



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

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I can not believe that my term as your Grand Knight is almost over. This past fraternal year has gone by so fast for me that I have had hardly any time to think about all our accomplishments, let alone all those brothers and family members that have made this past year such a success. In the past month alone, we have:

- 1 been awarded the Distinguished Council Award by the South Carolina State Council.
- 2 enjoyed a very enlightening talk on "God, His Church and the Devil" by Msgr. La Femina at our monthly business meeting.
- 3 purchased a new trailer to support our very successful book sale program.
- 4 conducted a book sale that brought in over \$4,500 that will support our Council's many charities.
- 5 conducted an Operation Hope Tootsie Roll Drive that brought in nearly \$500 for Operation Hope (plus a matching donation for ECCO).
- 6 held our annual Family Picnic at Wild Dunes, and
- 7 donated \$200 to the celebration of Fr. Parker's (KOC SC State Chaplain) 50th Anniversary of his Ordination, and
- 8 donated \$250 to Crisis Ministries to support the purchase of a new dishwasher.

So you can see that it takes many people to make this Council as good as it is. I would like to recognize and thank all the Brothers, wives, family, and friends that have helped me over the past year. A special recognition and thanks is due to the officers who month after month met and worked behind the scenes to drive the many activities and programs. Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Michelle, for the support and encouragement she gave me all year.

As we go into the summer months, and a traditionally "slow" period for KOC activities, I look forward to another successful and exciting fraternal year and wish the new officers all the best in the next year.

Yours in Christ,  
Rick Karkowski  
Grand Knight



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	01
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	02
COK - 7:30 AM	
Officer's Meeting	07
Life Center - 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	07
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Flag Day	14
Father's Day	17
Business Meeting	19
Island Club - Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:30 PM	
Installation of Officer's	28
Stella Maris - 7 PM	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JAMES BALL  
 JERRY BARNETT  
 DANIEL CANTERBURY  
 EDWARD CASTILLER  
 JOHN CHRISTENSEN  
 NICK CHRISTOPHER  
 FRANCIS CUNNANE, III  
 EDWARD DEMAREE  
 JAMES DODDS  
 MICHAEL FLATO  
 RICHARD GARCIA  
 GREGORY GROMLEY  
 STEPHEN GROVES  
 JEROME ISAAC  
 EDWARD IX  
 KEN KOBULARCIK  
 HAROLD MC CALEB  
 PATRICK MCDAVID  
 EDMUND MCMAHON  
 SCOTT MYERS  
 DAVID NIESSE  
 ELLIOT PENINGTON  
 MARK SMITH

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

May, 2007

**Mickey McMahon**

Mickey was born in 1926 in Burlington, VT and attended local parochial and public schools in the area. He enlisted in the Navy in May, 1944 and served aboard ship as a hospital corpsman. During his tour of duty he participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. While remaining in the Navy Reserve following WWII he completed high school, college and medical school. He graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1954. He returned to active duty following receipt of his MD degree and remained in the Navy until his retirement in 1985.

He met his wife Elizabeth Simms from Metuchen, NJ at college in 1946 and they were married in 1949. They have five daughters and thirteen grandchildren. Their daughters are Dr. Liz Erlich (San Francisco), Patricia Rice (Warrenton, VA), Nancy Dykstra (Bartlesville, OK), Mary Schultz (Waynesboro, PA) and Andrea Kuzela (Burtonsville, MD).

Mickey joined the Knights in 2004 and has achieved the 4th degree. He has been very active with our Council, including cooking activities and the book sale. They are members of Stella Maris parish where they are active in many events. Betty has served as bell tower captain and is currently secretary of the Women's Club. Mickey is past president of the Men's Club and has served on the parish council. He also serves as a collection counter.

