



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family: May this holy, wondrous and blessed season of Advent and Christmas bring you peace, joy, and warmth. May it also refresh your spirit and light up your life.

As Knights, we have multiple opportunities to share and give joy during the season. As I type this message, wreaths are being sold at the Christ Our King Christmas tree sale. If you have not had a chance to sign up for a shift, please do. The smell of fresh cut pine is sure to kick-start any Christmas spirit. The weekend of December 10th & 11th we will again be participating in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Light Parade. As always, the theme is Keep Christ in Christmas. If you are willing to assist in building the float on the morning of 12/10, we need your help. Please keep an eye on your email, more details will follow soon. We also need walkers to accompany the float on the parade route. Details on this will be shared via email.

As was mentioned at the last council meeting and in the last newsletter, we are honored to have the chance to host the St. Joseph Icon and conduct a prayer service in his honor. Plans are being finalized now, but please hold your calendar open for the evening of December 15th. (The night of our regularly scheduled council meeting.) If you are interested in participating as a leader, reader or singer for that event, please let myself or Joe Nesbit know. We are tentatively going to hold the prayer service at St. Benedict church. All Knights, friends, family and the parishioners of all parishes are most cordially invited.

And what would the holiday season be without our annual Christmas party! The joint Council and Assembly Christmas party will be December 16th at the Christ Our King Beach House starting at 6:30pm. The Knights will provide the main course and beverages. Please bring a side dish for all to share. In the spirit of giving, we also ask everyone to bring a non-perishable item to be donated to ECCO. In addition to dinner, we will have a Christmas sweater contest, a Christmas trivia contest, and a prize for most delicious side dish.

Lastly, a reminder that December 15th is the Our Lady of Guadalupe feast. Here is a prayer most suitable for the occasion.

**Loving God, as Advent days continue, we pause to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Honoring our Lady's message of hope, we open our hearts and offer our prayers for all who are in special need of her help and care this day.
Honoring our Lady's message of peace, we work and pray for the unity of all people, and for true and lasting peace on earth.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Knights of Columbus, pray for us.
Mother of God, pray for us.
Queen of Peace, pray for us.
Amen.**

As always, I very much hope to see you at an upcoming council meeting, service event or social gathering. Please call and invite a brother who hasn't attended in a while. Or if you can, please bring another brother with you.

Pray for peace. Vivat Jesus.
Matt Feltman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2022

Officers Meeting_____	01
COK-Life Center- 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK-7:30 AM to 7:00 AM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK-7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	06
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade____	10
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate	
one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	11
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary : 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party _____	16
Christ Our King - Beach House,	
1122 Russell Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.	
6:30 PM—Til. Bring a side dish or dessert.	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Christmas Day_____	25
Feast of the Holy Family_____	30
New Year's Eve_____	31



Brother Knights that Manned Funnel Cake Booth @ Christ Our King/Stella Maris Bazaar 11/5/22

Thank You to the following Brother Knights that worked COK/SM Bazaar:

Shane Cherry, Jim Welsch, Chuck Drouillard, Mark Lazo, Bill Shoemaker, Michael Fabrizo, Marion Wright, Jerry Gimbert and Tom Franzone.



Above is a picture taken by Chuck Drouillard. Left to right Bill Shoemaker, Michael Fabrizo and Tom Franzone



Above is our clean-up crew left Marion Wright and Jerry Gimbert.



**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHAIRTY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**

The exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the Nave of St. Benedict's Church November 17, 2022.



In the picture to the left are our new Knights. Left to right are transfer Knight Stephen Fallon, new Knights Ben Minister, Dennis Murphy and Jeremiah Dempsey. Our Council 9475 Welcomes You All.

Family of the Quarter
November 2022
Thomas and Amanda McQueeney

Thomas (Tommy) and Amanda (Mandy) were both born and raised in Charleston, SC. They met through mutual friends and have been married for 25 years. They have five children and five grandkids between them.

Tommy graduated from Bishop England High School in 1970 and from The Citadel in 1974 with honors and a BA in English. He has worked as an Insurance Agent with State Farm Insurance Company since 1982 and has achieved many accolades, including: President's Club Multiline, President's Club Life, Chairman's Circle, Crystal Excellence Award. He also holds the Company-wide Life Insurance Monthly Sales Record (209 Policies in March 1991). Mandy spent 19 years working in the banking industry and now is working for the State Farm agency along with Tommy.

Tommy is deeply involved with the Low Country community and has served in numerous capacities. These include: Chairman, National Medal of Honor Center for Leadership. (Appointed by Governor of South Carolina to Patriots Point Development Authority 2018), Founded Santa's Kind Intentions, Inc. ("SKI FOUNDATION") 1998 – present, and The Charleston Firefighter's Memorial Commission (2008-10) (Appointed by U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham to this memorial commission. Assisted with the development of a usage plan for the site of the June 18, 2007, fire that took the lives of nine Charleston Firefighters). Tommy has also authored seventeen books.

