



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family:

A special request has been made by the pastors of Stella Maris, Christ Our King and St. Benedict to the Knights of our wonderful council to more fully participate in the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a time we as Catholics can participate more fully in the presence of the Lord in the Eucharistic host. Perhaps you are a regular attendee or perhaps like me, you are looking forward to making this month as your first time attending. Regardless, please consider spending an hour this first Friday in the presence of the Lord. Please check your parish bulletin for hours and sign-up opportunities. Akin to Jesus' heartfelt request to His closest disciples during His lonely agony in the garden, "Could you not spend one hour with me?"

Thank you to Brother Tom Franzone for all his efforts as chairman of another highly successful annual Oyster Roast! Thank you also to all those who donated their time, talent and treasure to making this event as fun and successful as ever. Now on to the Fish Fries!

Please keep watch for more information on our council hosting the Silver Rose. The K of C Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus throughout North America, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. More details to come.

Brother Fabrizio is looking for 7-10 helpers for the annual Basketball free throw contest at COK-SM school on February 10th, beginning at 8:30am. Please contact Michael Fabrizio for questions, or if you can assist.

Please continue your thoughtful consideration and prayer to becoming a new officer or elevating your role as a council officer. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have about any role, including the honor of service as Grand Knight.

Let me close with a beautiful Valentine's Day prayer (of course celebrated on February 14th).

St Valentine's Day Prayer for Love

Heavenly Father, thank you for the wonderful gift of love you have given to mankind and each of us. Thank you for blessing us every day with your love. Without your love for us, we couldn't be who we are. We need your love every day. It's like food for our souls.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2023

Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
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COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 7 AM Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
St. Valentine's Day_____	14
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
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_____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
SC District Fourth Degree Exemplification_____	18
Saturday February 18, in Aiken at St. Mary's	
Help of Christians Catholic Church.	
If you are interested please contact:	
Faithful Navigator & District Deputy Joe	
Nesbitt: jgnesbitt@comcast.net	
Presidents' Day_____	20
Ash Wednesday_____	22

Please continue to let us feel your love in our lives. Lord, we give ourselves over to you to perfect in us this gift of love. We want to share it with others. Lord, please teach us to love and make our hearts like yours. In Jesus name, we pray, Amen.

As always, I very much hope to see you at an upcoming council meeting, service or spiritual 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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carlos and Trish Araiza
Gerald and Carmela Baty
Stan and Lisa Blalock
Cass and Patricia Cibelli
Daniel and Mirian Corcoran
Michael and Kay Fabrizio
Tom and Fran Franzone
Fred and Faye Koch
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski
Joe and Hilda Rosenberger
Joe and Jeannie Scheirman
Jim and Susan Welsch



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Leo Albano
Joe Bamond
Deacon Robert Boackle
James Buzzelli
Mark Chiarizio
Cass Cibelli
Cam Comire
Richard Douglas
Jesse Furlano
Brian Headley
Robert Jackson
Keith Keohane
Al Kravchuk
Mark Lazo
Michael McDermott
John Murphy
Michael O'Connor
Frank O'Neil
Jonathon Santilli
Joseph Schill
Bryan Schultz
William Storen
Warren Tawes
Robert Thetreat
Richard Williams



**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHAIRTY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**



The exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the Nave of St. Benedict's Church January 19, 2023.

Picture left is our two new Brother Knights Gerry Corriveau and Adam Maurer.

Welcome to Council 9475!!!

Our Guest Speaker
Topic:
Life Runners
www.liferunners.org

Our guest speaker was Elizabeth Mark, in picture below, gave us a great slide presentation of the Life Runners Mission and how to become a Member:

Coordinator/Team Leader: Elizabeth Mark

Founder: Dr. Pat Castle

Team Patron Saint: St. Padre Pio

Contact Information:

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Required Materials:

Life Runners jersey required (running optional: order through liferunners.org website)

Life Runners Creed (see the Life Runners website at liferunners.org)

Team Participants:

Anyone from the age of a newborn to 101 and older can be a life runner.

