



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights

I want to thank everyone who prayed and helped me get through this awful back injury. It has been some of the most trying times for me personally and I don't think I would be here today if not for my wife Kathy. A special thank you also to my brother, Deacon Kev, who stepped in and covered all my Grand Knight duties.

Our Council is extraordinary! Looking forward, we have outstanding months ahead. First of all, I want to give best wishes to Carlos Araiza who is receiving his 4th degree next month! Next, Kurt Denner has once again lined up a powerful speaker for us by booking Colonel (ret) Hutto who runs the Medal of Honor museum for the February 15, 2024 Council meeting. MC for this event will be Major General (ret) Mike Regner who is spearheading an effort to break our attendance record 😊. Following closely will be the one and only Marion Wright's fish fry on March 8th and 23rd - rest assured a great meal, and great time will be had by all. On top of that is the annual golf tournament, our biggest fund raiser of the year which Bob Fintak leads with passion and precision. The tournament is a little early this year so pray for good weather. Bob's efforts provide our Council the opportunity to donate double figures to Catholic Charities. One of my favorite events of the year also occurs in March this year - the annual Cross procession and rosary on Palm Sunday. More info coming on this and all coming events shortly.

I can't say enough about the superb Oyster Roast Tom Franzone led last month. It goes to show you that, with a determined leader, you can accomplish any goal you set. Thank you Tom and all the oyster crew that made it a fantastic event for our Council.

Again, thank you for all your prayers - it meant the world to me. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight
Council 9475

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2024

Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	01
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM to 6 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	06
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Fourth Degree exemplification_____	10
In Lexington, South Carolina. If you are interested let Joe Nesbitt know 843-297-9873.	
Ash Wednesday_____	14
St. Valentine's Day_____	14
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
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_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Presidents' Day_____	19



HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES FROM OUR 2024 OYSTER ROAST



Here we have right side of table Joe Harkins front and behind him is Jeff Pulaski they were taking tickets and collecting money as people came in the door. They had a very busy night.



Next was buy raffle tickets and fifty-fifty tickets. Front left is our Past Grand Knight Matt Feltman purchasing fifty-fifty tickets. On right side of table working are front to back Bob Fintak, our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt, Jim Sheehy in green shirt and Bill Shoemaker way in the back with blue shirt on.



Now you are looking at a long table of raffle items donated by Brother Knights. Up front checking what's in the purple bag is Julie Gautreaux.



Before you are able to drink any of our beverages you must get by Michael Fabrizio with a yellow band on your wrist. Above is Michael putting band on Jan Maize and John Maize is awaiting his turn.

OYSTER ROAST PICTURES CONTINUE



Now if you wanted a hotdog you had to stop by and see our hotdog servers left to right Fran Franzone, Sue Fintak and Doris Wright and in the back is Mark Kennedy checking dogs on hot roller grill. You can see by the big smiles on their faces they are having a good time working hard!



This was our team behind the fence keeping out of the wind boiling the hotdogs doing a good job keeping up with the consumers. Left to right Luke Lapierre, Mark Kennedy, Chris Momeier, and John Mahoney now that's a team of Brother Knights with great smiles trying to keep warm around the burner.



Here we have our dessert chairwoman with big smiles, left is Debbie Pulaski and right Diana Barnett. You can see the great job they do, by the beautiful cakes on table, getting the dessert information out to our Ladies of Knights.



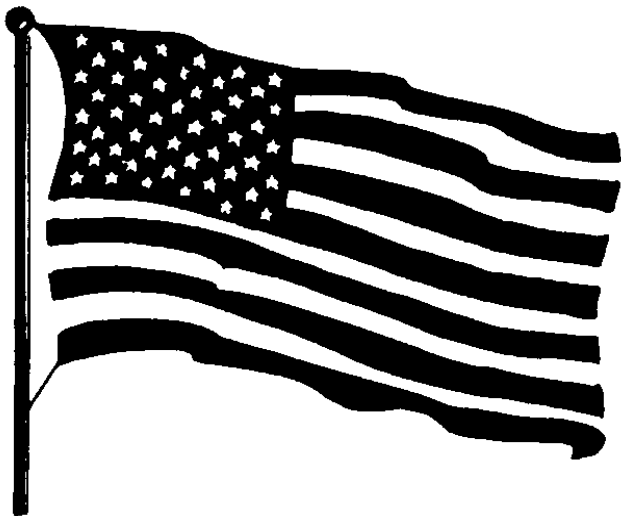
And this is what it's all about everyone enjoying eating oysters!!

Our Guest Speaker
The Hon. Elisabetta G.M. Gasparini
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of
South Carolina

Judge Elisabetta Gasparini gave our council a very interesting talk on bankruptcy explaining the 5 different types, Chapter 7, Chapter 11, Chapter 12, Chapter 13, and Chapter 15. Judge Elisabetta Gasparini explained a bankruptcy case usually begins by the debtor filing a petition with the bankruptcy court.. She also gave a interesting bio on how she moved to the United States from Italy with her parents and became a judge.



Above is our Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presenting Judge Elisabetta Gasparini with a Knights cup in appreciation for coming out and spending the evening with our council.



Knight of the Month
January 2024
Tom A. Franzone

Tom is a charter member of the Knights and has been very active through the 36 years our council has been in existence. He is a 4th Degree Knight and plays an integral part on our Exemplification Team. Tom is a Past Grand Knight having gone through all the offices of our council. He is our Program Director, a post he has handled with diligence for the past 26 years.

Tom has been married to Fran for 62 yrs. They have three grown children, Mark, Lynda and Tom. They also have 8 grandchildren, Roman, Gabrielle, Rosario, Mackenzie, Coleman, Caroline, Mattie and Alex. Plus one great granddaughter Madison and two more greats on the way.

