



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights:

A special thanks goes out this month to all who helped make the book sale a success, the Raven family for their extreme dedication to Operation Christmas Child and to all brother Knights for their community service. Congratulations to Ron Davis on receiving his Life membership for his 25 years of service as a Knight. Congratulations also to the Scout's on their religious awards.

Ending the fraternal year I would like to thank Kevin Cunnane and all the officers, committee chairmen and brother Knights for all the hard work and countless hours that they have dedicated to the council. Without their selfless service the council would not have been able to achieve the accomplishments that it has.

Entering a new fraternal year I would like to thank the council for it's support of our officers and pray for their continued support and dedication in the coming year.

I along side the brother Knights of our council, look forward to helping lead the council in its continued achievement's in charity and service to those in need.

Brother Knights stand proud of your commitments, take care and have a blessed and safe summer.

Thomas Siwarski  
Grand Knight



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

Independence Day	04
Ultrya Meeting	04
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting	11
Meeting moved a week due to falling on 4th of July. Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK—7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

*Christopher and Julia Anderson*  
*William and Carol Arent*  
*James and Jessica Buzzelli*  
*Anthony and Alma Certa*  
*Daniel and Kim Clerici*  
*Carl and Maureen Counasse*  
*John Jr. and Deborah Danko*  
*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*



**4th Degree Knights of Columbus  
Rev. Capodanno Assembly 3243 Mt. Pleasant and Local Scouts  
Celebrated Flag Day 2019 on the Flight Deck of USS Yorktown at Patriots Point**



Scouts retired the old flag and in the process of folding



Scouts raising the new flag



4th Degree Sr. Knights saluting the flag



4th Degree Sr. Knights left to right Bill Shoemaker, Leroy Ceresa, Jon Tirpak, Al Lopez, Bob Brennan, Sean O'Toole, Joe Scheirman and Jim Welsch participated.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
KATHY RAVEN**



Kathy talked to us about Operation Christmas Child explaining items needed, where they go and the number of children that are introduced to religion. Our continued support is greatly appreciated.

**FOUR SCOUTS ARE YOUTH  
OF THE MONTH JUNE 2019  
ALL RECEIVED  
PRESTIGIOUS RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS**



Left to right Than Sembos's mother Margaret excepting for him while he attends summer camp, next Juliana Zimmerman and her mother Patti far right and father Don behind her. Next to Juliana is Even Myers and his father Bill. Mack Trace was unable to make presentation since he, too, was at summer camp.

**THANK YOU  
FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF SAINT PAUL**



Above are the Daughters of Saint Paul with our Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane. Left to right Sr. Jennifer Tccla, Sr. Margaret Kerry and Sr. Lupe Hernandez. Their visit was to thank the Council for its support with the Golf Tournament and let us know with the funds raised they were able to purchase a car for transportations. They also mentioned their home is needing some repair and looking forward to next years tournament with hopes of replacing windows.

**REV. CAPODANNO ASSEMBLY 3243  
FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BRUNCH**



Above are some of the Knights that participated, first is Joe Scheirman, second row left to right Greg Raven, Tom Franzone, Jim Welsch, third row left to right Jerry Barnett, Don Campbell, Bobby Geberth and Sean O'Toole.



**REV. CAPODANNO ASSEMBLY 3243  
FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BRUNCH  
KNIGHTS AND GUEST**



Knights preparing the food and inspector Jerry Barnett



Fire Fighters very appreciative



Food is ready kitchen help standing –by



Mount Pleasant Police arrived and enjoyed the Brunch



First responders arrive Fire Fighters



Deputy Chief Stan Gragg came and enjoyed the Brunch as well. Deputy Chief Stan took food back to the station for officers unable to make the Brunch.



