



# Knights' News



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## FROM The GRAND KNIGHT

My first thought was – “What have I gotten myself into now?” But my afterthought became – “What if this too is a part of God’s almighty plan?” I pray that God will help all of us to live according to His Way and not our own because that’s the better way of doing things.

Let me state for the record that I do regard serving in the capacity of your Grand Knight an honor and a privilege. I was reminded of that by my co-workers at First Presbyterian Church. Yes, I work there as Business Administrator on weekdays. Their reaction to my announcement that I was to be the Grand Knight made me feel one step closer to the Presidency of the United States and the holy Papacy of the Roman Catholic Church. Let me assure you that I won’t be taking any more steps in those directions. But allegiance to our country and our church is the reason why I am a Knight today. Thanks also to the late Dick Walter and PGK Gary Peal, who repeatedly asked, encouraged and gave me the necessary “Form 100” to reactivate as a member of the Knights of Columbus!

My first challenge is to live up to the standards set by the Grand Knights who have preceded me. I thank SK Herb Wilkins and SK Gary Peal for their leadership and encouragement while serving as Treasurer and Deputy Grand Knight. And, of course, I thank all past Grand Knights who served and inspired them and others. I want to build on the accomplishments of all our past Grand Knights; and hopefully, I will.

My plan is simple. It is to invite members of our council to inspire each other by sharing their life stories. Some may not want to do this, and that’s fine. But I invite those who are willing to share something about themselves in writing (if you prefer not to speak) or by speaking at social meetings or business meetings to do so. Presbyterians influenced me in this regard. A group of about forty men meet each month to share life stories and, in doing so, they share their faith in God and build a closer bond with each other.

Due to hot and crazy summer days, I am scheduling only a **July 9 planning meeting**, 10 am to noon, at my home, followed by lunch for officers and others who would like to attend. Call 363-5668 if you can come.

**In August**, I invite all our council members, their wives (guests, for our single knights), and the widows of our former knights to an **August 6 Saturday evening cookout at the Donnelly homestead on 40 Willow Oak West in Sea Pines** after 5 pm Mass. I will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken and drinks. So bring a side dish to share. Also mark your calendars for our **August 15 business meeting** at 7:30 pm, in Seitz Hall.

I’ve invited a special guest to our September meeting – more on that later. Must stop for now. Thanks for reading!

Your Grand Knight,  
Tom Donnelly

## FROM THE PAST GRAND KNIGHT

We held our Installation of Officers after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sat. June 18th. We then had a dinner at Juleps Restaurant. We had 31 people attending, and everyone seemed to enjoy their meal and socializing.

I presented “Charter Member Certificates to the four charter members present; Joe Capin, Lamar Acuff, Herb Wilkins and Julian Wysocki. I also presented Plaques to the Knight of the Year, Tom Donnelly; Family of the Year, Joe and Mary Mendoni; and a Plaque To Julian Wysocki for his service as Warden for 25 years, 1979-2004.

Please help your New Grand Knight, Tom Donnelly during this next year.

Vivat Jesus, Gary Peal PGK

## CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE FRAMES

The "Choose Life" license frames will be available for sale at all of our meetings. If you can sell some of these frames for us, please see the Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight for a supply. These frames sell for \$ 5.00 each, with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country.

2006 Officers, Bennett Council 7289

GRAND KNIGHT SK Thomas Donnelly  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT SK Samir Soliman  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY SK Rich Rochelle \*  
RECORDER SK Tom Krebs  
CHANCELLOR SK James Crane  
TREASURER SK Paul MacNamara  
ADVOCATE John Rafter  
WARDEN SK Don Heft  
INSIDE GUARD SK Charles Ashworth  
OUTSIDE GUARD SK Joe Mendoni  
LECTURER SK Jim Collins \*  
CHAPLAIN Rev. Hayden Vaverek \*  
TRUSTEE-1st YEAR SK Gary Peal  
TRUSTEE-2nd YEAR SK Herb Wilkins  
TRUSTEE-3rd YEAR SK Joe Capin

- indicates appointed officers

## ATTENTION!

### A Reminder

If you want to receive future issues of the Knights News by mail you must notify the Grand Knight at 363-5668 or at 40 West Wil- low Oak Rd, HHI<SC 29928 or at Tkdonnelly@hargray.com.

Guest Speakers – You may be our next guest!

Imagine this: In your wallet, you carry a picture of almighty God. What does God look like? In reality, each of us pictures the Divine Being differently in our minds, in our hearts and in our faith vision. We believe that one day we shall see Him face to face. But how will we recognize God unless we know something about Him.

