



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights and Spouses

As we embark on a new fraternal year I want to thank Don Campbell and all the outgoing officers and committee chairmen for their hard work and dedication to our council. In June we again saw a demonstration of our charitable works in action at our book sale. Once again a dedicated core group of families carried the lions share of the workload to make the sale a success. Thank you to all that participated.

As we begin the fraternal year, I want to thank the Council for the confidence you have placed in our slate of officers. We will need your continued support and prayers for the coming year. I ask everyone to recommit themselves to the council and to strive to participate in council activities throughout the year. We are only as strong as the men who make up our council and we are blessed to have such a stellar group of Knights in our council.

Looking at the worldwide Order of Knights of Columbus, we have much to be proud of. We contributed our hard work locally and helped to add to the 77 million hours of charitable work and over 177 million dollars in charitable funds donated by the Knights of Columbus worldwide last year. Those are just benchmarks but what a great accomplishment to be proud of. Please prayerfully consider increasing your own personal contribution to the good works of the Knights of Columbus locally. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kevin M. Cunnane  
Grand Knight



Join us for a "Knight" Fundraiser at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant to support the Knights of Columbus. **Eat at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant every 2nd Wednesday 2018 from 3-8 p.m. and Raising Cane's will donate 15% of their sales when you mention the Knights of Columbus!** You can dine in or drive-thru, just make sure to mention Knights of Columbus! Raising Cane's is located at 1777 Hwy. 17 N. in front of Lowe's at Towne Centre.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

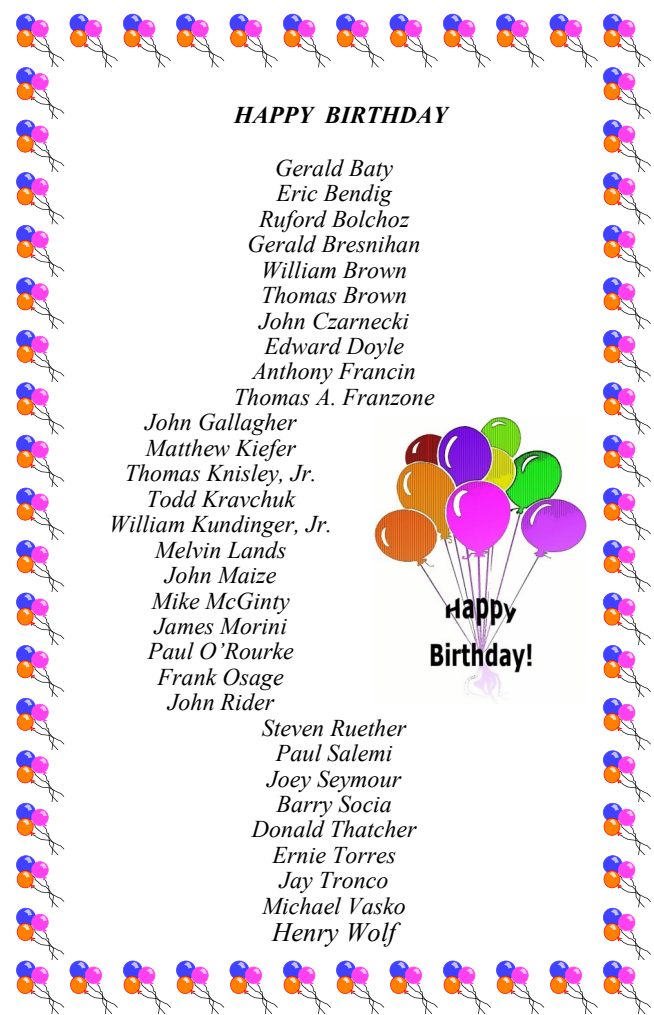
Independence Day	04
Officers Meeting	05
Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK—7:30 AM	
Spirit Night at Raising Canes	11
1777 Hwy 17 N. 3PM to 8 PM	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Gerald Baty
- Eric Bendig
- Ruford Bolchoz
- Gerald Bresnihan
- William Brown
- Thomas Brown
- John Czarnecki
- Edward Doyle
- Anthony Francin
- Thomas A. Franzone
- John Gallagher
- Matthew Kiefer
- Thomas Knisley, Jr.
- Todd Kravchuk
- William Kunding, Jr.
- Melvin Lands
- John Maize
- Mike McGinty
- James Morini
- Paul O'Rourke
- Frank Osage
- John Rider



- Steven Ruether
- Paul Salemi
- Joey Seymour
- Barry Socia
- Donald Thatcher
- Ernie Torres
- Jay Tronco
- Michael Vasko
- Henry Wolf



**Family of the Month  
June 2018  
Jim and Susan Welsch**

.Jim and Susan both grew up in the Midwest, Jim in Missouri and Susan in Illinois. They met during college and have been married 49 years. They have one daughter, Sarah, and four grandchildren.

