



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers Knights, As Christmas and the new year rapidly approach, we ask Jesus to come into our lives just as he came to earth on Christmas to live among us.

Even with the pandemic, this has been a busy December for Council 9475. Our float in the Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade won first prize in our category. Many thanks goes to the builders, Josh Hulen, Tom Franzone, Jim Morini, Don Campbell, Bob Fintak, Jerry Gimbert and Matt Feltman. A special thanks goes to Jamiel Kadri and family for their portrayal as the Holy Family.

Wreath sales began 27 November at Christ Our King and were sold out in less than a week. Thanks to Tom and Fran Franzone for their efforts in setting up the site and preparing the wreaths for sale as well as the many volunteers who sold the wreaths. The Council sponsored Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay contest was won by Joseph F. Shores, an eighth grader from Christ Our King/Stella Maris. Joseph also won the District competition. He will now go to State for that competition early next year.

As a heads up, the 100th South Carolina State Meeting is scheduled for 16-18 April 2021 at the Low Country Conference Center in Summerville, SC. More to follow on this event as details are provided.

Finally, I ask each of you to continue to pray for the end of abortion and this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2021

DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 am	
Ultreya Meeting _____	05
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	07
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	07
Stella Maris —8PM to 8AM	
Proudly Pro-Life Weekend _____	8-9
Columbia, SC	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	16
Gold Bug Island CANCELLED COVID-19	
Regular Business Meeting _____	21
Regular Meeting in person and will attempt webcast 6:30 PM Grand Knight will send Info. St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466	
Rosary : 6:00 PM Meeting: 6:30 PM	
Martin Luther King Day _____	18

Knights of Columbus



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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
Msgr. Lawrence McNerny
Louis Milone
John Napolitano
James Pancake
Henry Rogers
James Sheehy
Thomas Siwarski
Fr. Robert Spencer
Anthony Stelluti



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

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CORONAVIRUS.GOV

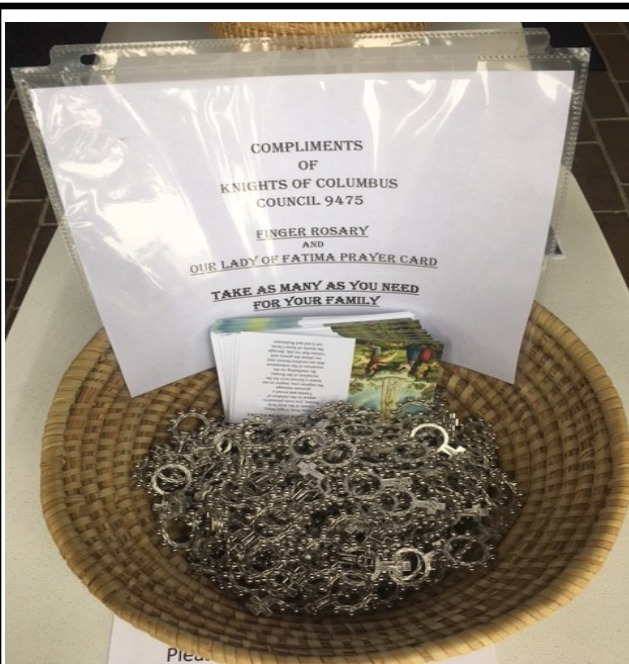
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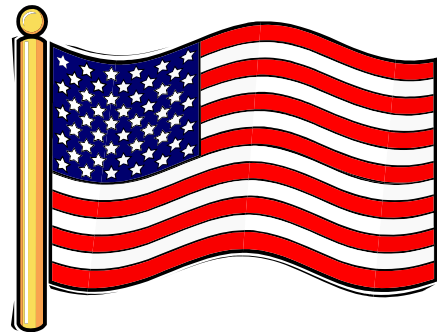
Ultreya Meeting _____	02
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting _____	04
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
St. Valentine's Day _____	14
Presidents' Day _____	15
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
SC District Fourth Degree 83rd Exemplification _____	20
St. Gregory the Great—Bluffton, SC	
.Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

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Finger Rosaries and Our Lady of Fatima pray cards donated by Knights of Columbus Council 704 being displayed for the taking of parishioners at Christ Our King Church and are available at Stella Maris, St. Benedict Church and St. Clare of Assisi.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

**Knight of the Month
December 2020
Jeff Pulaski**

Jeff was born in Charleston, SC in 1955. A graduate of North Charleston High School, he attended University of South Carolina and graduated from the College of Charleston in 1978 with a degree in dramatic arts. Jeff began working at United Parcel Service (UPS) part-time in 1977 while attending CofC. After graduation, he moved to New York City and returned to Charleston the following year to manage the family-owned restaurants. He joined UPS full-time in 1981. As a delivery driver who served the Isle of Palms, Jeff was inducted into the UPS Circle of Honor for drivers who go 25 years without an accident. In January 2015, he retired from UPS after serving 36 years.

In October of 2018 Jeff was hired McAlister-Smith Home as Funeral Assistant and shortly after took on the role as administrator of the Mount Pleasant Chapel.

In 1990, Jeff met his wife Debbie, who was an administrative assistant for Wild Dunes Resort. Jeff was raised Baptist, and they married in 1992 in the Presbyterian Church. Their very good friends attended Christ Our King and invited Jeff and Debbie to attend Mass with them. After Mass, Debbie and Jeff knew they had found what they had been looking for in the Catholic Church. Through RCIA, they joined the Catholic Church in 2005.