Each of us has a special gift to share with others – the gift of our faith. What have you learned about God that others really need to know? What would you like to tell the world? You can start by telling your brother knights.

"Being with God"

Most know that God is with us. But we have a wonderful opportunity to "be with God." Out of all the hours in a week, we have 156 hours to adore Jesus, our Lord and Savior, in our adoration chapel.

Those who visit God share stories of healings, prayers answered, gifts of the Holy Spirit received (such as, wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder in God's Presence), and fruits of the Holy Spirit (such as, charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity). Who doesn't need some or all of the above? And it is free for the asking!

To encourage others to attend, I am praying for *bona fide* miracles to attract others to worship God more fervently. In our time, we have seen the Berlin Wall come down and communism fall as well. What more can we accomplish by being with God? Join me and others **to see greater things than these (cf. John 1:50f).**

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AWARDS For FY 2004-2005

July	SK Herbert Wilkins, PGK, Trustee
August	SK Joseph Capin, PGK, PFN, Trustee
September	SK Donald Heft, PGK, Warden
October	SK Thomas Donnelly, DGK
November	Robert Valesente
December	SK Joseph Mendoni, OG
January	SK Frank Cleary
February	SK James Collins, PGK, Lecturer
March	SK Richard Rochelle, PGK, PFN, FS
April	SK Thomas Krebs, Recorder
May	SK Samir Soliman, Chan.
June	SK Paul McNamara, Treas.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS For FY 2004-2005

July	Joseph and Mary Mendoni
August	James and Paula Fichtenkort
September	Thomas and Eleanor Krebs
October	Ralph and Margaret Barnett
November	Thomas and Kathleen Donnelly
December	Joseph and Angela Hagan
January	James and Joan Crane
February	Joseph and Joanne Capin
March	Herbert and Dena Wilkins
April	Robert and Connie Moe
May	Joseph and Vera Bailey
June	John and Tracy Rafter

During the past few weeks I have traveled by air to Houston, New York and Savannah and each time I had to surrender my shoes for a special inspection. This was due to a man named Richard C Reid who tried to light a fuse, attached to an explosive in the heel of his shoe while on an air flight. He was arrested, tried as a terrorist and convicted.

Before sentencing he was asked if he had anything to say. His response was to admit his guilt and swear his allegiance to Osama Bin Laden and to the religion of Allah. Mr. Reid defiantly stated "I think I ought not apologize for my actions," and told the court "I am at war with your country".

The Judge commented; "You are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier, gives you far too much stature. Whether it is the Officers of our Government who do it, or your Attorney who does it, or if that happens to be your view, you are a terrorist. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice".

"It seems to me you hate the one thing that is precious. You hate our freedom, our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we please, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here in this society the very winds carry freedom. They carry it everywhere, from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom. So that everyone can see, truly see, that justice is administered fairly, and discreetly. It is for freedoms sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf, have filed appeals and will go on in their representation of you before other Judges".

Some afterthoughts from the Lecturer

It was Oscar Wilde who said, "In this world there are only two tragedies; One is not getting what one wants, and the other one is getting what one wants". Something to ponder over in your spare time.

The Installation of Officers on the evening of June 18th was very impressive. One of the highlights was the volunteerism of Mary Mendoni in placing the jewels of office around the necks of those who did not have a designated female patron.

After the installation all adjourned to the gracious domain, of the famed Chicago restaurateur Monsieur Guillam de Hinchey, known affectionately as Juleps. The dining room promoted a close knit atmosphere that led to good conversation, with drinks, a tasty salad, a nicely served main course, dessert and coffee. What else could have been done to make the evening more enjoyable and memorable? There was one addition that should be mentioned and that was the table hopping of Father Hayden with his pleasant comments.

An aside

A writer in his most recent book stated that, "Arabian fascism is a totalitarian ideology inspired by a mythological vision of the past. It aims not only to restore this past in the world of Islam, but ultimately throughout the World.

Veterans Memorial Fund Paver Order Form

( ) Yes, I would like to be remembered as a Founding Member of the Veterans Memorial Fund for the Veterans Memorial on Hilton Head Island. I want \_\_\_\_\_ brick (s) at \$100 each.

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4 Northridge Drive, Suite A  
PO Box 23019 Hilton Head, SC 29925-3019

Tel: 843-681-9100  
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Questions: Call the Military Veterans Coalition at 843-842-5444.

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