



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Spouses

Happy Spring to all! I believe we all are looking forward to warmer weather but most important, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. As things happen, the charity tournament to benefit the Sisters was postponed due to weather and is rescheduled for April 16 at Wild Dunes. A huge thank you to Bob Fintak and team for organizing a great event. The Knights are sponsoring a Speech contest for Christ our King 7th and 8th graders as well as Catholic home school - this promises to be an exciting event and a great opportunity to hone their skills. Thank you to Will Simmons and Deacon Kevin for all your efforts! Two other events coming up soon are the Spaghetti Dinner on April 18 and the much anticipated Harbor cruise on May 12th.

The next Council meeting on April 19th will feature Will Haynie, Mt Pleasant's new Mayor, hope to have a huge turnout to hear the mayor and have a council photo taken afterwards if logistics permit.

I would like to ask members to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to consider joining the Knights. We have a strong Council and want to encourage new members to experience all the Knights do to support our church community. I wish the best Holy Week to all and a special Easter.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS


### APRIL

Easter Sunday	01
Officers Meeting	05
Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Golf Tournament	16
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	
Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
Speech contest	16
Christ Our King 7th & 8th graders	
Grace Hall 9 AM	
Spaghetti Dinner	18
COK Life Center— Grace Hall	
5 PM to 7:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict' Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Guest Speaker New Mayor Will Haney	
State Convention	27, 28 & 29
Columbia SC	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*William Brumley  
Benjamin Byrnes  
Philip Chuy  
Michael Fabrizio  
Edward Forte'  
Terry Johnson  
Richard Karkowski  
Mark Lipsmeyer  
Vincent Maroun  
Sean O'Toole  
Randolph Pierce  
Michael Ricciardone  
Michael Ruddick  
Francis Sanderell  
Richard Schiliro  
Francis Sherman  
John Tumminelli  
John Watson  
Nicholas Zimmerman*

**Happy Birthday!**




Join us for a Spirit "Knight" Fundraiser at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant to support the Knights of Columbus. **Eat at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant every 2nd Wednesday 2018 from 3-8 p.m. and Raising Cane's will donate 15% of their sales when you mention the Knights of Columbus!** You can dine in or drive-thru, just make sure to mention Knights of Columbus! Raising Cane's is located at 1777 Hwy. 17 N. in front of Lowe's at Towne Centre.

## 2018–2019 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Cunnane

Deputy Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Siwarski

Chancellor \_\_\_\_\_ **(To be filled)**

**Please consider filling this vacancy and contact one of following:**  
**Sean O'Toole 404-271-3999, Bill Shoemaker 843-860-2951 or**  
**Frank Osage 843-708-0714**

**The Chancellor primarily duty is to:**  
**Assist the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the execution**  
**of their duties and take charge of the council during their absence also**  
**strengthening the members interest in council activities. Plus be willing**  
**to move up to Deputy Grand Knight the following year.**

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Geberth

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Welsch

Advocate \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Fintak

Warden \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Nesbitt

Inside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Gimbert

Outside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Harkins Jr.

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trust \_\_\_\_\_ Don Campbell

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Sean O'Toole

1<sup>st</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Shoemaker

**These candidates were presented at the March regular business meeting and to be voted on between the May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> regular business meeting.**

Nominating Committee:

Sean O'Toole  
Bill Shoemaker  
Frank Osage

**Family of the Month  
Matt and Stacy Kiefer  
March 2018**

Matt and Stacy Kiefer met at in Davenport, IA as Stacy was finishing graduate school. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein, IA.

Matt began his career in sales in industrial distribution in Iowa and Illinois before being relocated to Denver CO as a branch manager, and then to Charleston SC. He is now employed by Snap-on Industrial as Industrial Sales Manager. Stacy stayed home with their children for several years and now loves working as a preschool teacher at Lighthouse Christian Learning Center.

Matt and Stacy have been blessed with 3 great kids: Mackenzie (18) a senior at Bishop England High School, Nolan (14), and Kelsey (12), both in middle school at Daniel Island School. All are very active in many community activities as well as sports. The Kiefer's are active members of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church on Daniel Island where Matt ushers at the 9am Mass. They are looking forward to continuing to get more involved in The Knights of Columbus.

**Congratulations Matt and Stacy!!!**



The Kiefer Family on a hiking trip left to right Kelsey, Stacy, Nolan, Mackenzie and Matt. What a beautiful sky and landscape behind them.



