



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights:

Thank you to all involved in our December events. We wrapped up another successful wreath sales spearheaded by Tom and Fran Franzone. Our council placed second in the church division of the Mount Pleasant Christmas parade with our message to keep Christ in Christmas. Thank you to Josh Hulen for chairing the parade effort and to all the Knights that assisted.

On the national front, we had two US Senators call the Knights of Columbus an extremist organization. The Capitol Hill area Council in Washington responded by inviting the two Senators to join their Council in performing works of charity in the DC area. Ultimately, the truth will prevail over the hateful rhetoric and I urge all Knights to follow this story and work to defend the Knights of Columbus at every chance you can. Here is a link to the story: <https://o Boyle.dcknights.org/index.php/news/66-open-letterto-senators-concerned-about-the-knights-of-columbus>

Looking forward to seeing you in January at our meeting where we will have an open forum with guest speaker Kimberly Siwarski about financial Aid and Paying for College. This meeting will be open to families. Also seeing you at our oyster roast. In February we will be holding a first degree and are counting on a recruitment effort by all of the council to make it a success.

Warm wishes for a joyous 2019 for you and your families.

Kevin M. Cunnane
GK 9475



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Officers Meeting _____	03
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	03
Stella Maris — 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK — 7:30 am	
Formation Degree _____	05
In Goose Creek. Contact Jeff Pulaski for additional information - 843-813-1732	
Stand Up for Life March _____	05
Columbia, SC Contact Don Campbell for additional information - 843-471-1085	
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Martin Luther King Day _____	21
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	26
Gold Bug Island — 6:30 to 9 PM	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Edward Bernard*
- Stan Blalock*
- Martin Bogdan*
- Robert Bohnstengel*
- Richard Burman*
- James Cafaro*
- Coleman Dunne*
- Jackey Frye*
- Wilson Gautreaux*
- Robert Geberth*
- Jeff Hilbert*
- Daniel Jost*
- Luke Lapierre*
- Gerald McCully*
- Mmgr. 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
December 2018
Larry and Gerrie Elberfeld**

Larry and Gerrie both grew up in the colder climes to the North; Larry in the suburbs of Chicago and Gerrie in the suburbs of Boston, where she attended Salem State College. They met while Larry was at the U.S. Naval Academy and, interestingly, had their first date at West Point! They have been married for 53 years and have a daughter, Mary, and her family in the Philadelphia area and a son, Christopher, and his family in Indianapolis, with a total of four grandchildren. Larry and Gerrie currently reside in the Beresford Hall community off Clements Ferry Road.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, Larry was a career Naval Aviator. Gerrie was the solid rock of the family and household during Larry's career, often marked by lengthy combat and peace-keeping deployments. Upon retirement from the Navy, Larry's second career was with the aerospace and defense industry, where they continued their frequent domestic and international moves.

Their 23rd move brought them to Charleston in 2009, and Larry's final retirement in 2013. They were initially members of the St. John the Baptist Cathedral Parish and Larry was a member of the downtown Knights of Columbus Council 704. Larry ushered and Gerrie served on the Bereavement Committee at the Cathedral. With Council 704, Larry was active in their Rosary Breakfasts, Church Committee activities, Parades, led the Christmas at Sea gift collection activities and was on the Race Committee (and once actually ran in) the Turkey Day Run, where he was the Registration Director for the 2015 – 2017 races. He was also the Chairman of the Council's Charity Committee, the Inside Guard and the Outside Guard over the past few years.

In 2015, they became parishioners of the newly formed St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church on Daniel Island, where they are both Greeters, and Larry spearheaded the Christmas at Sea program for the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society, where he has been an active volunteer to that Christian ministry for the past five years. Larry is also a charter member of the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast group at St. Clare's, meeting for bible study and often bringing breakfast treats prepared by Gerrie.

This past summer, Larry transferred to Council 9475, where he participated in the Book Sale. He and Gerrie have been out of town, travelling to Europe, attending college reunions and visiting friends and family for most of the past three months (including this Christmas!). In the New Year, Larry looks forward to much more time at home and renewing his level of participation with Knights.

