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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

On March 19, 1882, the State of Connecticut legislature granted a charter to the Knights of Columbus, formally establishing it as a legal corporation. The Order's principles were "Unity" and "Charity". The concepts of "Fraternalism" and "Patriotism" were added later. The Columbus-linked themes "reverberated with pride in the American promise of liberty, equality and opportunity" related historian Christopher J. Kauffman. William Geary, one of the Order's charter members, said that at the first council meeting in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney was "acclaimed as founder by 24 men with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving, recognizing that without his optimism, his will to succeed, his counsel, and his advice they would have failed."

In keeping with the established tradition, our order will once again celebrate the International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on the feast of the Annunciation. It will be celebrated on April 4th, since the regular feast day, March 25th falls on Good Friday this year. The Day of the Unborn was instituted as an addition to the Order's Crusade for Life and a symbol of commitment to building a culture that respects and protects every life.

Congratulations to our new Sir Knights John Gallagher, Mickey McMahon and Paul Midghall who were welcomed into our order's Patriotic Degree on February 26th.

Our monthly Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, March 13th. Please call Pat Piglia (216-7680) and volunteer your services.

We will be sponsoring two events for the first time in our council's history this month.

The first is a Mass and Breakfast on Saturday, March 12th for our local police and firemen at Christ Our King Church and Grace Hall. Please call Pat Piglia to volunteer your services. The second is a Knights Retreat at Mepkin Abbey on Saturday, March 19th from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Information relative to the retreat was mailed to all members the week of February 21st.

Please call a committee member to place your reservation.

We have also planned a spring dance on Saturday, April 9th at Grace Hall. The theme of the dance will be reliving your "Senior Prom." Information relative to the dance can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please pray for our President, our troops deployed in foreign lands, and our Culture of Life. Also, pray for our priest and religious, including our seminarians Philip Gillespie and Robert Higgins, and all the sick and distressed throughout the world.

God Bless and be with all of you,
Joe Harkins, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting_____	03
Life Center — 7:00 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Friday Night Social_____	11
Franzone's House — 7:30 PM	
Fireman and Policeman Mass and Breakfast _____	12
COK — 8:00 AM	
Pancake Breakfast_____	13
COK Grace Hall after 7:30 and 9:30 Mass	
2nd Degree_____	13
Hanahan, SC	
Regular Business Meeting _____	15
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM — Meeting: 7:30 PM	
St. Patrick's Day _____	17
KOC Retreat _____	19
Mepkin Abbey — 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	
Palm Sunday_____	20
Good Friday_____	25
Easter Sunday_____	27
Founder's Day_____	29
March 29, 1882	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**DANIEL AMES
MAURICE ARTIGUES
MATTHEW BLACKWOOD
R. JOSEPH BOLCHOZ
JAMES CARTER
MARK COULTHARD
MARK KELLY
PATRICK MALONE
HENRY MILLER
JIM POSDA
JOSEPH ROSENBERGER
WILLIAM STITES
MICHAEL STROJNY
BARRY STURMER
ROSS SULLIVAN
STEVEN WHITE
NEIL WHITMAN**

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Fred and Linda Koch

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for January 2005 is Fred and Linda Koch. Fred and Linda first met on a blind date and have been married for 47-years. They have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. Fred grew up in Tappan, New York (Rockland County, near New York City). After high school, Fred attended the University of Colorado where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. He entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant after graduation and served two years in the Corps of Engineers stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After leaving the Army, Fred had a long and successful career as a manufacturing and materials manager. Along the way he earned a Masters Degree in Industrial Management from the Stevens Institute of Technology. Linda worked for over thirty years in the travel industry.

Their oldest daughter, Lisa, is a radiologist in McLean, Virginia and is married to David, an attorney. They have three children: Nichole (10-years old), Nathan (7-years old) and Zachary (5-years old). Their younger daughter, Robin, lives in Chicago and is a manager of corporate accounts for a major pharmaceutical company. She is married Jay, a business consultant for Ernest & Young.

