



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Greetings Brother Knights

Our Council is off to a great start! At the July Council meeting we witnessed a beautiful Exemplification ceremony where we welcomed two new Knights, Adrian and Guido Evangelista, father and son to Council 9475. It is rare that a father and son are able to experience this opportunity- we are happy they are now part of the best council in SC. During August, we will also witness the conferring of 4th degree to Joe Ruskauff and Derek McCoy - Congratulations Sir Knights!

About a dozen Knights participated in a robust cook-out on July 24, for Camp Rise Above at James Island County Park. This is one of our favorite charities where we cooked burgers and dogs for 70 + special need campers. Thanks to Knights who took time out from their busy schedule to make this happen.

Kirk Denner did a great job lining Bishop Jacques up to be our speaker on August 17. We anticipate a marvelous evening and happy to announce that spouses are invited to participate at the Council meeting. Debbie Pulaski is getting a head count for the spouses so we can plan enough food for dinner. I'm hoping to fill the hall at St. Benedict's with an enthusiastic crowd. Also in August is our Council Picnic on the 26th at Wild Dunes club house - thanks to Steve Falon for setting this up. More to come shortly!

On behalf of our D/GK Deacon Kevin and I, we wish you and your family a fun, healthy, and safe summer. Blessings to all!

Don  
Grand Knight  
Council 99475

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2023

Ultrya Meeting_____	01
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thu.to 8 AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
4th Degree Exemplification_____	12
At Cathedral in Charleston. If you would like to attend let SK Tom Siwarski know before July 25th. tmskas79@gmail.com	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trial 29466	
Rosary: 6:00PM	
Dinner: 6:30PM	
Meeting: 7:15PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Family Picnic Council 9475 _____	26

## FAMILY PICNIC

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**  
**Wild Dunes Property Owners Beach House**  
**6600 Palmetto Drive, Isle of Palms, SC 29451.**  
**Time: 5 PM to 10 PM**

Knights will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. We ask that you bring a covered dish to share with others.

Come and join us for great food, fun and games for all ages.



**Bring your kite and join the contest on the beach**

**Knight of the Month  
July 2023  
Ron Davis**

Ron was born and raised in Columbia, SC where he met his wife, Deb (a Military Brat), on a blind date. They were married in 1969 in Columbia at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and will be married 54 years in October. They moved from Columbia to Charleston in 1971, to Isle of Palms from 1972 to 1999, then to Mt. Pleasant where they currently reside.

Ron and Deb have four children:

Jay, 48, is an artist, curator and consultant who lives in Ridgewood, NY with his wife and two young sons.

Tina, 34, is a hairstylist with Salon International in Mt. Pleasant every other weekend but lives in Columbia with her daughter and son. She is also a Silver Leader with Young Living Essential Oils.

Wendy, 43, is a librarian with the American Embassy School in New Delhi, India where her husband also teaches and they are in their ninth year living in New Delhi with their son and daughter. They manage to spend their summers in the US in Asheville, NC.

Joe, 35, is a tour boat captain on Folly Beach where he currently resides. He has one son.

Ron served for five years in the USMC Reserves and then for 15 years in the Air Force Reserves where he was activated for Operation Desert Storm. He retired from the military after 20 years of service. Ron also retired after 22 years of service from BP/Amoco Chemicals in Mt. Pleasant. Ron and Deb also owned and operated Carolina Coin Amusement for 40 years before selling their business and retiring in 2020.

Ron has been an active Knight where he has supplied the meals for the monthly meetings for approximately 12 years, with some time off during Covid. Ron and Deb are members of Christ Our King where Ron served as Head Usher at the 9:30 am mass for approximately 10 years and he attended Cursillo #59.



Left acting Family Director Joe Harkins presented Ron Davis center with Knight of the Month certificate and Grand Knight Don Campbell presented Ron with a cup.

Our Guest Speaker  
Dan Doyle  
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
of the Beach Company

Dan gave us a very interesting talk on the history of the Beach Company and great insight on how they help improve the communities where they build.



