

EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

On July 23, Trustee and PGK Joe Harkins, Peggy Harkins, Melinda and I had the privilege of representing your council at the annual grand knight and trustee training meeting. The purpose of the meeting was twofold, first to help us understand what's required to ensure a successful council year. We also had a chance to hear our state leadership team express their goals for our state. The challenge is clear, we should strive for no less than "Star Council", the highest council honor. In order to achieve this level we must focus on new membership development, have an active program of work during the year, and finally add new insurance members. I'll be expanding more on the specific requirements in subsequent newsletters, but I know we've done this before and we can do it again!

Our slate of events for the next two months is jam packed. These events offer us the opportunity to deepen and learn more about faith, give multiple opportunities for fellowship, and numerous chances to serve our Lord, our council, our community, and each other. These events include in September: the COK Stella Maris school bazaar, a spaghetti dinner and family boat trip. In October we have a ladies retreat at Mepkin Abbey, the annual book sale, a harbor cruise and dance, and a Red Cross Blood drive. Please help make these events successful by being not only a participant but a worker. There are further details in this newsletter and on our website at www.kofc9475.org.

Thanks to Gary Towery for an interesting presentation on Catholic Radio at our last business meeting. We have speakers lined up for our next three meetings discussing topics I'm sure you'll find interesting. Of particular note is our October 18th meeting when our retired bishop, The Most Reverend David B. Thompson, will be presenting on the topic of the Eucharistic. I urge all my Brother Knights to plan on attending this meeting.

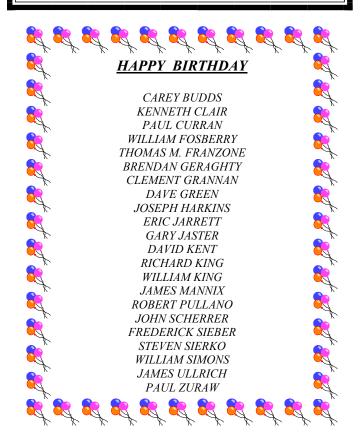
I read in a recent publication from Supreme that worldwide participation in the Knights is at an all time high. In an increasingly secular world isn't it great that we belong to a faith based organization that is not just surviving but is thriving. I have no doubt that the Spirit is using our great organization as a way to help make our world a better place.

Please remember our troops, religious, and brother knights in your prayers.

God Bless You and God Bless America,

Neil Whitman Grand Knight

Officer's Meeting	01
Life Center — 7:00 PM	01
Nocturnal Adoration	01
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	01
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	02
COK — 7:30 PM to 5 PM	02
Pro-Life/Rosary	03
Labor Day	05
Third-Degree	03 11
Summerville	
Spaghetti Dinner	14
Life Center-Grace Hall 5 til 7 PM	
Boat Trip	17
Capers Island — 11 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	20
Island Club—Sullivan's Island	
Dinner — 6:30 PM	
Meeting — 7:30 PM	
Bishop Thompson will be our speaker	
COK/SM Bazaar	24
Mt. Pleasant Town Hall Field	
10AM to 5PM	



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Richard Karkowski

The Knight of the Month for August, 2005 is Richard (Rick) Karkowski. Rick and Michelle have been married for 12 years and have two children – Matthew and Jacob. Matthew is 8 years old and is in 3rd grade and Jacob is 6 years old and is in 1st grade. Both attend Charles Pinckney Elementary in Mt. Pleasant.

Rick was born and grew up in Pensacola, Florida. After graduating from Pensacola Catholic High School in 1985 he attended the University of Florida were 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 Charles Pinckney Elementary. Rick is a civil engineer and has spent his entire career as a consultant and currently works for Jordan, Jones & Goulding, Inc. in North Charleston, South Carolina.

His family are members of Christ Our King parish. Rick joined the East Cooper Knights in 2001 and is a 4th Degree Knight. Rick is serving his second term as the Deputy Grand Knight. He has been the Family of the Month organizer for three years and has supported various East Copper Knights activities including helping out at the pancake breakfasts and set-up/take-down for the Christ Our King-Stella Maris School Bazaar. He also serves as an Alter Server at the 7:30 mass each month. Both Michelle and Rick volunteer for various Charles Pinckney Elementary fund raisers and functions.

Rick has been invaluable to the council for his tireless service since becoming a member of the Knights.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Hank and Shirley Wolf

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for August 2005 is Hank and Shirley Wolf. Hank and Shirley been married for over 42-years and have three grown children: Rebecca, Julie, and Michael.

Hank grew up in Detroit, MI and began a career in tool and die making after serving four years in the Air Force. He worked for several companies before starting his long career with Chrysler, where he worked in tool and die making and as a technician. Hank worked for Chrysler for 25-years, earning an Associate of Arts degree in Industrial Engineering along the way, and retired in 2001. Shirley also grew up in Detroit, MI and was working as a stenographer for the Detroit Police Department when she met Hank on a blind date. Shirley stayed at home and raised their three children. After the children were grown, she began her own long term career with Chrysler. She also retired from Chrysler in 2001 after 24-years. Hank and Shirley move to Mt. Pleasant in 2001.

