



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Dear Brother Knights,

Our Council Meeting on Nov. 21 was wonderful and we have so many great things going on in our Council. Come join the fun!

We welcomed the following new Knights into our Council: David Semenoff, Leland (Marion) Bull, Robert (Michael) Condon, Carter Brand, John Myers, David Poole, Keith Bantle, and Tom Marchak. Brother Jim Seney has also joined us as a transfer from his previous Council. It will be great to have them as our Brothers. Our membership recruiting has been outstanding with 25 new Knights coming into our Council. Please remember that everyone is really a member of the membership committee as we should reach out to men that we think would make excellent, active Knights.

Deacon Paul Rosenbloom presented a program on the Seafarers ministry. For more information on his ministry, to visit one of their location, or to actually get involved in the ministry, please contact him at paul.rosenblum@stellamarismail.org.

We wrapped up our Columbus Hope Ministry this year to help children who have mental disabilities with a Tootsie Roll give out at St Benedict's Church this past Saturday and Sunday following the Masses. Christ our King Church donated over \$3,000 to the cause.

Brother Knight, Bob Thetreault's diaper collection ministry has been a huge success collecting over 13,000 diapers for the Low Country Pregnancy Center.

We will be selling Christmas wreaths at the Christmas tree lot on the Christ Our King campus beginning on Friday Nov. 29. Please choose a time to assist as follows:

Our Christmas Wreath Sale in tandem with the COKSM School Christmas Tree Sale starts in 2 weeks and we still have open shifts each day of the first week so sending this out again.

Here is the URL for Wreath Sale Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA4A723A6FC1-christmas>

EPI is allowing us to work the College of Charleston basketball games as ushers as a fund fundraiser. Right now there are games on December 3rd and the 16th. There is free parking. The games are sold out. Both games are at 7:00 p.m. You report it 4:30. If you like to participate please email me at kcampbell@campbell-law-firm.com

We are going to have our annual Christmas party on December 14th from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Neil Whitman will be leading us in Christmas carols around 9:00 p.m. Setup will begin at 5:30. Hopefully you and your lady can attend. Please let me know by sending me an email at kcampbell@campbell-law-firm.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2024

Ultreya Meeting_____	03
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	05
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Officers Meeting_____	05
COK-Life Center- 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	06
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Immaculate Conception_____	09
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	14
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party _____	14
Christ Our King - Beach House, 1122 Russell Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. 6:30 PM -10:00PM. Bring a side dish or dessert.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	15
Parade starts 5:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 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	
Christmas Day_____	25
Feast of the Holy Family_____	29
New Year's Eve_____	31

Brother Knight, Matt Feltman, will be leading the building of our Christmas parade float on Saturday December 14 starting at 9:00 at the Christ our King-Stella Maris School landscaping yard which is across the street from the school. More information to follow but please plan to join us on the 14th and plan to walk in the Christmas Parade on 12/15 beside the float giving out candy.

Please keep our Brother Knight, Hank Wolf, and his wife Shirley, Debbie Pulaski, and Lynda Franzone in our prayers as they recover from various illnesses and surgeries.

May all God's Blessings be upon you and your families,

WGK, Deacon Kevin

Our Guest Speaker was Deacon Paul Rosenbloom



Deacon Paul Rosenbloom gave an interesting talk on the Seafarers ministry. If you are interested in more information on the ministry like visiting a location or getting involved; Please contact Deacon Paul at paul.rosenblum@stellamarismail.org.

In the picture left is our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presenting Deacon Paul Rosenbloom with a Knights cup for coming out and giving us a talk.

Star Council Award presented to our Council 9475 for 2023—2024



In picture above Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell left is being presented from our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt the Star Council Award.

To receive the Star Council Award you must meet the following 3 requirements that are on the plaque:

1. Achieve Columbian Award requirements.
2. Achieve Father McGivney Award requirements.
3. Achieve Founders' Award requirements.

Congratulations Council 9475!!!

EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

The exemplification was held before our regular meeting in the nave of
St. Benedict's Church
November 21, 2024



Above our new Brother Knights are lined up and being congratulated by all Brother Knights.



Above our new Brother Knights, Leland (Marion) Bull, David Semenoff, Robert (Michael) Condon, Carter Brand, John Myers, David Poole, Keith Bantle, and Tom Marchak. We welcome you to our council 9475.

