



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

I can't believe my year as your Grand Knight is coming to a close. I have said it in the past, but must say it again; we are a truly blessed council. We have accomplished so much during the past year, we've made a difference in our community and we've had a lot of fun doing it. I truly appreciate all the hard work my fellow officers and brother knights did to make this a successful year.

As reported at the May business meeting, we contributed close to \$10,000 dollars to local charities, ministries, and worthwhile causes that share the same Christian values as the Knights of Columbus. As I mentioned at the meeting, this is quite an accomplishment and one that should make all of us very proud to be a part of this great organization.

I want to thank all of my fellow officers for your support and participation this past year and would especially like to thank Joe Harkins for his mentorship and assistance. Quite often during the year I needed to seek out Joe's sage wisdom and each time he successfully talked me in off the ledge. Thanks Joe, you're going to make a great Financial Secretary!

Last but not least, I want to extend my congratulations to our newly elected Officer's who will begin their term July 1st. I'm convinced they will provide the guidance and direction our Council needs to continue the good work that we do. Please be supportive of these gentlemen and continue to support your council.

Yours in Christ,

John Gallagher

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Stanley and Jean Adams
Daniel and Phyllis Ames
J. Manning and Maureen Bolchoz
John and Maura Christensen
John and Angela Demo
Mark and Diane Dickson
Raymond and Barbara Franz
Anthony and Ruth Giammusso
David and Minov Kent
Gene and Natalie Knisley
Patrick and Jane McDavid
Don and Kim Slowek
Michael and Elizabeth Strojny*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Second Degree_____	01
Summerville, SC Council 11910	
Officers Meeting_____	05
Life Center—7 PM	
Third Degree_____	07
Council 11910, Summerville, SC	
St. Theresa the Little Flower Church	
11001 Dorchester Road	
Installation of Officer's_____	12
7 PM Mass at Stella Maris Church	
Flag Day_____	14
Father's Day_____	15
Family Picnic_____	15
1 to 5 PM at Wild Dunes Property Owners Beach House	
Monthly Business Meeting_____	17
Island Club— Sullivan's Island	
Dinner—6:30 PM	
Meeting—7:30 PM	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*James Ball
Jerry Barnett
Daniel Canterbury
Edward Castiller
John Christensen
Nick Christopher
Francis Cunnane
Edward Demaree
John Demo
James Dodds
Michael Flato
Richard Garcia
Gregory Gormley
Stephen Groves
Jerome Isaac
Edward Ix
Ken Kobularcik
Harold McCaleb
Patrick McDavid
Edmund McMahon
Scott Myers
David Niesse
Elliot Penington
Mark Smith*

**Knight of the Month
May, 2008
Tom Kenzik**

Tom was born in Rockland County, NY and grew up in the semi-rural area of Bergen County, NJ. He attended catholic high school there, graduating with academic honors. He graduated from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University with a BS degree in 1966. He continued his education at George Washington University and graduated with a MBA in Finance in 1970.

He married his wife, Linda Jane Freeman, in 1967. They have four children: Christian, Megan, Andrew and Emily. The first two are married and live in PA. Megan has given them three grandchildren: Theodore (age 5); Aidan and Kelsey (twins aged 4). Andrew lives in N. Charleston and Emily is getting married this year in Boston.

He began a career in international banking in 1970 which involved considerable international travel and living overseas. Domestically, the family has lived in Connecticut, both northern and southern California, and Lancaster, PA until moving to Mt Pleasant in 2003. In 1989 the family moved to Saudi Arabia, where they spent three war-interrupted years as Tom worked for a Saudi bank. From 1997-2005 Tom was employed as senior analyst for a bank credit analysis company in Cyprus. In 2006, after retiring from his position in Cyprus, Tom began his own bank credit analysis company. Jane is employed as MDS coordinator at Sandpiper Rehabilitation & Nursing, Mt Pleasant. They both enjoy theatre, reading, gardening and following politics.

Tom is a 3rd Degree Knight and was brought into the order in 2006 by Joe Harkins. He and Jane are members of Christ Our King parish. He has worked on our projects at the book sale, Operation Hope and in the food booth at the COK fair.

Congratulations Tom !!!!!

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A Port In A Storm

Forget Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb Mt. Everest. Forget Henry Hudson who ventured into the unknown looking for a northwest passage. Forget Lewis and Clark whose exploits every school child knows. If you want to see real courage, watch a guy check the Dow Jones average in today's turbulent market.

With oil hitting \$132 a barrel and the real estate market in the tank, investors are looking for relief from the huge market swings that seem to happen every week. Our political leaders are too busy blaming each other to address issues and I'm not sure if the \$600 in "economic stimulus" is enough to restart the housing market. I guess it's up to us to save ourselves. Anybody got a lifeboat?

Actually, there is a port in the storm. Every time a benefits night is held we hear about what it means to have the highest rated insurance company in the world. Usually that announcement brings a few yawns that let me know I am beginning to lose the attention of our members. Not today. Why, because what being the top rated insurance company in the world really means is **STABILITY**. Fourteen billion dollars in assets means that fluctuations in the economy, the market and the world have little or no impact on the performance of our products and the dividends we pay. And all of a sudden, the idea of having our life savings in a K of C IRA, SEP, etc. begins to sound very attractive.

Let's be honest. We would all love to stay the course and let the market rebound, restoring the thousands of dollars we have seen evaporate in recent months. The question is, has the market bottomed and more important, can we afford the time it will take to regain lost investment? I pulled up a ten year chart of the Dow and it's not particularly encouraging. The market today is hovering around pre-9-11 levels after seven years of slow recovery. For many of us, another significant drop could permanently damage our retirement plans.

The Knights of Columbus can provide stability and a solid return for your life savings. We have no charges, fees or fund administration deductions. What we do have is peace of mind and a port in the storm.

Steve Kramp
Field Agent
Knights of Columbus
843-771-2437

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Chancellor	Bill Harrington	209-4038
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Recorder	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
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Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
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	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
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Family Director	Brendan Lo	388-8859
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District Deputy	Ron Byrd	402-9066
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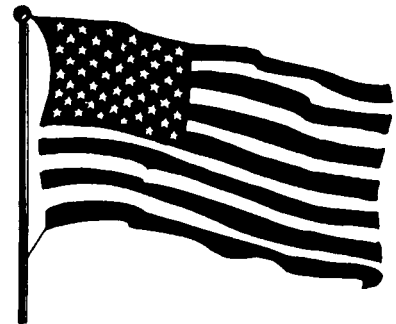
FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 15, 2008
Wild Dunes Property Owners Beach House
1 to 5 PM

Knights will provide the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers and Beverages. We ask that you bring a covered dish to share with others.

Come and join us for great food, fun and games for all ages.

Call Jack Urbanic @ 886-2591 or ozzieu@att.net or Neil Whitman @ 856-5034 or ngwhitman@yahoo.com to get a gate pass.



**GOD BLESS AMERICA
AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**