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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

At our February Business Meeting, four new Brothers were welcomed into our Council and the Knights of Columbus. Please welcome the following new members: Kevin Frederick, Jack Kingston, Don "DJ" Slowek, and William "Bill" Weston. During my relatively short period with the East Cooper Knights of Columbus, I can not remember such a large class of candidates or such an enthusiastic crowd of Brother Knights to welcome the new members. With these new Brothers, we have already met our Council's quota for new membership for Star Council. I think that the success of this years recruiting class lies with our tireless Membership Director, Neil Whitman. Thank you, Neil.

As we enter the reflective Lenten season, a traditionally "slow" time for Knights activities, I'd like to thank all those who participated in and organized the events in February. These events included our monthly social, the Super Bowl Party at the Whitmans; our annual Free Throw Contest organized by Matt Story; and our Operation Hope Tootsie Roll fund raiser chaired by Jim Pancake. Over 60 Knights, wives, family, and friends attended the Super Bowl Party; this years Free Throw Contest had 750 participants; and finally, the Operation Hope fund raiser collected nearly \$475 on a very cold afternoon for the mentally handicapped.

The activities listed above are but a small accounting of the good works (and good times) that our Council sponsors. I challenge each Brother Knight who has not found the time to get involve in the good works of our Council to reflect on what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Charity is the basic principal of our organization and nearly all our events are geared at helping others in some way (usually in a fun way).

Please consider participating in our upcoming events. Our Mepkin Abby retreat is on March 31st and will focus on the family. Our second spaghetti dinner will be on April 11th. We have already had some local dignitaries commit to our Police and Fireman's Breakfast on April 28th. Also, the every popular pancake breakfast makes a return on April 29th.

Yours in Christ,
Rick Karkowski
Grand Knight

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Officer's Meeting	01
Life Center --- 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	01
Stella Maris --- 8 PM to 8am	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	02
COK --- 7:30 am to 5 PM	
ProLife/Rosary	03
COK --- 7:30 am	
Soup and Sandwich	07
Stella Maris after 6 PM mass	
St Patrick's Day Parade	17
Regular Business Meeting	20
Island Club --- Sullivan's Island	
Dinner --- 6:30 PM	
Meeting --- 7:30 PM	
K of C Day of the Unborn Child	25
Founder's Day	29
March 29, 1882	
Mepkin Abbey Retreat	31
9 am to 3 PM	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DANIEL AMES
 NICHOLA ANNAN
 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 STROJNY
 BARRY STURMER
 ROSS SULLIVAN
 STEVEN WHITE
 NEIL WHITMAN

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Joe Rosenberger
February, 2007

Joe was the second of four children born to Francis and Loretta Rosenberger. He grew up in Gardenville, Maryland and attended St Anthony of Padua school. Joe joined the Knights in 1960 and became active immediately by helping to renovate the council home. Joe has held all offices at both the 3rd, and 4th. degree level and has held many of them more than once. Joe also held offices of D.W. and D.D. in Maryland. He served as G.K. for the last 3 years prior to moving to SC, was bingo chairman, and pro-life chair-couple with his wife Hilda. He is also very active in the church and community as he ushers, greets, and serves on the welcoming committee at Christ Our King Parish. Joe and Hilda also donate time at ECCO to help the less fortunate then we.

CONGRATULATIONS JOE !!!!!!!

MEPKIN ABBEY RETREAT Saturday March 31, 2007

Now is the time to sign-up for our Third Annual Mepkin Abbey Retreat. The Retreat will be held on Saturday March 31 and will go from 9AM to 3PM, the cost is \$15.00 per person. As in the past we will car-pool from the Target in Seaside Farms and Publix on Highway 17. This is a great opportunity to prepare for Easter week and take care of your obligation to receive The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This year we are inviting the ladies to join us as the theme for the Retreat is "The Family".

Please call Bill Harrington @ 209-4038 if you plan to attend.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JOSIE AND HENRY ADUMA
ANNE AND DANIEL CANTERBURY
ASHLEY AND TRACY KINSINGER
JACQUIE AND BARRY STURMER
PAULA AND MICHAEL SWINDLE

GARDENING COLUMN

by
Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Prune most summer-flowering trees and shrubs between February and March 17, that is the optimal time for pruning.

Bird feeders, bird houses and bird baths should be cleaned out. Put food out for the hummingbirds towards the end of March. The color, red, will attract them. Sometimes they arrive early and know where the feeders were last year.

