



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

My Brother Knights,

Membership, membership, membership! An active recruiting program is vital if our council is going to continue to grow and prosper. I'm pleased to report that we've recently welcomed several new brother knights and have a number of committed prospects awaiting the honors of the 1st degree. Having said that it's important that we continue to actively seek new men who want to join our order. What's the best way to recruit a new member – ASK.

I'd like to welcome Henry Aduma and Gary Freeman to our council as 1st degree knights. We also had Dean Ellis and Brendan Lo advance to the 2nd degree in February. On February 25th Pat Piglia and Rocco Falcone received the honors of the 4th degree and are now Sir Knights. My congratulations to all of you for taking these steps within our wonderful organization.

The spaghetti dinner held on February 22nd was a huge success with over 300 dinners served. I'd like to thank Mickey McMahon for handling tickets, my wife Melinda for organizing the sauce brigade which included; Gerry Urbanic, Peggy Harkins, Paula Swindle, Nancy Murphy, Peggy Kiser, Fran Franzone, Julie Flato, Sandy Piglia, Linda Koch, Jacquie Sturmer, Jean Adams, Julie Gautreaux, Michelle Karkowski, and Melinda Whitman. I'd also like to thank Joe and Barbara Tarr, Greg Gormley, John Murphy, Tim Davis, Mike Eovino, Rick Karkowski, and Joe Harkins for their help. I know there were others who helped and to you, much thanks. PS: We've already had a request to do it again in March! (I deferred this request until fall).

Among our upcoming events are the Men's retreat at Mepkin Abbey on April 8, the Police and Firemen's Breakfast on April 22, the State Convention on May 5-6, an Operation Hope fundraiser on May 13th and the annual Family picnic also to be held in May.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will already be into Lent. Our council continues to enjoy success because of the sacrifices so many of you make. Whether it's your time, your talent, or your treasure you are making a difference. You truly are a reflection of the Lord who's sacrifice we remember during this season. You're also proof that He's alive and in truly our midst.

May God continue to pour his blessings on our council, our troops, and our great country.

Vivat Jesu'

Neil Whitman
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ash Wednesday	01
Officer's Meeting	02
Life Center — 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Soup & Sandwich Supper	08
Stella Maris	
St. Patrick's Day	17
Regular Business Meeting	21
Island Club — Sullivan's Island	
Dinner — 6:30 PM	
Meeting — 7:30 PM	
Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child	24
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
STEVEN SHUMAKER
WILLIAM STITES
MICHAEL STROJY
BARRY STURMER
ROSS SULLIVAN
STEVEN WHITE
NEIL WHITMAN

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Don Lindeman
February, 2006

Don is a Third Degree Knight who joined the council in 2003. He has served our council by participation in our activities such as the book sales, spaghetti dinner, wreath sale, and oyster roast. Don and Drema are members of Stella Maris Catholic Church on Sullivan's Island where he serves as an usher and is active in the Men's Club.

Don was born in Doylestown, Ohio and attended parochial school there. He was employed with the East Ohio Gas Co, a division of Consolidated Natural Gas Co. for 38 years. He retired to the Isle of Palms in 1995.

Don and Drema have been married for 45 years. Don is currently employed part time at Piggly Wiggly, Seaside Farms. They share in many hobbies such as golfing, dining out, traveling, and walking.

Matt Story
March, 2006

Matt was born and raised in Savannah where he attended Catholic schools before attending the University of Georgia. He obtained his bachelors and law degrees there in 1987 and 1990.

He married Christine Linning in 1991 and they have two sons, Jack (10 yr.) and Joe (7 yr.). They attend Christ Our King/Stella Maris School, where they are active in sports. His wife is a secretary on the school staff. They lived on St. Simons Island where he practiced law until he passed the SC Bar Exam in 1993. He has been with Clawson & Staubes Law Firm as a partner since then.