Hank and Shirley's oldest daughter, Rebecca, is married to Philip and they are the owners of UEC Electronics, LLC and UEC Automation, LLC in Hanahan, SC. UEC Electronics and Automation proved design, testing and production services for electronics, cable harnesses, automation, among others for automotive, military, commercial, and industrial clients. Rebecca and Philip live in Mt. Pleasant and have two children, Nicole (12 years old) and Jacob (10 years old). Hank and Shirley's middle child, Julie, is married to Walter and they live in Highland, MI. Julie is a homemaker and Walter is a computer programmer with RL Polk & Co., an automotive information and marketing company. Julie and Walter have two children, Emma (6-years old) and Zakary (3-years old). Hank and Shirley's youngest child, Michael, is an engineer with Toyota Motorsports in Mooresville, NC. and works on the trucks in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

Hank is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and has been with the Knights since 1965. Hank transferred to Council 9475 when he moved to the area in 2001 and has served as Warden. At previous council he had served as Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Advocate. Hank is also been active in the 4th Degree Assembly and has served as the Inside Sentinel, Outside Sentinel and Pilot. Hank and Shirley are active in many Knights of Columbus activities and are members of Christ Our King parish, where Hank serves as an usher.

Since retiring to Mt. Pleasant, Hank and Shirley have become extremely involved in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Currently, both are Flotilla Staff Officers of Coast Guard Flotilla 12-8 based in Charleston. Shirley also serves as an officer for Division 12 (South Carolina) of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They both participate in many Coast Guard service; including boating safety courses, harbor patrols and emergency operations. Shirley is also active in water aerobics and, according to Hank, is an aspiring nightclub piano player (really she has only been playing for two years).

MIRACLE OF SIENNA

During the Feast of the Assumption in 1730 in Sienna thieves stole the golden ciborium containing consecrated Hosts. Two days later after an unsuccessful search for the thieves the Hosts were found in the offering box of the church. The 348 Hosts were enclosed in a ciborium by the Archbishop to be allowed to deteriorate naturally, rather than be consumed, in the Church of St. Francis.

To the amazement of the clergy, the Hosts did not deteriorate, but remained fresh and even retained a pleasant scent. With the passage of time the Franciscans became convinced that they were witnessing a continuing miracle of preservation. Official examinations have been conducted in 1780, 1789, 1914, 1922 and 1951. The Hosts have remained uncorrupted since the inception of the miracle. Modern scientific examination has proved that there are not any preservatives or exceptional ingredients in them. Similar unconsecrated hosts have been shown to deteriorate in just a few years to a powder. The holy Particles of unleavened bread represent an example of perfect preservation ... a singular phenomenon that inverts the natural law of the conservation of organic material.

With a unanimous voice, the faithful, priests, bishops, cardinals and popes have marveled at and worshiped the holy Hosts, recognizing in them a permanent miracle. The miraculous Hosts have been cherished and venerated in the Basilica of St. Francis in Sienna for over 250 years as being truly the Body of Christ.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS East Cooper Council # 9475

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Wednesday, September 14, 2005 — 5 to 7 PM Christ Our King Life Center — Grace Hall

Adults \$6.00 — Children 6 to 10 \$3.00 — Under 6 Free

Includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, fresh tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.

Beer and wine available

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO

Peggy & Joe Harkins on the death of Joe's Mother and

Diane & Ken Kobularcik on the death of Ken's Father

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

GARDENING COLUMN

by

Peggy Kiser , Clemson University Master Gardener

For good fall color and more blooms, cut back roses and fertilize. To encourage a second bloom, deadhead crape myrtles after flower heads fade.

When pruning hydrangeas, cut stems all the way to the ground. Never cut more than 1/3 of the stems on the bush. They bloom on second-year wood. If you prune too severely, you will lose next year's blooms.

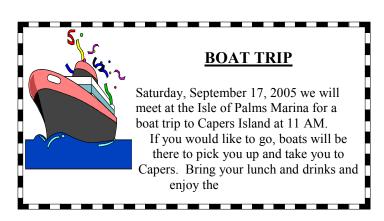
Order tulip bulbs now. They, as well as hyacinths, require at least 6 weeks refrigeration before planting. For a longer blooming period, order early, mid-season and late-blooming bulbs.

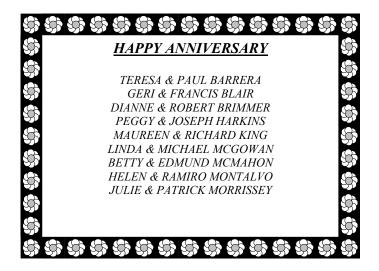
Spray camellias to prevent infestation of scales unless it is too hot. If it is, wait until October.

Chrysanthemums can be planted now. Sow seeds for fall annuals; such as pansies, calendulas, dianthus, larkspur, stock and snapdragons.

Perennials can be divided and replanted if needed, if it isn't too hot.

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





BACK TO SCHOOL

Is there anyone out there who has not noticed the absence of children on the streets during the day? No question about it, school has reopened. Never before has more emphasis been placed on school costs- and how to pay for them. Sure, the Order has a scholarship program and a student loan program and our swift-Matthews Educational trust fund does answer particular needs. But most still must borrow money from banks in order to finance a college education for their sons or daughters.

Costs, of course, are up. This comes as no great surprise. In fact, while most people loudly protest increases in food prices, taxes and costs of other services, seldom do they oppose increase in the cost of education. Most parents seem to view college costs as an investment. They are only investing money in their children future. It has been definitely established that college graduates earn, on the average, from one and a half to two times as much as a non-college grads. Perhaps this is the reason why costs are so infrequently questioned.

Wise members prepare for these expenses by planning for them in advance. I can tell you of a plan specifically designed with college in mind. It enables you to plan, in advance, for your child's college bills. It guarantees that if your child has the desire, the ambition, and the drive, he or she will also have the money. Moreover, it has a feature that no other financial institution can offer. If you die, the money you had planned to save will still be there.

CALL ME TODAY TO DISCUSS THESE NEEDS. I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Field Agent Brian Gabel (843)-871-2371

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