**Family of the Month  
June 2019  
Bob and Sue Fintak**

Bob and Sue Fintak have 3 children, 2 boys and a girl and 8 grandchildren. Bob married his high school sweetheart, Sue when they were 20 and 19 years old. They started dating in their junior year of high school. They both attended Erie Community College outside of Buffalo New York and went on to get their 4 year degrees going to night school; Bob started work as a computer programmer working for Fisher Price toys and Sue worked as an insurance agent. After changing jobs Bob worked for a medical products manufacturer in Buffalo working his way up to a Director level position in charge of Customer Service and Logistics. They raised their family in snowy western New York until 1996 when they decided to try a warmer climate. They moved to Lexington South Carolina where Bob was a software Quality Manager and Sue became a software consultant working for a company that provides software solutions to the insurance industry. They retired and moved to paradise (as Bob calls it) in 2014 and live in the Rivertowne subdivision. They are active members of St Benedict church, Bob is a Lector at the 8am Mass and on the Neighborhood House Committee. They both love to travel, Sue is a voracious reader and Bob loves to golf.

Regarding their children, Dave their oldest boy attended the University of Rochester and then the University of Buffalo Medical School. Dave is an ophthalmologist working in Denver, his wife Jen is an ER doctor and they have 3 children. Steve their second attended Clemson and then Georgia Tech, he is an architect working in Atlanta. His wife Brigid works as a teaching assistant. They have 2 children (they lost their first child at 7 months old). Stacey the youngest attended the College of Charleston and then MUSC and is working here at MUSC as a Physician's Assistant. Her husband Erik is a Director at a software company and they have 2 children. Bob has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1999.



**Congratulations Bob and Sue!!!**

**Knight of the Month  
June 2019  
Bob Brennan**

- Bob and Kathy hail from Philadelphia and moved to Daniel Island less than two years ago
- Bob earned his B.S. in electrical power engineering from Spring Garden College and M.S. in Project Management from George Washington
- For 35 years he worked as an engineer for Bechtel and GE/Lockheed Martin. In 1980, he transitioned to electrical power engineering for Military products around the world - submarines, aircraft, surface cruisers, ground based radar and satellites
- Bob joined the Knights in 2010 upstate New York but it was when he re-located to Charleston he caught fire earning his 2nd, 3rd, and 4th degrees
- Bob is most proud of his efforts mentoring youth in the engineering discipline and hopes to continue this effort with the Knights
- Bob and Cathy are part of the formation of St Claire of Assisi. He has hit the ground running and is a wonderful addition to our Council

**Congratulations Bob!!!**



Left Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane presenting Bob Brennan center with Knight of the Month Certificate and Left Council Director Don Campbell presenting Knights cup.



OUR COUNCIL 9475  
SUPPLIED A COOK OUT DINNER  
FOR CAMP RISE ABOVE IN JAMES ISLAND COUNTY PARK



June 25 our council supplied grilled burgers, hot dogs with buns and watermelon for about 75 youth. The above Knights left to right that helped under the direction of Don Campbell are Tom Franzone, Joe Harkins, Mike Flato holding up a hotdog, Danial Mckay, Don Campbell, Nick Collins and Deacon Kevin Campbell. Not in picture but also helped were Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane his wife Deanna and their three daughters Annie, Rosie and Valerie did a great job serving food.



The Camp Rise Above Staff and some of the youth came out and thanked us and gave us a hand.

**The following Brother Knights  
were Installed into Office for 2019–2020  
June 26, 2019**

Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Siwarski  
Deputy Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Joey Keller  
Chancellor \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Nesbitt  
Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ John Danko III  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Welsch  
Advocate \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Fintak  
Warden \_\_\_\_\_ Bobby Geberth  
Inside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Gimbert  
Outside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Harkins Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trust \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Cunnane  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Don Campbell  
1<sup>st</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_ Sean O'Toole



Above the Officers for 2019-2020 stand in the form of a cross before being installed.



PICTURES OF ASSEMBLY 3243 AND COUNCIL 9475  
OFFICER INSTALLATION AND BANQUET  
2019—2020



Left Faithful Navigator Don Campbell places Past Faithful Navigator pin on out going Faithful Navigator Sean O'Toole.



Left Sargent Major Joe Scheirman US Army, retired receives the Knight of the Year Certificate from Past Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane.



Left Past Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane receives Knights cooler, mug, yeti cup and hat from new Grand Knight Tom Siwarski in appreciation for his past year service.



Here is Our Knight of the Year Sargent Major Joe Scheirman US Army, retired with his wife Jeannie.



