



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

What a tremendous month! There has been a large amount of activity in and around the Council since the last time I addressed you in this newsletter.

First the good news: At our August monthly meeting we welcomed 3 new 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Brother Knights. A heartfelt welcome to Terry Johnson, Jim Cafaro, and Donald Thatcher. We also welcomed back Brother Tommy Knisley, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight who applied for reinstatement. Please join me in assisting these Brother Knights in whatever way we can to make them feel at home in our Council.

On Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> Brothers Marco Vasquez, Phil Chuy, Jack Parker, and Ed Demaree and on August 25<sup>th</sup> Brother Terry Johnson participated in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplifications. Congratulations to all of these Brother Knights in taking the next step in their journey towards full Knighthood in our Order. I have already received notice from several Brothers of their intention to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification in Goose Creek on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't contacted me yet to sign up, please do so soon. The Council must provide a roster of our participating members to verify their membership status.

Now the not so good news: As many of you have probably heard by now our Bishop, Most Reverend Robert Baker has been named Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama. There was no bigger supporter of the Knights in South Carolina and Bishop Baker will be missed by all of us very much. I know all of our members wish him the best in his new assignment.

Now the bad news: I was informed by our Worthy District Deputy at our last monthly meeting that Supreme is in receipt of our request to remove 19 members from our membership roster. These subtractions from our membership count against our annual recruiting goals. Once these requests are processed our goal for new membership will go from 13 to 32 (13+19). We are currently at 5 new or reinstated members. We have a tremendous amount of work ahead of us gentlemen if we are going to make Star Council for a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Looking over the list that was sent to Supreme I quickly noticed a few names that were logical to be on the list; in particular Brother Knights who have moved from the area. However I also saw names of individuals who I see every week in Church, or at the gas station, or in some cases, at work. I'm hoping some of these folks still read this newsletter when they receive it. If you do, please call me at your convenience anytime to tell me what we've done to fail you. Even if we cannot get you to reconsider returning to the Council, hopefully I can learn from our discussions what we can do to prevent another large list ever finding its way to Supreme.

Ok, so let's end this month's column on a positive note. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> my wife and I will be hosting our first social of the fraternal year at our house. On September 26<sup>th</sup> we will hold our first spaghetti dinner of the year. More details on both of these events will be coming soon in email announcements. Please keep a lookout for this information and please plan to participate.

May God bless and keep you,

John Gallagher,  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pro-Life	01
COK—7:30 AM	
Labor Day	03
Officer's Meeting	06
Life Center—7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	06
Stella Maris - 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	07
COK—7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Third Degree	08
Goose Creek Council 11991—12:30 PM	
Immaculate Conception Church	
Regular Business Meeting	18
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner—6:30 PM	
Meeting—7:30 PM	
Fourth Degree	19
Bessingers in West Ashley—7:30 PM	
Council Social	22
John and Andrea Gallagher	
489 Antebellum Lane	
Mt. Pleasant, SC—849-0321	
Spaghetti Dinner	26
Grace Hall—5:00 to 7:30 PM	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FRANCIS CAREY BUDDS  
KENNETH CLAIR  
DAVID CREATURO  
PAUL CURRAN  
WILLIAM DANIELS  
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  
DON SLOWEK  
JAMES ULLRICH  
JOHN VAX  
WILLIAM WESTON  
PAUL ZURAW

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

August, 2007

Ron Davis

Knight of the Month for August is Ron Davis. Ron is a Fourth Degree Knight and a member of Christ Our King Church. Ron joined the Knights at Council 9475 and has been actively involved since that time. He has held the offices of Outside Guard, Family Director and currently serves the Council as Lecturer. He is a strong supporter of the fund raising activities and gives of his time freely. For the past 5 years, he has been instrumental in the operation of our annual book sale by providing storage and transportation in the collection and delivery of books and equipment for the sale.

Ron service to the youth of our community is most noteworthy with his involvement with the Boy Scout Troop 59 at Stella Maris Church. At Christ Our King, Ron serves as usher captain.

Ron manages his own company, Carolina Coin Amusement, a company that he has successfully operated for 27 years. His free time is spent with family, boating, fishing and just hanging out at the beach.

### CONGRATULATIONS RON!!!!



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JERRY & DIANA BARNETT  
PAUL & TERESA BARRERA  
FRANCIS & GERRY BLAIR  
ROBERT & DIANNE BRIMMER  
MARK & PAULA CALABRASE  
JOSEPH & PEGGY HARKINS  
RICHARD & MAUREEN KING  
EDMUND & ELIZABETH MCMAHON  
RAMIRO & HELEN MONTALVO  
PATRICK & JULIE MORRISSEY  
JOHN & NANCY MURPHY

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

August, 2007

Rick and Michelle Karkowski

The Family of the Month for August is Rick and Michelle Karkowski. Rick and Michelle have been married for 16 years and have two children—Matthew and Jacob. Matthew is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade and Jacob is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade.

