



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I have received positive comments from our District Deputy, John Sulkowski, about our first-degree team and of our council in general. Keep up the good work

I would like to again remind everyone about our retreat at Mepkin Abby September 11, 2010. We have several openings left so, if you want to attend please send Joe Harkins a check for \$25.00 for each individual who will be attending.

Also, I would like to remind you of our spaghetti dinner on September 16th. If you want help, cooking, serving, set-up, clean up, etc. please contact Mark Lazo and let him know you can help. See Mark Lazo/Tom Franzone for your tickets.

We are having our Book Sale in October. The sale will held on October 15th thru October 23rd. John Murphy will have a sign up sheet at our next business meeting for anyone who wants to work the sale. John will also be calling for assistance in setting up, getting the books from storage to the rooms etc. Please support this as it is our largest fundraiser.

I would like to start a new series in our newsletter explaining what our Knights of Columbia emblem and the jewels that the officers wear mean. Starting with the Knights of Columbus emblem.

Peace be with you,

James Pancake, GK

PLEASE NOTE

Electronic delivery of minutes and newsletter

If you would like to suspend mail delivery and receive an electronic version only please email Neil at ngwhitman@yahoo.com.

Mepkin Abbey Retreat

Saturday, September 11, 2010. Check-In time is 9:00 AM. Retired Bishop David Thompson will be the speaker. Call Neil at ngwhitman@yahoo.com or 856-5034 for details..

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris--8PM to 8 AM	
Officer's Meeting	02
Life Center--7 PM	
Feast of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK--7:30 AM to 5PM	
Pro-life/Rosary	04
COK--7:30 AM	
Labor Day	06
Mepkin Abbey Retreat	11
Grandparents Day	12
Spaghetti Dinner	16
Third Degree	18
North Myrtle Beach	
Business Meeting	21
Island Club-Sullivan's Island	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
First Day of Fall	23
Second/Third Degree	25
Council 8900	
Fourth-Degree Exemplification	28
St. Peter's Catholic Church, Beaufort, SC	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Francis Carey Budds
 Kenneth Clair
 David Creaturo
 Paul Curran
 William Daniels
 William Fosberry
 Thomas M. Franzone
 Patrick Gannon
 Brenden Geraghty
 Dave Green
 Joseph Harkins
 Eric Jarrett
 Mark Kennedy
 David Kent
 William King, III
 Samuel Limbaker
 Robert Miller
 Daniel Nesbit

Robert Pullano
 Joe Scheirman
 Frederick Sieber
 Steven Sierko
 William Simons
 Thomas Sloggett
 Don Slowek
 James Ullrich
 John Vax
 William Weston
 Paul Zuraw



**Knight of the Month
September, 2010
Donald J. (DJ) Thatcher**

DJ is a native of Lancaster, Pa. and has been a life-long Catholic who attended Catholic elementary school and a Catholic College. Upon graduating from high school in 1980 he attended an accelerated paramedic program @ St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster, and worked for several years on their Intensive Care Ambulance (one of the first in the nation) and gained extensive rescue experience. While serving as a medic, DJ attended college and received a nursing degree in 1985. For the next 21 years DJ primarily worked for himself as a nurse-contractor specializing in emergency and critical care at several hospitals in Harrisburg and Philadelphia. DJ was also a faculty member of a paramedic program and taught specialty medical programs at many hospitals in the Eastern U. S. DJ ended his clinical nursing career in 2006 after serving as a hospital administrator for 3 years. Today, he continues to donate his services to the Berkeley County EMS as an educator and paramedic on a limited basis. In an interesting career diversion in 2001-2002, he was given an opportunity to work as a TV and radio broadcaster for the news division of WGAL TV 8, and for Westwood-One Radio networks in central PA. Upon moving to Mount Pleasant in 2006, DJ began to focus his professional endeavors as a Performance Coach for Dale Carnegie Training, and as a network marketer, coaching people to run successful home businesses. Additionally, he is in the process of launching a new venture in September as a voice-over talent. The wonderful people who put up with all of this include his bride Allyson, who served as an active-duty physician in the U.S. Air Force, and today serves as a civilian contractor to the Air Force and Navy here in Charleston, and his 4 children: Michael who is in graduate school for music and theatre at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas; Olivia, a senior studying history at West Chester University near Philadelphia; Andrew, a junior at Bishop England and a member of the varsity basketball team; and Joseph, a 7th grader who attends a virtual charter school from home and who is a USTA-ranked tennis player.

DJ joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 after serving for many years with Sertoma Club of Lancaster, PA. DJ is a Fourth-Degree Knight and has volunteered with the oyster roasts, Book sales, spaghetti dinners, Christmas wreath sales, and a few other projects. DJ is presently Deputy Grand Knight and chairs the re-election campaign of Jim Pancake.

DJ is a parishioner at Christ Our King Parish and serves as an usher and lector. He also assists with decorating the church during holidays. His wife Allyson serves in the Choir, and his son Joseph is a member of the Youth Choir.

In addition to all the career "stuff" noted previously, DJ continues to work a few times a year as a train conductor on the Strasburg Steam Railroad in Lancaster, PA, and is also a high school and college baseball umpire.

Congratulations DJ!!!!



**Family of the Month
July, 2010
Rick and Michelle Karkowski**

The Family of the Month for July is Rick and Michelle Karkowski. Rick and Michelle have been married for 19 years and have two children-Matthew and Jacob. Matthew is 15 years old and is a freshman at Wando High School. Jacob is 13 years old and is in the 8th grade at Cario.

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, SC 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 currently works in the front office at Laurel Hill Primary School. Rick is a civil engineer and has spent his entire career as a consultant and currently works for Thomas & Hutton in, Mt. Pleasant.

Rick and Michelle are members of Christ Our King parish. Rick joined the Knights in 2001 and is a Fourth-Degree Knight. Rick served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Family Director and has supported various Knights activities. Rick also serves as an Altar Server at the 7:30 mass each month and Michelle is a member of the choir. They enjoy boating, the beach and football. (University of Florida Gators)

Congratulations Karkowski Family!!!!



Congratulations

To Jon Tirpak and Father Anthony Benjamin who received their First Degree on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. Welcome to our Knights family.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EMBLEM

The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T.Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formee Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formee Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner’s symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword of dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K.of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible – tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ’s redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyr’s blood shed in defense of the faith.


Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God’s Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady’s mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA
AND
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Cooper Council # 9475

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Thursday, September 16, 2010 - 5 to 7:30 PM

Christ Our King Life Center - Grace Hall

Adults \$8.00 - Children 6 to 11 \$5.00 - Under 6 Free
Includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Refreshment