**Knights of Columbus**



**A Catholic Fraternal Organization Dedicated to  
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**Knight of the Month  
Jon Tirpak  
March 2018**

-Jon and his brothers, Garrett and Kenn were raised in New Jersey. Their father arriving in the states from Slovakia in 1939 and their Mother, Maria descended from Italian immigrants

- All three brothers were very involved in Scouting, hiking and camping in the Adirondack and Pocono Mt's

-Jon graduated from Lafayette with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering and earned an Air Force commission. His assignments were important and involved underground nuclear testing

- Jon hiked the Appalachian Trail and throughout Europe, eventually meeting Angie and settling in Michigan. They moved to IOP in 1996. He converted to Catholicism in 2001 and they now have three children and live in Snee Farm

- Jon is very active in Scouts and Stella Maris and was recognized by the Bishop with the Saint George and Brown Pelican awards

**Congratulations Jon!!!**



Left Grand Knight and Council Director Don Campbell awards Right Jon Tirpak the Knight of the Month for March 2018 Certificate and Knights cup.



**SPOUSE E-MAIL UPDATE:**

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her E-mail address to Neil at [ngwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:ngwhitman@yahoo.com)

**If she is not receiving Newsletter or Knights information.**

**Youth of the Month  
March 2018  
Justin Womble**

Justin attends Christ Our King/Stella Maris School 7<sup>th</sup> grade and is 13 years old. Justin attends St. Benedicts Church and is Lead Altar Server.

Other achievements:

**Boy Scout in Troop 529 –**

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Obtained rank of Star Scout
- Received Altare Dei Religious Emblem from Bishop Gugliemone

**COK/SM School**

- Honor Roll Student
- Beta Club Member
- Regional 3D Archery Champion
- SC Archery in school program

**Member of COK/SM Basketball Team**

- Trident League 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- State Tournament Semi-finalist

**Congratulations Justin!!!**



Left to right Grand Knight Don Campbell, Justin's Mother Catherine, Justin receiving Youth of the Month Certificate from Youth Director Sean O'Toole and Justin's Father Brine in back.

**Our Guest Speaker  
J. Adger Brown  
Representing Mepkin Abbey**



J. Adger Brown gave us an outstanding talk on the workings of Mepkin Abby and explained the Monastic Guest Program:

Mepkin Abbey offers an opportunity for those of any faith tradition to have a month-long immersion experience of monastic life. Monastic Guests come for a sabbatical or often as a personal transition time while sharing fully in the daily routine of monks from Vigils at 3:20 AM to Compline at 7:30 PM. They are provided with room and private bath within the monastic enclosure.

For more information or request an application, contact [monasticguestmap@gmail.com](mailto:monasticguestmap@gmail.com)



Right Grand Knight Don Campbell is presenting J. Adger Brown with a Knights cup of appreciation after his outstanding talk.

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- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

James and Connie Ball  
 Richard and Diana Buchicchio  
 James and Janice Cafaro  
 Ash and Suzanne Chisholm  
 John and Jennifer Devaney  
 Steve and Cathy Evangelista  
 Gary and Sandra Freeman

Joseph and Francesca Frick  
 Jady and Kathleen Fryml  
 Thomas and Regina Gwiazdowski  
 Terry and Susan Johnson  
 Michael and Erika Kennedy  
 Thomas and Linda Jane Kenzik  
 Ian and Christine Maurer  
 Joseph and Dorothy Palisi  
 Michael and Kristin Ruddick  
 Joseph and Susie Schill

Donald and Allyson Thatcher  
 Michael and Toni Vasko  
 Doug and Debbie Wilgus  
 Henry and Shirley Wolf



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MAY**

Officers Meeting _____	03
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Harbor Cruise _____	11
General Beauregard at Patriot's Point 8:30 PM to 10:30 Boarding 8 PM \$30 each / \$60 per couple	
Ascension _____	13
Mother's Day _____	13
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 PM	
Memorial Day _____	28

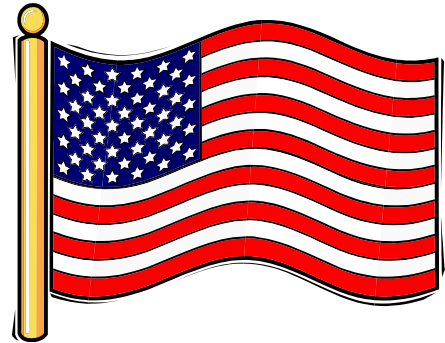
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Family Director	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



## **Meditation on the Evils of Gossip**

**Jer 18: 18-20; Ps 31: 5-6, 14-17, Mt 20: 17-28**

Our Meditation today reminds us of the evils of a very common practice: gossiping or talking behind someone's back. Such things can lead a person who gossips to sin because it may violate the second greatest commandment: love thy neighbor. It can also lead others to sin by them participating in the gossip. It can also injure the person who is the target of the gossip. We are given some examples of the ways to avoid this sin which, if unchecked, can lead to dreadful consequences.

