



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Darius Rucker has a new song called "It won't be like this for Long" and when I heard it the other day, it made me realize, things change and time flies by. Seems it was just the other day we were up late on Christmas Eve trying to put together "easy Assembly" toys. Our kids were home for Christmas and it was nice to relax and enjoy time with them as young adults but couldn't help but remember back and wonder where did the time go. That brings me to my point -- if there is something that interests you and you want to contribute to any of the many things the Knights do -- jump in and get involved, we need you and time and opportunity move quickly. I was happy to see Will Simmons take on a couple of new activities (7th and 8th grade speech contest and Youth day) with Christ our King school the Knights will sponsor. I'm super impressed with Bob Fintak's leadership as new Golf Tournament director - he's got this years event humming along. Joe Scheirman is taking control of our upcoming Knight's mass - stay tuned for details in near future. And Tom Franzone has our annual Oyster roast (January 20th) off and running - tickets are now available!!! A few events need a Knight to step up -- Matt Story and Mark Lazo have surpassed all we could ask of them and it's time for someone new to take over the Free throw contest and Spaghetti dinner. I also need a couple of strategic thinkers to help with some fund raising planning.

Thanks to everyone who helped with some great December events -- Christmas party, Christmas parade, and wreath sales! We have a fantastic event "A Knights Conference " planned for January 27, 2018 based on Mathew Kelly's decision points. Please sign up soon \$35/couple, \$20/single. Can't forget the great effort by Debbie Pulaski organizing the Ladies for their Christmas get together - thank you Debbie!

We lost Jack Urbanic, an outstanding Man and Knight just before Christmas - may he Rest In Peace with our Lord. Thank you to Mark Lazo for organizing the honor guard. Please keep Knights in need in your prayers and let us know if we can assist in any way.

Don
Grand Knight



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	_____01
Officers Meeting	_____04
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	_____04
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	_____05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	_____06
COK — 7:30 am	
Stand Up for Life March	_____05 & 06
Columbia, SC	
Martin Luther King Day	_____15
Regular Business Meeting	_____18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
KOC Annual Oyster Roast	_____20
Gold Bug Island —6:30 to 9 PM	
Knights Retreat	_____27
Mathew Kelly's book Decision Points.	
Grace Hall, 8:30AM– 4PM, breakfast, lunch,	
snack. Couple \$35.00, single \$20.00	
Contact Don Campbell 843-471-1085	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Edward Bernard*
Stan Blalock
- Martin Bogdan*
Robert Bohnstengel
Richard Burman
James Cafaro
Coleman Dunne
Coleman Dunne
Jackey Frye
Wilson Gautreaux
Robert Geberth
Jeff Hilbert
Daniel Jost
Luke Lapierre
- Gerald McCully*
Msgr. Lawrence McInerny
Louis Milone
John Napolitano
James Pancake
Henry Rogers
Salvatore Serio
James Sheehy
Thomas Siwarski
Fr. Robert Spencer
Anthony Stelluti



**Family of the Month
Neil and Melinda Whitman
December 2017**

Neil and Melinda Whitman, who met during their senior year at the University of South Florida, have been married for 45 years. They started their married life in Key West Florida with subsequent moves to Hollywood, Florida; N. Little Rock, Arkansas; Hammond, Louisiana; Greenville, South Carolina; Orlando, Florida and settled in Mount Pleasant in 2000. In 2014 they purchased a summer cottage in Boothbay Harbor, Maine where they enjoy cool summer days and cheap lobster!

They've been blessed with three daughters, Laura (deceased), Lisa and Katie. They have three grandchildren, Owen age 6, Joe age 5, and Vivian age 3 who all live on James Island. They are frequent and welcome visitors to their home. Lisa is a Registered Nurse who manages Medicare Claims for a large insurance company and Katie works in Neil's company as the Executive Vice President. Both are married to wonderful men who are good husband's and father's.

Neil's business career began with Sears as a management trainee. He left Sears to join a small staffing company in 1981. He started his own staffing company in 2001 as a franchisee and became an independent owner in 2005. He's still actively engaged in the company. Melinda has been a stay at home mom, owned a telephone answering / secretarial service, bank teller, legal assistant for a local law firm and keeps the books for their family business. Melinda is also a full-time wife, mother and most important of all a Nana.

Neil, a Past Grand Knight, joined the Knights in 1989 and is 4th degree Knight. He was the Recorder for many years, maintains our website and email list and was a founding member of our Assembly. He's been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for over thirty years and serves on Christ Our King's Parish Council. Melinda is on the Newcomers Committee at Christ Our King.

Neil enjoys golf, fishing, travel, playing guitar, reading and being a Grandpa. Melinda also plays golf, bridge, loves to travel and of course enjoyed being a Nana.

Congratulations Neil and Melinda!!!



Grand Knight Don Campbell left presenting Neil with Knights Cup and our Council Director Kevin Cunnane right presents Neil with Family of the Month Certificate.

**Knight of the Month
Joshua Hulen
December 2017**

- Josh is a Brand new Knight that has already jumped into action and headed up our Christmas Float which was a great time for all involved.
- Originally from Amarillo Texas, Josh graduated from Texas A & M and moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2006. Josh has three sons; Max at BE, Bo in 7th, and Shepard in 4th.
- He Coached Mt Pleasant Recreation Football and Baseball .
- Director for Business Development for SLSCO, ltd, a disaster housing relief company.
- Hobbies are kid time, skiing, riding horses, traveling, A&M sports.

Congratulations Josh!!!



