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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families.

It is indeed a privilege to be addressing you as your newly installed Grand Knight. I want to thank each of you for putting your trust in me and the rest of the officers to be the caretakers of this Council for the next fraternal year. I ask for your prayers and support as we continue the tradition of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism of those who served before us and have made this wonderful Council what it is today.

I would like to recognize our immediate Past Grand Knight, Rick Karkowski for his leadership over the past year. Under his guidance our Council had numerous events, purchased a trailer to store and transport our book sale inventory and returned over \$8000 to our churches, religious, community, schools and individuals in need. I would also like to recognize Past Grand Knight Mike Stuffle who has just completed his term as Trustee. Thank you Rick and Mike for all your hard work, dedication and mentorship.

We are looking forward to a great fraternal year and are already working on a return to Mepkin Abbey, the oyster roast, and a harbor boat cruise to name a few. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, please plan to attend one and see what you're missing and get involved in your Council. If you have ideas about activities you'd like to see your Council involved in please contact me or any of the other officers. This year marks the 20th anniversary of our Council and I and my fellow officers will work hard to make it a memorable one that we want to share with all of our brothers and their families.

On a sad note, our Council lost a truly amazing woman as Peggy Kiser past away and was laid to eternal rest. Peggy was active in Council events and contributed a Gardening Column to our monthly newsletter. Please join me in keeping Hoyt and the rest of the Kiser family in your prayers.

Additionally, on Monday, June 18th the Charleston area was handed a tragedy as nine of our Firefighters answered their final alarm and were called home. As a former Firefighter, I can tell you first hand that the pillars of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism are as much a part of the fire service as they are the Knights. Please keep these heroic men and their families in your prayers.

May God bless and keep you.

John Gallagher
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Independence Day	04
Officer's Meeting	05
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	07
COK - 7:30 AM	
Business Meeting	17
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, JR.
 ANTHONY GIAMMUSSO
 PATRICK LAMONTAGNE
 MELVIN LANDS
 JOHN MAIZE
 BARRY MATHEWS
 RAUL PAEZ
 JACK PARKER
 STEVEN RUETHER
 DONALD SCHROEDER
 BARRY SOCIA
 MICHAEL STUFFLE
 ERNIE TORRES
 HENRY WOLF
 THOMAS ZERR

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

JUNE, 2007

Tim and Nicolette Davis

Timothy Robert Davis, a 3rd and 4th Degree Knight, was born August 10th, 1947 in Glastonbury, CT, the son of Robert Nelson and Alice Goodrich Davis. Tim graduated from Glastonbury High before attending Ocala College in Florida. Tim enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war era, serving as an M.P. Sgt. in Korea.

After his tour of duty with the Army, Tim started his career with the U.S. Government, serving all 28 years in Federal law Enforcement, and retiring from the U.S. Department of Treasury at Ft. Knox. After moving to the Mt. Pleasant area in June, 2005, Tim opened a petsitting service, BowWow & Meow, which he still operates today.

Tim is married to the former Nicolette Jean Allen, of Mansfield, Arkansas. Nicolette is the daughter of the late Richard F. and Jean Allen. Tim and Nicolette were married on April 21, 1984, and Nicolette is a retired Deputy U.S. Marshal. During their marriage, they have lived in Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, South Carolina, and Arkansas. They have 3 children - Alyson, age 31 of Louisville, KY, Aaron, age 30, also of Louisville, and Jade Renee, age 16, of the home, who is a rising Junior at Wando High.

They also have 3 Grandchildren by daughter Alyson - Sydney, 11, Cody, 9 and MacKenzie, 4.

Tim has been active for years with youth sports, volunteer coaching both soccer and basketball in Florida and in Arkansas, and was employed at St. Ann's Catholic School in West Palm Beach, FL as a coaching assistant while daughter Jade was a student there.

Tim and Nicolette enjoy traveling with and watching their daughter Jade play soccer as a Goalkeeper. Jade plays for Wando High School Varsity and the Bridge F.A. U-18 team, as well as for the South Carolina 1991 Girls Olympic Development team.

Tim and family are members of the Christ Our King parish in Mt. Pleasant.

CONGRATULATIONS TIM AND NICOLETTE !!!!!



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

John Murphy

The Knight of the Year is John Murphy who is the founder and leader of our Book Sale fund raising activity. John is a 4th degree Knight who first joined the Knights in 1962. He has been an active member of our council since 2001, having served as Outside Guard, Warden and Council Director. John has also served our council by participation in many of our activities such as the pancake breakfasts. John is a member of Christ Our King and serves as a Eucharistic minister and lector.

John was born in Detroit and served four years in the Marines before attending Michigan State University, where he met his wife Nancy. John received a Bachelor of Communication Arts with a major in advertising and a minor in marketing. His long career in advertising started with the Kroger Company where he rose to Division Advertising Manager. He joined Cargill, Wilson and Acree where he rose through the ranks to Executive Vice President. In 1983 he opened his own advertising firm and worked as a consultant before retiring to Charleston in 2000.

John and Nancy have been married for 48 years. Besides having a career in education, his wife found time to have three children. Their children are grown and are pursuing careers in medicine, law enforcement and marketing. They also have one grandchild. Together they have served as volunteers for the Charleston Historical Society and the Preservation Society of Charleston. They also share many hobbies, including golf, dining out, traveling and reading.

