



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Spouses

I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and safe travels. I can't help but laugh when I recall Brother Ash Chisholm and I frying our first turkey and almost taking out my new car a couple years back - at least it's funny now. Thanksgiving is a wonderful opportunity for us to say thank you to all those people that enlighten our lives. I am truly grateful to a multitude of Knights and Spouses who help make this Council such a important part of the Catholic community.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party on December 8th hosted by Dawn and Michael and again at the Mt Pleasant Christmas parade on the 10th. New Knight, Josh Hulen is taking the lead for us on float preparations. During November our Council welcomed three new Knights; Josh Hulen, Joe Nesbitt, and Deacon Bob Boackle and Chris Guzzetta who transferred to us from Clarkesville GA. We look forward to getting to know them in the near future.

Our Council remains strong thanks to the commitment by our Officer's and dedication by our member Knights. I am also grateful for the support we get from the District Deputy, Ed McDowell. He keeps us informed on important changes coming via State and National guidance.

Two January 2018 events to get on your calendar - our popular oyster roast on the 20th and Knight's conference (open to spouses) on the 27th!

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Don  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK-7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK-7:30 AM	
Officers Meeting_____	07
COK-Life Center- 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
Council 9475 and Assembly 3243 Christmas Party_____	08
Hosted by Michael and Dawn O'Connor at St. Benedict 950 Darrell Creek Trail Starting 7:00PM in the Triple Room	
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	09
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	10
Regular Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary : 6:05 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Christmas Day_____	25

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Christopher Anderson  
Michael Carter  
Michael Clarkin  
Jeffrey DeCapua  
David DiPietro  
Charles Drouillard  
Christopher Engdahl  
Robert Fintak  
Patrick Flood  
Joseph Frick  
Carl Geier*

*Richard Hallett  
James Harris  
Patrick Hunkler  
Brian Justice  
Thomas Kenzik  
Gene Knisley  
Frederick Koch  
Brenden Lo  
Steven Majewski  
John McDermott  
Edmund McDowell  
Daniel McKay  
Larry Miller*

*Victor Mroczkowski  
Leo Russo  
William Shoemaker  
Matthew Story  
Marco Vasquez  
James Welsch*



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 2017 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.

**Family of the Month  
Al and Maria Lopez  
November 2017**

Al and Maria Lopez relocated to Mt. Pleasant from New Jersey eight years ago. Al was born in Cuba and immigrated to the US in 1961. He attended Louisiana State University where he received a doctor's degree in Chemical Engineering and was inducted into LSU's College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in 2001. He retired as a Vice-president with ExxonMobil after 35 years with the Company.

Al and Maria have two children, Mary Elizabeth, a Law graduate from Notre Dame and Alfred Mark, a civil engineer and manager with Santee Cooper and a first degree knight. Alfred and his wife Dominique have three children who were the reason for Al and Maria to relocate to Mt. Pleasant.

Shortly after his arrival in 2008, Al helped Msgr. Chet build the St. Benedict church so that masses could be held at a Church and not in the cafeteria of the Cario middle school. Al was a member of St. Benedict's Finance Council and together with his daughter-in-law Dominique and others helped the parish to a financially solid position. He has been a parish advocate for change with Bishop Guglielmono.

Al currently serves as a member of the Roper Mt. Pleasant Hospital Board, and is a strong advocate for the Healthy Lifestyle Program that the hospital hopes will make a major impact on the community.

**Congratulations Al and Maria!!!**



Our Council Director Kevin Cunnane left presenting Al Lopez center with Family of the Month Certificate and our Grand Knight Don Campbell presenting Al with Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month  
Bobby Geberth  
November 2017**

- \*Bobby "Jet Fan" Geberth is an active and hardworking Knight.
- \*Married 18 years to Danielle with Four daughters ages 16, 16, 11 and 9.
- \*Originally from NY, He has a Psychology degree from Siena and a Master's in Public Administration from John Jay.
- \*A Weather Officer for USAF, NY State Trooper and Investigator.
- \*Attends St Benedict parish and Knight since 2014.
- \*He became a 4th Degree Knight in one year!
- \*He's a Eucharistic minister to home bound and a 8th grade religious teacher.
- \*He Loves Cooking, Cooking, Cooking!

**Congratulations Bobby!!!**



Our Council Director and Grand Knight Don Campbell left presenting Bobby with the Knight of the Month Certificate and a Knights cup.



