



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family: December came and went as fast as I can ever remember. The beauty, reason and solemnity of the season was not lost on the Knights of Council 9475. Many thanks to all who volunteered, chaired, participated in or attended the wreath sale, Christmas float and parade, the St. Joseph ICON service and the annual Christmas party. What a tremendous way to wrap up a fantastic 2022!

2023 is going to start with a bang! We have the upcoming Oyster Roast at Goldbug Island, on January 28<sup>th</sup> to prepare for. If you haven't gotten tickets yet for yourself or to sell, please contact Oyster Roast Chairman, Brother Tom Franzone. Let's sell out AGAIN!!

Each year our council elects new men to take on leadership roles within the council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those current officers and committee chairman who make our council one of the best in the State. As we begin 2023, I ask each of you to consider how you can share your time, talents and leadership skills as an officer, committee chairman or even as an 'apprentice' to a current committee chairman so that you can 'learn the ropes' of a committee that is of interest, or calls you to service.

To aid your thoughtful consideration, here is a link that explains the council officer roles and responsibilities.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/get-involved/college-councils/resources/council-officer-roles.html>

Please let me, any current or past officer or trustee know if you have any questions or interest about any officer role.

Let me close with a beautiful prayer that may serve as a wonderful reflection as we start out this New Year. It comes from St. Francis DeSales. On January 24th, we celebrate his feast day. His writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople and he is honored as a most influential preacher, writer, and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.

### **Be at Peace – St. Francis DeSales**

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise.

God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unflinching strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

As always, I very much hope to see you at an upcoming council meeting, service event or social gathering. Please call and invite a brother who hasn't attended in a while. Or if you can, please bring another brother with you.

Pray for peace. Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Ultreya Meeting _____	03
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	05
COK Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	05
Stella Maris –8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 7:00 AM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	07
COK — 7:30 am	
Martin Luther King Day _____	16
Regular Business Meeting _____	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility _____	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	28
Gold Bug Island - 6:30PM to 9:00PM	



***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

*Thomas and Donna Brown  
Benjamin and Beth Byrnes  
Michael and Mary Fischer  
Melvin and Elnora Lands  
Matthew and Cynthia Ridenour*



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

*Edward Bernard  
Stan Blalock  
Martin Bogdan  
Robert Bohnstengel  
Tyler Boone  
Richard Burman  
James Cafaro  
David Dolan  
Noah Dubois  
Coleman Dunne  
Edward Fitzpatrick  
Jackey Frye  
Wilson Gautreaux  
Robert Geberth  
Thomas Jerger  
Daniel Jost  
Luke Lapierre  
Gerald McCully  
Msgr. Lawrence McInerny  
Louis Milone  
John Napolitano  
Henry Rogers  
James Sheehy  
Thomas Siwarski  
Fr. Robert Spencer  
Anthony Stelluti*



**OUR CHRISTMAS FLOAT INTERED THE MT. PLEASANT CHRISTMAS PRADE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**



Brother Josh Hulen our Christmas float chairman is putting last minute touches on our float Sunday morning. Brother Knights that helped decorate the float Saturday 10th were Josh Hulen his two sons Bo & Shep, Carlos Araiza, Jerry Gimbert and Tom Franzone.



## Knights that Cooked Dinner for the Charleston Fisher House Tuesday, December 13, 2022



Thank You to the above Brother Knights that cooked dinner for the folks staying at the Charleston Fisher House. Left to right Chuck Drouillard, Richard Garcia, Martin McNulty, Derck McCoy, Michael McDermott, Tom Libhardt and Bill Kundinger.



Mouthwatering, Juicy Pork Chop on Grill



Delicious dinner ready to be served

**Council 9475 Brother Knights Held A  
Saint Joseph Icon Prayer Service At Saint Benedict  
Thursday December 15**



In the picture above are four Josephs that attended the Pray Service left to right Past Grand Knight Joseph Harkins Sr., St. Joseph Icon with baby Jesus, District Deputy Joseph Nesbitt and Past Faithful Navigator Joseph Scheirman III



**Council 9475 and Assembly 3243 Christmas Party  
At  
Christ Our King Beach House Friday Dec. 16**



In picture left Doris Wright and Fran Franzone with Santa. Looks like with the naughty smiles on their face they maybe tickling Santa.



As you can see in the picture we had plenty of food Ham, Turkey all the side dishes and desserts everyone brought plus refreshments to drink.



Everyone had a nice time visiting and singing Christmas carols.

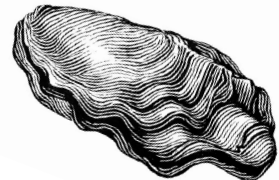


We had singer left Tom Fressilli Council 704 Grand Knight and Brother Knight Neil Whitman playing guitar as we sang Christmas Carols. Good Time Was Had By All!!!