Center Past Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane presents Don Campbell and his wife Kathy with the Family of the Year 2019 Certificate.



Then it was time to eat. We had a great catered buffet .



Some pictures of an enjoyable evening.



Installation guest left to right State Deputy Daniel Barton, District Master Thomas Monahon wife Kathy, Paula and Gary Hart District Marshal, and District Deputy 9 James Daugomah.



Left to right Bob and Catherine Brennan, Deborah and John Danko Jr.



Front left Eileen and Joey Keller, Joe and Peggy Harkins, Bobby and Danielle Geberth, and Don and Kathy Campbell.



Left to right Bill Shoemaker, Jerry and Loretta Gimbert, and Sue and Bob Fintak

**OUR COUNCIL 9475 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**



The recipient of Our Council 9475 Scholarship was Ben Ensley. Left Ben Ensley is being congratulated and presented certificate from Brother Knights and Coordinator Joey Keller and Christ Our King/Stella Maris President John Byrnes stands-by.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
AUGUST 2019**

Officers Meeting_____	01
COK Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Ultrya Meeting_____	01
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Second Degree_____	10
Murrells Inlet if interested see Jeff Pulaski	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
Third Degree_____	17
Murrells Inlet if interested see Jeff Pulaski	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM	
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Gerald Baty  
Eric Bendig  
Gerald Bresnihan  
William Brown  
Thomas Brown*

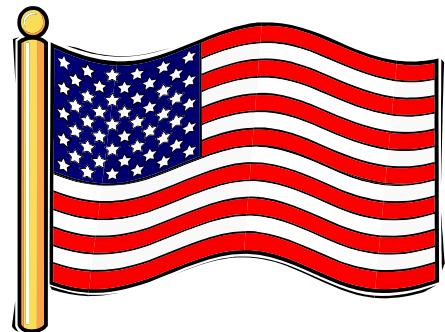
*John Czarnecki  
Kurt Denner  
Edward Doyle  
Anthony Francini  
Thomas A. Franzone  
John Gallagher  
Matthew Kiefer  
Thomas Knisley, Jr.  
Todd Kravchuk  
William Kunderer, Jr.  
Melvin Lands  
John Maize  
Mike McGinty*

*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*



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	Stan Adams - SB	843-884-8331
	Jerry Gimbert - SC of A	843-655-9111
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



## Meditation Keeping our Minds Open to God

Deacon Kevin Campbell

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:2-6; John 16:16-20

Our meditation is about keeping our minds open when it comes to believing in the Lord, to listening to Him speak to us. The worst thing we can do is close our minds to the Lord.

The Book of Acts tells of Paul going to the city of Corinth to try and convince the Jews of the good news of Christ. There he is met with such fierce opposition from the Jewish leaders that St. Paul, at least for the time being, decided to give up on his efforts with the Jews and directed his attention to the gentiles. The gentiles were primarily non-believers or pagans, who believed in multiple false gods. He goes to the home of one of his followers in Macedonia, near Corinth which just happened to be located next to the local synagogue led by a man named Crispus. History does not reveal what was said between St. Paul and Crispus but we are told that Crispus came to believe and he and his entire household were converted to Christianity. He obviously had an open mind to what St Paul was teaching in contrast to the close-minded Jews of Corinth. What is really amazing was that because of Crispus' leadership role, not only did his household convert but, we are told, many of the Corinthians came to believe and were baptized.

Our Psalm tells us what happens when we keep our minds open to Jesus' teaching: we will see the salvation of God. For this we need to break into song and sing joyfully to the Lord.

In the Gospel of John, we see even the Apostles could be close-minded. Even though they were in the presence of Jesus, and would listen to his teachings every day, when he told them he would be leaving for a while but would come back to them, they could not grasp what he was saying. What Jesus was trying to tell them was that he had to leave them for a while. He was to suffer and die so that all of us could be with him in Heaven one day. He would come back to them after his Resurrection. Their closed-mindedness kept them from getting it. It really wasn't until he appeared to them in the upper room following his Resurrection that they finally understood.

The lesson for us is to always keep our minds open when it comes to God. We will actually experience God speaking to us, if we take the time to listen, with an open mind.



Deacon Kevin Campbell