Matt is a 3rd degree Knight who joined our council in 1995. He has been serving as Advocate for many years and has been very active in all of our activities, especially those involving the youth. As leader of the Free Throw this year we had a record number of kids compete. In addition to all of the Knight's activities, he also serves as the Den Leader for Jack's Webelos den and Joe's Tiger Cub den. He is also active in many church activities, including serving the 2-3 am shift at Nocturnal Adoration at Stella Maris.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HENRY & JOSEPHINE ADUMA
DANIEL & ANNE CANTERBURY
TRACY & ASHLEY KINSINGER
BARRY & JACQUIE STURMER
MICHAEL & PAULA SWINDLE

GARDENING COLUMN

by
Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

The optimum time for pruning most summer-flowering trees and shrubs, including crape myrtle and oleander, is between February 17 and March 17.

Crape myrtles bloom on new wood. When pruning, you should have 3-5 trunks. Prune any crossing limbs or, where there are three limbs, remove the middle limb.

Bird feeders and bird houses should be cleaned. Put food for the hummingbirds out towards the end of March.

Now is the time to plant roses. Keep well-watered. Prune roses and start routine spraying. Because roses are susceptible to diseases and insects, they require preventive applications of fungicides and insecticides. If honeybees are present, spray around dusk to avoid killing these essential pollinators. Other susceptible plants include azaleas, camellias (spray when not in bloom) and dogwood trees. Use cygon to prevent scale on camellias. Prune and feed azaleas and camellias after they finish blooming. To prevent petal blight, rake up any fallen blooms. Put down fresh mulch.

Start flats of summer annual flowers for planting at the end of the month or in April.

If houseplants are to spend the summer outdoors, repot now. This gives them time to adjust before setting outside next month.

Spring-flowering bulbs should be fertilized after they bloom. Cut the leaves of early-flowering bulbs after they have turned brown. They need to build energy through the leaves for next year.

Shrubs should be fertilized as soon as they begin to show new growth.

If summer and fall-blooming perennial clumps need it, divide and transplant now. Keep new divisions watered.

Bedding plants should be "hardened off" before planting. Bring them indoors for about 4 nights and take them out during the day. This will acclimate them to withstand cool temperatures. Usually St. Patrick's Day is a good day for planting.

Do not fertilize grass until two weeks after it has become fully green. Weed & Feed is for cool-weather lawns and not suitable for our area. Do not thatch centipede or St. Augustine grass until April or May.

It is too early to use pesticides on the lawn. Mole crickets are very sensitive to the cold and are deep in the soil right now.

SOUP & SANDWICH

On Wednesday, March 8, 2006, following the Stations of the Cross at Stella Maris, a Soup and Sandwich supper will be held. Stations begin at 6:15 PM. If you haven't signed up yet, call Jack Urbanic at 886-2591

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for January 2006 for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Gene and Elaine McLaughlin. Gene and Elaine have been married for 38 years and have four grown children and three grandchildren.

Both Gene and Elaine grew in and around Boston, Massachusetts. Gene graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where he received a Bachelor of Science in Military Engineering in 1960. Gene served 4 years in the Army and reached the rank of First Lieutenant. After leaving the military, Gene earned a Masters of Business Administration from Northeastern University in Boston. Elaine earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Emmanuel College in Boston and a Masters of Hospital Administration from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gene and Elaine were married in 1965 in Boston where Gene was involved in the retail catalogue business. They moved to Milwaukee, began their family, and Gene began his 25-year career with J.C. Penny's. Gene transferred J.C. Penny's to Dallas in 1994. Gene retired as a Project Manager with J.C. Penny's in 2000 and he and Elaine moved to Mt. Pleasant, where they live in the Dunes West development. Elaine continues to work as a Clinical Researcher for Eyetech Pharmaceuticals, where she oversees the clinical trial of drugs that treat macular degeneration.

Gene and Elaine's grown children include Barry, who is married to Laura and they live in Milwaukee and have two sons, Joseph and Andrew; Bevin, also living in Milwaukee; Brenda, who lives in Hawaii; and Brian, who is married to Meg. Brian and Meg are the parent of two sons, Alexandra and Sean. Brian and Meg are Maryknoll Missionaries in Lapaz, Bolivia.