As we read this meditation, let us think about the times we have gossiped or participated in gossip and ask the Lord to forgive us and to give us the strength not to do this again.

As presented in the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, the Jewish nation is in a state of crisis. The Jewish people have broken their covenant with God by turning to idolatry. Jeremiah is trying to warn them that bad things are going to happen to them if they do not change their ways. The people begin gossiping against Jeremiah, saying such things as: "Come, let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah". This gossiping leads to more sinister statements: "Let's destroy him."

Jeremiah opposed the people who turned from God with all of his strength but he was repaid with arrest, imprisonment, and public disgrace for his efforts. His warnings of impending doom to the people met with little success. His predictions came true when Babylon, led by King Nebuchadnezzar, destroyed Jerusalem in 587 BC and exiled its leading citizens. In the meantime, Jeremiah was forced into exile in Egypt by his fellow countrymen. They eventually murdered him. All of this was probably started with one or two people saying things behind his back.

While we probably will not be exposed to such dreadful results when we gossip, there are plenty of modern day examples of the serious problems that can develop from gossiping. We only have to look at the newspaper reports of cyber bullying that leads to the suicide by a young person which probably started by gossiping. More common to most of us is when we have those opportunities to join with our friends who are saying bad things about someone. We have the choices to participate, try to change the subject, or just walk away.

Years ago, I was asked to join the Board of Trustees at my Children's School. I found that the relationship between the Principal and the Board was so strained that you could cut the tension at the board meetings with a knife. And this tension had spread to the PTA and the teachers. The School, which was a very fine institution, was ready to implode. The Principal was a good person and a competent administrator. The Chairman of the Board was a real gentleman but there were members of the Board who were it in for personal power, prestige and control. I eventually went to the Chairman and urged him not to have any executive sessions, which excluded the Principal, unless it was for an extreme emergency. These were nothing more than opportunities to talk behind the Principal's back. Whenever we did have such a session, I refused to participate in any gossip. Eventually this bad conduct stopped. The relationship with the Board and the Principal was restored. The school was saved. The school is extremely successful today, led by the principal until she recently retired.

In Psalm 31, King David is faced with a similar problem. We are told: “I hear the whispers of the crowd as they consult together against me.” His approach was to reach out to God: “Save me, O Lord. In your kindness, free me from the snare they set for me.” He placed his trust in the Lord to help him overcome the painful gossip of others: “My trust is in you O Lord. Rescue me from my persecutors.”

In Mathew’s Gospel, Mathew and Jesus show us a couple of ways to defuse the opportunities to gossip. First, Mathew recalls in his Gospel an incident where James and John boldly ask Jesus if they could sit in the highest places of honor in his kingdom. Now Mathew could have really portrayed the brothers in a very bad way to his readers. But instead, what Mathew does is preserve the honor of these two great men who were heroes to Mathew’s audience of Jewish Christians. He tells us that the request was made their mother and he refers to them only as the sons of Zebedee. While not specifically naming them, Mathew instead emphasizes what Jesus did: “Jesus did not rebuke the brothers”. Instead, he assures them that they will share in his fate, in his martyrdom, but also in a glorious future because of their service to him.

Jesus also puts a stop to any possible gossip by the other Apostles who became indignant at the two brothers. He points out that: “such conduct would not be so among them.” Jesus tells them, and us, to live our lives as he did: “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus does not participate in some potentially juicy gossip but instead directs their attention to a better way to live their lives.

So what can we learn from this Meditation:

- Gossip is an easy thing to do, just like with most sin. In fact, it is probably easier to gossip about someone when talking to another person than to have a more meaningful conversation with the person.
- No matter how innocent the gossip seems to be, it is wrong and can lead us to sin and will cause others who participate to sin as well.
- The best things we can do are not participate, try to change the subject or simply to walk away from the conversation



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