



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

We are off and running on a new fraternal year! As your newly installed Grand Knight, I'd like to say what an honor it is to lead such a great council. I ask for all your prayers and support for not only myself, but all the newly installed officers, so that we can continue the tradition of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism that is the hallmark of our great organization.

This past year has been a great success and thanks are owed to many brother knights who work so hard to make our council a success. I would like to especially recognize the efforts of our immediate Past Grand Knight Neil Whitman for his leadership and unbridled enthusiasm. He has set the bar very high for all that will follow him. Under his guidance, our council has improved communications through our council website ([www.kofc9475.org](http://www.kofc9475.org)) and e-mail lists; has sponsored more events than can be recounted here; and has raised and returned over \$13,000 to our churches, schools, religious and communities. I'd like to also recognize Neil's wife, Melinda, and all her contributions to the success of this past fraternal year.

Newly elected officers were installed June 22nd with many family and friends in attendance at Stella Maris Church. Special recognition should be shown to our outgoing District Deputy and fellow council member – Mr. Jack Urbanic – for presiding over the ceremony. Jack and his wife, Jeri, were recognized as our council's Family of the Year at the dinner following the installation. Brother Lou Richter was also recognized as Council 9475's Knight of the Year. I'd like to thank those brother knights and families who helped set up and take down after the dinner – especially Tom and Fran Franzone.

Our annual book sale, which has become one of our most successful fund raisers, was held June 19th through 26th. Under the enthusiastic leadership of John Murphy the book sale took in over \$4,800. In addition to all those that donated books, special recognition is due to Brothers Ron Davis, Tom Franzone, Don Lindeman, Mickey McMahon, Joe Harkins, Mike Swindle, Hank Wolf, Lou Richter, Mike Eovino, Bill Harrington, Bill Russo and Tom Kelly for their time and effort. Also, Drema Lindeman and Tierney Rasheed deserve recognition.

I ask each and every Knight of Columbus who receives this newsletter to get involved in our council's activities and make this upcoming fraternal year a success!

Yours in Christ,

Rick Karkowski  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK—7:30 AM	
Independence Day _____	04
Officer's Meeting _____	06
Life Center—7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	06
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	07
COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Regular Monthly Business Meeting _____	18
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:30 PM	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

**ROCCO FALCONE**

**JUNE, 2006**

Rocco was born in Indiana and grew up in Cincinnati and Chicago. At the age of 18 he joined the Navy and served in the Nuclear Power Program as an electrician. The Navy stationed him in Orlando, Upstate New York and finally in Charleston. While stationed here he was on board the ballistic missile submarine USS Henry L. Stimson. After 6 years of service in the Navy he moved back to Chicago and went to work for Liebert Global Services in the back-up power industry.

While living in the Chicago area Rocco met his wife Michelle and they were married in 1997. Rocco had thought about moving back to Charleston and got the chance to do so when Liebert had an opening in the area. Rocco and Michelle jumped at the chance and moved to Mount Pleasant in 2001. Rocco's daughter Amanda was born in January 2004 and keeps the family on its' toes.

His family attends St. Benedict's where Rocco sets up and operates the sound system for Sunday morning Mass as well as assisting in the set up and take down of the church. He joined the Knights in 2005 and advanced through the degrees quickly. In February, 2006 he was inducted into the Fourth Degree. He has been active in our council and participates in functions such as Operation Hope, the Christmas Parade and the Oyster Roast. Congratulations to him for his dedication to our order.

**CONGRATULATIONS ROCCO !!!!!!!**



**GARDENING COLUMN**

by

Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

For bushier plants, pinch mums back until mid-July. For larger blooms, where there are multiple buds, remove all but one.

Roses should be watered every 4-5 days and fertilized every two weeks. Spray with a fungicide to prevent black spot.

After leaves turn brown, cut back and fertilize spring-flowering bulbs. Divide if necessary. When replanting day lilies, leave space so that they won't need to be divided again for at least three years.

A white cottony growth on new foliage on crape myrtles is powdery mildew. Use Banner Maxx or Fertilome Systemic Fungicide.

Always read labels. They give important information. How and when to use.

Inspect trees for damage. Trim any dead or damaged limbs now that hurricane season is here.

With warmer weather your lawn mower should be raised: for Centipede-2 inches; St. Augustine-4 inches; Bermuda-1 to 2 inches; Zoysia-1 to 3 inches depending on the variety. Don't bag.

If you have St. Augustine grass, check for chinch bugs. 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.

Apply mole cricket bait to get rid of baby mole crickets (they can't fly yet), Merit or Dylox products will work.

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

Good plants for a butterfly garden 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.

Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned and filled with fresh food often. Use 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. Be sure the sugar is completely dissolved and liquid has cooled before filling feeder.



