



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights

With the start of the new fiscal year, we say farewell and thank you to our past Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight - together, Matt and Jerry made a tremendous team and we were fortunate to experience their leadership. I am excited and honored to be the new Grand Knight and thrilled to have my real brother, Deacon Kevin as the Deputy Grand Knight. We both pledge to serve the Council with integrity and build upon the foundation laid by the leaders before us. A heartfelt thank you to past Grand Knights; Bill Shoemaker, Joe Harkins, Frank Osage, Kevin Cunnane, Tom Franzone, DJ Thatcher, Tom Siwarski, Mark Lazo, Sean OToole and Joe Nesbitt. My apologies for missing any of the past Grand Knights but for those who haven't been seen in a while, it is my hope to see you involved in Council activities this year. A huge strength of our Council is the behind the scenes work done by our spouses- it's wonderful to see them re-freshening for a great year.

Here is a snapshot of activities Brother Knights can participate. Please take a look and let me, Tom Franzone, or Deacon Kevin know where your talent lies. Again, it is my honor to be the Grand Knight of the best Council in SC.

July:

14 - Cook for Camp Rise above at James Island County Park

August

26 - KOC Picnic

September

22 - Spaghetti Dinner

October

27 - Harbor cruise

November

22 - Cook fried turkeys for families in need

24 - Wreath sales

December

5 - Christmas parade

16 - Christmas Party

February

TBD - Oyster Roast

February

TBD - Super Bowl party

10 - Valentine's dance

March

1 and 15 - Fish fry

April

TBD- Bingo

Don
Grand Knight
Council 9475

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2023

Pro-Life/Rosary_____	01
COK—7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	04
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Independence Day_____	04
Nocturnal Adoration_____	06
Stella Maris—8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	06
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting_____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	

Camp Rise Above

Brother Knights

The New Year has started with a request to cook lunch for 100 Camp Rise Above campers and staff at James Island County Park on 24 July 2023. The Knights have cooked for the camp several times but not since Covid. As in the past, we will need about 10 Knights, two grills (mine is one) and KOC banner. Menu is burgers, dogs, watermelon and chips. I will get the food and bottled water. Please let me know who can be a cook (need 4 and servers 6 including watermelon). Thank you in advance.

Don
Grand Knight
Council 9475

Rev. Paul Lacombe Ordination

On the evening of Friday, June 9, 2023, the Color Corp of many low-country SC Knights of Columbus assemblies (**including our own Assembly #3243**) provided an honor guard team of 25 members for the ordination of Rev Paul Lacombe. The ordination was held at the Cathedral of St. John's/ St Finbarr in downtown Charleston SC.

Blessings to Rev. Paul Lacombe



Above is Knights of Columbus Honor Color Guard leading ordination procession into the Cathedral of St John's Church downtown Charleston S.C.



Above are 21 Knights of Columbus Honor Color Guard team members that attended the Rev. Paul Lacombe Ordination.



Flag Day Event On USS Yorktown

Saturday June 10th, 2023: On Saturday morning, our Knights of Columbus Assembly #3243 Honor Guard corp. once again honored our national symbol aboard the USS Yorktown Museum and replaced the US flag with a new bright and shiny flag that will fly over the Charleston harbor for the next year. Mt. Pleasant town councilman Howard Chapman spoke of his importance and attachment to our nation's flag and Executive Director Allison Hunt graciously received the retired flag. Assembly #3243 CC is commanded by SK Bob Brennan, with brother SK's Joe Nesbitt, Matt Feltman, Kurt Denner and Bob Thetreatult. Also supporting this year's honor guard were among others District Master Dan Barton and James Roche. Mark your calendars, next year's date is already set for Saturday June 15th, 2024.



Retiring the old flag.



Knights of Columbus Assembly #3243 Honor Guard Team.

Silver Rose Prayer Service



Our Council 9475 held a Silver Rose Service Thursday June 15, 2023 at St. Benedict's Church 6:30 PM. Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that the Columbian Squires , a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, in 1960 wanted to give something back to her.