Above Grand Knight Don Campbell left presented Dan Doyle with Knights cup and golfer's divot tool to show our appreciation for his time.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Leo and Wendy Albano  
Joseph and Jerilyn Bandiera  
Richard and Jeannette Baummer  
Robert and Catherine Brennan  
Paul and Lve Cheverie  
Thomas and Elizabeth Cullen  
Kevin and Deanna Cunnane  
John and Andrea Gallagher*

*Robert and Danielle Geberth  
Patrick and Sarah Hunkler  
Charles and Kathy Jenkins  
Kevin and Patricia Kerley  
Chris and Janet Kerrigan  
Alfred and Dominique Lopez  
Raymond and Ann Marie Manfredi  
Martin and Helen McNulty*

*Louis and Susan Milone  
Patrick and Victoria O'Hara  
Michael and Pamela Rausa  
Jonathon and Beth Santilli  
Richard and Joan Schiliro  
Jim and Katy Sheehy  
Francis and Claire Sherman  
Warren Jr. and Kristin Taves*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Richard Baummer  
John Bride Jr.  
Anthony Certa  
Nick Collins  
Kevin Cunnane  
Steven Deveau*

*Mark Dickson  
Michael Eovino  
Rocco Falcone  
Jerry Gimbert  
Richard Happe  
Robert Humphrey  
Matthew Jensen  
Hugh McLoughlin  
Richard Morales  
Peter Paloni*

*Michael Rausa  
Stephen Roberts  
Adam Russo  
Joe Tarr  
Vince Terranova Jr.*



**EXEMPLIFICATION  
OF  
CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY**



The exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the Nave of St. Benedict's Church July 20, 2023.

In the picture left are father and son Guido and Adrian Evangelista.

Congratulations becoming 3rd degree Knights and Welcome to Council 9475!!!



**OUR COUNCIL 9475  
SUPPLIED A COOKOUT DINNER  
FOR CAMP RISE ABOVE IN JAMES ISLAND COUNTY PARK**



July 24 our council supplied grilled burgers, hot dogs with buns and watermelon for about 75 youth. The above Knights left to right that helped under the direction of Don Campbell are sitting Bill Shoemaker, Don Campbell, Marion Wright, Deacon Kevin Campbell and Michael McDermott. Standing left to right Bob Fintak, Bob Brennan, Carlos Araiza, Chuck Drouillard, Tom Franzone and Jim Welsch. A great job was done by all.



The Camp Rise Above Staff and some of the youth thanked us for the cookout.





Above is a picture of Camp Rise Above counselors, campers and medical personnel.



After cooking burgers and hot dogs the Knights moved inside to set-up and serve the food.





Above in back-ground are all served and eating. Front and center left is Dan McKay a Knight and right John Carroll who are working a few days with the campers from the Men's Wisdom Group that meet at Christ Our King Beach House on Wednesdays.



Left with great smiles are Grand Knight Don Campbell and the Founder of Camp Rise Above Barbra Denton, Barbra was very thankful for the Knights providing the cookout .

## Do You Know?

### Chuck and Jeri Drouillard

Chuck has been a Knight since the early 90s and is a parishioner at Christ Our King. He arrived in Charleston as a navigator on the C-141 3 weeks before Hurricane Hugo. He airdropped the US Army Rangers into Panama during the Operation Just Cause invasion then met his wife Jeri at the grand re-opening of the Windjammer in June of 1990. They were married in May 1993 after she became a Catholic at the Easter vigil. They adopted their children Alex and Natalie from Russia in 1998 and 2000. Alex is from Novomoskovsk near Tula which is the oldest city in Russia. Natalie is from Chita Siberia and loves sports. Both went to school at Christ Our King from age 3 and then Bishop England. Alex graduated from Wando and works at Charlestowne Tobacco & Wine on Exchange St downtown. Natalie is a Doctor of Pharmacy and graduated from USC and works at Long Point Pharmacy.

Jeri has owned and operated an independent pharmacy since 1988. First East Cooper Family Pharmacy and now Long Point Pharmacy since 2002. She believes strongly in customer service and saving her customers money as well as advising them on their medications. She is an avid tennis player and plays in a league with Dunes West and other teams. She and Natalie work together there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Chuck has been a 4th degree Knight since 1996 and has altar served as a Knight at the 7:30 Sunday masses since 1998 when it was started. He also serves as a lector and is in the choir. He is involved in the Emmaus retreats each January as well as Cursillo small groups each Saturday morning. He retired from the Air Force reserves as a Lt Col after 25 years in 2012. He has been selling Trimble GPS and robotic surveying equipment for Duncan Parnell since 1997. He has a private plane at the East Cooper airport and loves to fly.