Running is optional!

Life Runners Mission:

“provide a life-saving message for abortion-vulnerable mothers,” (Quoted From the Life Runners Website Mission Statement— liferunners.org)

Goal:

Life Runners are public witnesses inspiring the lives and hearts of individuals from all ages to save the lives of the unborn around the world and in our own communities.

We witness, we race (optional) and we pray.

**Sr. Knights, Knights and Wife that attended
Stand-Up for Life March
In Columbia SC
Saturday, January 7, 2023**



In picture that attended Stand-Up for Life March are Brother Knight Carlos Araiza and wife Trish, Brother Knight Jerry Gimbert, Sr. Knight Joe Harkins Jr. and Sr. Knight Bob Fintak plus Sr. Knight Don Campbell taking picture.



In picture above are Brother Knight Carlos Araiza and wife Trish both carrying a sign to end abortion.



Above left to right are Sr. Knights Don Campbell, Joe Harkins Jr., Bob Fintak and Jerry Gimbert.



Stand-Up for Life

**Knight of the Month
January 2023
Derek McCoy**

Derek was born January 19th, 1971, in Ness City, KS, and moved several times to several different towns in Kansas where his family owned and operated restaurants. Before starting 7th grade, his family moved to Loveland, CO, where Derek went to Thompson Valley High School and graduated from Colorado State University in nearby Fort Collins with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in May 1995. Derek enlisted in the Army in February 1996 and served first as a combat engineer until reclassifying to a technical engineer (draftsman, surveyor, and materials test specialist). Derek's many assignments were in Korea, GA, CO, NC, MO, HI, and WA, and He served on deployments to Kuwait, Kosovo, Iraq, and Guam. Derek served for 20 years and retired as a Sergeant First Class (E7) in March 2016.

Derek obtained his Professional Engineer license just before retiring and worked for an engineering consultant firm in Olympia, WA. Before moving to Mount Pleasant, Derek had been a deputy City Engineer for Yelm, WA, for over three years. He recently started a sole proprietorship, COY Engineering Services, where He provides contract engineering for clients in WA and hopes to get some clients in SC soon.

Derek has two sons (Hunter and Alex) from his first marriage, ages 20 and 23, and both currently live in Olympia, WA. He met his wife, Carolyn, in January 2018, and they were married on September 7, 2019. Carolyn had two daughters (Julia and Tera), ages 12 and 22. Julia lives with them in Mount Pleasant and attends Cario Middle School. Tera is married to a Soldier and currently lives in JBLM, WA, and they are expecting a child in July!

Carolyn, Julia, and Derek attend St Benedicts, where Carolyn plays flute and oboe, and Derek sings in the choir at 9:30 mass.

Derek recently joined the Knights in September 2022 and shown interest in being involved and helped with cooking and serving dinner at the Charleston Fisher House December 2022.

Congratulations Derek!!!



Left to right Family Director Kurt Denner presented Derek McCoy with Knights of Month certificate and Deputy Grand Knight Jerry Gimbert is presenting Derek with Knights cup.

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All of These Places**

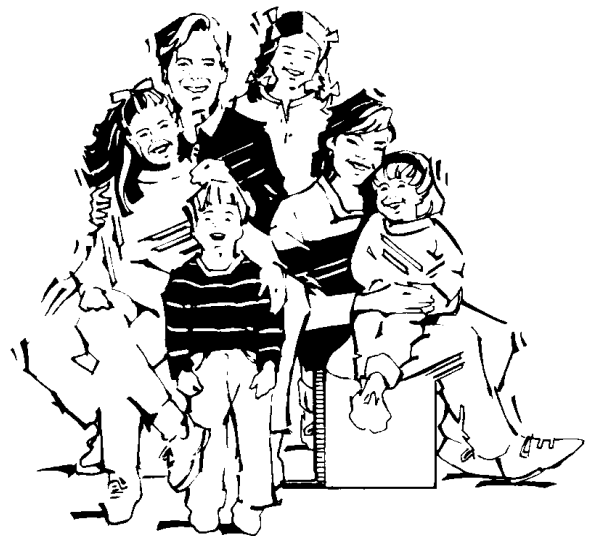
- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Adoption
not
Abortion**



**IF YOU MISSED OUR 2023 OYSTER ROAST
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES
OF THE EVENT**



Left side of the oyster eating area racing the right side.