The group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

After a year, the first rose had decomposed, so a group decided to make a bronze rose that would not age. When the Squires of Circle 660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to make a similar rose. Silver was chosen for the new rose because it is a precious metal of Mexico.

Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and Mexico. The tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

To get the full story you can ask our Grand Knight for a Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklet. Supplied by the Knight's Columbus www.kofc.org



Above our past Grand Knight, 3 year Trustee and District Deputy Joe Nesbitt opened our prayer service.



Above our Grand Knight Matt Feltman lead the prayer service Rosary.



Left Joe Harkins did the Epistle and Responsorial Psalm.

Silver Rose Prayer Service Continued



Above Deacon Kevin Campbell did he Gospel.



Above the Silver Rose Prayer Service was well attended.



Above is the full display of the Silver Rose during the Silver Rose Service
Left a lit candle with picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, center statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Silver Rose.

**Knight of the Month
May 2023
Frank O'Neil**

Frank is a 3rd Degree Knight and a member of Christ Our King since moving here from the Boston area in 2004. Frank is married to Kristen they have one daughter, Bridget who is graduating from LSU this month. Frank is employed as a service supervisor for a commercial HVAC contractor, Total Comfort Solutions, where he has worked for the last 16 years. He serves as an usher at the 7pm Mass and on the Family Life committee, serving at parish function like the family picnic & ice cream social. Frank pitches in by doing the "clean up" after many Knights functions. Frank was born and raised a NE Patriots and Red Sox fan, though both have been struggling lately!

Congratulations Frank!!!



Frank was unable to be present for this presentation. Here is a picture of Frank with his wife Kristen and daughter Bridget just graduating from LSU.



**Family of the Quarter
May 2023
Todd and Sarah Kravchuk**

Todd and Sarah have been married for 18 years and have two children James (16) and Phillip (14). They have resided in Mount Pleasant since 2014. The family was a member of St. Benedict for several years before becoming members of Christ our King (COK) in 2019.

Todd was raised in Orlando, FL and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1994 for ten years. After his service, Todd went to work for the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller. His young family moved to the Miami area to handle high altitude aircraft prior to coming to the Charleston area. He now works at the Charleston International Airport. Todd graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a degree in Aeronautics. Sarah was raised in Westbrook, ME. After attending Regis College and earning a degree in Graphic Design, she went on to work for many design agencies to include L.L. Bean and Hard Rock Cafe International.

Todd is a 3rd degree knight and has been a member for 25 years. He has served as an usher alongside his wife at his home parish in Orlando as well as mentoring at-risk children in the greater Orlando area. Todd is currently an usher at COK at the 9:30 a.m. mass. Sarah volunteers with the COK Youth Groups and has designed numerous posters, logos and flyers for EDGE, LifeTeen and Vacation Bible School.

James and Phillip are very involved in their faith life. They're both active members of the youth program offered by COK. James has been an altar server at COK since 2020. He is now one of the senior servers helping to train the "new recruits". James is on a year round swim team as well as the State Championship Wando swim team. He is a junior and looking forward to swimming in his college years. Phillip is one of the youngest ushers to serve at COK. He also swam for several years before joining the Wando marching band. Phillip is a sophomore and straight A student. Both boys have volunteered with numerous organizations to include the Mount Pleasant Special Olympics Swim Team.

Congratulations Todd and Sarah!!!



Above left Grand Knight Matt Feltman presented Todd with Knights cup and right Family Director Kurt Denner presented Todd with Family of the Quarter certificate.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 9475 OFFICERS

Following are the 2023 –2024 Council Officers

Grand Knight _____	DON CAMPBELL
Deputy Grand Knight _____	DEACON KEVIN CAMPBELL
Chancellor _____	KURT DENNER
Recorder _____	DEREK MCCOY
Warden _____	CARLOS ARAIZA
Treasurer _____	JIM WELSCH
Advocate _____	BOB BRENNAN
Lecturer _____	RON DAVIS
Inside Guard _____	MARION WRIGHT
Outside Guard _____	MARK MCCABE
3rd Year Trustee _____	MATT FELTMAN
2nd Year Trustee _____	JOE NESBITT
1st Year Trustee _____	TOM SIWARSKI



Retiring Grand Knight Matt Feltman opening the Installation of Officers with left District Warden Mike Cousino, Father Spencer and turning gavel over to at his side District Deputy Joe Nesbitt to induct new Officers.



