



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

Appreciation goes out to our guest speaker Chris Ward, the executive director of the Fisher House of Charleston, on her informative presentation. Those unfamiliar with the Fisher House – it is a home for military families and their friends in which to reside while their loved ones receive treatment. All meals and logging are supplied free of any charges. A very worthy cause.

Thanks to all those attending and supporting the Oyster Roast, along with all the knights and their families who helped make it such a great success. Congratulation to Tony Francin, the lucky winner of the Key West Vacation, and all those who bought chances. For you are all winners in the eyes of the charities that we support.

Looks like a Superbowl Party is in the works, to be held at the Beach House. Keep an eye out for additional information.

The Grand Knight mid-winter meeting is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Will update all on the outcome at the February council meeting.

Deep Hearted Thanks, for all the prayers and support for my upcoming surgery. Words cannot express the easing effect all the prayers and words of encouragement has had on me. Thanks, and God Bless.

YBIC  
Tom Siwarski  
G/K



### Knights of Columbus Council 9475 Annual Super Bowl Party

When: Sunday, February 2nd, 2020  
Time: 5:30pm until party is over.  
Where: COK—Beach House—1144 Russell Street 29464

Details:  
Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided.  
**Please bring a dish to share (Side or Dessert)**

Some Games: Corn Hole, Pool, Ping-Pong and Foosball.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Beach House!!!

Brother Don Campbell—Chairman

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2020

Pro-Life/Rosary_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Super Bowl Party_____	02
COK - Beach House – 5:30 pm 1144 Russell Street 29464	
Ultreya Meeting_____	04
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	06
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	06
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 6 PM	
St. Valentine's Day_____	14
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	
Presidents' Day_____	17
Regular Business Meeting_____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary : 6:05 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 :00PM	
81st Exemplification of the Fourth Degree_____	29
At Corpus Christi Church Lexington SC. Let Bob Brennan 315-729-8652 or Don Campbell 843-471-1085 know if interested.	

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gerald and Carmela Baty  
Stan and Lisa Blalock  
William and Jo Anne Cary  
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



**Brother Knights Working Free Throw Contest  
at  
Christ Our King Stella Maris School and Moultrie Middle School**

**COK/SM School January 10, 2020**



Students at COK/SM school getting instructions and shooting baskets best out of 15 shoots in our Free Throw Contest in their age group will move onto district Free Throw Contest.

**Moultrie Middle School January 24, 2020**



Students at Moultrie Middle School shooting basket as others wait in line for their turn. Same rules apply best out of 15 shoots.



Brother Knights that scored and chaired the Free Throw Contest left to right Tom Franzone, Bob Brennan, Chairman Michael Fabrizio, Michael McDermott, Joe Nesbitt, Bill Shoemaker and Mark Lazo.



Brother Knights that scored and chaired the Free Throw Contest left to right Tom Franzone, Joe Nesbitt, Jerry Gimbert, Chairman Michael Fabrizio, Bob Brennan, Jim Welsch, Michael McDermott, Fred Koch and Tommy Knisley not in picture.

**Family of the Month  
January 2020  
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski**

Debbie and Jeff have been married for 28 years as of February 15, 2020. They became members of Christ Our King Church in 2003 after completing the RCIA program.

Debbie is a Retired Human Benefits Specialist with over 30 years of professional experience in the Charleston Area.

Jeff retired in 2015 after 36 years driving for UPS. Many folks from the IOP where he worked for 30 of those years, still talk about “Jeff the UPS Man” and dogs wish he was still bringing dog treats to them on his daily route. Jeff is truly a very busy “retiree” as he is employed by McAlister-Smith Funeral Home as an Administrator for the Mt. Pleasant location. He is a Sacristan for COK and serves as an usher and Altar Server. He also finds time to serve as Financial Secretary for the KOC Council and Purser for the Assembly.

Debbie is a Lector for Noon Mass, Usher, Sunday School Teacher for ages 3 & 4, Treasurer of the LAOH-Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Our Lady of Knock Division and an I-Beam Mentor for the past 3 years.

They reside with the Amazing Max, an 85 lb. German Shepard.

Congratulations Jeff and Debbie!!!



Left is Grand Knight Tom Siwarski who just presented Jeff with a Knights cup and right is Family Director Tony Certa presenting Jeff with Family of the Month Certificate.

**Knight of the Month  
January 2020  
Tom A. Franzone**

Tom is a charter member of the Knights and has been very active through the 32 years our council has been in existence. He is a 4th Degree Knight and plays an integral part on our First Degree 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 22 years.

Tom has been married to Fran for 58 yrs. They have three grown children, Mark, Lynda and Tom. They also have 8 grandchildren, Roman, Gabrielle, Rosario, Mackenzie, Coleman, Caroline, Mad-die and Alex.

