



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers and Spouses,

We begin the Advent season 28 November 2021; the beginning of the ecclesiastical year in the Western churches. It is a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love.

Our November meeting was highlighted with a mass in honor of Brother Joe Scheirman and in memory of Brother Stan Adams. Following the mass, an information briefing was given by Taylor Smith and Deana Latanzio from the Christ Our King Respect for Life Ministry regarding the Safe haven Baby Box legislative initiative they are championing. At the conclusion of the talk we enjoyed an outstanding dinner prepared and served by the wives.

The winner of the Council's Catholic Citizenship essay is Arden Atkinson. Her essay has been forwarded to the District Deputy for the District competition. A copy of the essay is included in this newsletter.

December is going to be a busy month. The Mount Pleasant Christmas parade is scheduled for 12 December 2021. Council 9475 will attempt to go for a third straight winning float for our category. Brother Josh Hullen is coordinating the effort and we need all the help we can get to build the float. Float build day is 11 December 2021. Our annual wreath sale began 26 November 2021. Come early to get a beautiful evergreen wreath as they go fast. Additionally, our combined, Council 9475 and Assembly 3243, Christmas party is scheduled for 17 December 2021 at the Beach House. Thanks go out to Matt Feltman and his crew who are planning the effort.

Please continue to pray for the end of COVID-19.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt  
G/K

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2021

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 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK-7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	11
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	12
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary : 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party _____	17
Christ Our King - Beach House,	
1122 Russell Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.	
6 PM—Til. Bring a side dish or dessert.	
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	
Christmas Day_____	25



**Knight of the Month  
November 2021  
Joe Scheirman  
And  
Honor Mass for Joe and Stan Adams**

Before our Regular Knights Meeting there was a Mass honoring Brother Knight Joe Scheirman for his service to the Church, Knights and Country. The Mass also honored Brother Knight Stan Adams who recently passed.

After the Mass Joe was presented with a Knights jacket donated by Brother Knight Don Campbell. Then Joe was recognized for being Knight of the Month for November 2021.

Joe Scheirman was born in 1950 in Charleston, WV. He attended Charleston College majoring in Sociology. While attending Charleston College he joined the Army Reserve. In 1973, he graduated from the West Virginia State Police Basic Academy and became a patrolman. During this time, Joe met Jeannie, his wife for the past 43 years. Joe and Jeannie have three children and five grandchildren. Joe and Jeannie moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2008.

Joe has an illustrious civil and military career. He has served in the public domain as an Administrative Assistant to the County Circuit Clerk, a US Army Dual Status Technician, an Operations Sergeant Major of the 4th Brigade. He has earned 9 civilian service awards and 34 military awards, including the Meritorious Service Award. The Scheirman family was presented The Great American Family Award from Nancy Regan and the First Army General in 1987.

Sir Knight Joe is a past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3243. Joe has also served in the assembly Honor Guard but is probably most well-known for his generosity and patriotism when he is presenting encased American flags. Which he has done over a dozen times.

Joe and Jeannie are active with our book sales, spaghetti dinners, tootsie roll functions and wreath sales. As a parishioner at St. Benedict Church, Joe serves as an extraordinary Eucharistic minister and does Somerby Ministry.

Please join me in congratulating November's Knight of the Month, Sir Knight Joe Scheirman.



Right is our Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt presenting Joe with Knights Jacket donated by Brother Knight Don Campbell.



Above left is Brother Joe Scheirman receiving Knight of the Month Certificate from Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt.



## Guest Speakers

Our guest speakers were Taylor Smith and Deana Lattanzio. They gave us a talk on Safe Haven Baby Boxes. They explained how the program works.

1. Installing baby boxes in designated communities.
2. Educating the community on Safe Haven law.
3. Engaging Mothers-in-Crisis through the National Safe Haven Crisis Hotline 1-866-99BABY1 - [www.shbb.org](http://www.shbb.org)



Above left is Taylor Smith and right is Deana Lattanzio.

