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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Happy New Year. I hope you and your families had a joy filled Christmas and that 2006 has started well.

It's hard to believe that it's been six months since I became your Grand Knight. Time flies when you're having fun! We've accomplished much these past six months but there's still much more work to be done. We're well on our way to Star Council having fulfilled most of the service requirements and are over halfway to our membership goal. We still need several new insurance members but I'm sure our new field agent, Steve Dunlap, will play an active role in helping us fulfill this requirement. My sincere thanks to all my brother Knights and their wives for all the hard work that been put into our service program these past six months.

December was extremely busy and included our most successful wreath sale ever, an Operation Hope fund raiser, a really fun Christmas social, the first ever kid's kazoo band, and a membership blitz that included all three of our parishes. We have listed elsewhere in this newsletter the names of all who volunteered their time to help make this a very special Christmas season. To each of you I offer my sincere thanks. You are a blessing to our council.

Please remember to get your state raffle books completed and sent back to Lou Richter. As of December 20th, only 20% of you had responded to this important fund raising event. Please remember the more tickets we sell the more comes back to our council to distribute to our chosen charities. Our goal is just one book per member, please help.

In January we have a number of events on the calendar including the pro-life march in Columbia on January 21st, our annual oyster roast on January 28th and the basketball free throw contest. Matt Story, our Youth Director, will be sending out details on the free throw contest in the very near future. Let's see if we can crown another national champion! Looking ahead, Melinda and I will be hosting a Superbowl Social on February 5th and the 4th degree exemplification is scheduled for February 24-26. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate.

I look forward to a faith and fun filled 2006. May God bless you, your families, and our great country.

Neil Whitman
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Year's Day	01
Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris—8PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting	05
Life Center — 7:00 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Feast of the Epiphany	06
Free Throw Contest	06
Laing Middle School — 8:30 AM.	
Pro-life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Fourth Degree Meeting	08
Meet Candidates	
Third Degree	14
Hilton Head, SC.	
Martin Luther King Day	16
Regular Business Meeting	17
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
6:30 Dinner	
7:30 Meeting	
Introductory Meeting	18
Fourth Degree Candidates — Council 704	
Stand Up for Life March and Rally	21
Columbia, SC. — 11 AM	
March for Life	23
Washington D.C.	
Third Degree	24
Hilton Head	
Annual Oyster Roast	28
Gold Bug Island	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ELODIE & MAURICE ARTIGUES
MARGARET & RUFORD BOLCHOZ
ELNORA & MELVIN LANDS
KATHY & MICHAEL ROTH
JANICE & PHIL TOMPKINS

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Mike Stuffle **December**

Mike Stuffle was born and raised in New Jersey. He attended Catholic schools and enlisted in the Navy after graduation from high school. He pursued a 20 year career in the submarine service and served aboard six different submarines. His last assignment was a shore duty tour in Charleston as an instructor. Upon retirement he worked in the supply and tool field.

Mike joined the Knights of Columbus in 1991 and rose to fourth degree rank in 1995. He has served the Council in all of the posts including Grand Knight. He is also very active in the fourth degree where he has served as Inside and Outside Guard and currently he is the Faithful Purser. He has been a parishioner at Stella Maris since moving to the Isle of Palms in 1971.

He has served our Council in many ways including being a volunteer at virtually every event. He is the founder of the Fireman and Policeman Breakfast event that was held for the first time last year. He is also a participant at all the Fourth Degree events in our region. In addition to all of his work with the Knights and the church, he is also an active member of the VFW and the Submarine Veterans. Thanks to Mike for all of his faithful service to our organization.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE !!!!!



FREE THROW

The Free Throw Contest will be held at Laing Middle School on Friday, January 6, at 8:30 AM.

