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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

STAR COUNCIL! There I said it I had hoped to avoid any direct plea to the membership about this, but we are coming to the end of our fraternal year and we are too close to not make Star Council. This prestigious award is very important to our council and is a true testament to the good works that we do. I have kept up with all our paper work and we over our goal in membership (Thanks to Membership Director and PKG Neil Whitman) But our Insurance Agent, Roy Spurlock tells me we are 2 insurance members short of our goal. If you are considering any new insurance or annuities, please consider the KOC. Contact Roy Spurlock at 843-379-9319 for additional information

We held several successful and fun activities over the past month. Our Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success from a fund raising stand point (we profited over \$1,000) and a by the good time had by those who attended. I am only given a small space here for my GK report, so I can not list all those that made this event. But there are several persons who need to be mentioned - Tom and Fran Franzone worked behind the scene on setup, decorations, serving and clean up; Tim Davis organized the cooking and ran the kitchen, Pat Piglia procured the supplies and worked the event. Many others worked to make the event a success and I thank each and every one of you

Our 3rd Annual Police and Firefighters Appreciation Breakfast recognized those first responders who are out there day after day protecting and helping us. At the breakfast attended by the Mayors of Mt. Pleasant and the Isle of Palms, we recognized the following police officers and fire fighters:

Town of Mount Pleasant

Police Officer of the Year - Daniel Eckert

Firefighters of the Year - Mark Karst, Dale Johnston and Jeremy

Ray

Town of Sullivan's Island

Police Officer of the Year - Christopher Wallace

Firefighter of the Year - Mandy Hawver

City of Isle of Palms

Police Officer of the Year - Jacob Schwenk

Firefighters of the Year - Isle of Palms Fire Department

Thanks to all the Brother Knights and family members who helped make the event a success.

As a reminder, we will be having a special guest at our May business meeting. Msgr LaFemina, a canonist, theologian and iconographer will be speaking. I am told that he is a very entertaining speaker and that one of his duties for the Diocese will surprise you. But you will have to come to the meeting to find out

Yours in Christ,
Rick Karkowski
Grand Knight

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Officer's Meeting	03
Life Center - 7 :00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	03
Stella Maris - 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	04
COK - 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	05
COK - 7:30 AM	
State Convention	4 - 6
Book Sale	07
Seaside Farms 9 AM to 6 PM	
Mother's Day	13
Feast of the Ascension	17
Operation Hope	19
Sams Club & Walmart North Charleston	
Family Picnic	20
Wild Dunes Beach House - 11 - 3	
Business Meeting	22
Island Club - Sullivan's Island Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting : 7:30 PM	
Memorial Day	28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

April 2007

Pat Piglia

Pat was born and raised in northeast Ohio 66 years ago. He graduated from college at Kent State and then continued his education at Michigan State University where he received a MBA. His career in manufacturing spanned 38 years before he retired in 2002. First he was employed by the Chrysler Corporation in various manufacturing plants and then he switched to the aerospace industry for 27 years. He spent the last 15 years managing an aircraft components manufacturing plant in Arizona.

He has been married to Sandy for 41 years and they have two children and four grandchildren living in North Carolina and Florida. They are members of Christ Our King parish.

He joined the Knights in Arizona in 1998 and obtained his 4th degree in Columbia in 2006. He has been our council treasurer for three years and has participated in many of our activities, which notably included being the pancake chef. Other church activities include the Christian Business Group, the Cursillo Small Group and the Lieber Prison Ministry. Other civic activities include the National Machine Company Advisory Board Member and the Ravens Run HOA Board of Directors.

CONGRATULATIONS PAT!!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

FRANCIS AND CLAUDIA BUDDS
STEPHEN AND NANCY CHADWICK
RICHARD AND JANET CLARK
MARK AND KATHY COULTHARD
CHUCK AND JERI DROUILLARD
DEAN AND WENDY ELLIS
TOM M. AND JENIFER FRANZONE
CARL AND ANN GEIER
TOM AND PAT KELLY
JOHN AND JAN MAIZE
PAT AND SANDY PIGLIA
DONALD AND JOANN SCHROEDER

BOOK SALE

The Book Sale will be held at Seaside Farms from Monday, May 7 to Saturday, May 12 from 9AM to 6 PM. Please call John Murphy at 971-8622 to volunteer. Set-up is Saturday, May 5 and Break-down is Monday, May 14th.

