



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest brother knights, David Funk and Richard Baummer; may our brotherhood live up to your expectations.

What a great month it has been. In the true spirit of Christmas, it was a wonderful time to witness the spirit of our brotherhood, Charity Fraternity and Unity, in action. Many brother knights and their families came together to support our charity fundraisers, local community events and services, along with the aiding of several individuals who requested the services of our knights. Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who made this possible.

The council should take pride in itself, even though these accomplishments were exceptional, our brother knights consistently demonstrate outstanding commitment throughout the year.

May the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the gladness of Christmas which is Hope and the heart of Christmas which is Love be with you and your families now and throughout the coming New Year.

God Bless One and All,  
Tom Siwarski  
G/K



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2020

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Officers Meeting _____	02
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 am	
Ultreya Meeting _____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Free Throw Contest _____	10
Christ Our King School	
Chairman Michael Fabrizio will E-mail time.	
Stand Up for Life March _____	11
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	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	18
Gold Bug Island —6:30 to 9 PM	
Martin Luther King Day _____	20
Free Throw Contest _____	24
Moultrie Middle School	
Chairman Michael Fabrizio will E-mail time.	

## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

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



**Family of the Month  
December 2019  
Dan and Kate Busher**

Dan earned his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin in 1986 and Kate earned her degree in communications from the University of Wisconsin in 1989. Dan began his career in Detroit working to design the new Saturn Corporation factory to be built in Spring Hill, TN. When he moved to Nashville, TN in 1989 to follow construction of the new facility he had the good fortune to meet Kate who had moved there immediately following graduation. They were married in 1991. Dan went on to earn his Executive MBA from Vanderbilt University. He then held a series of roles at Alcoa that took the family to Detroit and San Antonio in leadership roles in the automotive industry. In 2006 Dan accepted a role as Executive Vice President of Operations for Force Protection Industries in Ladson, SC which brought the family to Mount Pleasant the first time. He later took a senior leadership role with Orbital ATK in Baltimore, MD where he led operational strategy for aerospace and defense manufacturing facilities around the Country. The family moved back to Mount Pleasant in 2013. Kate has worked in project management for telecom sales and pharmaceutical sales. She has also served as a full-time mother to their three boys.

Dan and Kate have three boys. Michael, 24, is a senior consultant with Ernst & Young in Chicago. Joey, 22, is a PhD student at Texas A&M studying biomedical engineering. William, 20, is a junior at the University of South Carolina studying mechanical engineering. William earned the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of St. Benedict's Troop 529. He installed an outdoor drinking fountain for the homeless at the Neighborhood House. The project was dedicated by Bishop Guglielmo and William was recognized as student of the month by the Knights of Columbus for his work.

Dan and Kate were members of Christ Our King during their first tour in Mount Pleasant. Dan served as a liturgical minister, Kate volunteered with RCIA, and two of the boys served as instrumentalists in the music ministry. Dan was a founding board member of Camp Rise Above, a Summer camp for children with disabilities. The family joined St. Benedict's Parish on their return to Mount Pleasant. Kate serves as a volunteer with St. Vincent DePaul and Low Country Orphanage. In the past she has taught Sunday school, served Crisis Pregnancy Ministry, and been a Eucharistic Minister. She also ministered to orphaned children with aids in Romania.

Dan joined the Knights of Columbus in 2012 in Columbia, MD where he was active with the Lenten fish fry events and various fundraisers. He achieved his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree while active in MD. Recently, Dan received his 4<sup>th</sup> degree in a special exemplification ceremony.

In June of 2018 Dan received a diagnosis of ALS. He promptly retired and enjoyed several months of travel with family and friends. This culminated with a pilgrimage to follow the footsteps of Jesus in Israel which featured a rare full Mass inside the Tomb of Christ. Dan and Kate also made their Cursillos in Fall of last year and continue to host weekly Cursillo group meetings in their home.

Congratulations Dan and Kate!!!



Left Acting Family Director Matt Feltman presented Dan and Kate Busher with their Family of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Tom Siwarski presented them with Knights cup not in picture.

**Knight of the Month  
December 2019  
Greg Raven**

Greg joined the Knights of Columbus in October 2010 ascending to the fourth degree in February of 2015. He is a past Chancellor of Council 9475 and has been the Comptroller of Assembly 3243 for the last four years.

Greg and his wife, Kathy, are parishioners at Christ Our King.

