



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights;

I wish to thank our Past Grand Knight Frank Osage on two great years of leadership in fraternity and charity. He has increased the membership and outreach so that the council will receive the Star Council Award this year. Plus our council's Charitable work and funds have grown.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights and wives who attended the installation of officers and dinner that followed. All had a wonderful evening.

I hope to continue the work that has gone before and bring the importance of Knights working within their own parish is as important as working within the council. I hope to see all our Knights at meetings but know this is hard so being active in your parish will keep you active in your faith. I also look forward in helping our new and old 1st degree members to reach 2nd, 3rd and 4th degree.

I close in wishing everyone a happy and safe 4th of July enjoyed with family and friends. Hoping to see all at my first meeting on July 16, 2015

YBIC
Bill Shoemaker
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

Officers Meeting_____	02
COK-Life Center—7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris-8:00 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	
Independence Day_____	04
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gerald Baty
Stephen Beach
Eric Bendig
Ruford Bolchoz
Gerald Bresnihan
William Brown
Thomas Brown
Brian Byrne
Jack Cleghorn
Edward Doyle
Anthony Francin
Thomas A. Franzzone
John Gallagher
Matthew Kiefer
Thomas Knisley, Jr.
Todd Kravchuk
William Kunder, Jr.
Melvin Lands
Ebbo Leonzio
John Maize
Mike McGinty
James Morini
Paul O'Rourke
Frank Osage
Steven Ruether
Barry Socia
Donald Thatcher
Ernie Torres
Jay Tranco
Michael Vasko
Henry Wolf

happy
Birthday!



**Family of the Month For June
and
Family of the Year 2015
Jerry and Diana Barnett**

Jerry and Diana were married in September, 1977 and have two grown children, Jason and Beth, who are twins. They have 3 granddaughters, Abigail 7, Anna Grace 3, Makenzie 3 and one grandson Cole Anthony just born on May 13. Both of their children graduated from Christ Our King and Bishop England High School. Jason graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in Computer Science. Beth graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a degree in Health Science. Both live in Hanahan.

Jerry spent 4 years in the United States Air Force from 1954 - 1958 and holds an Associates Degree in Safety and Fire protection from the University of Wisconsin & Joliet Junior College. He was employed by Amoco Chemicals in 1959 and after 36 years retired as Safety Superintendent/Fire Marshall in 1994. He was on the HOA board of Snee Farm as Maintenance Chairman and Vice President for 6 years. He presently is Chairman of the Security for Snee Farm. He enjoys fishing, shrimping, and yard work. He is a charter member of the K of C Council #9475, where he was Chancellor for 2 years and Deputy Grand Knight for 2 years. He is a charter member of the 4th degree K of C assembly #3243. He helps with the book sale, spaghetti dinner, Christmas Child, Christmas wreath sales, works in the food booth at the school bazaar and volunteers where ever needed. He also initiated the Knights Helping Knights program. Jerry has been a member of the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club since 1977 and has been on the Executive Board since 1986.

Diana also worked for Amoco Chemicals before moving to Mt. Pleasant, but company policy stated 2 from the same family could not be employed, so she was asked to retire. She stayed home with the twins until they were school age, then volunteered where needed at the school. After volunteering at Christ Our King School for 10 years Diana decided to take a job with the school. She worked as the Director of the After School Program until she retired in 2002. She says it was the best job she has had in her life. She helps with the spaghetti dinner, the book sale and is a greeter at Christ Our King Church. She enjoys reading, gardening and taking care of their grandchildren.

Jerry and Diana are active members of Christ our King Church where Jerry is usher captain at the noon mass.



Past Grand Knight Frank Osage center presents Jerry and Diana Barnett with the Family of the Year Award for 2015.

**Knight of the Year 2015
Jerry Gimbert**

Jerry was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, where he attended Roanoke Catholic School. In 1955, he graduated and joined the Navy where he served three years aboard the Allen M. Sumner, DD692, based in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1958, on a weekend leave, Jerry met his wife, Loretta, at Virginia Beach and discovered that she, too, was born and raised in Roanoke. Because they lived in different parts of the city and attended different schools, they had never met. In November, 1961, they married at St. Andrews Catholic Church. They have three sons and a daughter living in Greensboro, Atlanta, Myrtle Beach, and Mt. Pleasant. They are also blessed with eight wonderful grandchildren--six girls and two boys--ranging in age from 7 months to 23 years of age. The celebrations are many and we see that "memories are made of this" as the song goes.

Jerry began working in his family's construction business in Roanoke. After leaving the Navy, he entered retail management for a men's clothing company and for 11 years managed the company's branch stores in Blacksburg and Martinsville, Va. In 1969, Jerry joined Western Auto Supply Company and for 23 years traveled Georgia and North Carolina, selling franchises until 1992 when the company was bought by Sears. He worked with True Value Hardware in Dover, Delaware, until retiring in 1999.