After planting roses, keep well-watered. Prune roses and start routine spraying. Because roses are susceptible to disease and insects, they require preventive applications of fungicides and insecticides. If there are honeybees present, spray around dusk to prevent killing these essential pollinators. Other susceptible plants include azaleas, camellias (spray when not in bloom) and dogwood trees. Use cygon on camellias to prevent scale. Be sure to coat front and back of the leaves.

Bedding plants should be "hardened off" before planting. Bring them in 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.

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

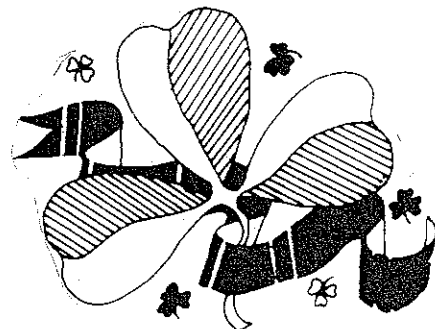
Summer and fall-blooming perennial clumps may need to be divided and replanted. Leave enough space so that they won't need it again any time soon.

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.

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

SOUP AND SANDWICH

On Wednesday, March 7, 2007, following the Stations of the Cross at Stella Maris, a Soup and Sandwich Supper will be held. Stations begin at 6:15 PM. The Knights are asked to provide food for those who attend the Stations. Please bring Soup or Sandwiches to the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. Stations begin at 6:15 PM.



OYSTER ROAST

The Oyster Roast was a huge success with about 375 or more attending. A special Thank You to Gabrielle and Will Simons for all their hard work and to all the Knights and Ladies that helped. Thanks again for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to our Knights of Columbus Family

Kevin Frederick
Jack Kingston
Don Slowek
William Weston

CONGRATULATIONS

to
Our New Fourth-Degree Knights
Sir Knight Brenden Lo
and
Sir Knight Greg Gormley



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

Palm Sunday	01
Officer's Meeting	05
Life Center — 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8AM	
Good Friday	06
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Easter Sunday	08
Spaghetti Dinner	11
Life Center — 5 PM	
National Volunteer Week	15-21
National Fraternal Week	15-21
Regular Business Meeting	17
Island Club-Sullivan's Island	
6:30 Dinner	
7:30 Meeting	
Police and Fireman's Breakfast	28
Life Center after 8 AM mass	
Pancake Breakfast	29
Life Center after 7:30 and 9:30 AM mass	

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Brother Knights, we live in a fast paced, ever changing world. Many of the brother Knights I visit are retired and they have less free time then when they were working. I guess it's a sign of the times. Some things don't change, however. Two of those things are death and taxes. As your field agent, I help members deal with those realities on a daily basis. I also deal with another reality....long term illness.

When I am sitting at the kitchen table with a member and his wife, I am usually impressed with how carefully they have planned for the day when a spouse is deceased. Wills....durable power of attorney.....medical power of attorney.....ira's.....401K's ..insurance... everything is in place should one of them die. What amazes me is the one thing that could destroy everything they have worked for hasn't been addressed. Long term illness. As life expectancy increases, we all become more vulnerable to disease that debilitate our minds and our bodies. The cost of a certified nursing home in South Carolina ranges from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per year. None of these costs are covered by Medicare, health insurance or disability insurance. The money has to come from you....or your family. Medicaid will step in and pay for the cost of a facility you probably wouldn't want to be in, but only after you and your spouse have spent everything you have. This includes annuities, cash value of your insurance, pensions and every gift you have made to your family over the last five years.

The fastest growing form of insurance offered by the Knights of Columbus is Lone Term Care. Why, because brother Knights recognize that even with the best financial planning, they, and their families are still vulnerable. The good news is Long Term Care is extremely affordable during your 40's and 50's. It is reasonable during your sixties and is still a good value in your 70's. There are no "higher rates" for people with some health problems. You are accepted, or not. The "or not's are the biggest problems we face in providing long term care to our members... Because illness and serious injury can happen at any time in your life, the odds of qualifying for Long Term Care rapidly reduce as we age. As a result, illnesses that would not exclude you from purchasing life insurance are often reasons for policies being declined for LTC.

As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can provide you with complete information on Long Term coverage offered by the Knights. If you have questions, call Roy Spurlock, 843-379-9319. Vivat Jesus.

Our Sincere Condolences to Steve Dunlap on the loss of his wife Carol. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

Keep Hoyt and Peggy Kiser in your prayers and all those who are sick.

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AND
PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**