Mandy, is an active exercise and fitness person who has dedicated much of her life to helping others, especially the elderly. She attends two Bible Study groups weekly at Seacoast Church and participates in many community and spiritual activities there. Tommy is a member of COK. He is also a Board Member of Our Lady of Mercy Outreach and a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 704. He is also a Fourth Degree Member of the P.N. Lynch Assembly

Their five children and spouses are all accomplished. Billy, a Citadel graduate lives in Mount Pleasant and is an independent insurance agent married with 3 children. His wife, Jennifer, is a USC graduate and is in management at Benefit Focus. Joey is a USC graduate and works as a State Farm Agent in Denver and is engaged to a young lady (Beth) who is a CPA. Katie, a USC graduate lives West Ashley and is married to Chris Altman, who also a Citadel graduate. Chris is a contractor sales person and Katie is a homemaker and they have two children. Austin, who is a Clemson graduate is single and works for Charleston County Schools as a supervisor. Thomas is a sophomore at Berklee School of Music and works part time. He loves music and plays piano, organ, and guitar.

The entire McQueeney clan (15 in total) are going on a special family cruise at Christmas time.

It had been planned by Mandy three years prior, but delayed by COVID. It will give them time to enjoy the closeness of family in a spirit of celebration focused on Christian values.

Congratulations Tommy and Mandy!!!



Above left to right Family Director Kurt Denner presented Tommy and Mandy McQueeney with the Family of the Quarter certificate and Grand Knight Matt Feltman had presented Tommy with Knights cup in Tommy's hand.

Knight of the Month
November 2022
John Danko Jr.

Born June 29, 1948 to Hungarian parents and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. His father immigrated to the United States in 1940 just prior to WWII. I always prided myself in my ethnic background, particularly Hungarian food.

Education: St. Vincent De Paul, grade school, Benedictine HS; graduated from University of Akron with a BS in Civil Engineering, and obtained a Master in Science in Business Administration from Kent State University.

My early professional career I practiced as an Environmental Engineer primarily in water & sewerage systems with Engineering Consulting firms. I then transitioned into marketing Professional Services including A/E and Construction Services which brought me and my young family to the Land of "Smiling Faces & Beautiful Places" – South Carolina in 1983.

In 1990 started my own real estate development business in Columbia where my wife Deborah & I raised our three wonderful children, James, Angela & John, III. Following my business we moved in 2015 to the Charleston area and live in Mt. Pleasant. Together with my daughter Melissa we have six grandchildren.

Tragically, our son James died August 22, 2017 at the age of 33 years. Jimmie's passing had a devastating impact on the entire family and a traumatic effect on me. But with God's help and the Grief Ministry here at St. Benedict's I've learned to fill the hole in my heart with loving memories of my son. Recognizing that there are many people who have a great need to understand their grief from a loss of their loved one, I continue to be an active participant and volunteer in our Grief Ministry.

Congratulations John!!!



Left to right Family Director Kurt Denner presented John Danko Jr. with Knight of the Month certificate and Grand Knight Matt Had presented John with Knights cup in John's hand.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Michael & Kathleen Eovino
Anthony & Phyllis Francin
Jackey & Lauren Frye
Richard & Mary Garcia
Daniel & Tina Jost
Michael & Eileen Joyce
Mark & Debbie Lazo
William Lewis
Gregory & Carol Loss
James & Eileen Morini
Joseph & Dawn Myers
Francis & Kristen O'Neil
Greg & Kathy Raven
Stephen & Ann Raynor
James & Evelyn Wasson*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Robert Brennan
Michael Carter
Michael Clarkin
Jeffrey DeCapua
David DiPietro
Charles Drouillard
Robert Fintak
Joseph Frick
Patrick Hunkler
Michael Joyce
Brian Justice
Thomas Kenzik
Gene Knisley
Frederick Koch
Brenden Lo
Daniel McKay
Martin McNulty
Larry Miller
Michael O'Connor
Ed O'Donnoghue
Patrick O'Hara
Juan Ramirez
Matthew Ridenour
Leo Russo
William Shoemaker
Matthew Story
Marco Vasquez
James Wasson
James Welsch*



**Presentation of Insurance
Founders' Award for 2021-2022**

In picture standing right is our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt who is presenting our Grand Knight Matt Feltman with the Founders' Award Plaque for our Council 9475 meeting the requirements and Councils Insurance Quota of 2.5 percent of the membership.

Congratulations Council 9475!!!



Christmas Wreath Sales Fund Raiser Underway



170 red wreath bows made and ready in frog waiting for wreaths to be delivered on Friday, Nov. 25.



Wreath arrived and wife's of Knights and Lady Friends of Fran's, our hard working Elves, decorating wreaths. Front left around table Shirley Wolf, Jean deGruly, Nancy Lee Hill, Fran Franzone, Marilyn Groble and Doris Wright. Standing way in the back is Hank Wolf supervising.



