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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Our best wishes to all of you and yours for a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Saturday, January 22nd is the State Pro-Life March in Columbia. We would like to have as many Brother Knights and families join us for this event as possible. Please call Barry Sturmer (881-6714) or myself (881-5768) if you wish to participate in the march.

“If we want to remain a free people we must begin by rededicating ourselves to the sanctity of every human life, and holding our elected representatives to the same standard. Since God alone is the author of life, we don’t own it. Life is a gift. It’s ours to take care of – but not to throw away, and never to take from another. The sanctity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is our common heritage, the foundation stone of justice.” (U.S. Catholic Conference, Inc.)

The evening of January 22nd will also be our Annual Oyster Roast at Gold Bug Island. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Those of us who will be going to the Pro-Life march will be returning in plenty of time for the Oyster Roast.

Our monthly Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 9th. Please call Pat Piglia (216-7680) and volunteer your services.

Our Free Throw Contest beginning this month is being coordinated by Mike Flato with assistance from Mike Swindle. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We had a very busy and very successful December. Our special thanks to Neil and Melinda Whitman for hosting our Christmas Social on December 11th. This party was followed by our monthly Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 12th. Thanks to Pat and Neil who did not get much sleep between the two events; and, other Brother Knights and their wives who helped with the breakfast.

Our Christmas Wreath sale was a huge success, netting over \$1,800. Thanks to Fran Franzone, Pat Kelly, Joan Schiliro, Melinda Whitman, Shirley Wolf, and Virginia Stella for decorating the wreaths. Thanks to Tom Kelly, Tom Franzone, Dick King, Red Grannan, Don Lindeman, Pat Piglia, Michael Kennedy, Dave Benson, Barry Sturmer, Rick Karkowski, Mike Stuffle, Hank Wolf, John Gallagher, and Lou Richter for volunteering their time in selling the wreaths.

Our two Sunday events for Operation HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday) were successful, collecting a total of \$1,062. Thanks to my wife Peg, Paul Midghall, Mike Stuffle, Ken Kobularcik, Rich Garcia & son Ricky, Neil Whitman, Hank Wolf, Fred Koch, John Gallagher, and Maureen McDermott for volunteering their time for a very worthwhile cause.

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. Your completed form should be mailed or handed in at our Business Meeting on January 18th.

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.

God Bless and be with all of you,
Joe Harkins, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Years Day _____	01
Feast of Mary Mother of God	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	06
Stella Maris—8PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	07
COK—7:30 AM to 5PM	
Officer’s Meeting _____	07
Life Center —7PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	08
COK —7:30 AM	
Fourth-Degree Meeting _____	09
Council 704 — 6PM	
Pancake Breakfast _____	09
Grace Hall — after 7:30 & 9:30 masses	
Martin Luther King Day _____	17
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
Island Club—Sullivan’s Island	
Dinner served at 6:30 PM	
Meeting starts at 7:30 PM	
Annual Oyster Roast _____	22
Gold Bug Island — 6:30 PM	
Volunteers Needed	
March for Life _____	24
Washington, D.C.	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Edward Bernard
Martin Bogdan
Robert Bohnstengel
Hal Burton
William Condon
Edward Croft
John Crosby
Daniel Darby
Tim Forbes
Wilson Gautreaux, Jr.
Thomas Jerger
Daniel Jost
Luke LaPierre
Lawrence McInerny
John Sheehan
Robert Spencer
Edward Tucker

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for December is Gene McLaughlin. He is a Third Degree Knight and an active member of St. Benedicts Church. Gene's service in the Knights began almost 50 years ago when he joined the Knights in 1955 while still in high school. Like many of us, he entered into a period of inactivity due to continuing his education at West Point, four years in the army, more education followed by a 25 year career with J.C. Penney. He and his wife Elaine have four wonderful children, Barry, Bevin, Brenda and Brian – otherwise known as the four B's.

In 1994, while living in Dallas, Gene once again became active in the Knights of Columbus. Upon retirement in 2000, Gene and Elaine relocated to Mount Pleasant and his service began in Council 9475. He has volunteered his time in many of our fund- raisers including, Tootsie Roll sales, the Free Throw Contest and the Oyster Roast. He has also served the Council as Chancellor.

Gene's service to St. Benedicts Church is noteworthy. He serves on the Sacristy Committee and volunteers his time with the St. Vincent DePaul Society. In addition, he participates with the Charleston Ports and Seafarers Society by providing information and assistance to seamen coming into the Charleston area.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mike Flato is heading up the Free Throw contest starting in January. Jim Raih, Mike Stuffle and I have volunteered to help. He could use some additional volunteers to help him with those activities. The duties involve coordinating and monitoring the contests with the gym teachers or coaches at the middle schools in the East Cooper region. Please respond directly to him at jmflato@comcast.net or 973-1409. The Free Throw will begin the 2nd and 3rd weeks in January.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a soccer team in the Mt. Pleasant Recreational League this spring. Mike Flato has generously volunteered to coach that team. He has the gratitude of the entire organization for all of his efforts on the behalf of youths in the district.