Congratulations to John and thanks for the spectacular job he has done with the book sale.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**DARIN AND KRISTEN BISH
EDWARD AND SIMONE CASTILLER
WILSON AND JULIE GAUTREAUX
LEO AND CHIKA KOSINSKY
DAVID AND CARLY LINCOLN
SCOTT AND MARGI MYERS
WILLIAM AND CARRIE WESTON.**

**FAMILY OF THE YEAR
2007
Michael and Paula Swindle**

Michael and Paula Swindle have been married for 35 years and have two daughters. Katelyn is a 2004 graduate of Ga Tech and is currently in the PhD program in Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis. Ashley is a junior in the College of Pharmacy at MUSC

Mike grew up in Texas and New Mexico and graduated from veterinary school at Texas A&M in 1969 and was in the Army three days later. Paula is a native of Baltimore and graduated from Towson University with a teaching degree in 1970. They met at the officers club in Aberdeen, MD shortly after he returned from Vietnam in 1971. It was love at first sight and they were married in 1972. Prior to moving to Mt Pleasant in 1985, Michael was in private vet practice, attended graduate school at Johns Hopkins and finally became a faculty member there for four years serving as director of surgical research. Paula taught elementary education and served as a librarian, as well as finding time to have two children and earn a masters degree. Since 1985 he has been Professor and Chairman of the Dept of Comparative Medicine at MUSC. He is board certified in his specialty in both the US and Europe and spends a lot of time on airplanes and giving talks on his research using swine to study heart disease. Paula taught at O'Quinn Nursery school and Laing Middle School before becoming the media specialist at Mitchell Elementary, and is one of the few nationally board certified librarians in the state.

They live on Wakendaw Lake and have been members of Christ Our King parish since moving here. Michael became a Knight in Baltimore in 1979 and is a charter member of the East Cooper Council. He also was in Rotary for 27 years and has served on the board of directors of the American Heart Association. He decided to become more active in the K of C several years ago and became a 4th degree member. He currently is in his third term as Recorder. He has been involved in most of the activities in our council as well as serving on the 2nd degree team. He serves as a lector at the 7am daily mass and as an usher on Sunday. Paula has taught in the Sunday youth program at COK and is a Eucharistic minister.

Both of them are avid cooks and wine lovers and cook most meals at home from scratch. Michael is board certified as a wine judge and maintains a large collection of wine as well as giving wine tastings and judging national contests. He also enjoys aerobic dancing and weight lifting every morning. Both of them enjoy traveling immensely and will be doing more in the future since the children no longer live at home.

Congratulations Michael and Paula

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

June, 2007

Will Simons

Will Simons was born in Charleston and graduated from Trident Technical College with a degree in Horticulture in 1979. He started his own business following graduation and has been self-employed ever since then. He met his wife, Gabriela, at the C.O.K. Young Adults group and they have been married for 20 years. They have three children: William [17], Caroline [15], and Virginia [13]. They are members of the Cathedral parish.

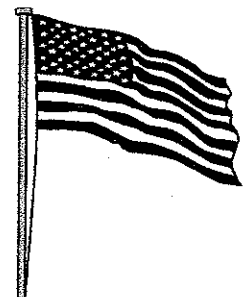
He has been a third degree Knight with our council for almost twenty years. Gabriela and he have served on the local Curisillo core team and they are associate volunteers for the Diocese of Charleston Volunteer Program. Will is a member of the Cathedral Men's club and is working on the formation of Serra Club, commissioned by Bishop Baker. Serra Clubs work to foster new vocations and support existing ones.

CONGRATULATIONS WILL !!!!!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST**

Officer's meeting	02
Life Center - 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris - 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK - 7:30 am to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK - 7:30 AM	
Knights of Columbus Family Week	11-19
155th Anniversary of the Birth of	12
Father Michael J. McGivney	
117th Anniversary of the Death of	14
Father Michael J. McGivney	
Business Meeting	21
Island Club - Sullivan's Island	
Dinner - 6:30 PM	
Meeting - 7:30 PM	

**HAVE
A
HAPPY
AND
SAFE
FOURTH OF JULY**



Dear Brother Knights,

Take your pick... your kids or the IRS. It doesn't seem like much of a choice but for many of us the IRS could be the winner when it comes to receiving the hard earned wealth we will be passing on. Why, because of estate taxes.

Most of us know that it's not difficult to pass our estates to our wives. She has an unlimited exemption from estate taxes. The problem kicks in when both parents die. Then the IRS comes in with a vengeance with a death tax that ranges from 20 to 50%. Many times the tax is so severe, assets which we were planning to pass intact to our children must be sold at liquidation prices to pay taxes that must be paid before the estate can clear probate.

Why are we at risk? Two reasons. The first answer is Congress is unlikely to extend the increased death tax exemption past 2009. The result will be the tax exemption reverting to approximately \$750,000 in 2010. The second reason is inflation. Whether you can tell or not, you're estate is rapidly growing in value. Homes in my area that were selling for \$65,000 10 years ago are now selling for more than \$200,000. Using the same rate of increases, that house could be worth \$600,000 to \$700,000 in another 10 years. If you are currently living in a home in the \$500,000 plus range, your estate might be worth millions and the IRS is patiently waiting

Since these taxes will have to be paid...by your children...the Knights of Columbus have provided a solution. Dual Life, sometimes known as second to die insurance can make sure there is money to pay estate taxes. These policies insure the lives of both spouses and when the second spouse dies, the money is paid directly to the beneficiaries without tax and without being included in the estate. With money to pay estate taxes available, homes, property and other valuable assets can be passed to your children instead of being liquidated.

One last note. It is not necessary for both parents to be in perfect health to qualify for this insurance. Even if one of you has serious health problems, the policy can still be written at affordable rates.

For more information on this important form of insurance, call me at 843-379-9319.

Roy Spurlock

A note from the editor:

If anyone is interested in having a Friday Night Social please give Fran a call @884-5670

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AND
PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**