



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights

I hope this finds you and your family full of Christmas joy. It was especially gratifying to see Joe Ruskauff and Joe Scheirman back on their feet and enjoying the Christmas party on December 16th. As we get ready to celebrate a new year, we look back and reflect on the many things that impacted our lives during the past year. Thank you to all the Knights and spouses that made 2023 so enjoyable. It's hard to believe 2024 is already here - a new year full of promise and opportunity. I believe Council leadership has some surprises on the agenda for the coming year! But in the meantime, enjoy the birth of our savior and what's left of 2023. Kathy and I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year!

Don Campbell
Grand Knight
Council 9475

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God _____	01
Ultreya Meeting _____	02
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	04
Stella Maris -8PM to 8AM	
Officer's Meeting _____	04
COK Life Center—6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	TBD
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK — 7:30 am	
KofC Annual Oyster Roast _____	13
Gold Bug Island - 6:30PM to 9:00PM	
Martin Luther King, Jr Day _____	15
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
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 _____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
SC District Fourth Degree Exemplification _____	24
If you are interested please contact:	
Faithful Navigator & District Deputy Joe	
Nesbitt: jgnesbitt@comcast.net	



**Council 9475, 704 and Assembly 3243 Christmas Party
At
Christ Our King Beach House Friday Dec. 16**



Tables are decorated by Doris and Marion Wright and ready for the guests.



Center back is our Christmas party chairman Mark MaCabe and right Joe Harkins Sr. are preparing the food for the evening festivities.



Our Christmas party chairman Mark MaCabe looking over the prepared food as if to be saying the food is ready!



Our Past Grand Knight Matt Feltman with his Christmasy green scarf on looking as to say let the party begin!!



Here we have front Joe and Jeannie Scheirman then Greg and Kathy Raven enjoying their meal.



Jim Welsch looks relaxed and now he and his wife Susan sitting in front of him are enjoying the Christmas Coral music being played by Neil Whitman on guitar back in right hand corner with the Santa hat and left is Tom Fressilli from Council 704 singing along.



Looking like Christmas with Santa and Christmas tree in the background and sitting at the table left is our Grand Knight's wife Kathy Campbell, in checkered shirt is Martin McNulty, and in maroon sweater is Brother Knight from council 704.



Here we have a close-up of Neil Whitman on guitar and Tom Fressilli from Council 704 singing and clapping entertaining the quest with Christmas carols.
All had a great time!!

Do You Know

Carlos Araiza, born and raised in Tempe, Arizona where he lived for 65 years before coming to Mt Pleasant, SC.

Carlos worked in Law Enforcement for 30 years spending most of his career with K-9s. He trained both the dogs and the officers for drug detection, search and apprehension. Carlos had worked several K-9s during his career. They become part of the family and the last one, Eris, retired with him.

Carlos's wife, Trish was a transfer from Long Island and he met her through the Tempe Police Department where Trish was also an officer. Carlos and Trish have been together for over 35 years. Together, they have six adult children. Some are still in Arizona while others are in Indiana and Massachusetts.

After retirement, Trish wanted to get back to the East Coast as she missed the water. Carlos's brother-in-law, Jim lives in Mt Pleasant and after visiting many times, they, too, decided to make Mt Pleasant their home.

Carlos and Trish totally enjoyed all that this area has to offer. They found their Church, new friends, love the beach, the weather, and their home is in the perfect location.



Great smile on Carlos with his thumbs-up!!
Carlos is always ready to help wherever needed.

Brother Knight Carlos Araiza Recognized for Years of Service



In picture left Sir Knight Joe Scheirman presents encased American Flag to Brother Knight Carlos Araiza on 19 DEC 2023 at St. Benedict Church in recognition of his 35 years of service in Law Enforcement and his numerous organizations he volunteers, both in the Knights of Columbus and outside of the Knights. To the left Father Good pastor of St. Benedict's Church looks on.

Knights of Columbus Present:

Annual Oyster Roast & Benefit

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



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

WHEN: Saturday, January 13, 2024 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



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Contact Tom Franzone for tickets: Tzone1941@aol.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Stand –Up for Life

**Adoption
not
Abortion**

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Presidents' Day_____	19

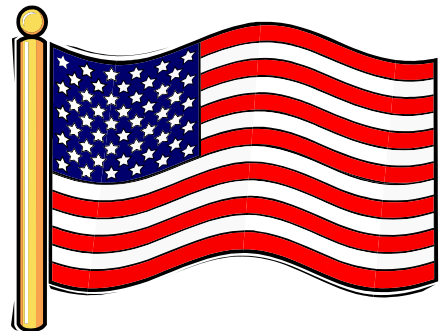
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation for the Knights of Columbus

Jonah 3: 1-10; Mk 1:14-20

This Meditation teaches us about our need to repent and our need for a prompt response to God's call.

