



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers and Spouses,

As promised in my January letter, 2022 got off to a quick start. The Council conducted an Exemplification 20 Jan 2022 bringing in three new members. Please give a warm welcome to Mike Fischer, Patrick O'Hara and Cass Cibelli.

The next day, 21 Jan 2022, the Council conducted the annual free throw competition at Christ our King/Stella Maris. Mike Fabrizio coordinated the effort of 10 Knights and a bunch of future Michael Jordan's and Aliyah Boston's in showing their basketball skills, specifically free throws.

The day after that, 22 Jan 2022, the Council's annual Oyster Roast returned after a year's hiatus. While it was cold outside, the oysters, the desserts, soup and yes, even the hot dogs were able to put a warm glow on the proceedings. There are too many people to thank in this letter. I can only echo Tom Franzone's thanks to everybody that helped pull off this highly successful event. Special thanks must be given to the 'parking coordinators' who ensured everybody could park safely and efficiently in order to enjoy themselves while they stayed out braving the cold. Outstanding performance to all involved.

The next social event we have scheduled is the Super Bowl Party 13 February 2022 at the Beach House. More to follow.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 17 February 2022 at St. Benedict Catholic Church. See you there.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt  
G/K

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2022

Ultreya Meeting_____	01
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
St. Valentine's Day_____	14
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
SC District Fourth Degree Exemplification_____	19
Corpus Christi Catholic Church	
2350 Augusta Highway Lexington, SC 29072	
If you are interested please contact:	
Faithful Navigator Matt Feltman	
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Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Presidents' Day_____	21



**Knight of the Month  
January 2022  
Matt Feltman**

Matt was born in Toledo, Ohio but his family moved to Cincinnati as a child. He graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1991 with a degree in Pharmacy. While at Ohio Northern, Matt was on the Varsity Wrestling team and was a founding member of the university's Newman club at Our Lady of Lourdes church.

Matt and Cindy were married in 1994 and have two grown boys. Alex is a Lieutenant in the US Coast Guard, currently stationed in St. Marys, Georgia with the MFPU. Nicholas is a first-grade teacher at Lambs Elementary school in North Charleston. Alex recently got engaged this past fall and has made plans to be married in Savannah this coming December.

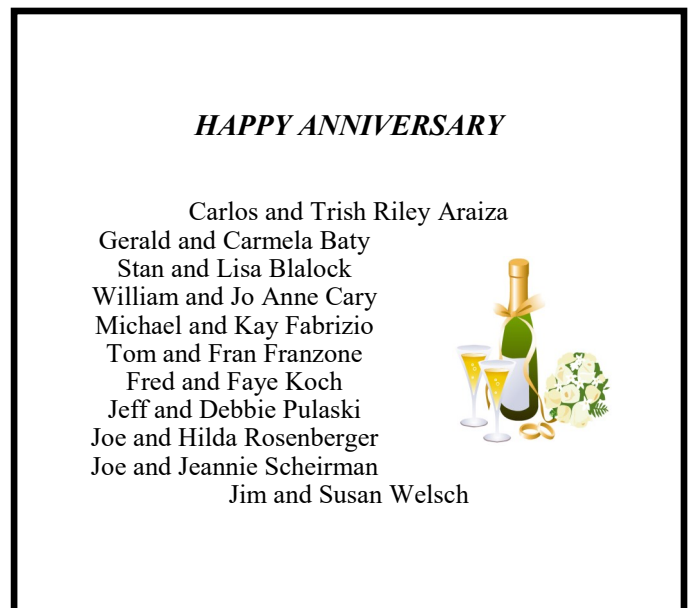
Matt is the Vice President of Clinical Pharmacy for Marketouch Media, a healthcare technology company. Cindy and Matt live on the Isle of Palms with their 7-pound Dorkie, Zeus, and are parishioners at Stella Maris Church.

Matt has served as the Deputy Grand Knight for the Council for the past two years and this year is also the Faithful Navigator for our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly and a part of the Honor/Color Guard. He also greatly enjoys being a part of the Council's new member exemplification team.

**Congratulations Matt!!!**



Left to right Family Director Kurt Denner presented Matt Feltman center with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt presented a Knights cup.



**EXEMPLIFICATION  
OF  
CHAIRTY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**

The Exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in Nave of St. Benedict's Church Jan. 20,2022.

In the picture to the right are our three new Brother Knights. Left to right Casimiro "Cass" Cibelli, Michael Fischer, and Patric O'Hara



**Presentation of Insurance  
Founders' Award for 2020-2021**

In picture standing right is Insurance Agent Paul Harrington who presented the **Founders' Award Plaque** to Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt for meeting the requirements and Councils Insurance Quota of 2.5 percent of the membership.

**Congratulations Grand Knight  
Joe Nesbitt!!!**



**Form #100  
Belongs in  
All of These Places**

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



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.**



**IF YOU MISSED OUR 2022 OYSTER ROAST  
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES OF  
A GREAT EVENT**



If not eating oysters everyone talking with friends. I can see hot steam from oysters and few Knights and family like Luke Lapierre, Carlos Araiza, Bill Kundinger, Christine Story and a cheese head way in he back.



Here is our dessert chairwomen with great smiles left Debbie Pulaski and Diana Barnett. They worked hard getting the information out for baked goods to be donated. Then sold the desserts.



Great night for oysters some folks bundled up more than others.



Happy ladies working the hotdog stand left to right Caroline Franzone, Fran Franzone, Debbie Lazo and Sue Fintak.