Our Council Director and Grand Knight Don Campbell left presenting Josh with Knights Cup and the Knight of the Month Certificate .



Our Grand Knight Don Campbell is presenting our guest speaker Stephanie Kelley Director of East Cooper Community Outreach with a Knights cup. Stephanie gave us a great understanding of how ECCO works and all the folks that benefit from it and its needs.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz
 Thomas and Donna Brown
 Benjamin and Beth Byrnes
 Christopher and Melssya Engdahl
 Melvin and Elnora Lands
 Wilfred and Mary Jane Lemire*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 FEBRUARY**

Officers Meeting_____	01
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Formation & Knighthood Degree Exemplifications___	10
Our Lady of Hill Church, 120 Marydale Ln., Columbia. Registration 9:15 AM	
Ash Wednesday_____	14
St. Valentine’s Day_____	14
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
St. Benedict’s Parish Hall Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 PM	
Presidents’ Day_____	19

**JANUARY 20, 2018—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL
 OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT AT GOLD BUG ISLAND**

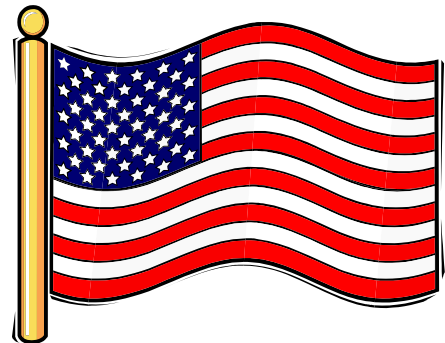
You are invited to the Knights of Columbus East Cooper Council #9475 Annual Oyster Roast and Benefit held at Gold Bug Island (located at the foot of the Ben Sawyer Bridge leading to Sullivan's Island) at 6:30 pm.

12 years and older \$25 (\$30 at the door), all children \$8. Menu includes oysters, fish stew, hot dogs, beer and wine. No coolers please. For further information or tickets call Tom Franzone at 843-729-7734 or ask a Knight.



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

**IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO THE CHRISTMAS PARADE
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES
OF
KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**



Lining up getting ready for the parade. left to right Cunnane children Rosie, Valerie and Annie. Then Ryan Kinowski, Don Campbell, Josh Hulem Our Float Chairman, Mike Flato, Bob Fintak, Joe Harkins Jr., Kevin Cunnane, on float Angle Julie Flato, Child is Clayton Chisholm, Joseph is Ash Chisholm, Mary is Suzanne Chisholm, and Wiseman is Sean O'Toole.



On the float are Angle Julie Flato, Mary is Suzanne Chisholm, Joseph is Ash Chisholm and the children are Lilly and Clayton Chisholm.



Having fun riding in the truck are the Cunnane children left to right are Annie, Rosie and Valerie.



All lit-up and ready to distribute candy left to right are Brother Knights Joe Harkins Jr., Grand Knight Don Campbell and Mike Flato.



Our float is ready to participate in the parade
Keeping Christ in Christmas!

Meditation on the Care God Has for Us and What We need to do to Receive It

By Deacon Kevin Campbell

Is 25:6-10; PS 23: 1-7; MT 15: 29-35

This Meditation is about what awaits us from our loving and caring God and what we need to do to obtain these benefits.

The Prophet, Isaiah, is the greatest of all prophets. He preached at a critical time in Israel's history. The people, led by a series of bad kings and priests, began worshiping idols and lost God's blessing.

Isaiah was influential to some degree in trying to lead the people back from worshiping idols. Isaiah told the people that if they would climb God's holy mountain, meaning if they would live their lives praising and serving the one, true God, a banquet awaited them of rich food and choice wines. The Lord had the power to help them by blessing them but they needed to change their ways.

Psalms 23 contains some of the sweetest words in the Bible: "the Lord is my shepherd. Besides restful waters he leads me. He refreshes my soul. He spreads the table before me. Only goodness and kindness follow me. I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come." God's loving care for the psalmist and us is portrayed in the figure of a shepherd, which was the universal sign in the ancient world of a kind and compassionate king. It tells them, and us, that the Lord will lead us to the right path, the way to live our lives correctly, but we need to be willing to take that path. If we do, we will receive many benefits, including the banquet table that awaits us in Heaven.

The Gospel from Matthew tells us that we need to climb the mountain and get to the feet of Jesus if we want to be healed of our sins. We are told: "Jesus went up on a mountain and great crowds came to him." We do this when we pray, receive the Eucharist and go to Reconciliation.

Sometimes it will be other people who will help us to get there by their prayers and encouragement. The Gospel tells us: "the crowds placed the people with the physical problems at the feet of Jesus."

There will also be opportunities, if we are open to them, for us to bring people to the feet of Jesus, like our friends and family members.

What awaits us and our family and friends is not only the healing, the forgiveness of our sins, but the food which will nourish us on our journey to heaven. As we are told: "the crowds of people all ate and were satisfied." The food that nourishes us for the journey is the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians.

Whenever we receive the Eucharist, we should do so with an understanding of how important it is in our lives. We need to try to receive the Eucharist as often as we can.

So, what can we learn for this Meditation?

- A banquet awaits us in Heaven and, along the way, we have the Eucharist to strengthen us for our journey.
- We must be ready to climb the mountains in our lives to get there.
- Whenever possible, be ready to help our friends and family members climb their mountains.
- We will have troubles in our lives as we climb our mountains but God is there to help. He will never give us a problem that we cannot handle if we continue to put our trust in him.
- What awaits us is well worth our efforts.



Deacon Kevin Campbell