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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

My Brother Knights,

Planning for the State Convention is now complete and we expect record attendance. We begin with a fun night of socialization on Friday May 5th. You don't have to be a registered to participate so I invite you and your guests to gather for lots of fun. The theme Friday is a "Night at the Beach". There's food and drink galore so come and have some fun. The breakfast on Sunday morning is very special since one of our members is receiving a very special state award. Please plan to be there celebrate this great honor. In addition to the planned events, there will be a golf tournament, we have commemorative shirts at a good price, and raffles galore. Come join us at the Sheraton Hotel in N. Charleston and have some fun. Check our website at www.kofc9475.org for details.

As always the past month has been very busy with several spiritual, social, church, and community events. Thanks to Bill Harrington, Paul Midghall, Gene McLaughlin for planning our second annual Lenten retreat to Mepkin Abbey. By the time you receive this we will have held our second annual Firefighters & Police Recognition Breakfast. Thanks to Mike Stuffle for his organizing efforts. I know our monthly social at the Urbanic's will be great fun with wine, cigars, food and fellowship. Please mark your calendars for May 13 when we hold our Operation Hope fund raiser at Sam's Club and WalMart in N. Charleston. Last year we raised over \$1500 in just four hours.

This month several of our Brother Knights and their wives spent numerous hours renovating the Monsignor Thomas Duffy Seminarian house in downtown Charleston. They include Bill and Gloria Harrington, Tom Franzone, Ron Davis, Joe Harkins, and Hank Wolf. Their hard work didn't go unnoticed. I quote from Bishop Robert Baker's thank you letter: *"Thank you and all the fine members of Knights of Columbus Council #9475 for your great work on the Monsignor Thomas Duffy House on America Street in Charleston"*. He continues *"Be assured of my prayers for the Knights of Columbus in Council # 9475. " WOW!*

WE NOW NEED JUST SIX NEW INSURANCE MEMBERS TO QUALIFY FOR STAR COUNCIL. I'm pleased to announce we've met all the other criteria for this prestigious award. You can purchase a KofC insurance policy for just \$25. Time is running short, please call me at 270-9834 for details.

We have a special council, I thank you all for your hard work on His behalf. May God continue to bless you, your families, and our great country.

Your Brother in Christ,

Neil Whitman
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Officer's Meeting _____	04
Life Center—7PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	04
Stella Maris—8PM to 8AM	
Feast of the Ascension _____	05
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	05
COK—7:30AM to 5PM	
State Convention _____	5,6,7
Sheraton Hotel—N. Chas.	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK—7:30AM	
Operation Hope _____	13
Sams Club and Walmart—N. Chas.	
Mother's Day _____	14
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
Island Club-Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:30 PM	
Memorial Day _____	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GUY ARTIGUES
RALPH BANKS
DONALD BURKARD
RONALD DAVIS
ROLAND DEVITA
RICHARD DURKIN
DEAN ELLIS
MARK FOSTER
THOMAS KELLEY
DAVID LINCOLN
MICHAEL MCGOWAN
PAUL MIDGHALL
JOSEPH PALISI
EDWARD ROBINSON
NORMAN RUSSELL
JOHN TRUCKSIS

RECONCILIATION: MORTAL VS VENIAL SIN

The Catholic Church does not have an exact predetermined list of sins which meet the criteria of mortal sin. In order for a sin to be mortal it must meet the following criteria. 1. It must be a grave matter; 2. It must be committed with full knowledge of the gravity of the sin; 3. It must be committed with deliberate and full consent. In order to be a "grave matter" the sin must be a thought, word or deed which violates Divine law by offending God, our neighbors or ourselves. The gravity of the matter is judged from the teaching of Scripture, the definitions of councils and popes, and also from reason. Venial sin only impedes us from attaining everlasting life, while mortal sin prevents us from achieving that goal.