Jim graduated from the US Naval Academy and was a career Naval Officer, so their family lived in many places throughout the country and overseas. Susan was a professional librarian.

Jim retired from the Navy in 1994 and the family moved to Charleston. They joined Christ Our King parish on arrival and have been active members since then. Jim serves as a lector and usher, and is a member of both the Liturgy Committee and the Pastoral Council. He has also been Treasurer of the COK-SM Home and School Association. Susan has been a member of the choir since 1995, and volunteers with the funeral choir and the Lazarus Committee. She is a charter member and current Coordinator of the East Cooper chapter of the Theresians, an international Catholic women's study group.

Jim joined the Knights in 2011 and is now Fourth Degree. He is the council Treasurer and has been involved in various fund raisers, a number of work projects and the coffee service at the VA hospital. He is past chairman of the Golf Committee. In the Fourth Degree he has been the Faithful Comptroller and is now an Assembly director.



Left Grand Knight Don Campbell is presenting Jim Welsch center Family of the Month with Knights cup and right is Jeff Pulaski acting Family Director is presenting Jim with the Family of the Month Certificate.



**SPOUSE E-MAIL UPDATE:**

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her E-mail address to Neil at [ngwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:ngwhitman@yahoo.com)

**If she is not receiving Newsletter or Knights information.**

**Knight of the Month  
June 2018  
Mark Lazo**

Mark was born and raised in Mt. Rainier, MD. Fourth of six children (Two brothers and three sisters). Graduated from University of Maryland, College Park, MD in May 1993 with a B.S. degree in Fire Protection Engineering. Worked as a fire protection engineer with Naval Facilities Engineering Command for a total of 12-1/2 years before entering the private sector to continue working as a fire protection engineer for Applied Building Sciences, Inc. where he worked for approximately 2 years before being recruited and hired by O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. Worked for 5 years at O'Brien & Gere as a Technical Director of the Mechanical, Electrical, and Fire Protection Engineering Group before being hired by his current employer, C.E.M.S. Engineering, Inc. Obtained professional engineer (PE) license in January 2000.

Mark met his wife Debbie in 2000 and they were married December 8, 2002. They currently live in Mt. Pleasant and attend Christ Our King Church.

One son, Austin, age 20 who is in the Mechanical Engineering program at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA and is a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight with our council.

Mark is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight. Joined K of C Council 9475 in February 2009. Exemplified in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in February 2010 and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard. Currently the Faithful Navigator of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #3243 and Past Faithful Purser. Past Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor. He is Chairman of the Spaghetti Dinner Committee. Mark is an Alter Server at the 7:30 AM Mass but normally attends the 6 PM Mass on Saturday when not scheduled for Altar Serving. He also assist with Wreath Sales, COK Bazaar, Free Throw Contest, Oyster Roast, Book Sale book transport and other activities when available.

Mark enjoys cooking, fishing, shrimping, tennis, skiing, biking, landscaping, handyman stuff.

Congratulations Mark!!!!



Right Grand Knight and Council Director Don Campbell is presenting Mark with Knight of the Month Certificate and Knights cup.



**The Following Brother Knights  
Were Installed into Office for 2018—2019**

- Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Cunnane  
 Deputy Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Siwarski  
 Chancellor \_\_\_\_\_ Joey Keller  
 Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Geberth  
 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Welsch  
 Advocate \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Fintak  
 Warden \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Nesbitt  
 Inside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Gimbert  
 Outside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Harkins Jr.  
 3 Year Trust \_\_\_\_\_ Don Campbell  
 2 Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Sean O'Toole  
 1 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Shoemaker



The above Officers are being Installed by District Deputy Edmund McDowell while Father Patrick sits by. Officers right to left Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane, Deputy Grand Knight Tom Siwarski, Recorder Robert Geberth, Treasurer Jim Welsch, Advocate Bob Fintak, Warden Joe Nesbitt, Inside Guard Jerry Gimbert, Outside Guard Joe Harkins Jr. and 3 Year Trustee Don Campbell not in picture. The following Officers were excused Chancellor Joey Keller, 2 Year Trustee Sean O'Toole and 1 Year Trustee Bill Shoemaker. After the Installation at COK Life Center in Grace Hall, we had dinner at Burtons Grill in Mt. Pleasant Town Center.