The beverage crew filling classes. Left to right Neil whitman, Mark Lazo, Danny McKay, Don Campbell holding a bottle of wine and a customer standing-by.



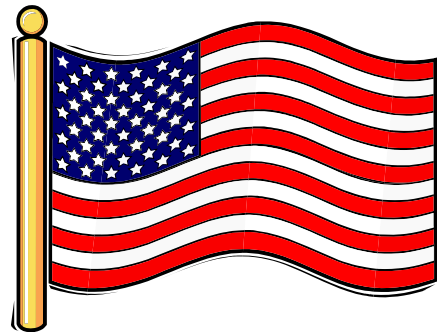
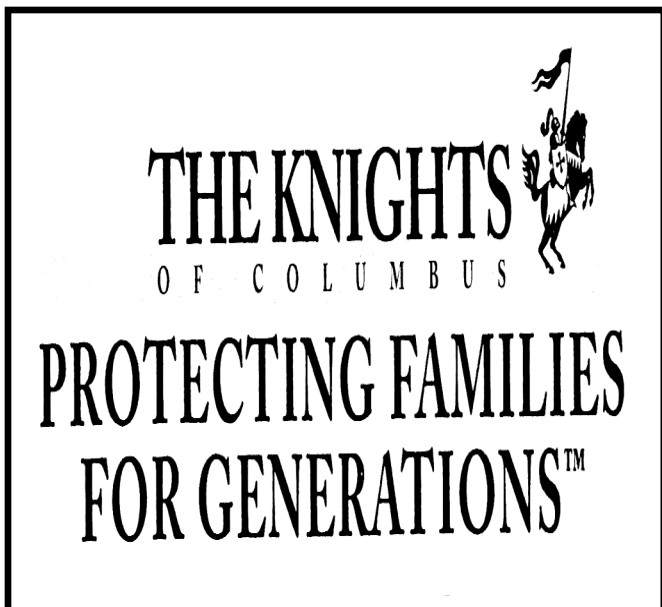
Manning the fish stew is Rick Karkowski keeping is hands warm while steam is coming off of the hot fish stew.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MARCH 2022**

Ultreya Meeting _____	01
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Ash Wednesday _____	02
Officers Meeting _____	03
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Daylight Saving Time Begins _____	13
Birth Right Vigil _____	TBA
West Ashley Abortion Facility 7:00 AM—7:00PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
St. Patrick's Day _____	17
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic _____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



## Meditation Believe in God

Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10; Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-30

Our Meditation presents a simple, but very important message: believe in God, our Father who created us. Believe in Jesus Christ, our Brother, who was sent by the Father to save us from our sins so that we will be in Heaven one day. Believe in the Holy Spirit, our Friend, who gives us the strength, wisdom and courage to live our lives as He would like us to. We are able to do this by obeying God's law, including the 10 Commandments, which can be found in Scripture.

In the reading from Nehemiah, the Jewish people were returning to Israel after almost 50 years in captivity which began after the Babylonians conquered them in 587 BC. The Babylonians were eventually conquered by the Persians and, their King, Cyrus, allowed them to return home in 539 BC. The Jewish people realized that they were at fault in the disasters they experienced because they had turned from worshiping God to worshiping idols. They lost God's blessing which led to them being conquered and exiled. Now they were back home, and their relationship with God was fully restored. They were listening to Ezra, the priest, as he read from the Book of the Law, which is from the Old Testament.

Imagine for a moment that you come across a group of people who know nothing about our American history and you are an expert on the subject. They know nothing of this tiny nation throwing off the yoke of the greatest empire in the world at that time. They know nothing about the battle of Lexington, Paul Revere, George Washington, Ben Franklin, and Nathan Hale who said: "I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country" or Patrick Henry who said: "Give me liberty or give me death". You are passionate about this and you want your group to be equally passionate and you see that they are becoming that.

This is similar to the situation we find in this reading. While the people had been in Babylon, they were denied access to the Law of the Lord and they are having it read to them for the first time in their lives. Ezra is passionate about it and he explained it in such a way that all were able to understand it. The people were actually weeping as they listened to the beautiful words of the Law.

Have we ever been reduced to tears at a time when we felt especially close to God? It might have been when we were praying and realized how much God loves us, even though we are sinners. We may have experienced it as we went up to receive the Eucharist and we came to understand that God, our Father, loved us so much that He sent his only Son into this world, to die for us, so that we might be in Heaven one day.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the people of His home town to believe that He is the long awaited messiah. Just prior to this, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. There, as the Heavens opened up, God, the Father, sent the Holy Spirit to descend upon Jesus in the form of a dove and proclaimed to the people that Jesus was His Son. That should have been good enough for them to believe.

So, it would seem reasonable that the people would accept what He told them, even though they knew His mother and father, and had seen Him work as a carpenter. It should be the same for us. How many miracles have we seen in our lives or the lives of our friends and family members? Should these miracles be enough for us to believe?

But as Paul Harvey used to say... “And now for the rest of the story”, the people did not believe in Him and they actually ran Him out of town. They were presented with a simple truth. It was their choice to reject it.

We have the same choices: believe in God, the Father, Jesus, our Brother, and the Holy Spirit, our Friend or not. Live our lives according to the 10 Commandments, the greatest of which are to love God with our whole hearts, minds, and souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves, or not.

The choice is ours. let’s choose well.



Deacon Kevin Campbell