**Family of the Quarter  
November 2021  
Greg and Stasi Gormley**

Greg is originally from Huntington Beach, California. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from San Diego State University. His family moved to Mt. Pleasant deliberately to be located in a smaller, more value oriented environment than they found in Southern California. They consider Christ Our King Parish and the Knights to be a major part of that decision process. And now they have been part of the Christ our King community for 20+ years. Greg is the owner and operator of Smart Senior technology services... A technology company that specializes in helping Senior citizens

He has been married to his wife Stasi for 23 years and they have three boys. All of whom went through the COK parish school. Andrew is 22, just graduated from USC in May and now has started a career with a sports marketing company in Columbia. Michael is 19, a sophomore at USC. He is in the AIR Force ROTC program with a goal of being a pilot. Luke is 17, and a Jr. at Lucy Beckham. Stasi went through the RICA program and converted to Catholicism in 2002. She helps with the Marriage Ministry, family ministry, and is a youth ministry for edge. She is an Occupational Therapist who specializes in the vision impaired community and has her own company called Stasi's Low vision therapy.

Greg joined the Knights in 2002 and is a 4th Degree. Greg has been active in the parish as an usher at church and as a youth minister for middle school students.

**Congratulations Greg and Stasi!!!**



Left is Kurt Denner Family Director just presented our Family of the Quarter Greg Gormley with a certificate center and our Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt standing-by.

**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  
Martin McNulty  
Larry Miller  
Michael O'Connor  
Ed O'Donnoghue  
Juan Ramirez  
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*



# Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

## Winner Arden Atkinson 8th Grade

“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” -Revelation 2:10. This bible quote describes the need to resist temptation and remain faithful to God in order to have eternal life with him in heaven. While this sounds like a fairly simple task, it is easier said than done.

Ever since the beginning of time, people have faced temptations. Whether it is faith related, such as Catholics worshipping false gods because of lack of faith, or simply just a little problem that people face everyday, such as the temptation to hit snooze when you really should get up for school. Especially today, with the internet, social media, and new ideas all around us, it seems temptation is everywhere. As a teen in 2021, it is definitely a struggle to remain faithful and resist temptation, but with the help of my parents, teachers, and friends, I have learned how to always live according to God's word and not give in to temptation.

Anyone who has been a teenager knows that it's not easy. Insecurities, popularity, stress, and school are just some of the many things on an average teenager's mind all the time. Now, more than ever, with teens being exposed to social media and the temptations it creates, faithfulness is dropping on the list of their priorities. Social media is a main source for both things good and bad. It is a great way to stay connected and make friends with others, however, it is also a platform for bad things to happen, such as teens posting pictures of themselves that are neither modest nor appropriate. I have seen many of my friends blinded from what is right just because they see others doing something wrong on social media. I think that it is very

important that teens understand that as faithful Catholics, we must express modesty and humbleness in everything we do, even if society tells us that it is not necessary.

It is hard being a kid and growing up listening to two sides of the story constantly; society and the Church. The two have contradicting beliefs and ideas on so many things. However, despite the temptations and confusions of society, I have still been able to remain faithful to God and the Church with the help of others, especially my parents. My mom has always told me to stay modest in my appearance and I am very grateful for that. My mom taught me that covering up looks better on people, especially young girls, and doesn't attract unwanted attention from anyone. Despite current trends, children and teens should always be advised to turn to the church for their opinion before doing anything they could regret. My religion class has also helped me in always trying to do what is right. In my eighth grade religion class, I have come to better understand my faith and why the Catholic church believes the things it does.

Through all the temptations and difficulties of being a teenager, the Catholic faith has helped me remain the best version of myself. I am extremely grateful for everyone who has helped me lead a faith-filled life. Having faith is hard sometimes, but from personal experience, I know that God will always be there for me and call me back to him when I need it most. Temptation is a part of life, but with God and strong faith on your side, you can overcome anything that comes your way.

# Christmas Wreath Sales Fund raiser underway and Thank You

Thank You to all Brother Knights and their wife that signed up to sell wreaths and a shout out to Joe Harkins Sr., Joe Harkins Jr., Marion Wright and Tom Franzone for assembling our tent for sales. If you hadn't heard the wreaths didn't come in on the trailer that brought the trees. They forgot to load them on the trailer. They had to make a special delivery to Tom and Fran Franzone's house which arrived 6:15 PM Friday evening. They were unloaded by Joe Harkins Sr., Marion and Doris Wright and Tom and Fran Franzone. Then a Big Thank You to Marion and Doris Wright and Tom and Fran Franzone for decorating 71 wreaths that evening for sale the next day Saturday 27, at 9AM. We are in business selling wreaths.



Above left to right wreath decorating Elves are Fran Franzone, Marion Wright, Marilyn Groble and Doris Wright.