We all receive calls from God, but we may need to slow down, get into a silent mode so that we can hear his call above all the noise we have in our lives. A call from God! That is pretty amazing when we think about it. What does God want us to do? What does God want us to be? His call is worth listening to.

We might be called to repent and leave a life of sin, to remove those friends from our lives who are leading down the bad path or to end a sinful relationship.

Maybe we are being called to make a Cursillo weekend or an Emmaus retreat. Perhaps God is calling us to overcome an addiction like to over-eating, alcohol or drugs; to get in better shape, to serve in some ministry at church, to be an altar server, or to be a priest, deacon or religious.

Here is a true story about receiving the call from God. One Saturday night, a Baptist minister was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 pm, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The minister let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes.

When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the minister received a call at the church office, which was on the phone that he had used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he had called on Saturday night. The minister could not figure out what the man was talking about. Then the man said, "it rang and rang, but I didn't answer."

The minister remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he had intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller id, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer but decided it must be a call from God and did not go through with it."

The minister's church is called "Almighty God Tabernacle".

The Book of Jonah has an interesting back story. Jonah, a Jew, was called by God to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh.

Otherwise, if they did not repent, God was going to destroy the city and everyone in it. They were not only a wicked and sinful people, but Nineveh was the capital of Israel's most powerful and feared ancient enemy: Assyria. Needless to say, not only did Jonah not want to help these terrible people but he feared for his life if he went to this center of hatred and violence towards Israel. Through a perilous journey that included being in the belly of a fish for 3 days, Jonah relented to God's call and accepted this mission to preach repentance

To his surprise, and some disappointment, the people repented and God relented in his decision to destroy Nineveh.

The point is that there is no limit to what God can accomplish in us if we allow ourselves to follow the will of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus challenges the people to believe in the Gospel, the good news that God is a forgiving, loving, caring and merciful father who wants to save us from our sins.

He wants them and us to know that the Kingdom of God has come. It is here. The Kingdom of God is in our hearts. It is all around us. He also called us to repentance. He wants us to change our minds and the direction of our lives, setting new priorities. Repentance means hating sin itself, not just being sorry for the consequences of our sinfulness.

Jesus called Andrew, Peter, James and John to join Him in His ministry, to change the path that their lives were on. The important point is that they did not hesitate to accept His call and neither should we.

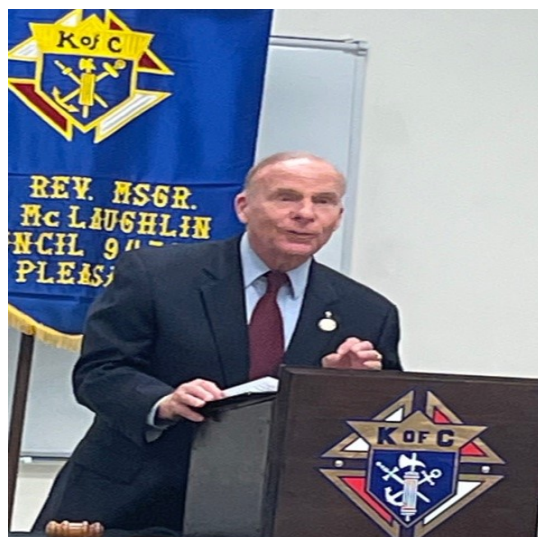
Jesus is calling us today as well to look at our lives. Are there some slight changes we need to make? We may even need a complete makeover. That is between us and God and maybe our spiritual director. We all need a spiritual director.

However, our prime motivation in life should be to love Him and serve Him and to bring those persons He has placed in our lives to the knowledge of the unconditional love He has for them

We need to appreciate God's call to us. Our own, unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis de Sales once said: "We are expected to bloom where we are planted."

The amazing truth is that, like with Jonah, God is relentless in calling us back to Him, even when we stray from Him.

Let us thank God for His divine grace of calling us to be members of His true church. Remember it is our vocation to live our lives as Christians, transmitting the love and light of God to all the people we meet. We will do this by living our lives, radiating Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness and humble service to all we come into contact with.



Deacon Kevin Campbell