



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family:

What a busy March Council 9475 had!

On March 9, 2023, District 9 held an exemplification for 8 new members at the Citadel, bringing that chapter back to active. A degree team made up of Brothers Nesbitt, Pulaski, Fintak, Tirpak, and Feltman performed the Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity. Brother Regner provided the "motivation". District 9 sent their thanks.

Five new 3rd degree Knights were exemplified on March 16th, bringing our new member total, so far this year, to 15! Lenten Stations of the Cross with meals were supported across the parishes. A prayer vigil was held on March 26th at the abortion clinic. And two very successful Friday Fish Frys were held. I do hope this will continue as an annual tradition. Thank you to Brother Marion Wright and his Fish Fry committee, all the volunteers, families and friends of the Knights that made all this and all our events so successful. There are many more events not listed where Council 9475 continues to share our legacy of charity, unity, and fraternity.

As we look forward to Easter, please consider joining us on Palm Sunday (April 2) for the annual Cross procession and Rosary. As in past years, we will meet at Christ Our King church at 1:30, carpool to the parking area on Coleman Blvd, process the Cross back to Christ Our King where we will pray the Rosary in alter garden. All are welcome!

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has partnered with one of the country's premier Catholic research firms, the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), to undertake a multi-year study of your overall satisfaction and experience with the Order. On March 30, you will be invited via email to participate in an online questionnaire that will allow you to reflect on your own experience as a Knight of Columbus. Participating in the questionnaire is an opportunity to share how membership in the Order aligns to your personal spiritual and financial journey, specifically through your experience in this council.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2023

Pro-Life/Rosary_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Palm Sunday_____	02
Cross Procession and Rosary_____	02
COK — 1:30 PM meet at COK parking lot and we will caravan to Baskin Robbin's parking lot then process back to the Church. Rosary will be said in garden with giant rosary.	
Ultreya Meeting_____	04
COK Grace Hall— 7:00 PM	
Stations of the Cross _____	05
COK — 6:00 PM Following Stations, there will be a soup supper in Grace Hall.	
Holy Thursday_____	06
Good Friday_____	07
Holy Saturday_____	08
Easter Sunday_____	09
Officers Meeting_____	10
COK— Life Center — 6:30 PM.	
KofC 102st Annual State Convention _____	14, 15 & 16
Embassy Suites Graystone Location 200 Stone Ridge Dr. Columbia, SC 29210	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic_____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trial Rosary: 6:00 PM	



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The questionnaire will be available throughout April and will close on April 30. Please plan to complete the 15-minute questionnaire as soon as possible after receiving the email. All responses will be stored securely and kept confidential. Thank you for your participation in this important initiative.

Let me close with an Easter blessing that can be used for your Easter baskets or at your Easter meal. It comes from the Polish tradition of Easter basket blessing on Holy Saturday.

God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of His resurrection and be admitted finally to His heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As always, please pray for peace. Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman



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

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Adoption
not
Abortion**



**Our Guest Speakers
From Council 6250**

Knight Malculm Brennan Developer of Mobile Pregnancy Center and Deputy Grand Knight Ben Curry



Malculm Brennan left and Ben Curry right are on a mission to raise funds for the Mobile Pregnancy Center to the amount of \$10,000 by selling 400 tickets at \$50.00 each and splitting the \$20,000 proceeds with winner.

If you would like to purchase tickets you can go to KofC6250.org for information and Scan QR Code.

Drawing 3/30/23



**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHAIRTY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**



The exemplification was held after our Regular Meeting in the Nave of St. Benedict's Church March 16, 2023.

Picture left front row left is Chuck Jenkins went from first degree Knight to 3rd Degree. The following are new Knights all 3rd Degree as well. Center is Ray Manfredi then Mark McCabe. Second row left Lloyd Hahn center is Steve Kobus and right Austin Knisley.

**Congratulations Becoming 3rd Degree Knights
And
Welcome to Council 9475!!!**

**Knight of the Month
March 2023
Deacon Matthew Story**

Matt and Christine are married for 32 years. They have 2 sons – Jack, an English Teacher in Charleston and Joe, a Computer Programmer in Atlanta. Matt is employed as an attorney with Clawson & Staubes, L.L.C., Located on Daniel Island, since 1993.