The Diaper Drive at Stella Maris



In the picture to the right are boxes of diapers stacked in Bob Thetreat's garage from the Diaper Drive at Stella Maris that went great. Collected 3293 diapers which Bob Thetreat Monday, Nov. 18th delivered to the Low-country Pregnancy Center. They were very appreciative and thankful. Bob thanks the entire parish for their generosity. Thanks again to everyone who was so helpful throughout the process.

Best Wishes from Bob Thetreat and Knights of Columbus Council 9475

**Thank you to the chefs who cooked a great meal at the Fisher House on Wednesday
November 13, 2024.**



Cooking for the Veterans at the Fisher House are left to right Martin McNulty, Don Campbell, Manning Bolchoz, Bob Thetreat, Steven Fallon, Tom Libhardt and Bob Fintak.

Council 9475 continues to support family programs. On Friday, November 15 we delivered to ECCO our donation of children's winter coats in support of our Coats For Kids program.



In the picture left to right are Financial Secretary Jeff Pulaski, ECCO's Director Stephanie Kelly, and Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell. Our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin and Financial Secretary Jeff just presented Director Stephanie with 4 cases containing 96 coats for kids.



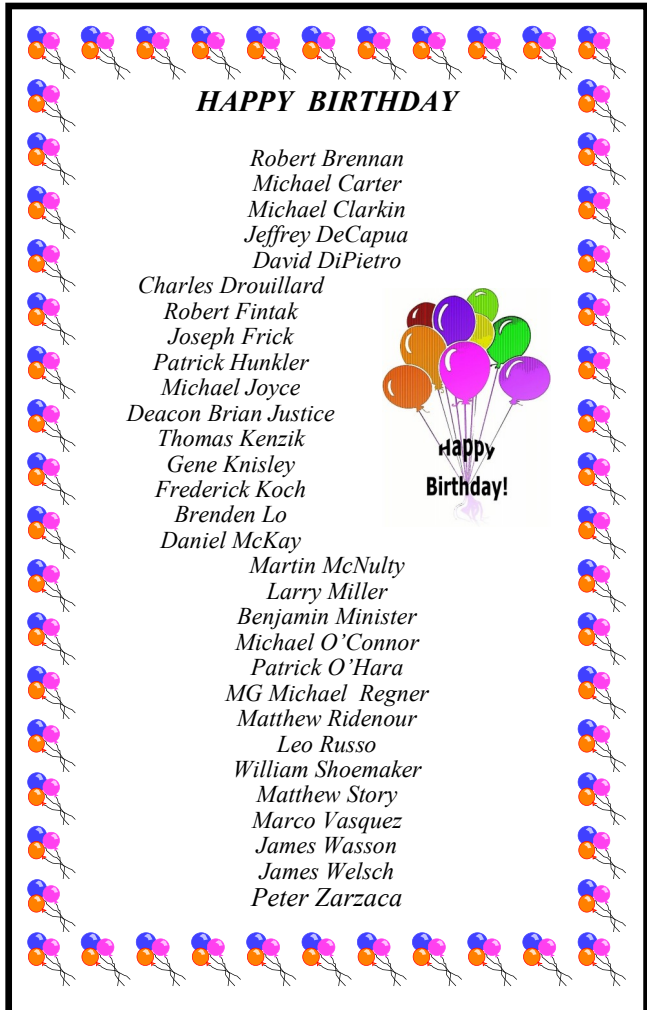
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Our 2024 Christmas Wreath Sales Fund Raiser Underway



Wreaths arrived and wife of Knight and Lady friends of Fran Franzone, hard working Elves are decorating wreaths. Front left to back Marilyn Groble, Jean deGruyl, Sue Nogawick, and Eileen Torrey.



On the other half of table back center are Pat Rivers, then Fran Franzone, Doris Wright and Lois Cummings taking picture.



Here are the good part of a 150 wreaths ready for sale.



Above are wreaths delivered to our sales tent and the Brother Knights that erected the tent are Joe Harkins Sr., Joe Harkins Jr., Marion Wright, Carlos Araiza, Joe Nesbitt, and Tom Franzone. Job will done by all!!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY 2025

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Officer's Meeting _____	02
COK Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
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Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
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COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil 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 - 6:30PM to 9:00PM	
Martin Luther King, Jr Day _____	20

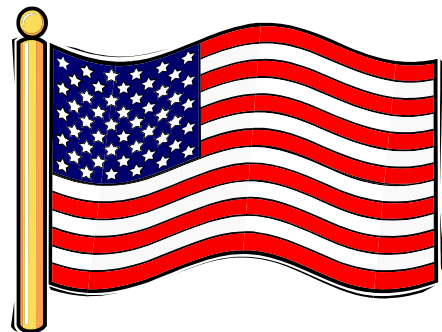
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**A catholic fraternal organization dedicated to
charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation December 2024

Brothers,

As we approach the sacred season of Advent, our hearts and minds naturally turn towards the celebration of Christ's birth. December, a month filled with anticipation and reflection, offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our faith and renew our commitment to our Lord and Savior. In this meditation, I invite you to contemplate the profound mysteries of the Incarnation and the lessons we can draw from the humble beginnings of our King.