Greg was born outside of Chicago, IL and spent his formative years in the suburbs of New York City. He graduated from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania in 1971 with a degree in Business Administration. Greg worked in "corporate America" for 30+ years in financial and general management as Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer mostly within the retail and distribution industries. He specialized in the turnaround of troubled multi-billion dollar companies. The challenges at these troubled companies resulted in his relocating from New York to New Jersey to Ohio to Massachusetts and Vermont. In 2001, he became tired of the moves and "retired" and relocated to Kiawah Island where he had owned a vacation home since 1989. Retirement quickly became boring and his golf game was not improving so he began looking for business opportunities. Through a business broker, Greg met Kathy Durham who owned and operated a mortgage company in Miami and Charleston for 18 years. After several months of negotiation, Greg acquired the business in 2002 with the understanding that Kathy would stay on board for a year to teach him the business. He must have been a slow learner because she is still with him after 18 years. After several years of working together, Kathy and Greg started seeing each other socially and they were married in 2009.

Greg is an active member of Christ Our King and the community. Over the years, he has been involved in various Knights of Columbus Activities including the Book Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, Oyster Roast, Free Throw Tournament, Christ Our King Bazaar and Christmas Wreath Sale. At Christ Our King, he is involved as a greeter, gift bearer, and usher.

Greg is also actively involved in Kathy's biggest passion -- Operation Christmas Child where shoe box gifts are used to help spread the Gospel to children in foreign countries who have nothing. The shoe boxes are packed with school supplies, health and hygiene items, toys, candy and clothing. Most importantly, they are packed with love and prayers. They are sent to over 100 countries and distributed by volunteers in those countries to children from 2 – 14 years old in orphanages, schools and churches. During the distribution of the shoe boxes, each child is presented with a book of Gospel stories in the children's native language. In many cases, this is the first introduction of Jesus Christ to these children. The children are then invited to participate in a 12-week session to learn in more depth about our Lord and Savior. Over the past eighteen years, with the assistance of the parishioners at Christ Our King (18 years) and St Benedict (three year), Knights of Columbus, the Senior Ministry at COK, the Boy Scouts and the students and teachers at Christ Our King – Stella Maris school, the "team" has packed approximately 40,000 shoe boxes and brought Christ to children and their families.

Greg and Kathy have 5 children and five grandchildren.

They enjoy traveling, reading, golf, shopping (Kathy), cooking (Kathy) and being with family and friends.  
Congratulations Greg!!!



Left Grand Knight Tom Siwarski standing –by center Greg Raven receiving Knight of the Month Certificate from Council Director Bobby Gevberth and Greg got a Knights cup as well.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FEBRUARY 2020**

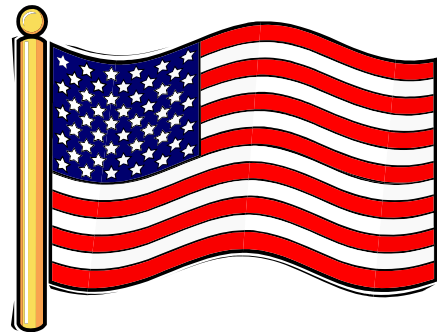
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St. Valentine's Day _____	14
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Presidents' Day _____	17
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 PM	
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.	

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**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  
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 John Napolitano  
 James Pancake  
 Henry Rogers  
 James Sheehy  
 Thomas Siwarski  
 Fr. Robert Spencer  
 Anthony Stelluti*



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



**CHRISTMAS WREATH FUND RAISER  
IS A SUCCESS THANKS TO BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FAMILY**



Our Wreath decorating Elves this year left to right Maddie Harlan, Regina, Fran, Caroline Franzone, Doris and Mary Wright.



A winter wonderland of decorated wreaths ready for sale.



**A Great Time at Council 9475 and Assembly 3243  
Christmas Party  
At  
Christ Our king Beach House**



Left to right Joe Harkins telling Fran Franzone to look at camera, Jane and Tom Kenzik checking the food, Debbie Pulaski waving, Loretta Gimbert holding plate and Jerry wants to know what's she going to do with it, Melinda Whitman going for dessert, Past Grand Knight Don Campbell going in for a slice of ham and way in the back top right is the (Man) Matt Feltman that saved the night by using his computer skills to bring in the Clemson versus Virginia football game.



Jane and Tom Kenzik enjoying the party.



