



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

This is the season of giving thanks. However, let us remember to stop and give thanks each and every day for all the blessings bestowed on us and the many things that we take for granted.

I would once again like to express my gratitude to all those who volunteer with the many events and acts of charity the council participates in throughout the year. Special gratitude to those who chair these, for their expenditure of numerous hours of time and energy putting them together. The most recent events being the spaghetti dinner where we not only raised funds for charity but were able to feed 60 plus homebound individuals, another being operation Christmas child where 2400 shoe boxes were assembled and dropped off for delivery to needy children. One can make gratitude go a long way by giving back in any way possible.

Keep an eye on your e-mails for details regarding the busy holiday season ahead. Wreath sales start after Thanksgiving and the Christmas party and parade are the first week of December. Wishing all a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Safe travels to all who will be traveling these holidays. Take care and God Bless!!

YBIC

Tom Siwarski

G/K



In charge of cooking the hotdogs at Christ Our King Bazaar left is Jerry Barnett and right (correction) Joe Bamond.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2019

Ultreya Meeting_____	03
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	05
COK-Life Center— 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	05
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	06
COK-7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	07
COK-7:30 AM	
Council 9475 and Assembly 3243 Christmas Party____	07
Christ Our King Beach House	
1144 Russell Street	
Time— 6 PM	
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade____	07
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate	
one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	08
Please donate Christmas candy canes to hand	
out while Knights are walking the parade.	
Immaculate Conception_____	09
Regular Business Meeting_____	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary : 6:05 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Christmas Day_____	25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Philip & Karen Chuy
- John & Brooklyn Danko III
- Michael & Kathleen Eovino
- Anthony & Phyllis Francin
- Jackey & Lauren Frye
- Richard & Mary Garcia
- Daniel & Tina Jost
- Michael & Eileen Joyce
- John & Sandra Karnaszewski
- Mark & Debbie Lazo
- Gregory & Carol Loss
- James & Eileen Morini
- Joseph & Dawn Myers
- Francis & Kristen O'Neil
- Greg & Kathy Raven
- Stephen & Ann Raynor



**Family of the Month
November 2019
Michael and Kay Fabrizio**

Michael grew up in Orange County Virginia, near Charlottesville. He was raised in a very Catholic family as his stepfather was six months from becoming an ordained priest before dropping out of Seminary. Kay was born in Columbia SC and grew up in Rock Hill.

Michael started working on a golf course just after high school in Brevard NC, and graduated from NC State University Turf Management program. He recently retired from the Daniel Island Club after 20 years, with over 42 years in the golf industry. In addition to Daniel Island, he was responsible for construction and maintenance of several area courses over the years including Wild Dunes, Dunes West and Dataw Island. He has had the pleasure of working with course designers Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tom Fazio, Rees Jones, Mike Strantz, and Art Hills on construction or renovation projects during his career.

Kay began bookkeeping for a small business while still in Junior High School and has been an accountant since. She has been an accounting manager for several developers, Daniel Island Club, and currently is the Finance Manager for the Daniel Island Property Owners Associations.

They met at the grand opening of the Daniel Island club in 2001 and were married in 2003. They have three children; Jonathon an executive chef on Daniel Island, Jennifer a school teacher in Fairfax Virginia, and Lauryn, an attorney in Clearwater Florida. They also have four grandchildren, one of them an underprivileged teenager adopted by Jennifer.

Michael received his fourth-degree exemplification in September and is a member of the Patriot Guard Riders which honors active duty and fallen members of the military. He currently is the council director for Stella Maris and served as Treasurer several years. He has helped with the book sales, Christmas wreath sales, spaghetti dinners, COK bazaar, oyster roasts, basketball free throw contests and monthly coffee cart service at the VA hospital. When they had a large home on Daniel Island a few years ago, Kay hosted the annual council Christmas party.

Congratulations Michael and Kay!!!



Michael Fabrizio left is holding his Knights cup with center Grand Knight Tom Siwarski and right Family Director Tony Certa both holding Michael's and Kay's Family of the Month certificate.

**Knight of the Month
November 2019
Joey Keller**

Brothers, I'm sorry I can't be with you for tonight's meeting. I'll be upset if I've missed Golden Corral banana pudding. I'm writing this trying to contemplate what I could have possibly done to be considered for such an honor, much less be selected for Knight of the Month.

I joined the Knights in 2011 and achieved the 4th degree that same year. I've held a variety of positions at different Councils to include Pro-Life Chairman, Recorder, Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight. I transferred into Council 9475 in early 2018 and was blessed to be voted into the empty Chancellor position. I currently serve as the Deputy Grand Knight.

I was honored to represent Council 9475 at the KofC State Convention in 2018; I actively participate in many of the Council events; and earlier this year took a lead role establishing and awarding the Rev. John McLaughlin scholarship for incoming Bishop England freshmen. I've been a member of the St. Benedicts church choir and a cantor since my wife Eileen and I joined the parish two years ago.