Congratulations Larry and Gerrie!!!



**Knight of the Month
December 2018
John Danko III**

John and his family are originally from South Carolina, but John has just returned to South Carolina this past year, after being away for over twenty years. John's family were parishioners at St. John Neumann until recently. John spent two years at St. John Neumann Catholic School, and then the rest of his education in public schools until university. His siblings, however, did spend almost their entire primary and secondary education at St. John Neumann and Cardinal Newman Catholic Schools. John is a three time Grand Prize South Carolina State Science Fair winner at the Carolina Coliseum, and recipient of two honorable mentions at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. John is the proud father of John Danko IV (eleven), Dovie JoAnn Danko (nine), Henry Attila Danko (six), and a third son of his brother, his nephew Grant Carrington Danko (five). John received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science from Vanderbilt University, magna cum laude, in Tennessee.

John received the Thomas Alva Edison Memorial Award from the Navy for Graduate Study at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, earning a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering.

John worked for the Office of Naval Research on the SPY-1 Radars of the Aegis Weapon System on Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers and Ticonderoga Class Cruisers. John then worked at increasing levels of responsibility for Raytheon, the company that built those radars, for the last fourteen years. Most notably, John spent the past eighteen years designing and producing weapon systems protecting our country from its enemies. Raytheon paid for John's Graduate Degree in Finance and Venture Management at the University of Nevada. John has served at Raytheon as IPTL Integrated Product Team Lead, CPTL Cross Product Team Lead, REA Responsible Engineering Authority, SME Subject Matter Expert, Leader, Coach, Salesman, Recruiter, Manager, Mentor, across a variety of products and a variety of technologies.

John served several years as President of the DSR Desert Sun Roost, the Arizona Chapter of the AOC Association of Old Crows. John has trained fighter pilots how to use radar and electronic warfare in missiles he developed. He coached his children's baseball and soccer teams. He is active with his university, music, religion, education, sports, and science. John has enjoyed participating in all of his children's activities of football, cheerleading, scouts, astronautics, music, mass, swimming, gymnastics, soccer, and baseball. John has worked very hard for his country for over twenty years, and he is a patriot. John has over twenty years of professional experience in electrical engineering involving the fields of radar design and analysis, RF hardware, communication systems, electronics engineering, antenna systems, electronic warfare design and analysis, signal processing, and microwave engineering.

John has worked radar and EW applications for airborne, ground-based, and shipboard platforms. Additionally, he has instructed and developed the radar and EW sections of Raytheon's AMRAAM Warfighter School. John has been employed on numerous other programs including the Aegis Combat System, SPY-1B/D, Advanced Multifunction RF System (AMRFS), Ground-Based Radar System, JSOW, SDB2, Sidewinder, ALCM, ESSM, Standard Missile, ACM, and MALD. He is a registered Professional Engineer (PE), with a proficiency in Electrical Engineering, in Nevada and Arizona. John worked for Raytheon for 14 years in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Before that, John worked for the Navy in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. John has been on a deep and wonderful spiritual strengthening this past year, being guided by the Holy Spirit. John has very much enjoyed being welcomed into the Mount Pleasant Catholic Community and taking an active role in Catholic life here. He participates in East Cooper Men's Ministry, completed his first Alpha program this year and volunteered to help run the program next year, has signed up to join Emmaus next year, and has even more spiritual strengthening activities in store.

Congratulations John !!!



Left Council Director Don Campbell presenting John Danko III with Knight of the Month Certificate and Knights cup while his Father John Sr. and Mother Deborah stand-by.

Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane Thanking Brother Knight Tony Certa with Hand Shake and Knights Cup for being Our Speaker



Tony has 23 years COAST GUARD operational experience. 12 years search and rescue in New York, Hawaii, LA and New York. He has experience in drug interdiction in the Caribbean and west coast of America's, Fisheries Enforcement Operations in the North Atlantic and the Bering Sea. The latter half of his career was spent as Commanding Officer of Navigational Aids units in New York and Charleston.



Side view of float



All lite up and ready to go.