**Knights of Columbus Present:**

# **Annual Oyster Roast & Benefit**

**Includes All You Can Eat Oysters, Chili, Hot Dogs, Beer and Wine**



**WHERE:** Gold Bug Island (At the foot of Ben Sawyer Bridge)

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 28, 2023 starting at 6:30 PM

**PRICE:** Ages 12 & Older: \$35.00 in advance \$40.00 at the Door

All Children under 12: \$8.00

**No Coolers**



**Contact Tom Franzone for tickets: [Tzone1941@aol.com](mailto:Tzone1941@aol.com)**

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1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
SC District Fourth Degree Exemplification _____	18
Saturday February 18, in Aiken at St. Mary’s	
Help of Christians Catholic Church.	
If you are interested please contact:	
Faithful Navigator & District Deputy Joe	
Nesbitt: jgnesbitt@comcast.net	
Presidents’ Day _____	20
Ash Wednesday _____	22

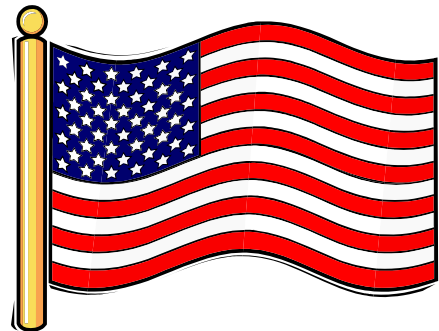
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



## ADVENT MEDITATION OF KOC

ISAIAH 7:10-14; MAT 1:18-24

A man was going through a very difficult time. He had lost his job, and his wife left him. Most of his problems were due to his addiction to alcohol. He was driving through the neighborhood he had just moved to temporarily, a very poor part of town with abandoned homes, empty lots that were filled with trash. Driving slowly, thinking that God was not there for him, that God had abandoned him, he was so dejected that he was even contemplating suicide. He felt that God was nowhere to be found, certainly not in this neighborhood. Then, as he turned the corner, he saw a billboard that read: "I am God. I am here for you. Pray. It works." He felt that this was the sign from God that he needed, that God was really there for him. That very day he committed to never drink again with the help of AA. I am glad to report that he began going to church regularly. He found new, better employment and reconciled with his wife and family.

In the book of Isaiah, Ahaz, the king of Judah at that time, was being threatened by Assyria with its powerful army. It was the worst of times for the nation of Israel. Due to political in-fighting, the country was divided into the northern kingdom, called Israel, and the southern kingdom, where Jerusalem was located, called Judah. Even worse, due to a series of bad kings and priests the people had turned from worshiping the one true god to worshiping idols and they had lost God's blessings. The northern kingdom would eventually be conquered by Assyria.

Isaiah, who was the prophet at time, urged Ahaz to ask the Lord for a sign so that he might be able to defeat the Assyrians. For whatever reason, probably due to a lack of faith, Ahaz refuses. Isaiah, who had predicted this day would come if the people did not change their ways, prophesizes that God will send a sign that all of us will be able to use to turn our lives around: a virgin, will conceive and bear a son who will be called Emmanuel: God is with us. This would be impossible without God's intervention,

In the Gospel of Mathew, the prediction of Isaiah in our first reading comes true as Mary has conceived even though she was a virgin. But there is a complication. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. Even though he was a Godly man, her story, that the angel Gabriel had come to her and asked her if she would be willing to be the mother of the son of God and, after she said: "yes, she would", the Holy Spirit over-shadowed her and she became pregnant, was too hard for Joseph to accept. Although what Joseph thought Mary had done would have gotten her stoned to death, since he was a righteous man, he decided that he would not expose her and would just quietly end their relationship.

There is no telling what would have happened to Mary back then, an unmarried woman with a child, but God stepped in and gave Joseph a sign through a dream that what Mary told him was the truth. This came about when an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream which reminded Joseph of the prediction that Isaiah had made hundreds of years before: a virgin will conceive and bear a son. Joseph did what the angel commanded him to do and took Mary into his home.



Deacon Kevin Campbell

We too need to be open to signs from God, what we might call God-incidences, those mostly unexplainable events that just happen. Only the hand of God can be in them. Signs will be there for us at the right times, more so when we live lives of holiness. A life of holiness awaits us. It will give us the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give.

We need to commit today. We can do this by setting aside time to pray, going to Mass as often as we can and receiving the Body of Christ, asking God to forgive us of our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Let's seize this opportunity and make this Advent 2022 the best Advent ever.