



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

Thanks to everyone on the Spaghetti Supper team for their spectacular efforts in supporting this event. I believe this to be the largest attendance we have ever had at one of our functions. We served approximately 380 persons. The next one is in April so we should be ready to roll again. If you were not able to help with this one don't miss out on the fun for the next one.

We started the Youth of the Month program and the officers will be reviewing the nominations and making decisions at our October 1 meeting. The winners will be announced at our October business meeting.

The officers will also start finalizing plans for the Cooper Bridge Run fundraiser proposed by Jonathon Santilli. He has started working on a committee, names for the team, team jerseys and a training schedule. Remember if you want to participate in April you can walk instead of running and still be part of the team.

We have a number of events coming up including Operation Christmas Child which needs shoebox gift donations plus help with transportation and wrapping. We will have the Christmas Wreath sale starting after Thanksgiving. And finally we will have a Christmas party hosted by the Geirs at Ion in December.

If you have not had the opportunity to volunteer for our activities the forms are available on our website: [kofc9475.org](http://kofc9475.org).

Fraternally,  
Mike Swindle, Grand Knight

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**RENEE AND GUY ARTIGUES**  
**DEB AND RON DAVIS**  
**MEGHAN AND DAVID DIPIETRO**  
**STACY AND GREG GORMLEY**  
**CHRIS AND THOMAS KOENIG**  
**RITA AND JAMES PANCAKE**  
**ANN AND STEVEN SHUMAKER**  
**MELINDA AND NEIL WHITMAN**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	
Columbus Day_____	12
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	17
Super Wal-Mart—10 AM to 2 PM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
Island Club- Sullivan's Island	
Dinner—6:30 PM	
Meeting -7:15 PM	
Halloween_____	31

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**FRANCIS BLAIR**  
**ROBERT BRIMMER**  
**KEVIN CAMPBELL**  
**WILLIAM CAREY**  
**RICHARD CLARK**  
**MURRAY COMPTON, JR.**  
**DENNIS D'ANNUNZIO**  
**RAYMOND FRANZ**  
**GARY FREEMAN**  
**RICHARD FULL**  
**THOMAS KELLY**  
**ROBERT KOPPENNAAL**  
**JOHN MAHONEY**  
**LOUIS RICHTER, JR.**  
**FRANK SHANNON**  
**JAMES THOMPSON**  
**JOHN URBANIC**  
**WILLIAM ZORN**



## Family of the Month July 2009

### DJ and Allyson Thatcher

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for July 2009 is DJ and Allyson Thatcher. DJ and Allyson have been married for 18 years and have two grown children – Michael and Olivia, and two children still at home – Andrew (16) and Joseph (11). DJ and Allyson recently moved to Mt. Pleasant from Pennsylvania and join Christ Our King Parish.

DJ is originally from Lancaster, PA and has degrees from the Lancaster County Paramedic Training Institute (1980) and Alvernia University, Nursing Degree (1985). Allyson received her undergraduate degree from George Washington University (1985) and her MD from the Medical College of Virginia (1989). DJ is currently operation a presentation business from home and coaches others to improve their physical and financial wellness. He is also a Performance Coach with *Dale Carnegie Training*, specializing in helping others with their human relation, communication, leadership, and presentation skills. He also is a baseball umpire at the high school level.

For more than 25 years DJ was a paramedic and emergency/critical care registered nurse and worked independently, contracting services to trauma centers and cardiac specialty areas in Lancaster, York, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia, PA. He also served as a hospital administrator in Lancaster and Philadelphia. In addition, he was a medical educator for paramedics and nurses throughout his career. His work in producing training videos led to a stint as a broadcaster for news and traffic for WGAL-TV and Westwood-One radio networks. DJ no longer works in the hospital setting, but does work part-time as a paramedic with Berkeley County EMS. Allyson is a former active-duty U.S. Air Force physician, and is presently a civilian primary care doctor at the Naval Weapons Station medical clinic.

DJ is presently a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and has worked with the Christmas Wreath Sale and Spaghetti Dinners. DJ also serves as an Usher and Lector at COK, where Allyson is a member of the choir. Previously, DJ was a 10+ year member of the Sertoma Club of Lancaster (Board member and Chairman of the “World’s Largest Chicken BBQ” which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records!). He also volunteered his time for CPR/AED training, and also volunteered some Dale Carnegie Workshops to non-profit organizations.

The Thatcher's enjoy the beach, beach and beach. They also enjoy tennis and traveling up north to see their college kids. They also travel to attend basketball tournaments with their son who is on the Bishop England varsity team and plays year-round tournament basketball. DJ is also a paid Conductor on the Strasburg Railroad, a steam tourist line in PA.