The concept of forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation has changed many times in the history of the church. Current teaching is that only an ordained priest in a personal confession is allowed to forgive sins. That was not always the case throughout history. In the early church there were public confessions as well as private ones. General absolution was also given. And finally the act of self confession and confession to Deacons has been discontinued. Pope John Paul II confirmed in his writings that failure to amend following confession results in negation of the sacrament and immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David Lincoln and Leonard Kosinski on receiving their First Degree, on April 18, 2006.
Welcome Gentlemen to our Knights of Columbus family.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*CLAUDIA & FRANCIS BUDDS
NANCY & STEPHEN CHADWICK
JANET & RICHARD CLARK
KATHY & MARK COULTHARD
JERI & CHARLES DROUILLARD
WENDY & DEAN ELLIS
JENIFER & THOMAS FRANZONE
ANN & CARL GEIER
AMY & STEPHEN GROVES
PATRICIA & THOMAS KELLY
SANDY & PAT PIGLIA
JO ANN & DONALD SCHROEDER*

GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

Prune spring-flowering shrubs, i.e., azaleas, camellias, forsythia, mock orange and climbing roses that bloom once as soon as they finish blooming. Fertilize. Crape myrtles and gardenias should be pruned and fertilized after they bloom. Crape myrtles should not be chopped off. If necessary, cut limbs back to a joint. Prune any limbs that are crossing other limbs.

Prune hydrangeas after they bloom. Cut no more than 1/3 of the hardwood back. Each stem should be cut all the way to the ground. Hydrangeas bloom on second-year wood.

to prevent disease, remove old mulch and replace with new mulch on ornamental and landscape plants.

Remove foliage of spring-flowering bulbs once it turns brown. Fertilize. Divide irises and Easter lilies after they bloom. Daffodils should be divided every three years.

Feed roses every two weeks. Feed new roses after first bloom.

*According to Abide-a-while apply per bush:

Chelated iron (per directions); 1/4 cup of 10-10-10 or another balanced m fertilizer; 1 TBSP Osmocote (13-6-12) per foot of height at peak season; 1/2 cup epsom salts or magnesium sulfate

(encourages basal breaks as buds); 1 TBSP Miracle Gro for Roses + 1 TBSP fish emulsion or 1 cup of other organic material (fish, cottonseed meal, etc.) Start weekly spraying program. Use a fungicides to prevent blackspot and powdery mildew.

When spraying, use a respirator; wearing long sleeves and gloves. When finished, wash the clothes you were wearing and take a shower.

Divide established perennials. Pinch off dead blooms on petunias, snapdragons and marigolds to prolong bloom. Pinch leggy plants way back and fertiliz. For bushier plants, pinch mums back until July 1.

Where there are multiple buds, remove all but one for larger blooms.

Fertilize in July.

The normal garden requires 1 1/2 inches of water each week. Short sprinkles encourage shallow root growth, decreasing a plant's ability to withstand drought. Therefore, water deeply fewer times each week.

When planting trees and shrubs, don't plant to deep. There should be a visible root flare at the base of the stem or trunk. Roots that are buried too deep are deprived of oxygen. The top of the root ball should be level with or slightly above the soil. Keep mulch at least 3 to 4 inches away from the trunks and no more than 3 inches deep. When using a weedwacker around trees and shrubs, be sure not to hit the trunks.

Plants in pots may be root bound; roots go around instead of growing down. Fine roots can be cut through vertically. Larger roots should be carefully teased and spread out.

Some plants that will attract butterflies and humming birds are; Pentas, Bee Balm, Black Eyed Suzannes, Hibiscus, Plumbago, Lantana, Mexican Sage, Verbena, Vitex, Glossy Abelia, Butterfly Bush, and Bottle Brush. Where possible choose Red rather than Yellow. Butterfly weed is a good host plant for the Monarch Butterfly. One caution with this plant; it reseeds itself and may show up elsewhere in the yard.

FROM YOUR EDITOR—

If you would like to submit something in the newsletter, you can either call me at 884-5670 or e-mail tzone1941@aol.com before the 25th of the month

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

April, 2006

Michael, a third degree Knight, was born just outside Washington DC, and grew up on a small family farm in Orange County Virginia. He played varsity football, basketball and track, and was a member of the National Honor society in high school. Michael attended North Carolina State University graduating with High Honors in 1980, obtaining a degree in Turfgrass Management from the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He then moved to Sullivan's Island where he began his career in golf course management with the construction of the Links course at Wild Dunes. During that time he attended Stella Maris Church, where his daughter was Baptized. After building and maintaining several courses throughout the Carolinas and Florida, he returned to Charleston in 1999 as the Director of Grounds and Golf Maintenance at The Daniel Island Club. His fond and spiritual memories of Stella Maris influenced him to ask for admission back into the church when he moved to Daniel Island in 2003, and in 2004 brother Mike Stuffle recruited him into the Knights.