Our Grand Knight Don Campbell right just introduced our guest speaker Rob Fowler to the council. Rob gave us a good talk on his views of Charleston's Hurricane history.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Brian & Mary Burke  
Philip & Karen Chuy  
Michael & Kathleen Eovino  
Anthony & Phyllis Francin  
Kevin & Nora Frederick  
Jackey & Lauren Frye  
Richard & Mary Garcia  
Daniel & Tina Jost  
John & Sandra Karnaszewski  
Mark & Debbie Lazo  
Gregory & Carol Loss  
James & Eileen Morini  
Joseph & Dawn Myers  
Francis & Kristen O'Neil  
Greg & Kathy Raven*



**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

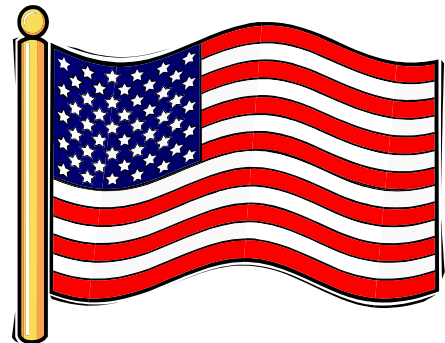
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Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	843-471-1085
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	Stan Adams- SB	843-884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
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	Jerry Gimbert - SC of A	843-655-9111
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District Deputy	Ed McDowell	843-518-0963
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**JANUARY**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	_____01
Officers Meeting	_____04
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	_____04
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	_____05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	_____06
COK — 7:30 am	
Stand Up for Life March	_____05 & 06
Columbia, SC	
Martin Luther King Day	_____15
Regular Business Meeting	_____18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
KOC Annual Oyster Roast	_____20
Gold Bug Island —6:30 to 9 PM	
Knights Retreat	_____27
More information TBA	

**SPOUSE E-MAIL UPDATE:**

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her E-mail address to Neil @ ngwhitman@yahoo.com



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Meditation- The Freedom to Choose

By Deacon Kevin Campbell

Rom 6: 12-18; PS 124: 1-8; Luke 12:38-45

Our Meditation today is all about freedom.

Through the sacrifice of His Life that our brother, Jesus made for us...

Through the Sacrament of Baptism which was established by Jesus...

Through these events, we are free from the slavery of sin.

However, with this freedom comes our free will to choose a different path than the one Jesus would like for us.

Jesus, of course, wants us all to go to Heaven. That is why He suffered and died for us.

However, the evil one is lurking, always tempting us to reject the life Jesus wants us to live. The devil wants us to choose a life of sinfulness, rejecting Jesus.

The choice is ours.

As we read this Meditation, let us reflect on where we are on this journey to heaven. Will we be ready when Jesus calls us?

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we are told that Christians have been released from the grip of sin, but sin tries to reclaim its victims. We can still be tempted and succumb to sin which is an instrument of the evil one.

This can be prevented by remembering that God's Grace claims us for only God's interests. Christians are supposed to be instruments in God's service.

As Christians, we are different from non-believers. We are entrusted with God's teachings that can be found in the Bible and the Catechism. From these we will come to know a new life that God aims to develop in us through the Holy Spirit. We cannot give allegiance to both God and sin. We must choose but we have the freedom to choose.

Paul emphasizes the freedom that Christians have but urges us not to choose sin. We are in the service of Christ. We are dedicated to Christ through our Baptism so that we can become like slaves to Christ and not to sin.

Psalm 124 is a thanksgiving prayer which recognizes that God is the reason for Israel's very existence. God rescued them from their enemies just like God rescues us from the evil one.

Israel is compared to a bird freed from the trapper's snare.

We should have the same feeling of freedom. We are freed from sin. This feeling can really be accentuated every time we go to Reconciliation.

I know whenever I go to Reconciliation, I feel like I am 10 years old again. I am free from sin!

We will all be tempted and will fall from time to time but our loving and merciful God is there to free us from the trapper's snare.

In the Gospel from Luke, we are told of the importance of being faithful to Jesus to the very end of our lives. In other words, never give up!

When we are tempted, if we fall, and keep on sinning, thinking that we will one day seek God's forgiveness, we may find ourselves unable to do that. This could happen if we were to die suddenly.

The punishment for us, who know better, may be more severe than for those who are not in the know.

The better thing to do is to fight off the temptation when it comes, asking the Holy Spirit to be with us to shower his Grace upon us. This will give us the strength necessary to fight off any temptation.

But if we fall, quickly ask God for his forgiveness and, for a more serious sin, get to Reconciliation as soon as we can.

So what can we take from this Meditation:

From the sacrifice of Jesus and our Baptism, we are free from sin.

We will be tempted to sin.

We have the free will to choose.

If we do fall to the temptation, ask for God's forgiveness immediately and, for a more serious sin, get to Reconciliation as soon as you can.



Deacon Kevin Campbell

# The Columbian Award Programs



District Deputy Edmund McDowell right is presenting Grand Knight Don Campbell with the Columbian Award. To receive this award the council must annually conduct and report at least four (4) major involvement programs in each of the following sections of the Service Program: Church, community, council, family and youth.

**Congratulations Council 9475!!!**