**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**  
**AND**  
**FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

**Jack and Gerry Urbanic**

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for May 2006 is Jack and Gerry Urbanic. Jack and Gerry have been married for 39 years and have three grown children and three grand children. Their oldest daughter, Jacqueline, is married to Rob Waller and lives in Portland, Oregon. Jacqueline and Rob have a 4-year old daughter, Megan. Jacqueline does market analysis work with Hewlett-Packard. Jack and Gerry's middle child, James, is second year radiation oncology resident in Winston-Salem, NC. Jim is married to Kathy, a Lieutenant Commander in the Coast Guard Reserve, and they have two daughters; Clare (3-years old) and Sarah (1 ½ - years old). Jack and Gerry's youngest daughter, Margaret (Peggy), is an attorney in Charleston.

Jack was born and raised in Lorain, OH. He graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH with bachelor and masters degrees in psychology. Jack later earned an Educational Specialists Degree from the Citadel. Gerry was born and raised in Cleveland and graduated from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland with a Bachelor of Arts and from Cleveland State University with a Juris Doctor degree.

Both Jack and Gerry began working in the Cleveland Catholic Schools, and actually met when Gerry's 1st grade class set her up with the 4th grade teach – Jack Urbanic. Jack worked for many years for the Cleveland and Parma (OH) school districts as a teacher and psychologist. Gerry had a successful law practice in Cleveland. In 1989 after having vacationed in the area for many years, Jack and Gerry moved to the Isle of Palms. Jack currently works for the Charleston County School District as a school psychologist. Gerry maintains her law licenses in Ohio and South Carolina and currently teaches paralegal courses at the Trident Community College.

Since moving to the Isle of Palms, Jack and Gerry have been very active in their parish – Stella Maris on Sullivan's Island. Both Jack and Gerry have been active in the choir, Jack has been active in the Men's Club and the Parish Council; Gerry has been active in the Woman's Club (serving as president at one point). They both have chaired various committees at the Church and supported each other in their many activities. Jack also volunteers as an altar server.

Jack is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, having joined the Knights in 1991. He has served our council in various officers, positions including Grand Knight (2 terms), Treasurer, and Trustee. Jack is also active in the 4th Degree Assembly and is serving as Faithful Navigator, having been Scribe, Pilot and Captain. Jack is also active in the leadership of the Knights of Columbus at the state level and is wrapping up his four year term as District Deputy for the four councils in the low country district.

In their spare time, Jack and Gerry enjoy playing golf and walking the beach. Jack is an active amateur tennis player. Gerry also enjoys needlework and gourmet cooking.

**CONGRATULATIONS GERRY AND JACK !!!!!!!!**

**KNIGHT OF THE YEAR**  
**LOU RICHTER**

Lou is a native Charlestonian; In 1999, he became an active member in Council 9475. From 1999 to the present he has become known as the "Knight who is always there". in the past 5 years, Lou has served as Council Lector, Inside Guard and Community Director; as well as participating on the First Degree Team. This year Lou was the Chairman of the State Raffle. If there is a fund raiser, that's where you will find Lou - Oyster Roast, Hot Dog Sales, Monthly Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Sales, and the Bazaar Food Booth.

As a member of Christ Our King Church, Lou is also dedicated to knightly service as an Altar Server, Usher and member of the Newcomer's Committee. It doesn't stop there - Lou was a man born to serve God, his community and his country. Lou spent 27 years in the Army Reserve, during which time he has the distinct pleasure of visiting Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. Career wise, Lou spent 37 years with the Postal Service. Somewhere in between he found time to raise three children, James, Audrey and Michael. They in turn have presented him with five beautiful grandchildren.

**CONGRATULATIONS LOU !!!!!**

<b><u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u></b>	
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	03
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting _____	03
Life Center—7 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	04
COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK—7:30 AM	
Knights of Columbus Family Week _____	5-13
154th Anniversary of the Birth of _____	12
Father Michael J. McGivney	
116th Anniversary of the Death of _____	14
Father Michael J. McGivney	
Feast of the Assumption _____	15
Regular Business Meeting _____	15
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner at 6:30 PM	
Meeting at 7:30 PM	

## Lazy Days of Summer

Have you ever heard the expression “lazy days of summer?” While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it’s easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I’ll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you’ve had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I’ll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

Call me to set up an appointment. When we meet, you’ll discover that time spent with your Knights of Columbus agent is time well-spent. But, make the call today. Because summer is not only busy, it’s also coming to an end.

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## **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**HAVE A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY  
AND  
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS  
FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM**

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Jim Pancake	856-3887
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3 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
2 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
1 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffie	813-3778
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	Paul Midghall	881-4190
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