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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

My Brother Knights,

Where are you? We all miss you at our meetings and events. Where have we failed you? Of course I'm speaking to my Brother Knights who pay their annual dues (for which we're thankful) but don't participate in our many council activities. In today's busy time it's impossible to do it all but at some point you found it important to join the Knights. I hope you can soon find the time to reconnect with us. Won't you come please come home?

October has been an incredibly busy month. Beginning with a ladies retreat and culminating with a Halloween social it seems we've had something going on constantly.

- Thanks to Melinda Whitman, Marianne Midghall, and Fran Franzone for organizing this event the ladies retreat at Mepkin Abbey. We had 29 women who took the time to learn more about and deepen their faith,
- Our book sale was the most successful ever with a net profit of over \$4000. John Murphy, thanks for a stellar performance. I've listed separately the names of all who helped make this such a success. John tells me that with over 3000 books left, he wants to hold a spring sale in May.
- Despite a smaller than expected crowd, our harbor cruise made a small profit of \$83. While the crowd may have been small the fun was large.
- A most heartfelt thanks to Bishop David Thompson for his talk on the Eucharist at our October 18th meeting. We were truly blessed by his words and presence. Thanks to Ron Davis for providing such a good meal on this special evening.
- Our blood drive went off as planned on October 23rd. Special thanks to Mike Stuffle for taking on this task despite ongoing health problems.
- Finally, thanks for Mike and Paula Swindle for hosting our Halloween social on October 29th.

Once again to my brothers who are missing, you can see we continue to work to provide meaningful activities. My goal as your Grand Knight is to lead a council that attends to your fraternal, social, family, and spiritual needs. To the many who continue to work hard I truly thank you. And to the missing, come join us.

May God continue to bless you and our wonderful country.

Fraternally,

Neil Whitman
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feast of All Saints	01
Feast of All Souls	02
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	
KOC Ladies Meeting	10
Zeus Restaurant—7 PM	
Veteran's Day	11
Memorial Mass	12
Stella-Maris—5:30 PM Mass	
Regular Business Meeting	15
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
6:30 PM—Dinner	
7:30 PM—Meeting	
National Family Week	20—26
Thanksgiving	24
Christmas Wreaths Arrive	25
Christmas Wreath Sale Begins	26
First Sunday of Advent	27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MANNING BOLCHOZ
MICHAEL BROWN
MARVIN HENSLEY
JOHN ISAAC, JR.
RICHARD KISER
CHARLES MCCLOY
EUGENE MCLAUGHLIN
JOHN MCMORROW
WALTER MUELLER
DONALD PAGLEY, JR.
JAMES RAIH
EDWARD SOLTIS
MATTHEW WARRICK

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

John Murphy
October, 2005

The Knight of the Month is John Murphy who is the founder and leader of our Book Sale fund raising activity. John is a 4th degree Knight who first joined the Knights in 1962. He has been an active member of our council since 2001, having served as Outside Guard, Warden and Council Director. John has also served our council by participation in many of our activities such as the pancake breakfasts. John is a member of Christ Our King and serves as a Eucharistic minister and lector.

John was born in Detroit and served four years in the Marines before attending Michigan State University, where he met his wife Nancy. John received a Bachelor of Communication Arts with a major in advertising and a minor in marketing. His long career in advertising started with the Kroger Company where he rose to Advertising Director. He joined Cargill, Wilson and Acree where he rose through the ranks to Executive Vice President. In 1983 he opened his own advertising firm and worked as a consultant before retiring to Charleston in 2000.

John and Nancy have been married for 46 years. Besides having a career in education, his wife found time to have three children. Their children are grown and are pursuing careers in medicine, forestry and advertising. They also have one grandchild. Together they serve as volunteers for the Charleston Historical Society and the Preservation Society of Charleston. They also share many hobbies, including golf, dining out, traveling and reading.

Congratulations to John and thanks for the spectacular job he has done with the book sale.

LADIES MEETING

When: Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005

Where: Zeus— Dinner is optional

Time: 7 PM

Please bring a can good for ECCO. All Knights ladies are welcome.

MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass, Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Stella-Maris, 5:30 PM, for our deceased members. All widows are invited to mass and dinner following at Gilligan's Restaurant.

Please plan to attend.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Mike and Julie Flato

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for September 2005 is Mike and Julie Flato and family. Mike and Julie have been married for 18 years and have two children, Michael Jr. and Aimee.

Mike grew up in North Charleston and graduated from Bishop England High School. Mike attended the University of South Carolina and is a residential home builder. He's also a loan officer with Raven Financial. The former Julie Anne Dunn grew up in Alexandria, LA where she graduated from Menard High School. Julie received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from Tulane University (New Orleans, LA) and is the senior paralegal with the Hood Law Firm.

The Flato's are active members of Christ Our King Catholic Church where Mike and Julie serve as eucharistic ministers, ushers, and greeters. Mike and Julie have also served as RCIA sponsors in the past. Michael Jr. and Aimee are altar servers at the Church and Aimee is also a member of the Youth Choir. The Flato family participates together in many charitable and church activities including volunteering at the Charleston Crisis Ministries, where they prepare and serve breakfast at least twice a year. Mike and Julie are involved with the Charleston Catholic Cursillo, and have been active in supporting the Christ Our King – Stella Maris Bazaar (including being past co-chairs of the event). Mike also participates with the Church's prison ministry.