Greg and Kathy Raven taking picture, Tom and Jane Kenzik and hiding Claire Sherman watching the following picture.



Joe Harkins and Fran Franzone having fun.



Marion Wright, Pope Francis and Frank Sherman biting tassel.



Standing in front of the Beach House Christmas Tree left to right Kathy and Greg Raven, Bob and Sue Fintak had a great evening.



**OUR  
CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT  
KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS  
(TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE CHURCH DIVISION)**



Here comes our float pulling it in truck is Past Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane



The only float advertising KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, an Angel and Wisemen provided by Christ Our King Youth Group.

## Meditation: is Jesus Christ the King of Our Lives

2 Sm 5:1-3; Lk 23: 35-43

Is Jesus the real King of our lives? We start by asking what kind of King is Jesus?

In the second book of Samuel, all the tribes of Israel came to David and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh". This was important because the nation of Israel had always been made up of numerous tribes. It had just survived a prolonged civil war. King David had been victorious over the forces led by King Saul. After Saul was defeated, the nation was at peace, but it was still divided. Then all the leaders of the tribes came to him and anointed him king. He then designated Jerusalem as the capital.

So, David was the unifying king. He brought all the tribes together. Jesus is the new David. He is the unifier, who brings not only the tribes of Israel, but all the gentile nations of the world, together. We remember that he sent out the apostles with these words: "Go and make disciples of all nations." He is here to unify all people to the New Jerusalem, his Church. He invites us to be a part of this and he wants us to be unifiers too with the way with live our lives. We will have so many opportunities to invite people to join his Church: in our schools, workplaces, families, and social groups.

God had promised David that his kingdom would last forever. This came about in the coming of Jesus. But Jesus had some work to do. He could not be a passive king. The power of darkness was evident in the way the people lived their lives back then. They had no hope of salvation.

Let's face it, darkness is still here in this world. We have unhappiness, worry, sadness, anxiety, even despair in our lives. Fortunately we have Jesus, the warrior king. He will deliver us from the power of darkness. He is an awesome God! He will forgive us of our sins if we ask him. He has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation for more serious sins.

He wants us to believe and trust that if we are faithful to him, he will not give us a situation that we cannot handle. He will get us through every problem, in his time and in his way. He will take all away all forms of darkness in our lives through his forgiveness and love. God's love is more powerful than all of the cruelty, injustice, and even death that the world can throw at us. Christ is a warrior king. He is ready to help us overcome the power of darkness as long as we live our lives as he taught us.

The Gospel of Luke presents Jesus as a strange and surprising king. He is mocked, jeered, whipped, scourged, and forced to carry a cross to his death. The cross had a sign on it that was supposed to humiliate him ever further: "Here is Jesus, the king of the Jews".

This requires us to ask a question: what sign do we carry? When people look at us, do they see the light and love of Christ or do they see a sign of darkness: worry, anxiety, impatience, and meanness. Let's always carry a sign that we are Catholic and that we are lovers of Jesus and everyone we come into contact with. Jesus gave us his all. At the end of our lives, will our sign say that we gave it our all?

So the same people who thought it was cruel to put that sign on the cross, are now taunting him, saying: "If you are really the king of the Jews, the Christ, the son of God, save yourself. Come down from the cross." They missed the point which may have been to their detriment at the end of their lives. Jesus did not come into the world to save himself but to save them and us, if we ask. Jesus is our savior King. He really wants us to be with him in heaven someday.

Our savior King is available to us all during our time on this earth. All we need to do is ask him. Think of the good thief, who probably had been a criminal his whole life before he met Jesus but at the very end of his life, he asked Jesus to forgive him and he was forgiven of every sin he had ever committed.

The good thief gave us some guidance on how we can establish a relationship with Jesus. He acknowledged his faith and belief in Jesus. He confessed his sins. He took responsibility for them. No excuses. He sought mercy and forgiveness. Then he asked to be with Jesus, to make Jesus a part of his life.

Now, let's not wait as long as the good thief did, if possible. We don't want to be like the bad thief. He was not able to turn his life around even though he was in the presence of Jesus at the end of his life.

It's simple really: live our lives as Jesus taught us. If we do, we will have the peace joy and happiness that only God can give during our lives and, at the end of our lives, we will hear some of the sweetest words in the Gospel: "Today you will be with me in paradise."



Deacon Kevin Campbell