Fred and Linda retired about eight years ago and moved to Mount Pleasant to be nearer the beach. They live in the Planters Pointe subdivision and are parishioners at St. Benedicts Catholic Church. Fred serves as a lector and Linda as a greeter and usher at St. Benedicts. Fred is the President of the Board of Birthright of Charleston, a crisis pregnancy center. Fred is a third degree Knight of Columbus and has been in the Knights since 1980. Fred and Linda have many hobbies, but seem to spend most of their free time together playing tennis.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2004
AFTER 7:30 AND 9:30 MASSES**

Pancake Breakfast with all fixings, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, milk, orange juice and coffee. All for just \$5.00 per person. Children 5 and under eat FREE.

GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Time to clean out bird feeders and bird houses. Put out hummingbird feeders.

Do major pruning and planting before warm spring days. It's too late to prune crape myrtles. Wait until after they bloom. When pruning them, you should have 3-5 trunks. Any crossed limbs should be removed. Where there are 3 limbs, remove the middle limb. DO NOT CHOP. It invites infection that can kill the tree.

Roses should be pruned and spraying started. Roses are susceptible to diseases and insects and require preventive applications of fungicides and insecticides to keep them in check. If honeybees are present, spray plants around dusk to avoid killing these essential pollinators. Other susceptible plants include azaleas, camellias (spray when not in bloom) and dogwood trees.

When azaleas and camellias have finished blooming, prune and feed. Replace with new mulch. Be sure to clean up any camellia blooms on the ground to prevent disease.

Flats of summer annuals should be started for planting outside at the end of the month or in April.

If you plan to put houseplants out for the summer, they should be repotted now. This gives them time to adjust before being put outside next month.

Now is the time to apply pre-emergent herbicides on grass. Weed and Feed is NOT appropriate for this area. Fertilizer should NOT be applied until two weeks after the grass is fully green. Always read labels carefully. Do not dethatch centipede or St. Augustine until April or May.

Wait until after spring-flowering bulbs have bloomed to fertilize. Do not cut back leaves of early-flowering bulbs until they have turned brown. They need to build energy for next year. Wait to prune spring-flowering plants until after they bloom.

If summer and fall-blooming perennial clumps need it, divide and transplant now. Keep new divisions watered. "Harden off" bedding plants before planting by bringing them indoors at night for about 4 nights and taking them outside during the day. This will acclimate them to withstand still-cool temperatures. Unless it's unusually cold, St. Patrick's day (Mar 17) is a good planting date. Replace old mulch with fresh material. For perennial beds, wait until new growth is tall enough not to be buried before adding new mulch.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*ANNE & DANIEL CANTERBURY
ASHLEY & TRACY KINSINGER
JACQUIE & BARRY STURMER
PAULA & MICHAEL SWINDLE*

INSURANCE

AN ECONOMIC MUST:

Do you have seat belts in your car? OF course you do!
How many do you have? Aren't you certain you have one for every member of your family? Would you buy an automobile that only provided one "belt" –That being for you?

But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father – Not the mother.

Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance", should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children.

YOUR BUSINESS BELONGS HERE:

Do you know that the Knights of Columbus can offer you Traditional and Roth Iras? Do you know enough about them to decide whether or not they fit into your financial picture?

I would like to ask three questions:

1. Are you, like most people, interested in saving money?
2. Do you find it difficult to save under common saving methods?
3. Take the number of years you've been working times your average salary. What percentage of that income have you saved so far? How much will you save in the future?

If your answer bothers you, I would like the chance to sit and talk with you (and your wife, of course) about your alternatives –Annuities and tax-sheltered savings at highly competitive interest rates. You need not to look anywhere else but your own Order for your financial needs. Other institutions bombard you with ads for business at this time of the year. We just keep doing what we have been doing since Father McGivney founded the Order –taking care of our members and their families.

Call me today! I would like to hear from you to discuss any of these needs.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Field Agent
Brian Gabel
(843)-871-2371

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Want to learn more about the stock market, mutual funds, or individual stocks?

Brett McClain of Edward Jones will address all of the above and answer your questions-mark your calendar for March 16th, 10:00 AM at the Senior Center.

Please contact Sister Mary Cyril at 884-0065 or Dick King at 971-1591 for more information.

