wants to take out lunch money. The gorilla would be the IRS and the lunch money is what we have saved all our lives. Why do they do it? Because we have no right to leave anything to our heirs. Yep, you heard me right. Leaving money to our families is a "PRIVLEDGE", not a right and most of the laws that govern the transfer of an estate are rigged in the government's favor. Who said life.. or government is fair.

Not only does the government make all the rules, they've made them so complicated and involved, Joe Sixpack hasn't got a chance to play the game without serious help from some pretty expensive talent, namely..... attorneys, accountants and financial advisors. I know ...some of you are saying "what do I care about this stuff. My estate is small." Others are saying, "I set up a plan 5 years ago and I'm set for life." And there is always the "I don't want to talk about stuff that upsets me" bunch. All three groups may be in for some serious, and expensive, reality checks. Worse yet, someone they love may be left to pick up the tab for their lack of planning.

In reality, no one person has all the answers. Attorneys do wills and trusts but they can't write insurance or invest your money. Accountants can establish the value of your estate but they can't help you preserve it. Financial planners are great at investing your money but if those investments are not properly structured, your tax impact can soar. You need answers to basic questions such as:

- Is it better to have everything in both names?
- Do you need to worry about federal and state estate taxes?
- How much can you give your children as gifts?
- Are trusts right for you?
- How much will my children loose if I do nothing?

You need answers and you need a starting point. "Ta....dah..." Enter your K of C field agent. Field agents are trained to evaluate your needs and, if necessary, participate with other financial and legal professionals to ensure that what you've worked your life to build isn't taken by that 400 lb. gorilla. At no cost to you we can provide a look at what is waiting for you behind that last door. For small estates, we can write insurance that will provide for final expenses and survivor income. For moderate estates, we can recommend plans and products that will preserve wealth and avoid estate taxes. And for large estates, especially those with plans already in place for a number of years, we can bring you up to date on changes in estate tax issues and products that might not have been appropriate when your plan was first implemented.

It's our job to help protect the families of our members. It's your job too. Let us help.

Roy Spurlock
Field Agent
Knights of Columbus
843-379-9319

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Super Bowl Sunday Social	03
Neil and Melinda Whitman's	
Book Sale Set-up	04
Ash Wednesday	06
Officer's Meeting	07
Life Center — 7 PM	
Third Degree	09
Pawley's Island	
Book Sale Starts	11
Seaside Farms	
Lincoln's Birthday	12
Valentine's Day	14
Third Degree	16
E. Columbia, SC	
President's Day	18
Book Sale Takedown	18
Business Meeting	19
Island Club — Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:30 PM	
Washington's Birthday	22
March for Life	22
Washington, DC.	
Fourth Degree Exemplification	22, 23, 24
Columbia, SC	

Did you know? The Knights of Columbus. . . .

- Support a multimillion dollar Scholarship and Student Loan programs for members and their children pursuing higher education, and vocations scholarships for seminarians.
- Created the Father Michael J. McGivney Memorial Fund for New Initiatives in Catholic Education in the amount of \$1 million to develop improvements in religious education in the U.S. and Canada.
- Underwrite, through an annual assessment of \$1.00 per member, the Order's Catholic Information Service, which provides free information on the Catholic faith to interested inquirers—more than \$9 million responses and more than \$750,000 enrollees in correspondence courses through the years.
- Provide support for such varied apostolates as Birthright; The National Life Center; The Institute on Religious Life; Morality in Media; The National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities; The National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry, among others.

Now You Know!

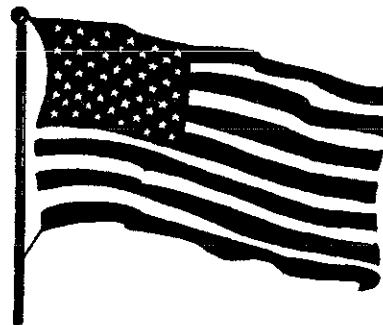
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AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**