As many of you know, Eileen and I will be relocating to Texas at the end of this year. After being gone from home for more than 20 years, it's time we return to help my siblings take care of aging parents and be available for the many family events we've missed over the years.

I am confident that Council 9475 will continue to thrive under the great leadership of the Worthy Grand Knight and his Officers, as well as the dedication of the good Catholic Gentlemen that make up its membership. I pray for you all the very best of everything and for God's Blessing upon the Council.

p.s., I'll be expecting the coveted coffee cup!



Congratulations Joey!!!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY 2020**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Officers Meeting _____	02
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 am	
Ultreya Meeting _____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Stand Up for Life March _____	11
Columbia, SC Contact Don Campbell for additional information - 843-471-1085	
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	18
Gold Bug Island —6:30 to 9 PM	
Martin Luther King Day _____	20

COUNCIL OFFICERS

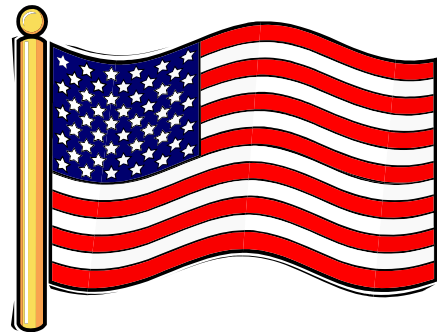
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Robert A. Spencer	843-884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerny	843-883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	843-471-2121
Spiritual Director	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Grand Knight	Tom Siwarski	610-213-5226
Deputy Grand Knight	Joey Keller	859-619-1654
Chancellor	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-813-1783
Recorder	John Danko III	520-300-6458
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Bob Fintak	803-917-1530
Warden	Bobby Geberth	845-282-5546
Inside Guard	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
Outside Guard	Joe Harkins Jr.	267-974-6534
3 Yr. Trustee	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
2 Yr. Trustee	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
1 Yr. Trustee	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-729-7734
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	Michael Fabrizio - SM	843-200-1555
	Robert Geberth - SB	843-654-9549
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
Vocations Chairman	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Pro/Life Couple	John Danko III	520-300-6458
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
Council Director	Bobby Geberth	845-282-5546
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	843-856-5034
Family Director	Tony Certa	843-352-4445
Culture of Life Director	John Danko III	520-300-6458
Youth Director	Mike Flato	843-973-1409
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Admission Chairman	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Recruitment Committee	Michael Fabrizio- SM	843-200-1555
	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Robert Geberth-SB	845-282-5546
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
	Robert Fintak	803-971-1530
Retention Chairman	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Insurance Promotion	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Columbus Hope Chairman	Fran & Tom Franzone	843-729-5413
Newsletter		
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Daniel Barton	843-367-1871
District Deputy	James Daugomah	843-817-9655
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Robert Brennan
 Michael Carter
 Mark Cecil
 Michael Clarkin
 Jeffrey DeCapua
 David DiPietro
 Charles Drouillard
 Robert Fintak*

*Patrick Flood
 Joseph Frick
 Carl Geier
 James Harris
 Patrick Hunkler
 Michael Joyce
 Brian Justice
 Daniel Keller
 Thomas Kenzik
 Gene Knisley
 Frederick Koch
 Brenden Lo
 John McDermott*

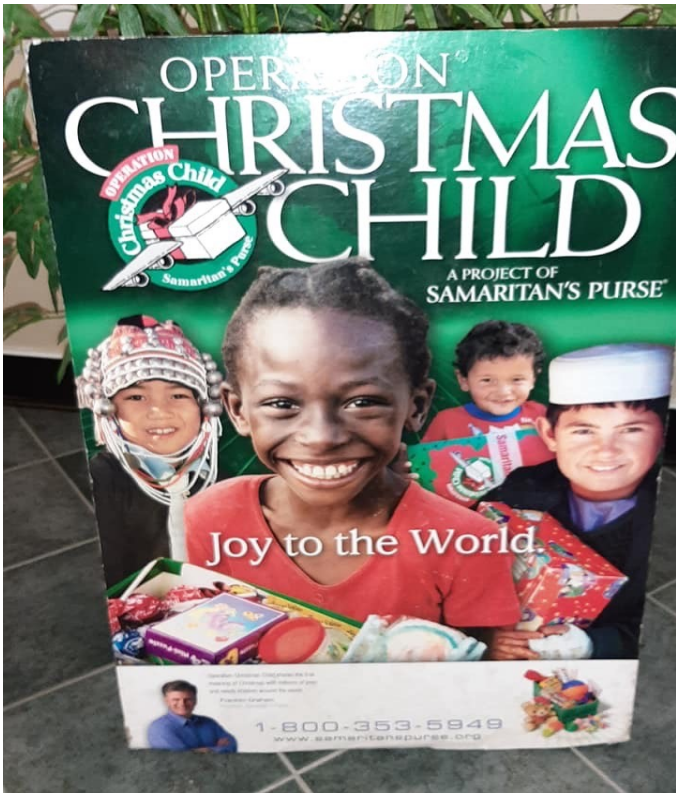
*Daniel McKay
 Larry Miller
 Victor Mroczkowski
 Leo Russo
 William Shoemaker
 Matthew Story
 Marco Vasquez
 James Welsch*



GOD BLESS AMERICA

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

What a great job done by all under the supervision of Kathy and Greg Raven



The Cunnane girls left Valerie and right Annie carrying large boxes into Grace Hall for packing.