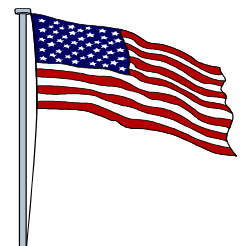
COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
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Grand Knight	Joseph Harkins	881-5768
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
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Inside Guard	Bob Brimmer	849-1934
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	Jack Urbanic SM	886-2591
	Gene McLaughlin SB	849-2271
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Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Council Director	John Murphy	971-8622
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
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Youth Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
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Admissions Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Membership Director	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Retention Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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District Deputy	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Insurance Agent	Brian Gabel	871-2371
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REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

Robert Higgins
St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary
10701 South Military Trail
Boynton Beach, Florida 33436-4811
and
Phillip Gillespie
Pontifical College Josephimm
7625 North High St.
Columbus, OH 43235-1498

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month for February is Brother Dick King. Dick is a Fourth Degree Knight and he is a member of Christ Our King Church.

Dick Joined the Knights in 1950. He was inactive for a number of years and after relocating to the Charleston area in 1996 he reactivated his membership. He received his Fourth Degree in 1998. He has served as Grand Knight of our Council and is known for his abilities as a first class fundraiser. He currently does a great job garnering publicity for the Council using his talents as a photographer. Other service activities include serving as an usher and as member of the Parish Newcomers Committee at Christ Our King Church. He also volunteers at the Catholic Charities soup kitchen and numerous other public service and fundraising activities sponsored by our Council.

Dick resides in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Maureen, both of whom attend the Citadel Senior Scholars Program. Dick can be seen working in local supermarkets as a product demonstrator. In his spare time, he is an avid reader and hosts a men's book club.

CONGRATULATIONS DICK !!!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Our Friday Night Social will be held at Tom and Fran Franzone's house, on Friday, March 11, 2005 @ 7:30 PM.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, so don't forget to wear something GREEN. Bring along any prospective members and an hors d'oeuvre to share with others.

Directions: Mathis Ferry Road to Whipple Road (Old Wando High School) down whipple about 1 mile and turn right into Snee Farm go to stop sign and make a left we are the 6th house on the right.

or

Longpoint Road , turn left on Whipple, go about a mile and turn left into Snee Farm to stop sign and turn left again, we are the 6th house on the right.

1007 Law Lane
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
884-5670

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Pat and Sandy Piglia

The Family of the year for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Pat and Sandy Piglia. Pat and Sandy have been married for 38 years; and have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Pat grew up in the Cleveland area of Ohio and earned a Bachelor of Science at Kent State University and a Masters of Business Administration from Michigan State University. Sandy grew up in Detroit Michigan. Pat and Sandy met at work in Detroit and after an "office romance" were married in 1966. Pat and Sandy lived in various cities as Pat enjoyed a successful, 38-year career in manufacturing management. He began his career with Chrysler in Detroit where he spent 11 years. He retired from National Aviation Products in Tempe, Arizona after being with them for 15 years.

Pat and Sandy moved to Mt. Pleasant in August 2002 to be midway between their two grown children's families. Pat and Sandy's daughter Lisa is a physician in Durham, North Carolina and is married to Guido Ferrari (also a physician). They have two children, Giacomo and Luisa. Pat and Sandy's son Scott is a teacher in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and is married to Angie (also a teacher). They have two children, Christian and Isabella. Pat earned his 3rd Degree with the Knights of Columbus council at the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Scottsdale, Arizona; where ironically he was in charge of cooking pancakes for their pancake breakfasts. Upon moving to Mt. Pleasant, he picked up where he left off and has been cooking pancakes at the East Cooper Knight's pancake breakfast. Pat and Sandy are members at Christ Our King Church where Pat is Eucharist Minister. Pat is active in the Cursillo movement and is assisting in the prison ministry. Sandy is active in the choir and the worship group for Divine Mercy. She also does the Rosary at Sandpiper Nursing Center. In addition to their spiritual life together, Pat and Sandy enjoy many activities together including biking. Pat is an avid college sports fan, and has recently lamented the University of Florida men's basketball team's recent fall from their No. 1 ranking.

CONGRATULATIONS PAT AND SANDY !!!

**HAPPY EASTER
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005**