Above is what 90 Christmas Wreaths look like the balance are at the sales lot and 20 in back of truck. The Elves are busy cleaning up after completing the last wreath.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**JANUARY 2022**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK — 7:30 am	
Ultraya Meeting _____	04
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	06
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	06
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Martin Luther King Day _____	17
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
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	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	22
Gold Bug Island	

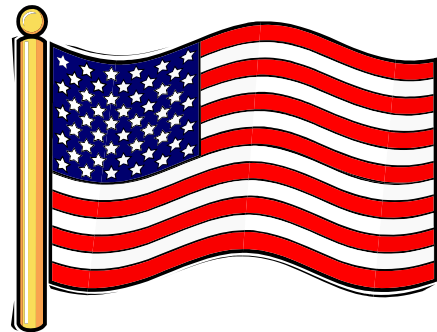
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## Meditation on the First Sunday in Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24: 4-14; 1 Thes 3: 12-4:2; Lk 21:25-36

The Readings for the First Sunday in Advent are really about waiting. We should be waiting in great anticipation for the Savior of our world, who was sent by God, the Father, to save us from our sins so that we will be with Him in Heaven one day. There are a number of ways to wait for something. What we want is the prayerful, patient, but productive waiting that will come when we ask the Holy Spirit to be us.

In our First Reading, Jeremiah was living during some of the darkest times in Israel's history. Due to a series of bad kings and priests, the people had sinned and lost God's blessing and in 587 BC Babylon had conquered them and exiled most of their leading citizens.

Jeremiah was told by God to lift up their spirits so that they would not lose faith completely. He wanted Jeremiah to tell them that they would eventually return to their homeland. After 75 years in captivity, King Cyrus of Persia conquered Babylon and allowed the Jewish people to return to their homeland. While Jeremiah did not live to see that day, what he predicted did come to be as well as his prophesy that the Messiah would come from the line of King David. That, of course, was Jesus Christ.

Our Psalmist, most probably King David, told us that he was prepared to wait all the day to learn the way of the Lord. He wanted the Lord to teach him to be patient and humble, to seek the truth, and find justice for the oppressed. He wanted to be forgiven of all of his sins so he could be sinless. These are all of the virtues we need during this Advent Season.

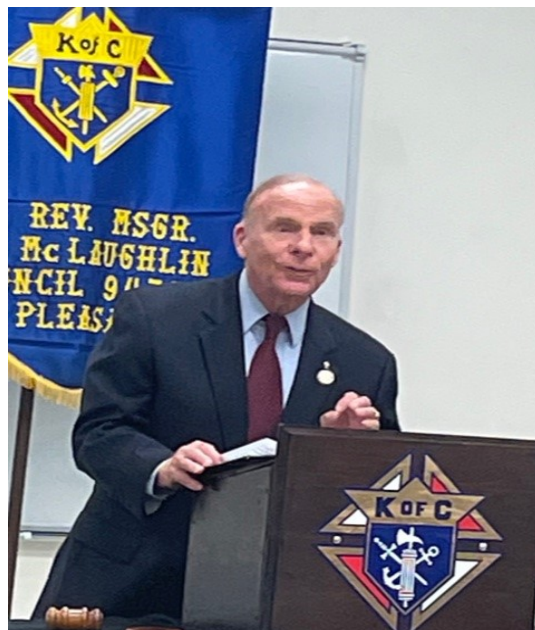
In our Second Reading, St. Paul was urging the people to wait patiently for the return of Jesus by living their lives as Jesus wanted them to. This is what Jesus wants from us as we await His birth on Christmas day: to increase our love for one another and to conduct ourselves in a manner pleasing to God. This may not be the way the world wants us to act.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas day, let's avoid all the hustle and bustle of the season. Take the time to pray each day. Get up 15 minutes early and go to a quiet place and spend some time with the Lord. Try to go to Mass at least one day during the week or make a visit to the Chapel to be with the Lord. Before we go to bed, take 10 minutes to think about our day. What we did right and what we could improve on. Make a plan for a good day the next day when we will love the Lord and love everyone we come into contact with.



Our Gospel is all about what will happen when Jesus comes again. It all comes down to being prepared. Jesus says to be vigilant at all times and pray that we have the strength to stand before God when our time comes. There are so many things we can do right now to be ready: our spouse says something to push our buttons: we respond by saying: I love you. A person we do not know acts in a way that is very irritating: like cutting in front of us to take our parking space, talking loudly on their cell phone. We react with patient, humility, asking the Holy Spirit to be with us and He will.

We know for sure that Christmas day, the birthday of the Savior of the world, is coming. Let's wait patiently but do everything we can to be ready to receive Him on that great day.



Deacon Kevin Campbell