Michael has been active in youth sports since college and has enjoyed helping with the KOC free throw contests. He is a member of our Second Degree team, and has enjoyed the retreats to Mebkin Abbey. He has collected boxes of books for the annual sale, and did a terrific job pouring beer at this year's oyster roast. Michael and his wife Kay have three children, Jonathon (25), Jennifer (23), and Lauryn (13). They also have a six-month old granddaughter, Emma Jean.

2006-07 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski
D. Grand Knight	John Gallagher
Chancellor	Paul Midghall
Recorder	Mike Swindle
Treasurer	Pat Piglia
Advocate	Matt Story
Warden	Jim Pancake
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer
3yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman
2yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins
1 yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffle

These candidates will be presented to the members and voted on at the May meeting, plus any nominees from the floor. The 3 yr Trustee is the only one voted into position; 2 yr and 1 yr Trustee automatically move up.

Nominating Committee:

Neil Whitman
Tom A. Franzone
Joe Harkins
Mike Stuffle
Bill Harrington

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Tom and Jenifer Franzone

The Family of the Month for March 2006 for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) is Tom and Jenifer Franzone. Tom and Jenifer have been married for nearly six years and are proud parents of a 3 week old baby boy Coleman Thomas.

Tom was born in Delaware and moved to Mount Pleasant with his family when he was 9 years old in 1981. Tom graduated from Wando High School in 1991. Tom went right to work after high school, working for Rescar Inc. at Amoco Chemical in Mt. Pleasant. Later he worked for Sisson Scale & Equipment Company - a leading provider of weighing equipment from supermarket scales to truck/railroad scales. Tom is now a transmission lineman for South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) Company.

Jenifer was born and raised in Baltimore, MD and moved to Mount Pleasant with her family in 1989. Jenifer graduated from Bishop England in 1992, Clemson University in 1996, and completed her MBA at The Citadel in 2004. Jenifer currently works for Robert Bosch Corporation Automotive Group in North Charleston, where she is an accounting manager. She has been with Bosch for over five years.

Tom and Jenifer live in the Planters Pointe neighborhood of Mount Pleasant and regularly attend Christ Our King Church, although Tom admits to also going to Stella Maris and St. Benedicts on occasion. Tom has been a Knight of Columbus since 1989 and received his 4th Degree in 1995. Tom has held many positions for Council 9475 including Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Warden, Advocate, and currently serves as 1st Year Trustee. Tom has also been very active in the Council's annual oyster roast fund raiser and served as its chairman in four previous years. Tom also altar serves on a regular basis at Christ Our King Church.

Tom and Jenifer are avid boaters, enjoy boating and offshore fishing, along with Philadelphia Eagles and Clemson football.

***“ A Mom is —
Someone you know you can turn to.
She's happy to share
sure to care.***

***A Mom is truly a friend to depend on
A Mom will always be there”***

***Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14, 2006***

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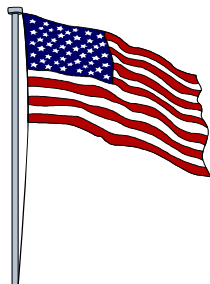
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2006

Officer's Meeting_____	01
Life Center—7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	03
COK—7:30 AM	
Flag Day_____	14
Father's Day_____	18
Regular Monthly Business Meeting_____	20
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:30 PM	

AND OUR TROOPS



COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerny	883-3109
Grand Knight	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Chancellor	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Recorder	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Paul Midghall	881-4190
Inside Guard	John Gallagher	849-0321
Outside Guard	Michael Kennedy	216-1111
3 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
2 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
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	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
	Paul Midghall	881-4190
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-1660
Council Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
Family Director	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
Oper. Hope Chairman	Paul Midghall	881-4190
State Raffle	Lou Richter	881-6254
Admissions Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Membership Committee	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
	Joe Harkins	881-5768
	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
	Tom M. Franzone	856-3480
	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Retention Chairman	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. James Parker	556-9454
State Deputy	Raymond Hock	864-244-8828
District Deputy	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
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