Submitted by: Michael Swindle

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Cooper Council #9475

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT
Saturday, January 22, 2005 — 6:30 PM

Gold Bug Island
(at the foot of the Ben Sawyer Bridge)
12yrs. & older \$15.00 — All Children \$7.50
\$20.00 at the door

Includes Select Oysters, Fish Stew, Hot Dogs, Beer Available
No Coolers Please

Tom A. Franzone - 884-5670

Volunteers are needed

GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Poinsettias should be in bright light but away from drafts. Water twice a week. To allow proper drainage, remove decorative wrapping. After the holidays, they can be put outside, even planted. **DID YOU KNOW?** Poinsettias originally came from Mexico. They were sent here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, who was the first US Ambassador to Mexico in 1828, from the Taxco area of Mexico. The bright-colored bracts reminded the Mexicans of the Star of Bethlehem and associated the poinsettias with Christmas.

Be sure to water plants that are green above ground. Dry plants will be killed faster by hard freezes and cold winds than plants plump with moisture. Potted plants dry out faster, too.

New shrubs and trees should be planted during their dormant season (now through January). Keep them watered to be sure they are well-established before hot weather and protect from freezing temperatures. Major pruning for many trees and shrubs should be done during the dormant period. Do NOT prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as azaleas and forsythia until AFTER they bloom. Transplant roses now. Wait until January to prune roses.

Prune sasanquas and camellias after they finish blooming. Clean up dropped blooms to prevent scale.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2004
AFTER 7:30 AND 9:30 MASSES

Pancake Breakfast with all fixings, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, milk, orange juice and coffee. All for just \$5.00 per person. Children 5 and under eat FREE.

FOURTH-DEGREE

The Fourth-Degree Exemplification will be held February 25,26, and 27,2005 at —

ITT SHERATON HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
2100 BUSH RIVER ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC. 29210
803-731-0300

There will be a informational meeting held on Sunday, January 9, 2005, Council 704 @ 6 PM. If you are interested call Joe Harkins @881-5768.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Nick and Susan Christopher

The Family of the Month for October 2004 for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Nick and Susan Christopher. Nick and Susan have been married for 25 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Maria is a medical billing professional and has a 10-year old son, Sean. Their middle child, Sotir is a professional engineer and is married to Sunday. They have 2-year old twin daughters Anna and Mary and are expecting their third child soon. Nick and Susan's youngest daughter, Jessica is studying to become a registered nurse and has a 4-year old daughter, Brooke.

Nick is a program management consultant, currently working for CACI International Inc. and mainly works to support the U.S. Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) in Charleston, SC. Nick is also an adjunct professor at Southern Wesleyan University teaching a wide range of management related courses including human resources managements, organizational behavior, negotiations/conflict management and communications. Susan is a social services agent with the South Carolina Department of Social Services.

Nick was born in Atlanta, GA, but grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. He attended and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Nick also completed two years toward of law school at Duquesne University. Nick has also received a Masters of Science Degree in Management from Southern Wesleyan University. Susan was born in Camden, NJ, but grew up in Latrobe, PA. She attended and graduated from the University of Pittsburg (where she met her future husband) with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology. Nick enjoys a successful career in management and has worked in the private sector with such notable companies as Westinghouse Electric. He has also worked for government agencies including the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with whom he transferred with to the Charleston area.

Nick and Susan are charter members of St. Benedicts Parish in Mount Pleasant, SC. They both serve as lectors and sing in the choir. Nick served as music director for the parish for four years, before recently stepping down. Nick is a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus having joined in 1990 and recently transferred to Council 9475 from the Aiken council. Nick chaired several programs for the Aiken council and is serving as Council 9475's 2004 Operation Hope chairman. Nick enjoys various activities in his spare time including singing in the Charleston Men's Chorus, teaching dance and working as a stained glass artisan.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Maurice & Elodie Artigues
Ruford & Margaret Bolchoz
Melvin & Elnora Lands
Joseph & Irene Sharkey*

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
Outside Guard	Mike Swindle	224-8024
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
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone COK	884-5670
	Jack Urbanic SM	886-2591
	Gene McLaughlin SB	849-2271
Community Director	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Council Director	John Murphy	971-8622
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
Family Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Youth Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Oper. Hope Chairman	Nick Christopher	856-9127
Admissions Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Membership Director	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Retention Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. James Parker	556-9454
State Deputy	Raymond Hock	864-244-8828
District Deputy	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
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REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

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St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary
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**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**

