



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

What an honor it is to be addressing you as your newly installed Grand Knight. Please pray for me so that I do my best to earn the trust you have placed in me to lead this great council during the coming fraternal year.

This past year has been a great success thanks to the hard work of so many. First let me thank our immediate past Grand Knight Joe Harkins for his leadership. Under his watch your council held more events than I could begin to name here with the most important result that we returned over \$9000 to our churches, religious, community, and individuals in need. This is a record in which we can all share and be proud. Thanks must also go to Bob Brimmer, John Murphy, and Jack McDermott who just completed their term as officers.

Our installation dinner was a great success with almost 40 in attendance. The hall was beautifully decorated thanks to Tom and Fran Franzone and Joe and Peggy Harkins. I also appreciate the presence of my wife Melinda and my daughters Lisa and Katie at this important time for me. I'd also like to thank Deacon and Brother Knight Robert Higgins for his assistance in the installation.

A little personal history. I joined the Knights in 1989 soon after a group, mostly KofC members, journeyed from my upstate parish to assist with Hurricane Hugo cleanup. In 2000 a corporate move brought Melinda and I to Mount Pleasant from Orlando, Florida. Two of our three daughters were already living in the lowcountry and our youngest daughter soon followed. Becoming active in the Knights was a first priority and thanks to Tom Franzone I was welcomed into our council. Since then Melinda and I have developed many great friendships with brother knights and their wives. This is a great council and I urge all my brother knights who aren't already active to join in on the fun and to do so soon!

I along with my fellow officers will work hard to make this fraternal year a great one. We're already working on a ladies retreat at Mepkin Abbey, spaghetti dinners, and participation in Mount Pleasant's Christmas parade. I would welcome your ideas for other activities. You can reach me at 270-9834 or ngwhitman@yahoo.com

May God bless you all,

Neil Whitman  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK—7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary _____	02
COK--7:30 AM	
Independence Day_____	04
Officer's Meeting_____	07
Life Center--7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella-Maris—8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	19
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
6:30 PM—Dinner	
7:30 PM—Meeting	
Ordination of Brother Robert Higgins_____	23
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist	
120 Broad St.	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**BRIAN AGNEW  
DANNY AUSTIN  
RUFORD BOLCHOZ  
GERALD BRESNIHAN  
THOMAS BROWN  
MICHAEL DOLAN  
BRIAN DOUGLAS  
THOMAS A. FRANZONE  
JOHN GALLAGHER  
ANTHONY GIAMMUSSO  
MELVIN LAND  
BARRY MATHEWS  
RAUL PAEZ  
STEVEN RUETHER  
DONALD SCHROEDER  
BARRY SOCIA  
NORBERT STIEPEL  
MICHAEL STUFFLE  
ERNIE TORRES  
HENRY WOLF  
THOMAS ZERR**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**KRISTEN AND DARIN BISH  
BECKY AND MICHAEL BROWN  
SIMONE AND EDWARD CASTILLER  
JULIE AND WILSON GAUTREUX  
MARGI AND SCOTT MYERS  
KATHLEEN AND DONALD STEWART**

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY  
(BE SAFE)**

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for June is Paul Midghall. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and is an active member of Stella Maris Church, where he and his wife, Marianne, are daily communicants. Following a very successful career in the international business community, Paul retired to the Charleston area in 1995.

Paul was very aware of the Knights of Columbus at an early age. He and his six siblings were beneficiaries of the Knights of Columbus insurance program. In 2003, Paul became an active member of Council 9475 and his life of service continues.

At the Parish level, Paul is involved with the Bible study group at Stella Maris and is an active member of the Men's Club. At the community level, Mepkin Abbey is the recipient of Paul's services where he is a docent and serves on the Store Management Committee.

Pope John Paul II declared 2005 as the year of the Eucharist and put out a call for action. Paul responded by servicing on the Year of the Eucharist Committee, which managed special studies, and Adoration of the Eucharist. As you remember, Paul was instrumental in organizing a one-day retreat centered on the Eucharist at Mepkin Abbey. Fifty brother Knights participated in that retreat.

Most recently, Paul joined the board of Birthright of Charleston. This is an organization that counseled over 500 Charleston women last year to avoid abortion.

The right to life is a major plank of the Knights of Columbus and our Knight: Paul Midghall is doing something about it.

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL !!!!!

### **HOLY EUCHARIST PRESENCE OR REALITY?**

Before modern times, there were two major crises of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The first was in 1088 when theologians in France expressed doubt about the reality of the Blessed Sacrament. The second time was during the Reformation five centuries later. Pope Gregory VII ordered a declaration of faith in the first instance. The Council of Trent again reaffirmed the Reality of the Christ in 1564. In modern times Pope Paul VI reaffirmed this belief as a cornerstone of the Catholic faith in his publication, *Mysterium Fidei*.