Boxes of shoe boxes being brought out of Kathy and Greg's house and being loaded into trailer to be taken to Christ Our King Grace Hall for the packing operation party.



A years work for Kathy and Greg on display and ready to be packed into shoeboxes.

Thank You Letter from Kathy Raven

There are no words to express the gratitude Greg and I feel for you coming to our rescue. How do you thank someone who leaves the comfort of their home at night to lift lots of heavy cartons? How do you thank someone for taking the time out of their day to help with the packing party? You are the real heroes because without you, there would be no packing party. With you, almost 2400 children will hear the name Jesus Christ.

Between the Knights and the Scouts, I don't think we ever had that many people in our home at the same time.

There were so many trucks and people on Monday night, that I am sure my neighbors thought we were either having a big party, or that we were sneaking out in the middle of the night for non-payment of our mortgage.

After returning from the sad occasion of the death of a loved one to the greeting of so much help, we were overwhelmed. For me, one of the best things about this project is to see so much kindness of others.

I said, words cannot express how we feel and I don't know how to thank you, but let me try.

From the bottom of my heart, Thank You.

Serving HIM together,

Kathy



What a great smile from a great couple and All They Do
Kathy and Greg.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH FUND RAISER
IS UNDERWAY THANKS TO BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FAMILY**



Our Wreath decorating Elves this year left to right Maddie Harlan, Regina, Fran, Caroline Franzone, Doris and Mary Wright.



A winter wonderland of decorated wreaths ready for sale.

Meditation on Being a Humble, Servant Leader

Sirach 35: 12-18; Ps 34: 2-23; Lk 18:9-24

Our meditation points out the qualities of people who are extremely important to our church today: humble, servant leaders. This leads us to consider if we are we humble, servant leaders.

The Old Testament book of Sirach has an interesting back-story. Its source is from the writings of Ben Sira. He was a highly respected teacher who lived a good and holy life. He wrote papers, not for personal gain, but for all who sought instruction. He taught that the Jewish way of life was superior to the Greek way of life. The pagan Greek culture had made its impact felt throughout the Near East. Over the years, his writings led many people to persevere in their faith through good times and bad. His grandson took many of the writings of his grandfather, which were written in Hebrew, and translated them into the document that we now call the book of Sirach. Ben Sira is a good example of a humble, servant leader. The way he lived his life was an inspiration to many, including his grandson. The way he lived his life resulted in his grandson becoming one.

We are told: “the one who serves God willingly is heard, his petitions reach the heavens.” It does not matter if we are rich or poor, oppressed, an orphan, a widow. Our prayers will pierce the clouds. God will respond favorably, in his time and in his way, to those who keep the Commandments and avoid being unjust to their neighbor. Psalm 34 tells us: “when the just cry out, the Lord hears them and from their distress, He rescues them.”

We will all have difficulties from time to time. If we are just, if we remain humble, if we serve God and our neighbor, He will hear us and come to our rescue in His time and in His way. We can rely on this.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus addresses those who might think more of themselves than they deserve. He used characters who would have been familiar to his audience in his attempt to turn around commonly held beliefs. He reminded his audience, and us, to always remain humble, servant leaders, in good times and bad. He contrasts the attitudes of the Pharisee with the tax collector. The people would have looked upon the Pharisee as righteous, honest and upright. Jesus presents him as a person who thought too much of himself and believed the tax collector was not worthy of God’s forgiveness. The tax collector was looked down upon by just about everybody in the community. Most tax collectors were thought to cheat the people by demanding more than was due and they turned most of the collected taxes over to the roman occupiers. These would have been the clear expectations by the audience for the Pharisee and tax collector but Jesus turned those expectations around. The tax collector was truly humble. He was sorry for his sins: “o God be merciful to me a sinner.” He received forgiveness of his sins. Not so for the proud Pharisee.

We are told: “God will humble whoever exalts himself and the one who humbles himself will be exalted, raised up, blessed. This is the lesson for us. We need to always remain humble and not think about our accomplishments or ourselves. We need to give God thanks for all the good things he does for us. Let us recognize our sinfulness and our complete dependence upon God’s goodness and mercy. Being a humble, servant leader is what we should want to be. We can become one by trusting in the Lord, living our lives as Jesus taught us, and being good examples for everyone around us: our families, friends, and business associates. God will come to us in our time of need and we will be there for people in their time of need. This will give us a chance to lead those people to be humble, servant leaders too, just like ben Sira and his grandson



Deacon Kevin Campbell