CONGRATULATIONS THATCHER FAMILY

## October 2009 Gardening Tips

October begins the best time for planting trees, shrubs, perennials, and cool weather annuals, biennials, and vegetables. In cool weather, instead of the leaves and stems growing, the roots grow to make the extensive root system needed to reach the moisture in the ground during the dry months.

Pansies, snapdragons, sweet alyssum, dianthus, onion sets, strawberry plants, parsley, lettuce, spinach, and collards are all cool weather plants and can be planted before the first freeze. For spring flowers, sow seeds such as larkspur, foxglove, and California poppies directly onto well prepared soil and cover with a very light mulch. Daffodil bulbs can be planted in late October. Refrigerate tulip, hyacinth and other spring bulbs to plant in December. (do not store flower bulbs with food in refrigerator compartment)

Finish dividing perennials as needed. Replace mulch under roses, remove faded rose blooms, and lightly prune long rose canes. Ripping open the webbing of webworms with a long pole will kill the worms.

This is a good time to get your soil tested. It is good to know the condition of your soil before planting so that you will use the correct kind and amount of fertilizer. Your soil's pH determines the kinds and amounts of nutrients available to your plants. A pH of 6.0 – 6.5 is ideal for most plants. 7 is a neutral pH, below 7 indicates acidic soil and above 7 is alkaline. A soil test enables you to reach the preferred pH. Call the Clemson extension service for price and directions for gathering soil and submitting. The Charleston office is located at 259 Meeting Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The phone number is 843-722-5940.

When planting trees and shrubs, carefully choose the best site by taking into consideration the sunlight, space, and water requirements of the mature plant. Dig the hole only as deep as the height of the root ball, leaving the soil at the bottom of the hole undisturbed to prevent settling. The top most roots in the root ball should be level with the soil surface. Only mulch, not soil, should be placed on top of the root ball. (Never cover any tree's surface roots with soil.) The width of the hole should be at least two to five times the width of the root ball. Remove all synthetic burlap. Natural burlap can be left except at the top of the root ball. It is best to fill the hole with the original soil from the hole rather than adding amendments. You can use soil to build a circular dam around the plant to hold water. Water enough so the root ball remains constantly moist for at least the first month. As always, do not over water. Stakes and guy wires should be used only temporarily. Remove them as soon as the plant is established.

Do you have leaf spot on Indian Hawthorne, loquat, red tip, or other plants in the rose family? This fungal disease appears on new leaves in cool and rainy weather. Remove affected leaves and twigs and rake up any under plants so fungal spores don't remain on soil all winter. Leaf spot spreads by splashing water so try to keep leaves from getting wet when watering. (another good reason for soaker hoses)

**Family of the Month  
August 2009**

**Richard and Mary Garcia**

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for August 2009 is Richard and Mary Garcia. Richard and Mary have been married for 20 years and have two children – Cristina (17) and Ricky (14). Richard and Mary are members of St. Benedicts Parish.

Richard was born in Caracas, Venezuela but has resided in Charleston/Mount Pleasant since 1982. Richard has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from The Citadel (1986). He has had a 23 year career in engineering and management serving both the public and private sectors. He worked at the Charleston Naval Shipyard until 1993. After that he moved to the private sector and has since worked with 4 other design and construction firms. Currently he is employed as Vice President with two firms: Lindbergh & Associates and O'Brien & Gere. He manages the Charleston office of these two firms that provide architecture, engineering, and surveying services to private and public clients.

Richard joined the Knights in 2001 and is a first degree Knight. Richard has been very active with the Knights and has worked with the Christmas wreaths sales, Operation Hope Tootsie Role Drive, COK bazaar food booth, and the concession stand at the coliseum. He has also participated in the annual oyster roast and the spaghetti dinners. He has attended the rosary prayers against abortion in West Ashley.

The Garcia family is very active with St. Benedicts. The family has served, and continues to serve in many capacities, such as ushers, altar server, finance committee, stewardship committee, men's group, FIRE, building committee, and the Emmaus group (men and woman).

The Garcia's hobbies include boating, basketball, church league softball, and running.

**CONGRATULATIONS GARCIA FAMILY**

**Mark your calendar—There will be a Memorial Mass for all the deceased members of Council 9475 on Monday, November 2nd at Stella Maris, 7 PM.**

**November 7th—Christ Our King/Stella Maris Bazaar**



**Family of the Month  
September 2009**

**Mark and Debbie Lazo**

The East Cooper Knights of Columbus (Council 9475) Family of the Month for September 2009 is Mark and Debbie Lazo. Mark and Debbie have been married for nearly 7 years and have one son – Austin. The Lazo Family are members of the Christ Our King Parish.