OPERATION HOPE

Operation Hope will take place at Sams and Walmart in N. Charleston on Saturday, May 19th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. To volunteer please call Jim Pancake @ 856-3887. We need your HELP.

GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser, Clemson University Master Gardener

Watering grass deeply, at least 1" to 1 1/2" per week, it promotes a deeper root system. By watering in the morning it gives the grass time to dry before nightfall and reduces the risk of fungus disease.

Hydrangeas, gardenias, crape myrtles, forsythia, camellias, azaleas, mock orange should be pruned as soon as they finish blooming

Hydrangeas bloom on second-year wood. When pruning, cut 1/3 of the limbs all the way to the ground each year. For blue flowers, use aluminum sulfate, for pink flowers use lime.

Cut geraniums back to 1/2 to 3/4 per stem just above a node for more blooms and bushier plants. Plant geranium and impatiens cuttings in sand or use rootone and plant in soil.

A hard pruning will give leggy impatiens will give them a new life through late summer into fall. Mums should be pinched back until mid-July.

Feed roses every two weeks for more blooms. Roots should be watered every 4-5 days. In extremely hot weather, water foliage early in the day. To prevent black spot, use a fungicide. Spray both sides of the leaves. When using system food and pesticides, be sure to wear long sleeves and gloves. It can be absorbed through the skin.

For fall bloom, plant gladiolas, caladiums, cannas and dahlias. Divide Day lilies and Easter lilies after they bloom.

Bulbs can be dug up and replanted any time after the leaves turn brown. This is the best time to divide and replant because you can see the dead leaves. By waiting until fall, you may dig up newly-planted bulbs.

Replace the mulch on ornamental and landscape plants to prevent disease.

Raise the level of the lawn mower blade. Longer grass blades help shade soil and keep it cooler and moist. Never cut more than 1/3 of growth. Don't bag

Ask your vet and garden center about biological flea controls for your lawn and pets

FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, May 20, 2007

Wild Dunes Property Owners Beach House

11 AM to 3:00 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 to get a gate pass

Brother Knights,

Estate planning is a particularly important part of what anyone approaching those "golden years" does. Accomplishing it well is sometimes very difficult. Insurance plays an important roll in most estates and the Knights of Columbus offer some of the best. I see people all the time who have done a marvelous job of providing for their retirement years but who fall short when planning for their own death or that of a spouse. The key is LIQUIDITY.

Liquidity is a source of liquid funds, cash or other assets that can be transformed quickly into cash to settle the estate. If adequate liquidity is provided, probate is short and assets are transferred at close to full value. If not, the nightmare begins.

Costs that must be provided for are Funeral Costs, Administration Costs, Debts, Federal Estate Taxes, State Death Taxes and Liquidation Losses. At a benefits night a couple of weeks ago a second speaker for the evening was the local funeral home director. When asked what the AVERAGE cost of a funeral was, his reply was "about \$10,000. Additional expenses can include Probating the Will, Advertising for Creditors, Providing and Paying for Bond, meeting expenses for Claims against the Estate, Estate Upkeep and Preparing and Filing a Final Tax Return.

You only get one shot at doing it right so make sure you know what's waiting for you behind door number three. If you have questions, call me at 843-379-9319.

Roy Spurlock
Field Agent

**Knights of Columbus
Council 9475
2007-2008 Fraternal Year
Office Nominations**

Grand Knight	John Gallagher
D. Grand Knight	Brenden Lo
Chancellor	Bill Harrington
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly
Recorder	Michael Swindle
Treasurer	Pat Piglia
Lecturer	Ron Davis
Advocate	Matt Story
Warden	Tim Davis
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer
3 Yr. Trustee	Rick Karkowski
2 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman
1 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins

Nominating Committee:

Tom Kelly, Rick Karkowski, Joe Harkins, Tom Franzone, Neil Whitman

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AND
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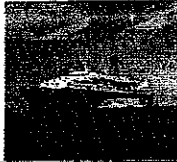
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