The Christmas Float Earned 2nd Place



We earned 2nd Place with the Theme KEEP CHIRST IN CHRISTMAS



Left to right Sr. Knight Jim Welsch, Brother Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell and Sr. Knight and Past Grand Knight Don Campbell. It was their job to keep up with the moving float and hand out candy. They sure got their work-out for the week!

**A Great Time at the Council 9475 and Assembly 3243
Christmas Party
Hosted by Deanna and Kevin Cunnane**



Great Group Shot with Our Hostess Deanna Cunnane Front and Center and Host Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane second from top left.



Having fun in kitchen left to right Mark Lazo, Fran Franzone, Debbie Lazo and Mike O'Connor



Enjoying each others company sitting around fire.

Thank You from All of the Knights Deanna and Kevin for Hosting Our 2018 Christmas Party!!!

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FEBRUARY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	01
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
St. Valentine’s Day_____	14
Presidents’ Day_____	18
Regular Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict’s Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



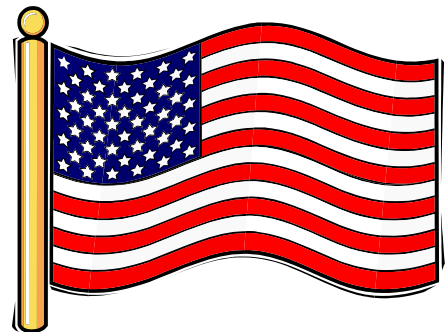
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SPOUSE E-MAIL UPDATE:

Please send your spouse’s first and last name with her E-mail address to Neil at ngwhitman@yahoo.com

If she is not receiving Newsletter or Knights information.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on the Benefits of Faith in God

By Deacon Kevin Campbell

Rev 15: 1-4; Lk 21: 12-19

Our Meditation today speaks to the benefits that come to us when we have faith in God. But these benefits do not flow down a one way street. There are things expected of us.

We must have faith in Him, praise Him, give him thanks, and never give up on these things. If we never give up, we will be richly blessed. He will be there for us in our most difficult times. We will be secure in knowing heaven awaits us for a life well lived.

In the Book of Revelation, the author, St. John, who was an actual witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus, has a vision that the beast, another name for the Roman Empire, will be defeated. It tells us who will be left standing: “On the sea of glass there were standing those who had won victory over the beast”. (Rev 15:2)

St. John, is referring to the martyrs and he will later have a vision of what we can expect from the Second Coming of Jesus. Jesus will conquer all of our adversaries, including Satan, so we will have a peaceful existence.

And for this, the people of that day, and the people of today, can say: “Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God, almighty. Just and true are your ways. All nations will worship before you, for your righteous acts are revealed”. (Rev 15:3-4)

The Gospel of Luke confirms that there will be difficult times. Jesus tells us: “They will seize and persecute you. They will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons” (Luke 21:12). He was speaking to his disciples about His Apostles because of the eleven apostles that remained after Judas departed, ten will be martyred, only St. John was spared. But He is also speaking to us today.

Jesus assures them, and us, of two things: if we are confronted with an adversary, maybe someone who confronts us about our beliefs: “that we will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, who will give us wisdom in speaking so that all of our adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” (Lk 21:15). This worked for St. Paul and St. Stephen who were able to boldly and eloquently speak out when they were persecuted. This power is available to us. Whenever we are confronted by someone who might question our beliefs, here are a few things we can do:

Take a moment before you speak and ask God to give you the right words to say. If going to a family member or a friend about their faith in God, remember it is better to speak to God about man before speaking to man about God. Remember our Creed. It is a great fallback position: just keep it simple by sticking to the Creed. Let the love of Jesus Christ shine out from us. There is no need to get upset or angry.

For more difficult situations, talk to a priest, deacon, or religious, for some guidance. You can always say that you are not sure but you will get back to them with the answer. The last thing Jesus tells us is to preserve, never give up, and we will be richly blessed. (Lk 21:19)

If we will remain steadfast in our faith and trust in God; if we will love him and others with the same unconditional love he has for us, we will be secure in knowing that we will have the peace, joy and happiness in this life that only God can give, to the extent possible. We will be secure in knowing that a life in heaven awaits us.



Deacon Kevin Campbell