Mark is originally from Mount Rainier, Maryland and has a B.S. Degree in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland in College Park, MD (1993). Mark went right to work for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) as a fire protection engineer. He worked in the Chesapeake Division of NAVFAC at the Washington Navy Yard for 2-1/2 years before transferring to the Southern Division of NAVFAC in Charleston, SC. He worked for a total of 12-1/2 years with NAVFAC before entering the private sector where he continues to work as a fire protection engineer. He worked for Applied Building Sciences, Inc. for approximately 2 years before being recruited and hired by his current employer, O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. He has held a professional engineer (PE) license since January 2000. Debbie has over 12 years experience as a legal assistant at Buist, Moore, Smythe and McGee in Downtown Charleston.

Mark joined the Knights in February 2009 and is currently 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight. He has taken on the responsibility of chairman of the Spaghetti Dinner Committee and has participated with Operation Hope Tootsie Role fund raiser. He serves as an altar server at the 7:30 mass at COK and plans to be active with the Wreath Sales, COK Bazaar, and Oyster Roast.

The Lazo's enjoy cooking, fishing, shrimping, tennis, softball, skiing, landscaping, and general handyman stuff.

**CONGRATULATIONS LAZO FAMILY**

**Knight of the Month  
September, 2009  
Tom Kelly**

Tom was born in Geneva, NY in 1942, he grew up and worked in Rochester, NY. Tom and Pat were married on May 14, 1966. They have two grown children, Kristin and Mark. They have two grandchildren.

Tom worked for the Ridge Road Fire District in the Town of Greece and retired after 30 years service. After retiring Tom and Pat moved to Mt. Pleasant, SC in 1992.

Tom joined the Knights in 1993 and is a Fourth-Degree Knight. He held the position of Financial Secretary from 1996-2008 and Grand Knight, 2008-09.

Pat is employed at the Hollings Cancer Center @ MUSC.

Tom volunteers with the Knights and ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach) and they are members of Christ Our King, where Pat serves as Minister of the Eucharist.

**CONGRATULATIONS TOM**

## Insurance Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

Two Knights from different Councils approached me in the last month to ask about life insurance to protect their mortgage. What they both found out is that their mortgage insurance only protects them in the case of accidental death. If you have mortgage insurance, and are not positive what you have, I would suggest that you find out. If it is not what you thought, maybe it is time to ask your Knight's agent to help you analyze the situation and see what is right for you!

While I'm on the topic, well over half of all the "whole life" policies that I've looked at for brother Knights have not been what the Knight, or his wife, thought it was. Usually they are not actually called "whole life," but sometimes they are. Usually they end up being, in effect, some type of term policy because the premium has to be increased to keep the policy in force, and the cost is too high for the client to keep the policy long term.

We are trained to determine what you have, address your actual needs, not just sell you something because it is available. We also have professional financial planning software to help you better assess where you are with respect to current needs, current liabilities, as well as retirement planning. And who better to turn to than a Brother Knight to help you make those decisions?

Your Brother Knight,  
Steve Kramp, Knight of Columbus Field Agent  
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

Feast of All Saints	01
Feast of All Souls	02
Election Day	03
Officer's Meeting	05
Life Center—7PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris—8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK—7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK —7:30 AM	
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	07
Super Wal-Mart—10 AM to 2 PM	
Veteran's Day	11
Business Meeting	17
Island Club- Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6: 30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Feast Of Christ the King	22
Thanksgiving	26
Christmas Wreath's arrive	27
Christmas Wreath Sale begins	28

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter	884-5587
Co.-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerny	883-3109
Grand Knight	Michael Swindle	224-8024
Deputy Grand Knight	James Pancake	856-3887
Chancellor	Jerry Barnett	884-0210
Financial Secretary	Joe Harkins	881-5768
Recorder	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Treasurer	Michael Fabrizio	388-6908
Lecturer	Ron Davis	856-4950
Advocate	Matt Story	849-7244
Warden	Bob Miller	881-2951
Inside Guard	Stanley Adams	884-8331
Outside Guard	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
3 Yr. Trustee	Tom Kelly	884-2964
2 Yr. Trustee	John Gallagher	849-0321
1 Yr. Trustee	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
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
Vocations Chairman	Barry Sturmer	881-6714
Community Director	Mike Swindle	224-8024
Pro/Life Couple	Barry & Jacquie Sturmer	881-6714
Health Services	Tom Kelly	884-2964
Council Director	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	856-5034
Family Director	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
	Jim Pancake	856-3887
Youth Director	Matt Story	849-7244
	Mike Fabrizio	388-6908
Columbian Squires	Clement Grannan	573-2397
Membership Director	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Recruitment Committee	Neil Whitman	856-5034
	Rick Karkowski	971-3095
	John Gallagher	849-0321
Retention Chairman	Jack Urbanic	886-2591
Insurance Promotion	Hoyt Kiser	884-7620
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	884-5670
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	
State Deputy	Joseph Gubeli	871-2158
District Deputy	Thomas Plichta	766-4888
Insurance Agent	Stephen Kramp	771-2437
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