



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers Knights, as we begin the season of Advent, we ask Jesus to come into our lives just as he came to earth on Christmas to live among us.

We held our first in-person exemplification 19 Nov 2020 at St. Benedict's during the monthly meeting. We welcomed Dewitt (Dee) Ring and elevated Keith Keohane to the Third Degree. Any First or Second Degree Brother who would like to advance to the Third Degree, let myself or Matt Feltman know and we can make it happen (at no cost). The next monthly meeting is 17 Dec 2020. Rosary begins 6:00pm, business meeting starts 6:30. The meeting will be cast via Zoom as well.

As December marches on, Council 9475 continues to support worthwhile religious and family programs. Wreath sales begin 27 November at Christ Our King. If you are in need of a wreath or Christmas tree, stop by and purchase one (or both). The Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade is still scheduled for 13 December. We will be participating with a float. The Council is sponsoring the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay contest. We have eight entrants from Christ Our King. We continue to support the Our Lady of Mercy food bank. On the flip side, due to the continued concerns over the pandemic the annual Christmas party and the oyster roast have been cancelled.

Finally, I ask each of you to continue to pray for the end of abortion and this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt
G/K

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2020

DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Ultreya Meeting_____	01
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK-7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK-7:30 AM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	12
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	13
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
Regular Meeting in person and will attempt webcast 6:30 PM Grand Knight will send Info.	
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466	
Rosary : 6:00 PM Meeting: 6:30 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Christmas Day_____	25



Knights of Columbus



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Joseph Frick
Patrick Hunkler
Michael Joyce
Brian Justice
Daniel Keller
Thomas Kenzik
Gene Knisley
Frederick Koch
Brenden Lo
John McDermott
Daniel McKay

Larry Miller
Michael O'Connor
Leo Russo
William Shoemaker
Matthew Story
Marco Vasquez
James Wasson
James Welsch



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
James & Evelyn Wasson



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY 2021**

**DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 am	
Ultreya Meeting _____	05
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	07
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	07
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	21
Regular Meeting in person and will attempt webcast 6:30 PM Grand Knight will send Info. St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466 Rosary : 6:00 PM Meeting: 6:30 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	16
Gold Bug Island — CANCELLED	
Martin Luther King Day _____	18

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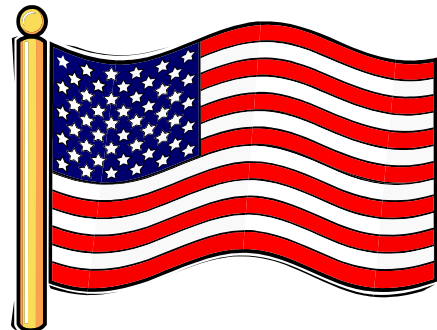
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- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Our First In Person Exemplification 11/19/20 Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity



Above is Our Degree Team In Action



Above left is our new Brother Knight Dee Ring receiving the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Center is Brother Knight Keith Keohane receiving his Degree in Fraternity. Right is Brother Knight and Team member Jeff Pulaski.

**Knight of the Month
November 2020
Donald J. (D.J.) Thatcher**

D.J. joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 after serving for many years with the Sertoma Club of Lancaster, PA, his hometown. He is a Fourth-Degree Knight and has volunteered with the oyster roasts, book sales, spaghetti dinners, Christmas Wreath sales, and other projects. He was Grand Knight in 2011 and oversaw the transition of the Council's home to St. Benedict's Parish. He is a member of Christ Our King Parish and serves as a Lector and Usher.

D.J. self-admittedly keeps a crazy schedule! He is a global master trainer for Dale Carnegie, helping individuals and organizations take command of their communication, people skills, leadership, and other areas. His clients include global household-name companies as well as many local ones as well. Most of his work involves interacting virtually from his local studio, and he performs in-person training as well. He has TV and radio broadcast experience and performs commercial voice and video services for the medical community and others.

D.J. has also enjoyed a 40-year career in the medical field as a paramedic and registered nurse, specializing in emergency, trauma, and critical care. He has served as the manager of a level-1 trauma center and was a chief nursing officer of a medical center. He continues work as a medical educator and as a part-time paramedic and nurse with Charleston County EMS in their busy 911 system.

D.J. also enjoys playing with trains---albeit BIG ones! He has worked as the senior conductor on the Strasburg Railroad, a steam railroad in his native Pennsylvania, and the oldest continuously operated railroad in North America. As he says, "*some guys golf and fish---I work 911 and run real trains!*".

His wife, Allyson, is a pain management physician with Trident Pain Center and she was (pre-COVID) a Cantor and member of the choir at Christ Our King. They have four adult children--- Michael, an Equity stage actor on Broadway; Olivia, an AP high school teacher and rising principal at Wando; Andrew, a firefighter-paramedic in Charleston and also a combat flight medic for the SC Army National Guard; and Joseph, who works in IT and cybersecurity.

D.J. is extremely honored to have been thought of for this recognition and loves his Brother Knights!!



Congratulations DJ!!!

**Family of the Month
November 2020
Keith and Donna Keohane**

Donna and Keith met at Donna's house as Keith was a friend of her brother. Who at the time kept it a secret that he had a sister, most of all one that was of dating age. After avoiding several requests from her brother to move on. They were engaged and married in 1984 at St. Philomena's Catholic Church in Livingston, NJ. Recently celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary this past July.