Rick was born and grew up in Pensacola, Florida. After graduating from Pensacola Catholic High School in 1985 he attended the University of Florida where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1989.

Rick and Michelle met while at the University of Florida and were married in 1991 in Pensacola, Florida. They lived in St. Petersburg, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina before moving to Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina in 2001. Michelle was a pediatric occupational therapist for the Pinellas County School System (Florida) and All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg before devoting her time and effort to raising Matthew and Jacob. Michelle has recently returned to working outside the home and is a kindergarten teacher's assistant at Laurel Hill Primary School. Rick is a civil engineer and has spent his entire career as a consultant and currently works for Jordan, Jones and Goulding, Inc. in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Rick and Michelle are members of Christ Our King parish. Rick joined the Knights in 2001 and is a 4th Degree Knight. Rick served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Family Director and has supported various East Cooper Knights activities. Rick also serves as an Altar Server at the 7:30 mass each month and Michelle is a member of the choir. Both Michelle and Rick volunteer for various Charles Pinckney Elementary fund raisers and functions.

### CONGRATULATIONS RICK AND MICHELLE!!!!

#### SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

Our September Social will be held at John and Andrea Gallagher's house on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM. You are asked to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with others. The Knights will provide the drinks. Bring a prospective member with you and meet our other Brother Knights.

Directions: Turn on to Belle Hall parkway off of Long Point Road ( at the Waffle House ). Make the 2nd left onto Antebellum Lane into Rice Bay sub-division. Turn right onto Pritchards Point Road. Turn right back onto Antebellum Lane. 489 is the third house on the left. It is a two story yellow house with black shutters.



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*East Cooper Council # 9475*

#### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

*Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007—5 to 7:30 PM*

*Christ Our King Life Center—Grace Hall*

*Adults \$7.00—Children 6 to 11 \$5.00—Under 6 Free*

*Includes Spaghetti, Meatball, Salad, Bread, Desert and Refreshment*

*Eat In or Take Out*

**PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

You have it pretty good right now, don't you? Some minor worries but nothing you can't handle. You and your family are enjoying life. But how long will those carefree days last?

Your wife and family are your responsibility. Have you done anything to secure their future? Have you made any provisions to insure that they are taken care of when you die?

I realize that you are healthy today and you feel there is no hurry to get life insurance. You can always buy it some other time, right? Wrong. You may not be insurable tomorrow.

What if something happens to you? You are left with nothing. Even worse, your family is left with nothing. Buy life insurance today and protect your family tomorrow.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Officer's Meeting	04
Life Center—7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris—8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK—7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Harbor Cruise	06
General Beauregard—Boarding at 7:15 PM	
Columbus Day	08
Regular Business Meeting	16
Island Club— Sullivan's Island	
Dinner—6:30 PM	
Meeting -7:30 PM	
Halloween	31

**Mark your Calendar's—Knights of Columbus Harbor Cruise—October 6**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Harbor Cruise aboard the General Beauregard on Saturday, October 6. Boarding will be at 7:15 pm, and return at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$30.00 per person which includes food, beverages, door prizes and FUN! To reserve your space contact Neil Whitman at 270-9834 or [ngwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:ngwhitman@yahoo.com).

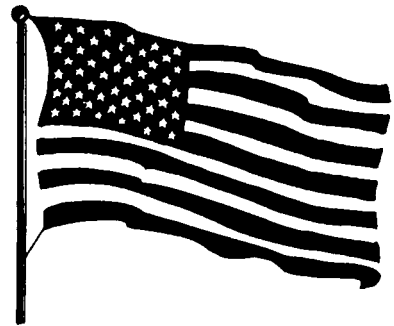


A note from your editor—

I would appreciate it if you could have all information for the newsletter to me by the 25th on the month.

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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Deputy Grand Knight	Brenden Lo	388-8859
Chancellor	Bill Harrington	209-4038
Financial Secretary	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Recorder	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Treasurer	Pat Piglia	216-7680
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Tim Davis	971-2050
Inside Guard	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
3 Yr. Trustee	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
2 Yr. Trustee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
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Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	884-5670
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	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
Family Director	Brenden Lo	388-8859
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
	Mike Fabrizio	388-6908
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA  
AND  
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**