Above is about 100 of the completed decorated wreaths ready to be delivered to our sales tent.



Wreath are delivered to our sales tent and we are ready for sales. The brother Knights that erected the tent are Joe Harkins, Joe Harkins Jr., Marion Wright, Jerry Gimbert, Carlos Araiza, Hank Wolf and Tom Franzone. Thank You All!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
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 7:00 AM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	07
COK — 7:30 am	
Martin Luther King Day _____	16
Regular Business Meeting _____	19
St. Benedict’s Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility _____	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	28
Gold Bug Island	

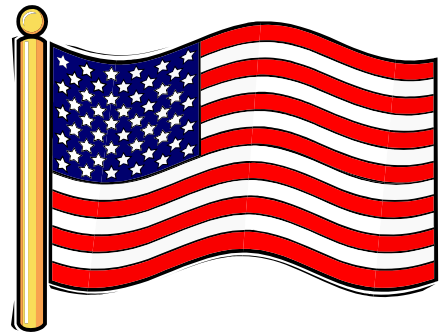
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

MEDITATION ON JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23: 35-43

As we approach the feast day of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, I wanted to make our meditation about that.

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It sounds like he is some kind of a super hero. Actually, he is a real-life super hero. Just like the imaginary ones, like superman, who give us their all, Jesus Christ gave us everything he had: he showed us how to live our lives so that we can have peace, joy and happiness on this earth to the extent possible. He also sacrificed his life for us so that we will be with him in heaven someday. This makes him a super hero.

This leads us to a question: is Jesus the real king of our lives? We start by asking what kind of king is Jesus?

Bishop Robert Barron tells us, there are three dimensions of Jesus' kingship. They will lead us to realize what a strange and surprising king he is. They will also lead to want to have Jesus as the king of our lives.

In the 2nd book of Samuel, the 12 tribes of Israel came to David and anointed him king. David brought all the tribes together. He was the unifying king. Jesus is the new David. He is the unifier who brings all the nations of the world together. He sent out the apostles with these words: "go and make disciples of all nations".

The first dimension of Jesus' kingship is that he is here to unify all people to his Church. He invites us to be a part of this and he wants us to be unifiers too with the way we live our lives. We will have so many opportunities to invite people to join his Church: in our schools, workplaces, families, and social groups.

God had promised David that his kingdom would last forever. This came about in the coming of Jesus. But Jesus had some work to do. He could not be a passive king. In the letter to the Colossians, the power of darkness was evident in the way the people lived their lives back then. They had no hope of salvation.

Let's face it, darkness is still here in this world. We have unhappiness, worry, sadness, anxiety, even despair in our lives. Fortunately, we have Jesus, the warrior king. He will deliver us from the power of darkness. He is an awesome God! He will forgive us of our sins if we ask him. He has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation for more serious sins.

He wants us to believe and trust that he will not give us a situation that we cannot handle if we are faithful to him. He will get us through every problem, in his time and in his way. He will take all away all forms of darkness in our lives through his forgiveness and love. God's love is more powerful than all of the cruelty, injustice and even death that the world can throw at us.

The second dimension of Jesus Christ is that he is a warrior king. He is ready to help us overcome the power of darkness as long as we live our lives as he taught us.

Luke's gospel presents Jesus as a strange and surprising king. He was mocked, jeered, whipped, scourged, and forced to carry a cross to his death. The cross had a sign on it that was supposed to humiliate him ever further: "here is Jesus, the king of the Jews". So, the same people who thought it was cruel to put that sign on the cross, are now taunting him, saying: if you are really the king of the Jews, the Christ, the son of God, save yourself. Come down from the cross". They missed the point which may have been to their detriment at the end of their lives. Jesus did not come into the world to save himself but to save them and us, if we ask.

So the third dimension of Jesus' kingship is that he is our savior. He really wants us to be with him in heaven someday.

The good thing about this is that our saving king is available to us all during our time on this earth. All we need to do is ask him. Think of the good thief, who probably had been a criminal his whole life before he met Jesus. But now, at the very end of his life, he asked Jesus to forgive him and he was forgiven of every sin he had ever committed. The good thief gave us some guidance on how we can establish a relationship with Jesus. He acknowledged his faith and belief in Jesus. He confessed his sins. He took responsibility for them. No excuses. He sought mercy and forgiveness. Then he asked to be with Jesus, to make Jesus a part of his life.

Now, let's not wait as long as the good thief did, if possible. We don't want to be like the bad thief. He was not able to turn his life around even though he was in the presence of Jesus at the end of his life.

It's simple really: Live our lives as Jesus taught us. If we do, we will have the peace, joy, and happiness that only God can give during our lives and, at the end of our lives, we will hear some of the sweetest words in the Gospel: "Today you will be with me in paradise".



Deacon Kevin Campbell