The right and left sides racing causing the oyster cookers problems keeping up. Smile!!!



Donated items from Brother Knights took two tables to display them all.



Our dessert chairwoman with great smiles left Diana Barnett and Debbie Pulaski. They did a great job getting information out for baked goods donations and making sales.

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MARCH 2023**

Officers Meeting _____	02
COK Life Center— 6:30PM	
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Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting _____	07
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry _____	10
Grace Hall — 5 PM	
Daylight Saving Time Begins _____	12
Knights Support Soup and Sandwich _____	15
Stella Maris: Bring to Parish Hall before Stations of Cross	
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
St. Patrick's Day _____	17
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West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry _____	24
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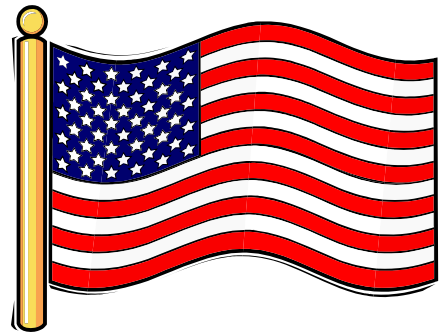
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation: Answering the Call
Ps 27: 1-4,13-14; Mt 4;12-23

Our Meditation is about the call we receive from God to do something and leads us to ask: are we able to recognize God's call to us and how do we respond to the call?

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and called to him, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!" From under the covers, he mumbles "I don't want to go." "What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to Church"

"No!" he shot back. "I will give you two reasons: I don't like them and they don't like me!" "Nonsense," she told him. "I will give you two reasons to go: First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the deacon and you're preaching this morning"

A young person who received a call from God was St. Agnes whose feast day we celebrate on Jan. 20th. She answered the call and the world back then was changed.

She was about 12 years old when she took on the mighty Roman empire and won. She was a child of a noble family in ancient Rome. It was 300 ad and Rome's persecution of Christians was ongoing.

When more and more people, including members of the households of noble families, were becoming Christian, the emperor, Diocletian, decided to bring an end to these Christians once and for all. He threatened to kill any person who refused to renounce their Christian religion. Although just a little girl, St. Agnes was not about to give up Jesus Christ. When Diocletian called her to his court, he actually offered her gifts if she would give up Christ. She refused. He told her she would be killed even though she was a child and a virgin if she would not renounce Christ. Still, she refused and he had her killed.

Her death sickened many throughout the pagan empire and led to the end of persecutions of Christians. Christianity would first be allowed in Rome and then

became the religion of the empire. Agnes won; Diocletian lost. This 12-year-old had won and the devil had lost. It is no wonder that she is the patron saint of little girls

Psalm 27 reminds us of something that is very important when we answer God's call for us to do something. This is especially true if it is something we have never done before. Maybe we are being called to be a lector or serve in some other ministry like the newcomers' committee. Maybe we are being called to go on a Cursillo weekend or an Emmaus retreat. Our psalm tells us to go for it and have no fear. The lord is our light and salvation of whom should we fear?

In Mathew's Gospel, Peter and Andrew, James and John were fishermen. They were really nothing special but when they were called by Jesus, they immediately left what they were doing and followed him and they eventually changed the world.

While we may not change the world like St. Agnes or the apostles when we answer God's call to do something, the important thing is: don't hesitate. Do not fear. God will be with us.



Deacon Kevin Campbell