Tom is an active member of Christ Our King Church volunteering helping with maintenance, coordinates schedules and is head usher for the four weekend masses. Tom is also on the Liturgy Committee and helps decorate the church with support of Brother Knights for Feast of Christ Our King, Christmas and Easter. Tom is our Oyster Roast Chairman as he has for the past 21 years. Plus with Fran's help is Chairman of our Christmas Wreath Sale. They also decorate the tables for our spaghetti dinner fund raiser.

Tom and Fran organize our Newsletter, and participates in fund raising events. Tom seems to be where you need him.

Tom enjoys yard work, golf and being with family, friends and in the past working with his grandson Coleman practicing kicking field goals, kickoffs and punting. Coleman has received a number of awards in the past, and just recently was one of six area players selected to play in the 87th Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All-Star game. They are very proud of him.



Left Kurt Denner family director presented Tom Franzone with Knight of the Month certificate and right Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is presenting Tom with Knights cup

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carlos and Trish Araiza
Gerald and Carmela Baty
Stan and Lisa Blalock
William and Jo Ann Cary
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
Michael O'Connor
Frank O'Neil
Deacon Jonathon Santilli
Joseph Schill
Bryan Schultz
William Storen
Warren Tawes
Robert Thetreat
Richard Williams



Stand –Up for Life

**Adoption
not
Abortion**



Knights of Columbus

East Cooper Council # 9475

2nd Annual Fish Fry & Benefit



March 8th and March 22th

**Tickets \$15.00 per Person, Children under 12 yrs. Old \$5.00
Available @ Door. Dine In or Carry Out.**

Time 5:00 PM

Christ Our King - In Grace Hall

Call Marion Wright 843-509-6512 or 843-270-3299

**Brother Knights
If You Haven't Signed Up to Play or Work
Now is the Time**

**2024
Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Benefit Golf Tournament for
Catholic Charities of SC**

**Snee Farm Country Club
Monday March 11th, 2024**

Four player Scramble

Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$150 per golfer

Contact-Jim Welsch at: 843-442-9614

or

E-mail - welschj@hotmail.com

Includes a light lunch prior to play and dinner with door prizes and a silent auction afterward. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing teams, the longest drive for men and women, and for closest to the pin on two holes.

A sponsored hole-in-one prize will add to the fun.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MARCH 2024

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting _____	05
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	07
COK Life Center— 6:30PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Stations of the Cross w/Soup/Sandwiches/Bread _____	06
Stella Maris—have your soup and sandwich at Hall 6 PM. Stations start 6:15 PM	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry _____	08
Grace Hall — 5 PM	
Daylight Saving Time Begins _____	10
Golf Tournament _____	11
Snee Farm Country Club	
Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
See page 6 advertisement.	
St. Patrick's Day _____	17
Pray Vigil at Abortion Clinic _____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting _____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry _____	22
Grace Hall — 5 PM	
Palm Sunday _____	24
Cross Procession and Rosary _____	24
COK — 1:30 PM meet at COK parking lot and we will caravan to Baskin Robbin's parking lot then process back to the Church.	

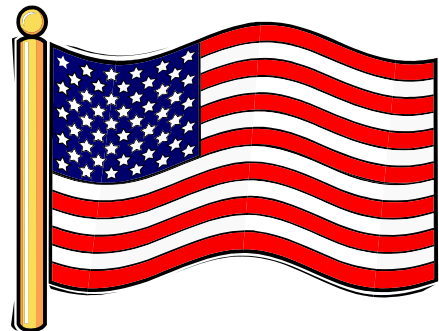
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Knights of Columbus



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on Listening to the Call of God

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Our Meditation leads us to ask: how do we know when God is calling us to follow his will for us and how should we respond to the call?

In Genesis, Abraham's faith to follow God's will was severely tested. He was instructed to take his only son, Isaac, and sacrifice him to God. Even though this was contrary to Abraham's love for Isaac, he did not hesitate to obey God's will. The crisis was averted when God sent an angel to tell Abraham not to harm Isaac. Because of his faith and obedience to God's will, Abraham was blessed abundantly and became known as the Father of Faith.

In the book of Romans we are told something very important: "if God is for us, who can be against us?" This should give us great confidence as we deal with the problems in our daily lives. It will also help us if we are called to follow God's will in some way, great or small.

When we hear God's call and follow his will, he will be there to intercede for us. While we don't always know how things will turn out, we just need to keep going, follow his will, and trust him that it will all work out, in his time and in his way.

In Mark's Gospel, Peter, John and James answered the call of Jesus to follow him up a high mountain where they saw Jesus transfigured before them. This gave them a preview of how Jesus would look after his resurrection.

When Jesus went to be with Moses and Elijah, the disciples became terrified. Then God, the Father, called to them to listen to his beloved son. They accepted this call from God and their fear and terror left them.

As they went down the mountain, Jesus instructed them not to disclose any of this until after he rose again. While they were not sure what this meant at the time, after his resurrection, when it all became clear to them, they became leaders of the early church.

How do we know if God is calling us? A well-known author, and preacher, Charles Stanley, tells us: God's voice is always consistent with the Bible. Any message must agree with what God has already said in the Bible.

His voice is quiet. God often speaks to our hearts through the Holy Spirit in an inaudible but compelling way. The Lord speaks clearly. If we'll tune our hearts to him by setting aside time to read the Bible and listen for the Holy Spirit to speak to us, he will give us clear guidance.

Whether to go on a mission trip, enter the seminary, attend a certain college, choose a career path or change the path we are on, join the Knights of Columbus or some other ministry at Christ our King, like Cursillo or Emmaus, God is constantly calling us to be the best version of ourselves. If we listen to him, answer his call, and obey his will, we will be richly blessed.



Deacon Kevin Campbell