Reality is the doctrine that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ. Presence refers to the spirituality of the Host. Transubstantiation is the belief that what was bread and wine before the Consecration has become the body and blood of the Christ, while retaining their outer appearances. Thus, the fundamental belief of the Catholic faith is that the Eucharist is both the reality and the presence of Jesus Christ. A priest is not only a minister of the Word but is primarily responsible for maintaining our relationship with the Eucharist through the Consecration during Mass.

## GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Continue to pinch mums back until mid-July. Then, where there are multiple buds, remove all but one for larger blooms. Roses should be watered every 4-5 days and fertilized every two weeks.

Cut back and fertilize spring-flowering bulbs after leaves turn brown. If needed, divide.

If you see white cottony growth on new foliage of crape myrtles, it is powdery mildew. Spray with Banner Maxx or Fertilome Systemic Fungicide.

Always read labels. They give important information: What to wear when using. When to mow before and after using. Should product be watered in. How much to use.

Since Hurricane Season has started, inspect trees for damage. Trim any dead or damaged limbs now.

With warmer weather your lawn mower should be raised; for centipede - 2 inches; St. Augustine - 4 inches; Bermuda - 1-2 inches; Zoysia - 1-3 inches depending on the variety. Don't bag. Check for chinch bugs if you have St. Augustine grass. Damage will appear as dried out areas that are yellow to brown. Chinch bugs are very small-about the size of a period at the end of a sentence. Because they work as a group, they can suck the moisture out of the grass. You can use Lawn Insect Control, Leaf Ranger or Bifin IT to keep them in check.

To get rid of baby mole crickets (they can't fly yet) Mole Cricket Bait, Merit or Dylox products will work.

Be sure the lawn gets at least 1 inch of water a week.

Interested in a butterfly garden? Good plants for this are: Butterfly Weed (Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on this plant. The larvae feed on the foliage,) Butterfly Bush, Mexican Sage, For humming birds plant Bottle Brush, Alliums, Yarrow, Verbena, Bee Balm, Hibiscus, Plumbago, Honeysuckle and black-eyed Susan. Anything red will attract them. Be sure to include a water feature (birdbath) as well.

### KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

**Knight of the year is Brother Tom Kelly.** Tom joined the Knights in 1992 and has been an active member of our council for the past 13 years. He is a Fourth-Degree Knight and has served our Council as Financial Secretary for nine years. In this capacity he has become known as the "Answer Man". There is not much that Tom doesn't know about every member of our council. When something needs doing, Tom is the man you go to. You'll find him at every fund raiser, lending support where needed. He is a regular volunteer at Christ Our King Church and volunteers at ECCO. He shares his time freely with those in need.

Tom and his wife Pat relocated to Mount Pleasant from Greece, New York, a suburb of Rochester. After 30 years of service, he retired as Battalion Chief of the Community Fire Department. Tom and Pat have two grown children, Mark resides in Summerville and Kristin lives in Rochester, NY. They also have two grandsons, Nathan and Arron who bring them great joy.

## A WORTHLESS PIECE OF PAPER

One of my fellow field agents recently called on a Brother Knight who allowed his Knights of Columbus insurance policy to lapse by not paying his premiums. This field agent simply called to ask if he would please return the lapsed policy. Because the member considered the policy to be worthless now, he asked the agent why he wanted it back.

The field agent replied that when the member died, he wanted to avoid the unpleasant task of explaining to his widow and children that the policy was worthless. He wanted to avoid the excitement the widow would feel when she found what she thought was a life insurance policy, only to become further depressed when she found it was useless and belonged in the wastebasket.

Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. The member in question was able to conserve this valuable protection for his loved ones by reinstating his insurance.

## THE INSTALLMENT PLAN

Have you ever thought of buying money on the installment plan?

Most of us have bought, and are buying, several things on the installment plan. It is the accepted way to buy many large items- a home, a car, or other expensive household items.

Really, installment buying gives the average working person a chance to have many of the things not otherwise affordable. But- and it is a big "but"- if you default on your payments, you lose your equity. Isn't that right?

One of the things you can buy, and still retain your equity if you have to default on payments, is cash value life insurance.

Cash life insurance means money for future needs. It can be purchased on the installment plan and come back in the form of cash to you or your family when it's needed most.

Call me today so we can talk about money for your future.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Field Agent  
Brian Gabel  
(843)-871-2371

## 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 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
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
Insurance Agent	Brian Gabel	843-871-2371
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

## REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

**Phillip Gillespie**  
**Pontifical College Josephimm**  
**7625 North High St.**  
**Columbus, OH 43235-1498**  
**and**  
**Deacon Robert Higgins**  
**1149 Russell Drive**  
**Mt. Pleasant, SC**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations of Jack and Geri Urbanic who received the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre award in New Orleans on Saturday May 28, 2005.