Jerry joined the Knights when he was 18 years old, in Roanoke, Va., where he received three degrees on the same day in August, 1955. He helped form a new council in Jonesboro, GA in 1972, and served as Grand Knight in 1981 and 1983 in Gastonia, NC. He was Family Life Director and Recorder in 1985 and 1986 for this council. Since coming back in 2007, he has assisted in the Council Book Sale, Operation Shoe Box, Operation HOPE, 40 Days for Life and Home Works.

Jerry and Loretta joined Christ Our King after moving to Daniel Island in 2007. He volunteered in the Landscape and Garden Center, and in 2013 joined the staff as Assistant to the Facilities Manager. He enjoys the friendships made with the dedicated staff of COK and the blessings he receives daily from their generous spirits. Jerry and Loretta are excited as they look forward to building plans for their new parish, St. Clare of Assisi, where he serves as Eucharistic Minister and Loretta is a member of the Environmental Team. They are grateful that the community grows each week with more "helping hands", and Father Greg West guides the new parish with focus and joyfulness.



Past Grand Knight Frank Osage right presents Jerry Gimbert with the Knight of the Year Award for 2015.

Youth of the Month
June, 2015
Nicolas Ullo

Nico Ullo demonstrates his faith and devotion to God, church and his community through his ministries, leadership and community involvement. Nico is a lead Altar Server and Greeter at St. Benedict Parish.

In school he received the Golden Warrior Award in recognition of his leadership. Nico is very active in the community. Volunteering at fund raisers and charity functions. His volunteer efforts at the Music and Arts Camps allowed him to teach kids music (He plays the full drum kit) and nurture them through Music and Arts Programs.

For athletics, Nico is an accomplished soccer player, representing the state on the Regional Olympic Development Program, the Mt. Pleasant Premier Traveling Team, the Charleston Battery Academy Development team and his own Wando High School Varsity Team. He has already been recruited by Emory University for soccer!

Nico works for the Charleston Battery as "Cannonball" their Pro Soccer Mascot. He attends fundraisers, charitable and community events representing the Charleston Battery.

Congratulations Nico!!



Grand Knight Frank Osage right presented Nico a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to a religious gift and book store. Youth Director Sean O'Toole left presents Nico with Youth of the Month Certificate.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Drivers to take people to doctor's appointments
 Contact Jack Vax—856.2212

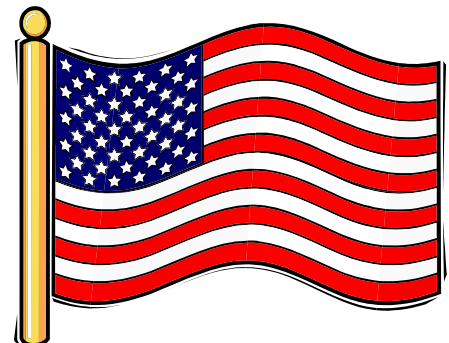
Youth Projects—Contact Sean O'Toole
 404.271.3999

SPOUSE EMAIL Update:

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her email address to Neil at ngwhitman@yahoo.com

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Vincent Y. Maroun	216-0039
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	471-2121
Grand Knight	Bill Shoemaker	884-1378
Deputy Grand Knight	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
Chancellor	Greg Raven	696-1182
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	972-8193
Recorder	Allen Briggs	471-1411
Treasurer	Jack Vax	856-2212
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Ryan Kinowski	518-229-8725
Warden	Michael O'Connor	416-8818
Inside Guard	John Bride Jr.	388-5147
Outside Guard	Kevin Cunnane	216-5354
3 Yr. Trustee	Frank Osage	614-7877
2 Yr. Trustee	Tom Franzone	884-5670
1 Yr. Trustee	Mark Lazo	881-1237
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
	Jack Vax SB	856-2212
	Jerry Gimbert SC of A	655-9111
Vocations Chairman	Anthony Herlihy	388-7647
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	884-1378
Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	513-0214
Council Director	Victor Mroczkowski	793-8656
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Family Director	Kevin Cunnane	216-5354
Culture of Life Director	Fred Koch	884-1713
Youth Director	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Admission Chairman	Greg Raven	696-1182
Recruitment Committee	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Marion Wright - COK	884-0140
	Joe Harkins - SB	881-5768
	Thomas Gwiazdowski	757-373-4814
Retention Chairman	Shawn O'Toole	404-271-3999
Retention Committee	Jeff Pulaski - COK	972-8193
	Jack Urbanic - SM	886-2591
	Stan Adams - SB	884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert - SC of A	655-9111
Insurance Promotion	John Bride	388-5147
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	249-2356
State Deputy	Frank Davis	
District Deputy	Ed McDowell	518-0963
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130



**Knight of the Month
June 2015
Mark Kennedy**

Mark was born and raised in East Liverpool, Ohio. It is a small town along the Ohio River not far from Pittsburgh, PA, and at one time known as "the pottery capital of the world." Mark graduated in 1985 from The Ohio University (not Ohio State) and went to work for Channel 2. There, he was fortunate to travel to West Berlin for the 40th anniversary of the Berlin airlift, was in Saudi Arabia for the start of the first Gulf war, and after the fall of the Soviet Union was one of the first western journalists to go to Kiev, Ukraine. In 1997, he formed Kennedy Video Service Inc. which covers news for all the major networks. Mark is currently studying Cybersecurity part time at Trident Technical College.

