



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Thank you. I offer these two simple words to each and every brother Knight of Columbus in Council 9475 and their families. As you know, my mother passed away suddenly after a short illness. While it was a very sad time for me and my family – the love and support shown through your flowers, cards, calls, and kind words have made it a little easier. Knowing that my family and I are in your thoughts and prayers is a comfort, thank you.

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting with other Grand Knights from our district at a meeting facilitated by our District Deputy, Mr. Ron Byrd. The other councils in our district are: Charleston (704), Charleston – St. Joseph’s (10334), Charleston – Blessed Sacrament (12472), and James Island (6250). Grand Knights (and some Deputy Grand Knights) from these councils met to exchange ideas, coordinate efforts, and foster cooperation among the councils. I was truly impressed by the history, programs, and events sponsored by these councils. As a council, we have a lot of competition to live up to for all the charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism shown by these other local councils. Let’s keep up the pace.

A good time was had by all at our annual family picnic on Sunday, August 27th. Under the enthusiastic organization and direction of PGK Neil Whitman a crowd of Knights, ladies, and guests enjoyed a cook out, games, and fellowship at the Wild Dunes Property Owners Beach House. Additional thanks to Jack and Jerry Urbanic for securing the venue and arraigning all the gate passes. Also recognition should go to all those who set up, cooked, and cleaned up.

Due to on-going work at the COK Life Center, our upcoming spaghetti dinner has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 26th. All original tickets are to be honored. I encourage those who have sold tickets to make an effort to contact ticket holders to let them know of the change.

Finally, some additions, a loss, and a change in our council to report. Please join me in welcoming our most recent new members – Mr. Ed Ix, a new first degree member brought in at our August meeting, and Mr. Jim Sheehy, a recent transfer. I’m sorry to report that Paul Midghall will be leaving us (he is moving out of state) and thus will be unable to fulfill his term as Chancellor. Bill Harrington was nominated to succeed Paul at the August meeting. A vote on the nomination will be held at the September meeting.

Yours in Christ,  
Rick Karkowski  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Labor Day _____	04
Officer’s Meeting _____	07
Life Center — 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Third Degree _____	10
St. John Neuman — 12.30 PM	
Columbia, SC	
Operation Hope Golf Tournament _____	16
Legend Oaks — 8 AM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	19
Island Club - Sullivan’s Island	
Dinner @ 6:30 PM	
Meeting @ 7:30 PM	
Spaghetti Dinner _____	26
Grace Hall — 5 to 7 PM	
Eat In or Take Out	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FRANCIS CAREY BUDDS  
 KENNETH CLAIR  
 PAUL CURRAN  
 WILLIAM FOSBERRY  
 THOMAS M. FRANZONE  
 BRENDEN GERAGHTY  
 CLEMENT GRANNAN  
 DAVE GREEN  
 JOSEPH HARKINS  
 ERIC JARRETT  
 DAVID KENT  
 RICHARD KING  
 WILLIAM KING, III  
 ROBERT PULLANO  
 JOHN SCHERRER  
 FREDERICK SIEBER  
 STEVEN SIERKO  
 WILLIAM SIMONS  
 JAMES ULLRICH  
 PAUL ZURAW

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

AUGUST, 2006

John Gallagher

John was born in Washington, DC and grew up in a small town in Southern Maryland. At the age of 16, John became a volunteer firefighter and embarked on a volunteer career that would last for the next 22 years. In 1979, John became the youngest person to become certified as a Cardiac Rescue Technician (a precursor to today's Paramedic) in the State of Maryland. John moved up the ranks eventually serving as the Emergency Medical Services Chief for Charles County, Maryland for 4 years prior to moving to South Carolina.

While not volunteering, John received both his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and his graduate degree from Webster University in Information Systems Management and began his "paying" career with Booz Allen Hamilton, a consulting firm in McLean, Virginia where he developed a specialization in Information Security and later, Homeland Security and Homeland Defense.

In 1991 John met his wife Andrea, a school teacher, while she was working a summer job at the local hospital emergency room and they were married a year later. In 1996 their son, Ryan Jacob (Jake) was born.