Gene is a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, having joined while still in high school in 1955. Gene was inactive in the Knights of Columbus for a period and rejoined in 1994 while in Dallas. Gene remained active with the Knights of Columbus when he moved Mt. Pleasant, where he currently serves as St. Benedicts Church Director for Council 9475 and has volunteered his time with tootsie role sales, the free throw contest, and the oyster roast.

Gene and Elaine are members of St. Benedicts Parish, where Elaine is a charter member of the choir, serves as a Cantor and is on the Communion Committee. Gene serves on the Sacristy Committee and also volunteers his time with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Charleston Ports & Seafarers Society. This multi-denomination society provides aid, comfort and minister to the tremendous needs of the shipping industry.

CONGRATULATIONS GENE AND ELAINE !!!!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for February 2006 for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Stan and Jean Adams. Stan and Jean have two grown children and four grandchildren. Their children are Jean who together with her husband are parents of Carry, Amanda, and Robert; and Charles who together with his wife are parent to Dillon.

Both Stan and Jean grew up in Philadelphia and attended parochial schools. Stan graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemical engineering. Stan began his 28-year career with Rohm & Hass, a specialty materials company in Philadelphia where he worked in their chemicals division. Stan and Jean moved to Forest Hill, Maryland when Stan took a transfer with the company. While in Maryland, Stan took an opportunity to run a division of another chemical company – Cello Cork. His division was later sold to Mead Westvaco, with whom he transferred with to Charleston in 1993. Stan retired in 1999.

Stan and Jean are very active members of St. Benedict's Church. Stan has been a Cantor for the past 3-years and Jean is a choir member. They help at the annual Church picnic and at other church functions, including baptisms, setting up refreshments every weekend after mass, and preparing soup and sandwiches during lent. They host a mass in their home approximately every 5 to 6 weeks. St. Benedict's Church sponsors a program where daily mass is conducted on a rotating basis at various parishioners homes. Stan and Jean both tutor at the Charleston County Academic Magnet High School, Stan in math and Jean in English. Stan is a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus, having only joined about a year ago. He and Jean are supportive of Knight's functions and are assisting in the upcoming spaghetti dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS STAN AND JEAN !!!!!

2ND ANNUAL MEN'S KOFC RETREAT (SACRAMENT OF PENANCE)

Where: Mepkin abbey
When: Saturday, April 8, 2006
Why: Spiritual renewal and fulfill our
Easter Duty.
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM

To sign up, please call: Eugene McLaughlin (849-2271), Paul Midghall (881-4190) , or Bill Harrington (209-4038)

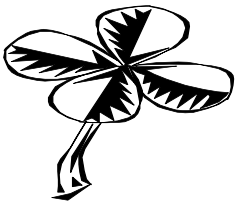
CONGRATULATIONS

On February 12, 2006, Brendan Lo and Dean Ellison received their 2nd degree at Council 704.

February 21, 2006, Gary Freeman and Henry Aduma received their 1st degree.

February 25, 2006, Sir Knights Pat Piglia and Rocco Falcone received their 4th degree in Columbia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU !!!



***HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL

Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK - 7:30 AM	
Officer's Meeting _____	06
Life Center - Grace Hall - 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	06
Stella Maris 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	07
COK - 7 AM to 5 PM	
Palm Sunday _____	09
Good Friday _____	14
Easter Sunday _____	16
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
Island Club - Sullivan's Island	
Dinner - 6:30 PM	
Meeting - 7:30 PM	
Police and Fireman's Breakfast _____	22
Following 8 AM Mass - Grace Hall	
National Volunteer Week _____	23 - 29
National Fraternal Week _____	23 - 29

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
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Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-1660
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Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
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Inside Guard	John Gallagher	849-0321
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1 Yr. Trustee	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480

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Council Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
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Family Director	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
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Retention Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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AMERICA***