### CONGRATULATIONS MICKEY !!!!!

#### 2007-2008 OFFICER'S

Grand Knight	John Gallagher
D. Grand Knight	Brenden Lo
Chancellor	Bill Harrington
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly
Recorder	Michael Swindle
Treasurer	Pat Piglia
Lecturer	Ron Davis
Advocate	Matt Story
Warden	Tim Davis
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer
3 Yr. Trustee	Rick Karkowski
2 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman
1 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins

The Installation of Officer's will take place at Stella Maris Church on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. A reception will follow immediately after the installation in the church hall.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

MARCH - 2007

Joe and Peggy are originally from Philadelphia, PA. They have been married for 42 years and have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Joe graduated from LaSalle University in 1970. After working in private industry for 10 years, he was appointed a Postal Inspector in 1970. After many career moves, Joe and Peggy were transferred to Charleston in 1993 and Joe retired in 1997 after 27 years of service.

Joe became a Knight in Manassas, VA in 1978. He joined our council in October, 1995 and became a Fourth Degree Knight in 1998. He has held many officers positions within our council and has served as Grand Knight in 2000-2001 and again in 2004-2005. Joe shares his time generously and has been involved in almost every activity sponsored by our council. Joe and Peggy have been active members of Christ Our King parish and are now active members of St Benedict's parish.

Peggy has been a RCIA sponsor at both parishes, is actively involved in the Newcomer's Club, is a Eucharistic Minister, and does weekly adoration at St Benedict's. She is a member of a parish MOM's group, and participates in a group visiting elderly home-bound parishioners. She has also been a volunteer at Birthright.

Joe is in charge of the sacristy ministry at St Benedict's. He has been a lector, usher and Eucharistic Minister, and heads the Adoration ministry for the parish. He has been on the homeowners' board and an active maintenance volunteer at the Charleston National sub-division for five years and has been president for two years. He has also served as bookkeeper at Birthright of Charleston.

Peg enjoys touring, traveling, and reading as part of her participation in a book club. Joe enjoys sports, especially jogging, basketball, swimming and "at times" golf.

Congratulations Joe and Peggy for being selected Family of the Month for March 2007.

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JEAN & STANLEY ADAMS  
PHYLLIS & DAN AMES  
MAUREEN & J MANNING BOL CHOZ  
MAURA & JOHN CHRISTENSEN  
DIANE & MARK DICKSON  
BARBARA & RAYMOND FRANZ  
RUTH & ANTONY GIAMMUSO  
MINOV & DAVID KENT  
NATALIE & GENE KNISLEY  
JANE & PATRICK MCDAVID  
KIM & DON SLOWEK  
ELIZABETH & MICHAEL STROJNY

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**  
**APRIL - 2007**  
**MURRAY AND CINDY COMPTON**

Murray and Cindy Compton are the proud parents of three children and one grandson, all of whom are active parishioners at Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church. Murray married Cindy after graduating from The Citadel in 1972. Cindy is active in running Appalachian Springs Bottled Water. She is an avid entertainer but also enjoys gardening and decorating.

Starting with the youngest, grandson Dominic Michael Vaughan was born on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As tradition has it, Our Lady revealed the Rosary to St. Dominic, thus the name. Of course, an Archangel never hurts either. Dominic's parents are Audrey and Jason Vaughan. Jason is Director of Adult Education and Evangelization at Stella Maris. Audrey is successfully juggling her stay-at-home-mom responsibilities with her duties as Director of Sales & Marketing for Appalachian Springs Bottled Water...all from her home office.

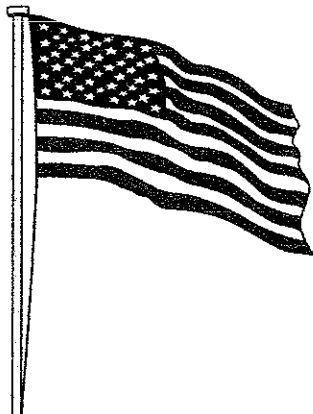
Dominic's godparents are the soon-to-be Father Kirby and Mary Ellen, the Compton's second daughter, who is pursuing a degree in social work at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH.

John Murray Compton III is Vice President and General Manager of Aquamate Coolers and Coffee Company. He is engaged to Allie Jenson, a nurse at Roper-St. Francis Hospital and the youngest of four daughters of Larry and Linda Jenson. John Murray is also finishing up a degree in Business from the College of Charleston.