John moved to Charleston in 1997 as a result of the base realignment and closure initiative to lead the Booz Allen Hamilton office supporting SPAWAR. John had visited Charleston many times over the years supporting the Navy and took a liking to the city, its hospitality and southern charm. Andrea, having never visited Charleston, took a leap of faith and agreed to the move and hasn't regretted the decision at all.

John is currently the Director for Program Development for BAE Systems, Inc. in Charleston. He lives in Mount Pleasant with Andrea and Jake and they attend Stella Maris on Sullivan's Island. John joined the Knights in 2003 and advanced through the degrees. John was inducted into the Fourth Degree in February 2005. John has been actively involved in various Council activities, currently serves as Deputy Grand Knight for #9475 and is a member of the District 9 Second Degree Team.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Diana & Jerry Barnett  
Teresa & Paul Barrera  
Geri & Francis Blair  
Dianne & Robert Brimmer  
Peggy & Joe Harkins  
Maureen & Richard King  
Linda & Michael McGowan  
Elizabeth & Edmund McMahon  
Helen & Ramiro Montalvo  
Julie & Patrick Morrissey*

## GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

Cut back roses, geraniums, impatiens, petunias, coleus and begonias for good fall color and more blooms. You can root the cuttings.

If possible, deadhead crape myrtles after flower heads fade to encourage a second bloom.

Now is the time to order tulips. Order early, mid-season and late blooming bulbs for a longer blooming period. In the south, tulips and hyacinths require at least 6 weeks refrigeration before planting.

To prevent infestation of scales, spray camellias unless it is too hot. If so, wait until October.

Plant chrysanthemums now. Sow seeds for fall annuals; such as pansies, calendulas, dianthus, larkspur, stock and snapdragons.

Divide and replant perennials if necessary. Allow enough space that they won't have to be divided again any time soon.

Take cuttings from non-hardy woody plants such as hibiscus, butterfly bush and mandevilla.

Overgrown shrubs can be cut back for appearance only. You may lose some of the blooms. Wait until after they bloom for any severe pruning. If new growth is light green, use chelated iron to "cure" the chlorosis. Read labels. May not be appropriate if over 90 degrees.

The best control for fungus, insects and pests is good sanitation. All can winter over in leaves, grass clippings or mulch. Now is the time for cleanup.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
EAST COOPER COUNCIL # 9475**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 — 5 TO 7 PM  
CHRIST OUR KING LIFE CENTER  
GRACE HALL**

**Adults \$7.00 - Children 6 to 10 \$4.00 - Under 6 Free  
Includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Sausage, Salad, Bread  
Desert & Refreshment  
Eat In or Take Out**

### **PLEASE NOTE—**

The Spaghetti Dinner has been changed from Thursday, September 14th to Tuesday, September 26th, due to some work being done in Grace Hall.

## Life Insurance Awareness Month

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a financial professional. Consumers feel buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half of them find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. Give me a call.

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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
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Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
3 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
2 Yr. Trustee	Joe Harkins	881-5768
1 Yr. Trustee	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
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	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Council Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Public Relations	Dick King	971-1591
Family Director	John Gallagher	849-0321
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
Oper. Hope Chairman	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Admissions Chairman	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Membership Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Recruitment Committee	John Gallagher	849-0321
	Mike Stuffle	813-3778
	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Retention Chairman	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. James Parker	556-9454
State Deputy	Robert Ficco	803-324-0044
District Deputy	Ron Byrd	402-9066
Insurance Agent	Steve Dunlap	553-6493
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

Officer's Meeting	_____05
Life Center — 7 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	_____05
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	_____06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	_____07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Columbus Day (observed)	_____
	_____09
Regular Business Meeting	_____17
Island Club - Sullivan's Island	
Dinner @ 6:30 PM	
Meeting @ 7:30 PM	
Halloween	_____31

### REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIAN

**Phillip Gillespie**  
**Pontifical College Josephimm**  
**7625 North High St.**  
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**  
**AND**  
**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**