Keith has been in the Plastic Packaging Industry concentrating on Injection Molding for 35 yrs. Overtime his forte became helping European manufacturers start up their businesses in the USA. He would investigate possible sites, help with integration and implementation of such opportunities in North America. Then having the opportunity to either stay and direct them or move to the next challenge. For the past 20years he has worked for Guala Dispensing as V.P. North American Sales & Marketing.

Donna is a hairstylist and artist. She belongs to Mount Pleasant Artist Guild and displays her paintings at the Perspective Gallery in Mount Pleasant.

Donna and Keith have three grown children: Brian, Miles (Halie, daughter n law) & Eric all living in the Charleston area. Donna is anxiously awaiting to have grandchildren. The Keohane's have been active members in Saint Benedict since 2009 where Donna has been involved in several ministries specifically Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, Right to Life, Hospitality and Keith serves as an usher and Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. Both are heavily involved with Emmaus.

Keith joined the Knights of Columbus November 2016 and is a Third Degree Knight as of the same Regular Meeting as this presentation. He is looking forward to actively supporting and participating in many Knights activities.

Congratulations Keith and Donna



Left is our Deputy Grand Knight and Acting Family Director Matt Feltman just presented Keith Keohane center with the Family of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt stands-by.

OUR COUNCIL 9475 WREATH SALE FUND RAISER IS UNDERWAY



Look above at what Santa's Helpers Doris and Mary Wright, Shirley Wolf, Marilyn Groble and Fran Franzone did. They all headed North before their picture was taken.



Worthy Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt selling wreaths.

Meditation for the Advent Season

By Deacon Kevin Campbell

Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1;3-9; Mk 13:33-37

As we approach the first Sunday in Advent it is the time to start making some really good resolutions for our spiritual lives, to find our Advent State of Mind. Something to reflect on as we strive for this, is an occurrence that frequently happened in the ancient world and still happens today: kidnapping.

Jim and Joan were on a camping trip in Thailand. They were advised not to go into certain areas but they were a very adventurous, thrill seeking couple who disregarded these warnings. Unfortunately one evening their camp was raided by some local criminals who kidnapped them and held them for ransom. They were now at the mercy of not only their kidnappers but also their ability to find someone who could somehow be contacted to come to their aid and redeem them from their captors. They were in serious trouble. These were not rich people by any means. Not only did they need to get word to their potential saviors, but those people would need to get money together, travel half way around the world to find the kidnappers to pay the ransom, and then hope that they would not get into the same situation themselves.

At this point it did not matter what Jim and Joan may have done in their lives. They may have been the best of people in the way they lived their lives. All they could do was wait, watch and hope someone might come to pay the ransom. They are desperate for this help. This is the Advent State of Mind we need to move into for this Advent Season: we need to be desperate, without anything or anyone who can help us except God. We need to realize that we are totally dependent upon God.

To some extent we are all sinners and held by a power that is beyond us. We need to break free from this captive situation but how do we do that?

This was the situation in our first reading. After the Babylonian conquest in 587 BC, the leading citizens of Israel were kidnapped and taken to Babylon. They were helpless and hopeless, held by a power much greater than themselves. They had brought this situation upon themselves by their sinfulness. They had turned from worshiping the one true God to worshiping idols. They lost God's blessing and they were conquered by Babylon and sent to exile to there.

Isaiah tells them that God, who he calls their redeemer, is there to help them return to their homeland but they need to change their ways. He calls them an unclean people whose prior good deeds meant nothing. Their good deeds are really just polluted rags, yet God will redeem them if they turn their lives over to him. The important point is that they cannot do it themselves. They need God to come to their rescue.

This is the same for us. To some extent or another, there is sin in our lives that we cannot overcome. We are helpless and hopeless. Yet we have a redeemer in Jesus Christ who lived, suffered, died and rose again for us to live a life that will give us peace, joy and happiness in this world to the extent possible and to be with Him in Heaven one day.

We all may have certain forms of addictions that can put us into these hopeless conditions. Whether it is drugs, alcohol, pornography, work, success, money or fame, we can all be in the grip of a power that is greater than us. We may become out of control as it takes over our lives. We can do nothing to solve the problems ourselves. In fact the more we try to do it ourselves, the deeper we get into problems. All of our good deeds up to this point are nothing but polluted rags. Even the best things we do are tainted by the dysfunction caused by the sins of gossip, pride, love of money, and selfishness.

What can we do? As bishop Robert Barron tells us, there is nothing we can do on our own. As with our kidnap victims, we must call upon the name of the only person who can help us. sinners as we are, we must call upon the name of Jesus. We need to cling to him. This is the Advent State of Mind we need to move into.

In our second reading, St. Paul tells us that Jesus Christ is our true redeemer. He gives us what we need to be free of our kidnappers, like the devil and any addiction we may have. It is His Grace, freely given by Him, which we need. All we have to do is ask. We may be lost, but Jesus gives us His divine love to get us through any situation. By His death, He paid the price for us to be free from the control of sin.

In our Gospel, we are told to be watchful for the Lord to come to save us. Just like the kidnap victims, who would have been waiting and watching every day, we need to get to the point where we realize that we are helpless without the Love and Grace of Jesus in our lives. This Love and Grace will free us from whatever is preventing us from living our lives as Jesus would like us to. In this Advent season, we need to be open to accept the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ. Similar to the kidnap victims whose lives were changed when their redeemer arrived to free them, our lives will be radically changed on Christmas morning. Our waiting and watching will be rewarded as we welcome the Grace and Love of our Brother, Jesus, into our lives, freeing us from whatever captivity we may be in.



Deacon Kevin