Tom is an active member of Christ Our King Church. Tom coordinates schedules and is head usher for the five weekend masses. He also schedules Brother Knights to serve as Altar Servers every Sunday at the 7:30 AM Mass. 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. He also coordinates Brother Knights to move books for our Book Sale fund raiser. Tom is our Oyster Roast Chairman as he has for the past 17 yrs. And with Fran’s help 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, fingerprinting at the police station, golf and being with family, friends and this past 2 year working with his grandson Coleman practicing kicking field goals, kickoffs and punting which he just recently received Number One Kicker in the Nation in his 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2024. We are very proud of him.

Congratulations Tom!!!



Left Council Director Bobby Geberth is presenting Tom with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Tom Siwarski is presenting Tom with a Knights cup.

**IF YOU MISSED OUR 2020 OYSTER ROAST  
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES OF  
A GREAT EVENT**



Here are our 50/50, raffle ticket, and week in Key West sellers. Right is our Chancellor and acting Deputy Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt with a Big Smile.



Taking care of serving fish stew back left Joe Harkins Jr., front is a happy recipient with a bowl. Back center is Marion wright and our Grand Knight taking a break from parking cars and sell tickets.



Here are serous oyster eaters.



Here are the beverage crew. Looks like they are caught up with the costumers and getting rid of the empty containers.



Fran Franzone and Michael Fabrizio having fun.



Here are our great smiling dessert chairwomen left Debbie Pulaski and Diana Barnett. They did a great job getting info out for donations and sold all the desserts.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MARCH 2020**

First Sunday of Lent	01
Ultreya Meeting	03
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting	05
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail, 29466	
Rosary: 6:05 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

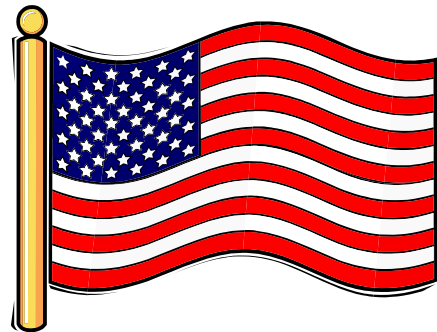
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Inside Guard	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
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Newsletter		
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Daniel Barton	843-367-1871
District Deputy	James Daugomah	843-817-9655
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Leo Albano  
Joe Bamond  
Deacon Robert Boackle  
Nicholas Brunner  
James Buzzelli  
Ash Chisholm  
Cam Comire  
Randy Cooper  
Richard Douglas  
Eric Firehammer*

*John Fluder  
Jesse Furlano  
Bill Harrington  
Brian Headley  
Keith Keohane  
Al Kravchuk  
Mark Lazo  
Don Lindeman  
Michael McDermott  
Lou Mondello  
John Murphy  
Michael O'Connor  
Frank O'Neil*

*Jonathon Santilli  
Joseph Schill  
Bryan Schultz  
William Storen  
Warren Tawes  
Robert Thetreault  
Richard Williams*



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**Meditation on the words God gives**  
**Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-61; Ps 31: 3-8; Mt 10:17-22**  
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Have we ever been in a situation where we had a heated discussion with somebody and could not think of the right words to say? Or we thought of something really smart to say later on when the person was not around? How about where we got into an argument with someone when we were right but then got so mad that we went from being right to wrong?

Our mediation gives us some good ideas on how to handle situations like these. The key is to remain close to the Lord and we do this through a strong prayer life.

In the Book of Acts we have St. Stephan, who was the first reported martyr. He gets into a heated debate with some of the more aggressive Jewish leaders. These leaders were unable to withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he spoke. This came from his close relationship with the Holy Spirit. They became so infuriated with him that they began to stone him. He ultimately died from his injuries but not before he said: “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” Now he could have said a lot of things against them that were really bad. He might have even called down fire from heaven to wipe them out but he accepted the will of God that he would be the first martyr and over the centuries, he has saved countless people who were encouraged by his bravery. He was able to say the right things because he placed his trust in God.

Psalm 31 carries on this theme as we are told that the Lord is our rock of refuge, our stronghold, our fortress. The Lord will lead us and guide us. We can rejoice and be glad in this.

In Mathew’s Gospel, it is very clear what God wants us to do when we get into situations where our Faith may be challenged or we are aroused to anger by what someone is doing to us or someone we care for. First of all, we do not have to worry about how we are to speak or what we are to say. If we have this closeness with the Lord, we will be given the words to say: “...do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of God speaking through you.” When that happens be sure to give credit to God.

When are we are confronted with these situations, take a moment before we react to say a short prayer and we will be given the right words to say. If we are not given the words to say, we might even find that the Lord just wants us to be silent. If we trust in the Lord in these situations, we can be sure that we will never go from right to wrong.



Deacon Kevin Campbell