A veteran of Southeast and Southwest Asia, Murray is a retired USAF Reservist. He will not forget the heart-felt gratitude experienced while serving in the first Gulf War and was particularly grateful for a prayer to St. Joseph, an unknown Stella Maris parishioner sent before bottled water, most of Murray's working life was spent with Coca-Cola USA and its bottlers. He is currently taking a photography course to better capture scenes of the Lowcountry from his kayak. All the Comptons enjoy kayaking. However, their favorite pastime is just being together as a family.

Congratulations Murray and Cindy for being selected Family of the Month for April 2007.

**FLAG  
 DAY  
 JUNE 14, 2007**



**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**  
**MAY - 2007**  
**PHIL AND KARRY CHUY**

Phil and Karry Chuy moved to Mt. Pleasant during the summer of 2003 with their daughter Calla, now 14; their son Logan, 11 and daughter Isabelle, 5-1/2.

Their move to the Low Country was prompted by the untimely passing of a good friend who died of Cancer at the early age of 40 in Michigan. Their friend gave them the advice that life is too short and to "move to a place that you absolutely love...and stay there". On a long shot, they enrolled Calla and Logan in Christ Our King School while they were visiting Charleston on vacation. Calla, their oldest daughter was accepted, and they quickly moved south from High Point, NC.

Phil is a 1st degree Knight, an active member of Christ Our King Choir and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Society helping with ECCO. He is a Sales Manager with a construction products company and travels the South East for business.

Karry manages 'Out of Hand' in the old village of Mt. Pleasant, teaches 1st grade Faith Formation and volunteers at the Florence Crittendon Home and the Soup Kitchen in Charleston.

Calla will be attending the Academic Magnet High School this fall; Logan will start sixth grade at Christ Our King School and Isabelle will be in first grade at Belle Hall Elementary. Calla and Logan altar serve and Logan is an active member of the Boy Scouts.

You can often find the Chuy's visiting the beach or boating; but mostly just enjoying their new friends in Mt. Pleasant.

Congratulations Phil and Karry for being selected Family of the Month for May 2007.

<u><b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b></u>	
<b>JULY</b>	
Independence Day.....	04
Officer's Meeting.....	05
Life Center - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration.....	05
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
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Brother Knights,

Sometimes we can get a little carried away with portfolios, investments, gross, net, and a lot of other things that make up our complicated and fast paced lives. This letter puts it into perspective.

"Dear Supreme Knight,

When my husband became a Knight, we were introduced to our insurance agent, Mike Walther. We could sense right away that he thought of his career as more of a 'ministry' than a sales position. Little did I know then how much his since of ministry would mean to me.

During our meetings, we weren't easy to persuade. Never willing to give up, Mike worked to show us that we had a need, and he was able to help us understand the value of being protected with life insurance.

My husband died suddenly last fall. His death was a shock to everyone. Although from a medical standpoint it shouldn't have happened, I guess God felt his work on earth was done. Mike was there for me immediately. He was at the wake and the funeral and then stayed by my side and helped me with whatever I needed. He cried for my husband just like I did.

I think that in this world where everyone is focused on the bottom line, I saw what the Knights are truly about. They were there for me when I needed them the most.

Beverly Buchanan"

When people ask me why I love my job, the answer is easy. I work for an organization that is blessed. I get to help wonderful people and get paid to do it. And most of all, I feel that my vocation is a ministry. Who could ask for more?

Roy Spurlock

Field Agent

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	883-3109
Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Deputy Grand Knight	John Gallagher	849-0321
Chancellor	Bill Harrington	209-4038
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Recorder	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
3 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
2 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
1 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
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	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Council Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
Family Director	John Gallagher	849-0321
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
Oper. Hope Chairman	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Admissions Chairman	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Membership Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Recruitment Committee	John Gallagher	849-0321
	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Retention Chairman	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. James Parker	556-9454
State Deputy	Robert Ficco	803-324-0044
District Deputy	Ron Byrd	402-9066
Insurance Agent	Roy Spurlock	843-379-9319
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

## REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

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Pontifical College Josephimm  
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Columbus, OH 43235-1498

**GOD BLESS AMERICA  
AND  
PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

## **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