**Congratulations to Our New Officers!!!**



Father Patrick center Blessing the Officers Jewels as Grand Knight Don Campbell right and District Deputy Edmund McDowell stand-by.



Grand Knight Don Campbell recognizes Debbie Pulaski for heading up and getting out information to the Ladies of the Knights. Father Patrick left and District Deputy Edmund McDowell are sitting in back ground.



Grand Knight Don Campbell right is recognizing Fran Franzone for doing the Knights Newsletter.



**Knight of the Year 2018  
Ron Davis**

\*Ron was born and raised in Columbia, SC where he met his wife Deb on a blind date. They were married in 1969 in Columbia at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and are married 49 years.  
 \*Moved to Charleston in 1971 and then to Isle of Palms In 1972.  
 \*Ron and Deb have four children:  
 -Jay, 43 and his wife Molly have 1 child on the way. Jay is an artist who lives in Brooklyn, NY where he has a studio and is also the Curator for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NY.  
 -Tina, 41, Owner/Stylist of Oakes Salon on Bowman Road in Mt. Pleasant and relocating to Columbia. Tina is also a Gold Leader with Young Living Essential Oils.  
 -Wendy, 38, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, as is her husband, and they live in New Delhi, India teach school at the American Embassy School.  
 -Joe, 30, works for himself in construction.  
 \*Ron and Deb are blessed with four grandchildren; Oakes, Graham, Eva, Wren and one on the way.  
 \*Served for 5 years in the USMC Reserve and then for 15 years in the USAF Reserve. He retired from the military after 20 years service.  
 \*Worked and retired from BP/Amoco after 22 years service.  
 \*Have owned and operated Carolina Coin Amusement for 38 years and looking forward to retirement.  
 \*Ron is a very active Knight – assisted in the Tootsie Roll drive, assisted in the Book Sale, and has supplied the meal for the Knights meeting for the past approximately 10+ years.  
 \*Served as the Head Usher at the 9:30am Mass at Christ Our King for approximately 10 years and attended Cursillo #59.

Ron and Deb were unable to be present at the Installation due to both coming down with a bad cold. Ron is also waiting to have foot surgery after getting over cold. Please keep Ron and Deb in your prayers.

**Congratulations – Ron Davis Knight of the Year!!!**



Grand Knight, Council Director Don Campbell and 3Year Trustee right presented Joe Scheirman with a pin of the Holy Spirit to aide him in is battle against MS. Please keep Joe and his wife Jeannie left of Joe in front in your prayers.

**Family of the Year 2018  
Jerry and Loretta Gilbert**

Jerry and Loretta met at Virginia Beach Virginia while Jerry was serving in the US Navy.  
 They were married in 1961 at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Roanoke Virginia.  
 They have four children and eight grandchildren.  
 Jerry's career was in retail sales and management and covered 30 years with two companies.  
 After retiring Jerry and Loretta moved to South Carolina to be near their growing family.  
 Loretta was an executive secretary for many years with Holy Angels in Belmont, NC, a residential care facility for special needs children.  
 They are members of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church on Daniel Island where they serve on a number of committees.  
 Jerry's been a Knight for over 60 years and enjoys the brotherhood and serving on the many charitable activities that our Council supports.



Left Grand Knight, Council Director and 3 Year Trustee Don Campbell presented Loretta and Jerry Gimbert with the Family of the Year 2018 Certificate.



Grand Knight Don Campbell recognizes his wife Kathy for her support to him for the past year while being Our Grand Knight.



**Installation 2018  
Dinner at Burton's Grill**



Grand Knight, Council Director and 3 Year Trustee second from the left presented three of his Brother Knights with a Knight's shirt for their support this past year. Left Jeff Pulaski, second from right Jim Welsch and right Tom Franzone.



Our new Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane thanking everyone that attended the Installation and asked the Brother Knights for their continued support for him as for Past Grand Knights.



**Form #100  
Belongs in  
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**A Great Dinner and Time was had by All!!!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
AUGUST**

Officers Meeting _____	02
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Spirit Night @ Raising Canes _____	08
1777 Hwy 17 N. — 3 to 8 PM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary _____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	