### 2005-06 OFFICER'S

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## FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**The Family of the Year for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Neil and Melinda Whitman.** Neil and Melinda have been married for 32 years and have three grown daughters, Laura, Lisa and Katie. Laura is a Document Control Manager for TY Linn in Mount Pleasant, currently working on the Cooper River Bridge. Lisa is a nursing student at Trident Technical College. Katie is a graduate of Clemson University with a BS in Marketing and is Vice-President of Dunhill Staffing Systems.

Neil was born on Long Island, NY and being a military brat he moved around often. His family had stops in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Azores, Japan, Hawaii before settling in the Melbourne area of Florida where Neil graduated from high school. Neil went to college at the University of South Florida and earned a BA degree in marketing.

Melinda was born in Hagerstown, PA. and moved to Tampa when she was three years old. She is a product of Tampa area catholic schools and graduated from the University of South Florida where she met her future husband and earned a BA in Education. Melinda is employed by Rivers & Grogan, Atty. Melinda is also in the Mt. Pleasant Garden Club.

Neil began his professional career with Sears in various southeastern states, working for 10-years and successively moving up the managerial ladder. In 1981 he accepted a position with a small recruiting firm in Greenville, SC and worked 17 years. During this period, Neil converted to Catholicism. In 1998 Neil was named Senior Vice-President at a large national recruiting firm and moved to Orlando. Finally, Neil moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2001 and started his own recruiting firm, Dunhill Staffing Systems.

Neil joined the Knights of Columbus in 1989 when seeing the devastation in the low country from Hurricane Hugo, he organized an expedition to help those affected. Neil arraigned for the donation of a motor home, chain saws and gas and then asked for volunteers from his church in Greenville to help cut trees in Charleston. Neil's request was answered by the Church's Knight of Columbus.

Neil was not able to be very active in his council in Greenville, but since transferring to Council 9475, Neil has been the Recorder for several years, chairs the harbor cruise and family picnic, works on the 1st degree team and cooks the eggs at our pancake breakfasts and was installed as our new Grand Knight for 2005-06 year. Neil is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. Neil is also Eucharistic Minister at Christ Our King parish and volunteers at the Charleston soup kitchen.

Neil and Melinda and their daughters enjoy many activities together including boatin, traveling and dining out.

CONGRATULATIONS NEIL AND MELINDA !!!!!

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for June 2005 is Dick and Maureen King. Dick and Maureen have been married for nearly 55 years and have four daughters; Kathleen, Maureen, Megan and Kerri.

Dick grew up in Monticello, NY and attended Ryder College. Dick began his successful career in sales and marketing with F.W. Woolworth and worked for them for 10 years. He then took a position with Newell Rubbermaid and worked his way up the ranks in the company's marketing and sales department. Dick and Maureen lived in Ogdensburg, NY during this time. Dick retired from Newell Rubbermaid as a Regional Sales Manager in 1992 after 30 years with the company. Maureen grew up in Amherst, NY and graduated with a business degree from Monmouth College. She worked in the banking field for many years, mainly for Pittsburg National Bank and retired as a vice-president in 1994. Dick and Maureen moved to Mount Pleasant in 1997.

Dick and Maureen daughters include Kathleen who works for the office of the Mayor of San Francisco, CA. on homelessness issues and outreach. Kathleen is married to Susu, an independent contractor in the computer field. Their second, Maureen is a graduate of Rutgers Cook College. Maureen also attended culinary school and after working for the McDonalds Corporation, she is now a co-manager for the Harris-teeter Food Market on James Island, SC. Their third daughter, Meghan, lives with her husband, Cristobal, in Madrid, Spain. Meghan works for Iberia Musica organizing and producing symphonies. Cristobal owns and operates a successful independent airline charter business known as United Aviation catering to VIP'S. Meghan and Cristobal have two sons: Cristobal (15 years old) and Kevin (12 years old). Dick and Maureen's other daughter Kerri, is married to Ron. Kerri and Ron are retired. Kerri and Ron split their time between homes in Stuart, FL and Brick, NJ.

Dick is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, having first joined in 1954. After being inactive during his working years, Dick reactivated with the East Cooper Council in 1997. He has been very active since then, supporting many of the Knight's fundraising activities, and has served as a Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. Dick currently serves as the council's unofficial director of publicity, with a Knights of Columbus photo appearing nearly weekly in the local papers.

Dick and Maureen are active members of Christ Our King Parish and serve as Ushers at Sunday mass. Dick has organized a lecture series for Sr. Mary Cyril senior ministries and has even arrange a lecture by Bishop Baker. Dick has also organized the Mt. Pleasant Men's Coffee which meets once a month with various speakers. Dick also volunteers one day a week at the soup kitchen. Maureen is past Secretary for the East Cooper Newcomer's Club and is a member of the East Cooper Women's Club. Maureen enjoys bowling, reading and Mah Jongg.

CONGRATULATIONS DICK AND MAUREEN !!!!!

## LADIES

**Mark your calendars, we are planning a retreat at Mepkin Abbey on Saturday October 1, 2005 More details will follow soon.**

**GOD BLESS  
AMERICA**