Matt became a Knights in 1993 – is a 3rd degree Knight. He served as Advocate and Youth Coordinator. Matt was in charge of the Free Throw Contest from 2006 - 2016 and the Food Booth for the COK/SM Bazaar 1993 -2015.

Matt is Charter Organizational Representative of Boy Scout Troop 59. Also CCD Teacher at Stella Maris.

Deacon Matt was ordained along with Fellow Knight Deacon Jonathon Santilli on February 4, 2023 by Bishop Jacques Fabri



Congratulations Deacon Matthew!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*William Brumley
Benjamin Byrnes
Michael Fabrizio
Edward Forte'
Richard Karkowski
William Lewis
Mark Lipsmeyer
Vincent Maroun
Sean O'Toole
Ronald Pfitzner
Michael Ricciardone
Richard Schiliro
Francis Sherman
John Watson*

**Happy
Birthday!**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*James and Connie Ball
James and Janice Cafaro
Nick and Sally Collins
Kurt and Mary Denner
John and Jennifer Devaney
Steven and Jenna Deveau
David and Lisa Dolan
Steve and Cathy Evangelista
Joseph and Francesca Frick
Jady and Kathleen Fryml
Thomas and Linda Jane Kenzik
Joseph and Dorothy Palisi
Ronald and Catherine Pfitzner
Joseph and Susie Schill
Donald and Allyson Thatcher
Michael and Toni Vasko
Doug and Debbie Wilgus
Henry and Shirley Wolf*

**IF YOU MISSED OUR FIRST ANNUAL FISH FRY 2023
AT CHRIST OUR KING IN GRACE HALL
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES
OF THE EVENT**



Here are a couple of the Knights manning the French Fries and Hush Puppy cookers. Left Michael O'Connor and right Chuck Drouillard.



This is the food line under the heat lamps where top left is Dawn O'Connor putting fish on plate next center is Diana Barnett putting on the French fries then Fran Franzone adds the Hush Puppies and standing in the back with apron is the inspector and second in command Doris Wright looking over shoulders that it's right. <smile>



Here are a few Knights with wife's and friends enjoying each others company after eating their meal.



Dinner coming to an end and worker Knights have time to eat. Jerry Barnett with piece sign, Father Libin above Jerry was our runner delivered food from cookers to kitchen and front right is Jon Tirpak handed orders to customers and top right are folks enjoying meal and talking.

FISH FRY EVENT CONTINUES



Refreshment team manning the ice tea and lemonade are Brother Knights left Cass Cibelli and Carlos Araiza.



In charge of the adult beverages is Brother Sir Knight Bob Brennan.



Our fish fry chairman left Brother Marion Wright and our two fish fryers top center and right are Brother Jim Cafaro and Brother Joe Ruskauff all finally got a chance to take a break.



Left Father Spencer is sitting with Brother Jeff Pulaski at check in table. Father will be springing into action shortly as part of our clean up committee, where he washes dishes, sweeps the floor, takes out the trash and helps carry cooking equipment to our trucks, an outstanding team player.

**Brother Knights
If You Haven't Signed Up to Play or Work
Now is the Time**

**2023
Knights of Columbus Council 9475**

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**Catholic Charities of SC
Carter-May Senior Living**

**Wild Dunes Harbor Course
May 15th , 2023**

Four player Scramble

Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$145 per golfer

Contact-Jim Welsch at: 843-442-9614

or

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MAY 2023**

Ultreya Meeting	02
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting	04
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Mother's Day	14
Golf Tournament	15
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	
Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
Ascension of the Lord	18
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6 :00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Memorial Day	29

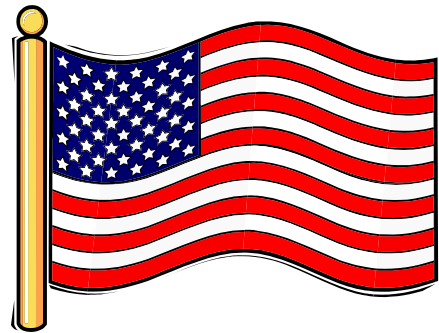
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on the Saving Power of God

Ez 37: 12-14; Jn 11: 1-45

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME

Our meditation is about God's promise to be with us, no matter where we are spiritually. He is there to help us rise from our sinfulness, to save us from our sins. But we all have some work to do since we are all sinners. We are just at different levels of sin.