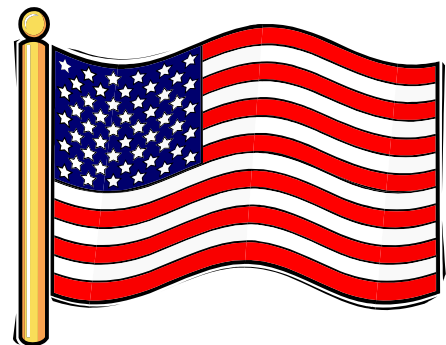
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Christopher and Julia Anderson*  
*William and Carol Arent*  
*Anthony and Alma Certa*  
*Daniel and Kim Clerici*  
*Carl and Maureen Counasse*  
*Matt and Cindy Feltman*  
*Thomas M. and Regina Franzone*  
*Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett*  
*Wilson and Julie Gautreaux*  
*David and Holly Hunton*  
*Keith and Donna Keohane*  
*Alfredo and Maria Lopez*  
*David and Lora McLaughlin*  
*Victor and Danielle Mroczkowski*  
*Scott and Margi Myers*  
*James and Charlyne Raih*  
*Joey and Amy Seymour*  
*John and JoAnn Stadtmueller*  
*Vincent and Eva Ullo*  
*Tim and Tish Voit*  
*Richard and Carol Williams*



**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Bob Fintak	803-917-1530
Warden	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
Inside Guard	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
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3 Yr. Trustee	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
2 Yr. Trustee	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
1 Yr. Trustee	Bill Shoemaker	843-860-2951
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Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	843-471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
Council Director	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	843-856-5034
Family Director	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Culture of Life Director	Fred Koch	843-884-1713
Youth Director	Mike Flato	843-973-1409
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Admission Chairman	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
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	Stan Adams- SB	843-884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
Retention Chairman	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Retention Committee	Ron Davis - COK	843-856-4950
	Don Lindeman- SM	843-886-2591
	Stan Adams - SB	843-884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert - SC of A	843-655-9111
Insurance Promotion	John Bride	843-388-5147
Operation Hope Chairman	Jack Vax	843-856-2212
Newsletter	Fran Franzone	843-729-5413
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Mike Allen	803-397-7803
District Deputy	Ed McDowell	843-518-0963
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Meditation: To Be a Servant Leader

1 Peter 1: 18-25; Ps 147: 12; Mark 10: 32-45

Our meditation today allows us to see what a servant leader really is from Jesus' point of view. It will also show us that the Apostles were not quite there yet and how the Holy Spirit can play a part in us becoming servant leaders.

In the First Letter of St. Peter, we are reminded that we are all given a chance to be redeemed from a life of sin by the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We have the option, the free will, to choose a life of holiness. This is a truth that the world does not want us to know. When we say yes to a life of holiness, our lives are purified by our obedience to this truth. We love God and each other intensely with a pure heart. This leads us to salvation, a life with God in his eternal Kingdom. We will also have the peace, joy, and happiness in this life that only God can give.

in Psalm 147, we are invited to praise God who is visible in nature. He blesses us with our children, grandchildren, our nieces and nephews; with peace on our borders; and with abundant food. We have other opportunities to experience God, to see the hand of God in our lives. This will be especially true as we draw closer to him in our holiness. I like to call these God-incidences, which are like co-incidences, except God is involved.

We can draw closer to God in holiness by increasing our prayer life, attending Mass regularly, and receiving the sacraments. As we do, we will become servant leaders. We might ask ourselves: "Can I be a servant leader?" The answer is yes!

Everyone can be a servant leader. We just need to pick our times and places. For example, instead of just telling someone who is hurting in some way that we will pray for them, let's say a short prayer with them right then and there; with the love of Jesus in our hearts, reach out to a new person in our communities or at our work places and make them feel welcome; refuse to participate when people are gossiping against someone; lead a blessing at dinner. There will be plenty of opportunities to be servant leaders. The danger we face is not from the lack of opportunities but from thinking more of ourselves than we should when we do good things.



This may have been the situation for the James and John in the Gospel of Mark. These 2 Apostles, along with Peter, formed Jesus' inner circle. They were doing some amazing things and learning how to live their lives from Jesus. They should have been servant leaders already but they went to Jesus and asked if they could sit at his right and left side in Heaven. In other words, they wanted a place of glory. We might ask what they were thinking. As part of Jesus' inner circle, shouldn't they have known better? Jesus gives us a good example of what a servant leader is by his words: "whoever wishes to be great among you, will be your servant. Whoever wishes to be first among you, will be slave of all." Jesus also showed us what a servant leader is by his life: he gave up his life to save the human race from sin. I suppose we can give James and John some slack. After all the Holy Spirit had not come upon them yet to give them courage (remember they deserted Jesus in the garden on the night he was arrested), or knowledge and wisdom. Once the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost, they became true servant leaders.

What we need to do each day is to ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us and to make us wise and courageous servant leaders. The Holy Spirit is waiting. Let's take advantage of this.



Deacon Kevin Campbell