Jeff and Debbie reside in Belle Hall subdivision, and are active members of Christ Our King Church. Jeff serves as a sacristan, usher, and altar server and Debbie serves as a lector and usher.

Jeff joined the Knights of Columbus in 2009 and advanced to the 4th Degree in 2010. He has volunteered for many activities, such as the book sales, oyster roasts, spaghetti suppers, and is our Financial Secretary of Council 9475. Jeff also serves as the purser for the Fourth Degree Assembly.



Congratulations Jeff!!!

Did you know – Bob Fintak



Bob and his wife Sue are originally from Western New York, Home of the Buffalo Bills and Lake Effect Snow. They moved to Lexington SC in 1996 and then to Mt Pleasant in 2014 when they retired. Bob has his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business and worked in software development, then spent the majority of his career in Logistics management and finished his career as a process improvement consultant. He spent 6 years in the Army Reserve during the 1970's. Sue has her Bachelor's degree in business and started out in the property and casualty insurance field as an agent and moved into enterprise software as an implementation analyst. They have 3 children David – age 43, who is a retina specialist in Denver, Stephen – age 41, who is an architect in Atlanta and Stacey – age 39, who is a Physician Assistant working here at MUSC. In total they have 8 grandchildren (1 deceased).

Bob is active at St. Benedict church as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at the 8am mass, and participated as an assistant with the Youth Group. He enjoys golf, travel, spending time with the kids and grandkids and working around the house. Sue is an avid reader and loves to host the kids and grandkids when they are in town and travel. Over the past 10 years they have visited 22 countries in the travels.

Bob is a 4th degree Knight joining in 1999 and has been involved with various fund raising activities such as the annual golf tournament, book sale, and the Christmas wreath sale.



**Our Christmas Float
Won
First Place For Its Category**



The above Knights decorated the float left to right are Matt Feltman, Don Campbell, Float Chairman Josh Hulen, Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt, Jim Morini, Jerry Gimbert, not in picture Bob Fintak got away before picture taken and Tom Franzone taking picture.



Jamiel Kardi family on float portraying the Holy Family.

Congratulations to ALL!!!

Mediation on Challenges To Our Faith

gn15:1-6; 21: 1-3; Ps 105:1-6; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40

We are challenged to sustain and increase our faith in God which gives us a special blessing: the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give. Faith in God is our complete trust that no matter what we have going on, God will get us through it, in his time and in his way.

Let's begin by asking ourselves: where are we with God's peace, joy and happiness? Do we have it? Could we use more?

In the first Reading, Abraham, is having a crisis of faith. He actually gets mad at God. We have all of been in situations where we might get mad at God because of something that is going on with us: we failed a test, we get fired or demoted from a job, a loved one is ill or dies. This reading tells us we can get mad with God. He can take it. It also teaches us that we need to be patient when we ask God for something. His time is not our time.

Abraham and his wife, Sarah, were very old when God promised them a child. As time went on without a child, Abraham angrily complained to God but Abraham finally decided to put his faith in God. In his time and in his way, God delivered on his promise: Sarah became pregnant and Isaac was born. They were filled with the peace, joy and happiness because of their faith in God.

Our Psalm tells us the Lord remembers his promise to us, and that those who seek the Lord will rejoice. God promises that he will get us through every situation, but in his time and in his way. We may be in for some very difficult times in 2021 but if we have complete trust in God, and we lives our lives as we should, we will ultimately rejoice because God's peace will be there, even in the worst of times.

Our reading from Hebrews recalls the challenges to Abraham's faith in God. Because God found him worthy of these challenges, St. Paul presents him as a model for all believers. The most severe was when he was asked by an angel to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, to God. Despite serious misgivings, Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son to God until an Angel told him not to do so.

We need a faith like Abraham in our God, who fulfills promises, who does the seemingly impossible at times. We only need to think about some of the miracles in our lives.

The Gospel reading shows us the faith in God of Mary, Joseph, Anna, and Simeon. Mary and Joseph are devout Jews who, in faithful observance of the old Jewish law, present Jesus to be blessed at the Temple. They meet Simeon who was very old and looking forward to death. God had told him that he must first see the Messiah before he dies. Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, proclaims that Jesus is the one. His faith in God is rewarded when he experiences the joy and happiness to now die in peace. He predicts problems for the holy family but this faith-filled family remains calm as their trust in God is complete. This is where we need to be. When difficulties come this year, and they will come, we need to remain calm, trusting in God. It pleases the devil when problems disturb a family's peace, joy and happiness.

This humble family is faithful to their Jewish traditions. After fulfilling the requirements of the old Jewish law, they return to their home where Jesus grew, became strong, and was filled with wisdom. The favor of God was upon him. This Holy Family had the peace only God can give. Although they would suffer serious problems, including the death of Joseph, and the passion and death of Jesus, they never lost their faith that God would get them through these problems. Their faith was ultimately rewarded with Jesus' resurrection and Mary's assumption into Heaven.

How do we increase our faith in God? We can do so by increasing our personal prayer time, receiving the Sacraments as often as we can, and surrounding ourselves with good Christian friends. What can we take from these readings? During 2021, we will all experience problems, some more serious than others. We will be challenged to keep our faith to trust that God will get us through every situation, in his time and in his way. All families need to support and encourage each other to keep their faith in God during difficult times. Our faith will give us God's peace, joy and happiness, even when we are going through problems. Let 2021 be our year for faith in God.



Deacon Kevin