Mark has been married to his beautiful wife Laura for 21 years. They met while working at Channel 2. Laura moved to Atlanta, and after dating for 2 years Laura moved back to Charleston and they married in a simple ceremony on Sullivan's Island. Though they have no children, they do have a terrific dog, "Jake".

Mark joined the Knights of Columbus in the winter of 2009, after being inspired to join by Brother Knights Jonathan Santilli and Phil Chuy (chuie). Mark completed his journey through the second and third degrees that year, and in February 2010 made his 4th Degree in Columbia, SC (with some not so subtle urging from Brothers Jerry Barnett and the late Bill Miller).

Mark has worked on a variety of our fundraising activities-- spaghetti suppers, oyster roast, Christmas Wreath sales, occasionally helped move books for the book sale, and packed and moved boxes for Operation Christmas Child for Kathy and Brother Greg Raven.

As a member of Christ Our King Parish, Mark ushers at the noon Mass, has worked with the Parish picnic, and is a member of the Christ Our King Hike Ministry as a hike leader (and by the way, there will be a fall hike in the mountains if anyone is interested).

Mark is proud to have been chosen as Knight of the month and proud to call all of you "Brothers."

Congratulations Mark!



Acting Council Director Mark Lazo left presents Knight of the Month for June 2015 Mark Kennedy with Knight of the Month Award and Knights Cup.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Christopher and Julia Anderson
Anthony and Alma Certa
Daniel and Kim Clerci
Maurice and Carla Farah
Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett
Wilson and Julie Gautreaux
David and Holly Hunton
Alfredo and Maria Lopez
David and Lora McLaughlin
Victor and Danielle Mroczkowski
Scott and Margi Myers
James and Charlyne Raih
John and JoAnn Stadtmueller
Vincent and Eva Ullo
Tim and Tish Voit*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST**

Officers Meeting_____	06
COK—Life Center—7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	06
Stella Maris —8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	08
COK — 7:30 AM	
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	



Speakers Brother Knight Greg Raven and wife Kathy giving talk on Operation Christmas Shoebox expectations for 2015.

Minutes

The June 28th, 2015 business meeting of the Rev. John McLaughlin Council #9475 of the Knights of Columbus began at 7:00pm at the St. Benedict's Church Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. The Warden reported that all brothers in the hall were in possession of a valid membership card. A list of attendees is recorded in the Council Meeting Minutes book.

GK Frank Osage called the meeting to order led us in the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

A first degree was held and Brian Justice and Robert "Matt" Jones were welcomed into our council.

REPORTS

Grand Knight

Thanks to Jerry Gimbert for his Homeworks effort

Thanks for Ron Davis for bring delicious meals this year

Much appreciation to all who have supported me especially outgoing officers

Thanks to Jerry and Diana Barnett and Don and Drema Lindeman for preparing our delicious dinner.

Financial

We have 183 associate, 105 insurance, 12 inactive, 32 honorary, 23 honorary life, and 3 disabled

Treasurer

Savings \$7685.58 Checking \$8367.87 Total \$1605.45

Programs

Church

COK

- We continue to serve as altar servers, ushers, and in other ministries. We need ushers for the noon and 7pm Mass.

- Stella Maris – no report

- St. Clair – land has been located for the new church will be located next to Bishop England HS

St. Benedict – A campaign has been started asking new parishioners to help reduce current debt

Community

- Knight of the month – Mark Kennedy

- Family of the month – Jerry and Diana Barnett

- Youth of the month – Nicholas Ullo

Knights Helping Knights – no change for the Robinsons. Keep Mickey McMahon in your prayers

New/Old Business/Dates

- The family picnic was a success

Installation of new officers is June 22nd followed by dinner

Insurance

The KOC insurance program was recognized as one of the world's most ethical companies

4th Degree

Installation is scheduled with dinner after the installation

District Deputy

We have qualified for Star council

Good of the Order

Keep Sandra Robinson, Mickey McMahon and Drema Lindeman in your prayers

GK Frank Osage led us in a closing prayer and offered a Hail Mary for Charleston's shooting victims. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Whitman

Recorder