The Advent season is a time of preparation, not just for the festivities of Christmas, but more importantly, for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives. We are reminded of the words of Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). This preparation calls for introspection and repentance, mirroring John the Baptist's call for conversion. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to lead by example, demonstrating the virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity in our communities.

Reflecting on the Nativity, we see the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem, culminating in the birth of Jesus in a humble stable. The humility and simplicity of Christ's birth offer a powerful lesson in the values we should embody. Despite being the King of Kings, Jesus chose to enter the world in the most unassuming way, teaching us that greatness is found not in power or wealth, but in love and service. In our roles as Knights, we are called to emulate this humility and service, reaching out to those in need, and supporting our parishes and communities with a generous heart.

The shepherds, among the first to receive the good news of Jesus' birth, symbolize the call to evangelization. They did not keep the news to themselves but shared it with great joy. This Advent, let us remember our mission to spread the Gospel, both through our words and actions. Each act of kindness, every moment of service, and our steadfast commitment to the faith are ways we can bear witness to the love of Christ.

Moreover, the Magi's journey from the East, guided by the star, reminds us of the importance of seeking Jesus with diligence and perseverance. Despite the challenges and uncertainties, their faith led them to the Savior. As we navigate our own life's journey, especially in times of difficulty, let us keep our eyes fixed on Christ, trusting that He will lead us to where we need to be.

In closing, let this Advent season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us. May we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ with joy, humility, and a renewed spirit of service. Let us support one another in prayer, encouraging our fellow Knights and communities to live out the true meaning of Christmas.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas.

In Christ,



Rev Libin Augustine CMI
Parochial Vicar,
Christ Our King Catholic Church



This dedicated 4th degree page will be included in the monthly newsletter in an effort to keep the Council and Assembly informed of our patriotic efforts.

Faithful Navigator's Report

The Assembly has been very active in supporting our mission of spreading the virtue of Patriotism within our Catholic parishes and the communities we live in. The following are some of the activities we conducted in November 2024:

- The Assembly 3243 Honor Guard participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony at Christ Our King on November 6, 2024. The entire school was present along with numerous family members who served in the military. The Honor Guard posted the American, State and Papal flags at the beginning of the ceremony.
- Sir Knights from Assembly 3243 cooked and served dinner for the families of Veterans at the Fisher House on November 13, 2024. The Fisher House provides temporary lodging for families of Veterans receiving care at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Health Care System.

The Assembly has established these Goals for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year

- Grow the Assembly by four new Sir Knights.
- Increase the number of Honor Guards by four.
- Qualify for the Star Assembly Award.
- Increase community involvement.

The highest priority is to grow the Assembly by four or more Sir Knights in this Fraternal Year. If you are a 3rd degree Knight, and desire to complete the Knighthood, please consider joining the 4th degree, which fulfills the Virtue of Patriotism. Please call me at 843-323-0981 or email at kcdenner@gmail.com for more information.

Fraternally,
 Kurt C. Denner
 Faithful Navigator

4th Degree Swords and Service Baldrics

Assembly 3243 is in need of additional Honor Guards for flag ceremonies, exemplifications, wakes and funerals. To help with the expense of the uniform, we would like to give new Sir Knights a sword and service baldric. If you have a sword and service baldric in good condition and do not plan to be an active Honor Guard, please consider donating these items to the Assembly for new Sir Knights.

Assembly 3243 Calendar of Events

December 2024

- Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade, KOC Float _____ 15
- Council 9475 & Assembly 3243 Christmas Party _____ 15



Assembly 3243 Sir Knights, led by SK Don Campbell, served the families of Veterans at the Fisher House on Nov. 13. The meal included grilled pork chops and was a great success.



The Assembly 3243 Honor Guard posted the colors during the Veterans Day ceremony at COK on Nov. 6. From left are Sir Knight's Bob Thetreat, Joe Nesbitt and Kurt Denner.