Left in picture sitting are Chuck and Jeri standing are Alex and Natalie. A great family picture.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2023**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Labor Day_____	04
Ultrya Meeting_____	05
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	07
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trial 29466 Rosary: 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

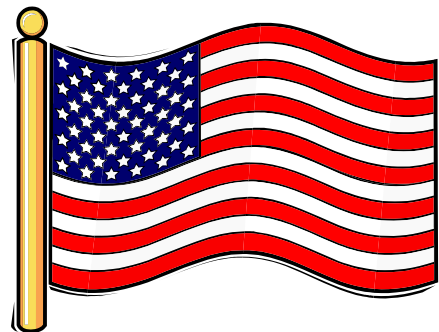
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## Reflection on Discernment, Commitment and Perseverance

1<sup>st</sup> Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rm 8:28-30; Mt 13: 44-52.

Our Meditation is about discernment which is extremely important to us because it includes the wisdom to make important decisions. Discernment is a decision making process that honors the place of God's will in our lives. It will also touch upon the commitment we need to our lives as Christians and persevering to the end of our lives

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Kings, Solomon, the son of David, was ascending to David's throne as King of Israel after the death of his father. **Due to the accomplishments of David, the nation of Israel was flourishing** economically and politically after many years of internal and external conflict.

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said: "ask something of me and I will give it." Solomon responded humbly, asking God for the power of discernment. He said: "I am a mere youth, not knowing how to act at all. Give your servant an understanding heart to judge people and distinguish between right and wrong". God granted Solomon's request and also granted him riches and a long life. All Solomon had to do was live his life obeying God's law

We are now going through some of the most difficult times we have ever experienced. These have combined to potentially cause us to have some very serious social and financial problems.

Many times, we will have some very important decisions to make: what school to attend next year, do we go on a family vacation or wait, can we afford to keep our home or not, can we keep the family business going or close it down? Before making any big decisions like these, we should always first go to God, in faith, and ask him for the wisdom, the discernment, to make these decisions.

In the Letter of St. James, we are told: "Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials, for the testing of your faith produces perseverance. But if you lack wisdom, ask God and he will give it. But you should ask in faith, not doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed about by the wind." In other words, we should go to God, in faith, to give us the discernment we need to make important decisions and he will give it to us. But when he does, go with it, or we will be like a wave in the sea, tossed back and forth. The point is, if God is telling us to do something, go with what God is telling us to do.

It would be wonderful if King Solomon's story ended right there. But as Paul Harvey used the say: "and now for the rest of the story..." A kingdom that had started with such great promise, ended in failure. Solomon did not persevere to the end. In his old age, Solomon did evil in God's sight. He married foreign, pagan women. They became an obsession for him. He indulged in idolatry, worshipping the gods of his wives. His rule ended in chaos. what Solomon failed to do was something we need to be very wary of. He failed in his commitment to keep the Lord's commandments. He failed to persevere to the end.

In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, he tells us: "all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose". He says the way to live is not according what the world would have us do, but according to the spirit of God, who raised Christ from the dead. God is on our side.

We just need to obey his commandments. Knowing that God is on our side should be a source of great confidence for us. Paul ends with these words which should give us comfort “if God is for us, who can be against us?”

The Gospel of Matthew continues the themes of discernment, commitment and perseverance. We are told that the Kingdom of God awaits us. When we think about it, living with peace, joy and happiness in this world, to the extent possible, and being in Heaven with God for eternity, is like the pearl of great price or the treasure hidden in a field. The point is that joyfully, we will want to obtain it. We are told: “the Kingdom of God is such a priceless treasure that a wise man would gladly, joyfully give all for the chance to own it.”

What do we have to do to attain the greatest treasure ever? We must commit to live our lives as Christians; to love and obey the Law of the Lord which can be really simplified into this: love God and love everyone we come into contact with. It is that simple. Sometimes we make things so complicated.

So what can we take from our Meditation today: We will have big decisions to make in our lives. The Lord will help us make those decisions, if we go to him in faith. Once he does, run with it. If we are living our lives as Jesus wants us to, keep it up, preserve, improve where necessary. Don't let our guards down. Our commitment and perseverance will lead us to having peace, joy and happiness, to the extent possible, in this life, and the assurance of a place in Heaven.



Deacon Kevin Campbell