Volunteer's are needed. Please call Matt Story at 577-2026

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

To Brother Steve Groves for the loss of his son Joshua. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Christian Burial was held Dec. 28, 2005. Prayers and Final Commendation and Farewell will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a special memorial fund in Joshua's name to the John Ancrum Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 3861 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, 29405.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Ron and Deb Davis

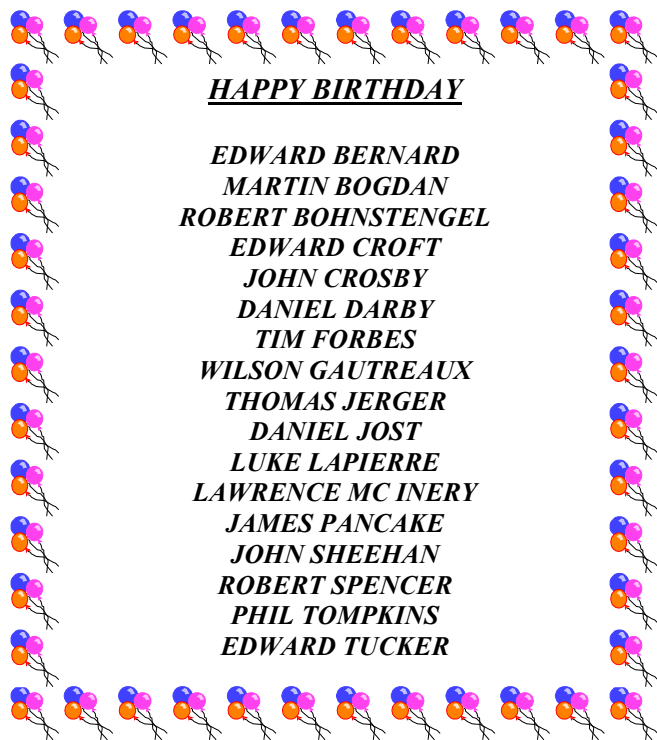
The Family of the Month for November 2004 for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Ron and Deb Davis. Ron and Deb have been married for 36-years and have four children – Jay, Tina, Wendy and Joe. Jay is a successful artist in New York, NY and Tina is a cosmetologist in Mt. Pleasant. Wendy, married to Evan Guyer, is a 5th grade teacher at Charles Pinckney Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant. Joe is a senior at Wando High School and is scheduled to finish a whole semester early. Joe is an avid fisherman and surfer (planning a trip to Costa Rica this summer), and also works part-time at Piggly Wiggly. He will enter the College of Charleston next fall where he plans to study business.

Ron grew up in Columbia, SC where he met Deb on a blind date. Deb is originally from California, but grew up all over the United States as a military brat. At the time she met Ron her father was stationed with the Marines in Viet Nam. Ron and Deb were married in 1969 and moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1972. Soon after, Ron began his 22-year career with Amoco Chemical (currently BP) where he worked in many departments including utilities and shipping. In 1980, during his time at Amoco, Ron began a part-time company – Carolina Coin Amusement. After retiring from Amoco, Ron has worked full-time for himself and his company is currently in its 24th year of operations. Ron also works at real estate investing, especially in coastal North Carolina where he has had much success. Ron served 5-years in the Marine Reserves and 15-years in the Air Force Reserves before retiring as an E5.

Ron and Deb are members of Christ Our King Parish, where they are active in many ministries. Ron serves as an usher nearly every Sunday at the 9:30AM mass. Deb sings in the choir, is a cantor at the 7:30AM and 9:30AM masses, and is also the funeral choir coordinator. Ron volunteers his time and equipment to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He is also very active in scouting, volunteering with Boy Scout Troop 59 at Stella Maris Church on Sullivan's Island. Ron is a Troop Council Member and also serves as the chairman of the Troop's Advancement Committee. Ron joined the Knights of Columbus in 1994 at Council 9475 and is a 4th Degree Knight. He currently serves as Lector, where always provides an appetizing and filling meal at council business meetings. In the past, he has held the offices of Outside Guard and Family Director. Ron constantly supports the activities of the Council including providing storage space and helping deliver books for the annual book sale and working at the Oyster Roast.