The Flato family is very active in sports. Michael Jr., a sophomore at Bishop England, is a goalie for the soccer team and is the football team's kicker. Aimee is an 8th grader at Moultrie Middle School where she is on the basketball team. She is also an avid soccer player and her elite soccer team was state champions for the last two years. Mike referees high school and adult league soccer and is also a soccer coach.

Mike joined the Knights of Columbus in 1994 and has attained his fourth degree. Mike has been extremely active in Council 9475, serving in numerous capacities including deputy grand knight, recorder, and inside guard. Mike has worked at various coliseum events and his entire family works together on the Tootsie Role fund raising campaign. Mike has been active in the Council's youth program, including the yearly basketball free throw contest and coaching the Council sponsored coed recreational soccer team. The team was champions of their recreational and all-star leagues.

Congratulations to the Flato Family!

CHRISTMAS WREATH'S

It's that time of the year again. We will be decorating Christmas Wreath's the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 25th). If you would like to help please give Fran a call at 884-5670. We do need volunteers.

BISHOP THOMPSON ON THE EUCHARIST

Our guest speaker was Bishop David Thompson (Ret) who delivered a talk on the Eucharist to end our year-long celebration of the Year of the Eucharist. He made three points in his lecture: Real Presence, Real Catholic and Real Problem.

Real Presence: The mystery of faith of the Eucharist is the most understandable because Jesus promised it and explained it with the words we repeat at the Consecration during Mass. The Real Presence is the driving part of the reenactment of the sacrifice and central to our faith.

Real Catholic: Only the Catholic Church, both Roman and Orthodox, have the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Some other denominations have it as a symbolic gesture but not as the Real Presence. It is a privilege rather than an obligation to attend Mass and participate in the receipt of the Eucharist.

Real Problems: The Eucharist has been admired, desired and desecrated in our time. A host from a Papal Mass was even placed on eBay for a short time. Problems that are particular to Catholics include: missing Mass, not having Mass available because of a shortage of priests, and not being in a state of grace when receiving.

Etiquette: Non Catholic Christians and non Christians cannot receive the Eucharist under any circumstance. Catholics running for political office who take stances outside the Catholic faith are a point of discussion at the Vatican. The proper procedure for receiving the Eucharist is frequently not followed. It should be received while standing. It should be received in the palm with both hands crossed. After receiving you should stand to the side and swallow it. It is not necessary to bow, genuflect or make the Sign of the Cross.

THANK YOU

A special Thank you to our Book Sale participants who made this event a huge success.

John Murphy,
Ron Davis,
Tom Franzone,
Tom Kelly,
Bill Harrington,
Mickey McMahon,
Hank Wolf,
Mike Eovino,
Bill Russo,
Ken Kobularcik,
Dick King,
Don Lindeman,
Jim Raih,
Neil Whitman.

And also the many Knights who collected and contributed books. This was a total effort on behalf of the team.

GARDENING COLUMN

by
Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

If it continues to be warm, wait to plant pansies and other cool-weather bloomers.

Summer flowers should be watered, deadheaded and pinched back until cold weather kills them.

The average garden should receive an inch to an inch and a half of water weekly.

Take cuttings for warm-weather plants to be brought inside. Be sure to check for bugs and diseases.

Be sure to clean up fallen leaves under shrubs. Be sure to mulch leaves. They deteriorate more quickly. Thick leaves prevent blades from making chlorophyll and prevent moisture from reaching the soil. Fresh mulch keeps moisture in the ground and protects plants from drying out and cold winds. Mulch should never be more than four inches deep and should be kept away from trunks and stems.

Wait until dormancy; late December or early January to prune shrubs. Winter and spring-flowering shrubs, i.e., azaleas, camellias, forsythia should not be pruned until after they bloom. Crape myrtles should be pruned before January 1.

Perennials can be planted now so that they will be established before the first frost.

Spring-flowering bulbs can be planted now. Remember: tulips and hyacinths require six weeks of refrigeration before planting in late December or early January. When planting bulbs, to prevent animals from digging them up, you can place plastic netting or chicken wire just below the surface. Then, cover with dirt and mulch.

Pull out dead stalks and stems of annuals. Cutting back stems of some perennials can cause a problem because moisture is absorbed in the stalks and cause crown rot. Perennial salvia is one of these plants. Stems of gerbera daisies should not be cut but broken off for the same reason.

Hosta, day lilies and iris are classified as herbaceous and should be cut back. Insects and diseases can overwinter in the debris and make it easier to raise their young in the same location. Also, the dead foliage can be quite heavy and mat down when it rains.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

LORRANE & PAUL DONOHUE
MICHELLE & ROCCO FALCONE
DIANE & KEN KOBULARCIK
DERMA & DONALD LINDEMAN
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

Officer's Meeting _____ 01
Life Center—7:00 PM
Nocturnal Adoration _____
01
Stella Maris—8:00 PM to 8:00 AM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____
02
COK—7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Pro-Life/Rosary _____
03
COK—7:30 AM
Christmas Social _____
03
Host—Neil & Melinda Whitman
Feast of the Immaculate Conception _____
08
Holy Day of Obligation
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade _____
11
Regular Business Meeting _____
20
Island Club—Sullivan's Island

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