One day a priest was called away from a children's party during Sunday school to visit a young woman. Her world had recently collapsed into an acute depression after her husband had died in a car accident. She had withdrawn from everyone. She wouldn't communicate with anyone, not even her children, because she said they reminded her of her dead husband. As the priest left the party, the children showered him with confetti which he brushed out of his hair and from his coat as he left to meet with the depressed woman.

When he arrived at the woman's house, he entered her darkened bedroom and told her who he was, but there was no response. He tried to carry on a conversation with her, but she was unresponsive.

He reached out to touch her hand, but it lay lifeless in his. So, he just sat with her in the dark silence for a time.

Then he decided to act. He wanted to see the woman face to face so he could pray with her. He turned on the bedside lamp and saw that she was weeping. As he took his handkerchief out of his jacket to give to her, confetti fell from it all over the bed. After a brief moment, the priest began to laugh. And that did it. First a smile appeared on the woman's face, and then she broke into quiet laughter. She reached out her hands to the priest in the joy of resurrection. They prayed together and she left her darkness to return to the light.

In the reading from the Book of Ezekiel, the key phrase from God is: "I have promised, and I will do it". Ezekiel had become a prophet while he was an exile in Babylon in 597 BC. God tells Ezekiel: "Tell the people I will open their graves and have them rise from them. I will put my spirit in them so that they may live. I have promised, and I will do it."

God heard the cries of the exiled Jewish people for mercy and sent them his spirit of truth to help them. He will do the same for us. This reading helps us see the promise of rising from our graves of sinfulness and dealing with every problem we have in our lives right now.

In the Gospel of Mathew, Jesus is presented as the resurrection and life for all who are dead, physically and spiritually when he raises Lazarus from the dead.

Our sinful lives can lead us to become spiritually dead. Whether we are dead physically or spiritually, we are powerless with no recourse to ourselves. We are fully dependent upon the love and forgiveness of Jesus. Jesus is not just a teacher but a savior and we all need a savior in our lives.

As Jesus approached the tomb, he saw Martha and Mary and the other mourners weeping due to their extreme loss. Jesus felt what it was like to lose a close friend. Feeling the same pain as we do when we have lost a loved one, Jesus began to weep.

Imagine Jesus weeping. We can actually sympathize with him. He feels the loss of his friend but he is also weeping because of our sinfulness. Sin is really the loss of our friendship with him. God responds with giving us the power to overcome sin.

The next time we tend to not take our sins very seriously, for instance we might think it is no big deal to commit a certain type of sin because everyone does it, like lying to our mom or dad or our spouse or cheating on a test or a tax return, let's keep this image of Jesus weeping because of our sins. Remember the sorrow he feels for our sins.

When Jesus asks the question: "where have you laid him?", he is looking for Lazarus. God is searching for his lost friend. He also looks for us whenever we are about to sin.

After Jesus arrived, he asked that the stone be rolled away, and then cried out. He shouts: "Lazarus come out!."

Imagine Jesus shouting, like the roar of a lion, followed by a deafening silence. He is calling Lazarus from his spiritual and bodily death.

We are all challenged spiritually to sin from time to time. We have all experienced some level of spiritual death. What level are we right now?

We may feel we have no hope but then we hear the voice of Jesus shouting for us to change our ways, to leave our lives of sin and death, to come out of our tomb.

The voice of Jesus can pull us out. He hates sin. He hates the way we place ourselves in the tomb of a sinful death.

Maybe we are sunk in addiction to alcohol or drugs. Maybe we are just mean and hard to get along with. We may be so ashamed of the things we have done that we have given up any hope of ever reconciling with God. We may have had a serious fallout with our spouse or our friends from school. It really does not matter what we have done. We are all at some level of sin.

The best news is that the voice of Jesus can raise us from being dead spiritually. Let's listen for the voice of Jesus to say: "untie us and let us go". This is god's promise. Listen for his call.



Deacon Kevin Campbell