Ron, Deb and Joe have lived in Seaside Farms since 2000 and enjoy many activities together including boating, fishing, and just hanging out at the lake or the beach.

CONGRATULATIONS RON AND DEB !!!!!



GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

Water Poinsettias twice a week. They need bright light but should be kept out of drafts. To allow proper drainage, remove decorative paper.

Although dormant and semi-dormant plants need less water, they need some moisture to stay alive. Don't cut or remove stems of perennials unless you are sure they are dead. If rain soaks into the cut stems, they may die of crown rot. Give plants that are still green adequate water. Hard freezes and cold wind will kill dry plants faster than if plump with moisture. Remember, potted plants dry out faster. Plant spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. Add a handful of bonemeal or superphosphate but do not use a general fertilizer now.

Plant new shrubs and trees now. Keep them watered to be sure they are protected from freezing temperatures and will be well-established before the hot weather.

Prepare pruning equipment now. February 17-March 17 is the best time to prune most landscape and woody fruit plants. The rule of thumb is: if it blooms before June 1, prune at last bloom, i.e., azaleas, forsythia. If it blooms after June 1, i.e., camellias, crape myrtle, prune before new growth in spring.

Plant or transplant roses, gladiolus, tulips and shrubs. Prune roses at the end of January or first part of February.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

East Cooper Council #9475

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT

Saturday, January 28, 2006—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, Fish Stew, Hot Dogs, Beer

Available—No Coolers

Tom Franzone (843 884-5670)

Super Bowl Social

Neil and Melinda Whitman will be hosting a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5, 2006 . Details will follow.

Neil and Melinda Whitman
1167 Waterfront Drive
Hidden Lakes
Mt. Pleasant, SC
856-5034

DUES ARE NOW DUE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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
St. Valentine's Day	14
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
Fourth Degree	24,25,26

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Wreath Sales

Tom Kelly, Tom Franzone, Joe Harkins, John Gallagher, Hank Wolf, Rocco Falcone, Phil Tompkins, Jim Pancake, Micky McMahon, Don Lindeman, Brenden Lo, Bill Harrington, John Murphy, Dick King, Mike Stuffle, Lou Richter, Mike Swindle, Al Leonzio & Pat Piglia

Decorators

Fran Franzone, Pat Kelly, Joan Schiliro, Melinda Whitman, Shirley Wolf and daughters Rebecca and Julie and Virginia Stella.

Bow Makers

Nancy Murphy, Terry Soltis, Michelle Karkowski, Gloria Harrington, Melinda Whitman, Fran Franzone, Deb Davis, Sandy Piglia, Joan Schiliro, Shirley Wolf

Kids Kazoo Band

Matt Story, Greg Gromley, Joe Harkins, Jim Pancake, Barry Sturmer, Neil Whitman.

Operation Hope fund raiser

Paul Midghall, Bill Harrington, Neil Whitman, Mike Swindle, John Gallagher, Jim Pancake, Phil Tompkins, Rick Karkowski, Dick King, Lou Richter

Membership Blitz

Hank Wolf, Rick Karkowski, Joe Harkins, Neil Whitman, Mike Stuffle, Matt Story, Pat Piglia

Christmas Social

Joe and Peggy Harkins

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerny	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 Stuffle	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
Oper. Hope Chairman	Paul Midghall	881-4190
State Raffle	Lou Richter	881-6254
Admissions Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Membership Committee	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
	Joe Harkins	881-5768
	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
	Neil Whitman	856-5034
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
Insurance Agent	Steve Dunlap	553-6493
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH AND RALLY

The Stand Up for Life March and Rally will be held on January 21, 2006, in Columbia, SC at 11:00 AM.

Featured Speaker: Susanne Schindler Vitadamo (sister of Terri Schindler)

Call Bill Harrington @ 843-209-4038 to arrange car pool.

DON'T FORGET—DUES ARE NOW DUE

REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

Phillip Gillespie
Pontifical College Josephimm
7625 North High St.
Columbus, OH 43235-1498

***GOD BLESS
AMERICA***