Left District Deputy Joe Nesbitt at Podium and Father Spencer blessing jewels on table that will be presented to the installed Officers.



New Officers being sworn in with right hand raised while standing in a shape of a cross.



Newly sworn in Officers are standing with their wives standing beside them.



Our new Grand Knight Don Campbell at the podium with District Deputy Joe Nesbitt at his side, Father Spender sitting and District Warden Mike Cousino standing-by made a few remarks thanking the outgoing Officers for the great job they did and made a few comments on the plans for the coming year.



Our new Grand Knight left Don Campbell presented outgoing and now Past Grand Knight Matt Feltman with a nice blue sport shirt with Past Grand Knight emblem.

INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY 3243 OFFICERS

Following are the 2023-2024 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator_____	SK JOE NESBITT
Faithful Captain_____	SK KURT DENNER
Faithful Pilot_____	SK JEFF PULASKI
Faithful Admiral_____	SK MATT FELTMAN
Faithful Scribe_____	SK BOB THETREALULT
Faithful Purser_____	SK DON CAMPBELL
Faithful Comptroller_____	SK TOM SIWARSKI
Faithful Sentinel_____	SK JOE SCHEIRMAN
Faithful Sentinel_____	SK BILL SHOEMAKER
Faithful First Year Trustee_____	SK JIM WELSCH
Faithful Second Year Trustee_____	SK BOB BRENNAN
Faithful Third Year Trustee_____	SK JIM MORINI



Right Faithful Navigator Joe Nesbitt handing gavel to District Marshall Gary Hart who will induct new Officers. Standing to the left is District Warden Mike Cousino and Father Spencer sitting.



Right Father Spencer Blessing the jewels the Sir Knights will wear and standing by is the District Marshall Gary Hart.



Standing left front with his right hand raised is Sir Knight Joe Nesbitt being sworn in for his second year as Faithful Navigator and standing in the back ground are the balance of Sir Knight Officers with their right hand raised being sworn in as well.



After the induction of Officers Past Faithful Navigator and present Faithful Sentinel Joe Scheirman presented Faithful Navigator Joe Nesbitt with a framed American flag for his service to the United States Military, the Knights of Columbus and his Church St. Benedict.



After Installations a great pot luck dinner was had by all.



After the meal Past Grand Knight Matt Feltman above left presented our present Chancellor and Family Director Kurt Denner with the Knight of the Year Certificate.



Again after the meal picture to the left Family Director Kurt Denner right presented Brother Knight Dr. John and Jan Maize with the Family of the Year Certificate and Past Grand Knight Matt Feltman standing-by.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*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
Keith and Donna Keohane
Alfredo and Maria Lopez
David and Lora McLaughlin
Juan and Jennifer Ramirez
Michael and Mary Sottle Regner
Joey and Amy Seymour
John and JoAnn Stadtmueller
Vincent and Eva Ullo
Richard and Carol Williams*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Gerald Baty
Gerald Bresnihan
William Brown
Thomas Brown
Brian Byrne
Kevin M. Campbell
John Czarnecki
Kurt Denner
Anthony Francin
Thomas A. Franzone
John Gallagher
Matthew Kiefer
Thomas Knisley, Jr.
Stephen Kobus
Todd Kravchuk
William Kundinger, Jr.
Melvin Lands
John Maize, Sr.
Mike McGinty
James Morini
Paul O'Rourke
Frank Osage
Paul Reale
Paul Salemi
Joey Seymour
Donald Thatcher
Ernie Torres
Jay Tronco
Michael Vasko
Henry Wolf*



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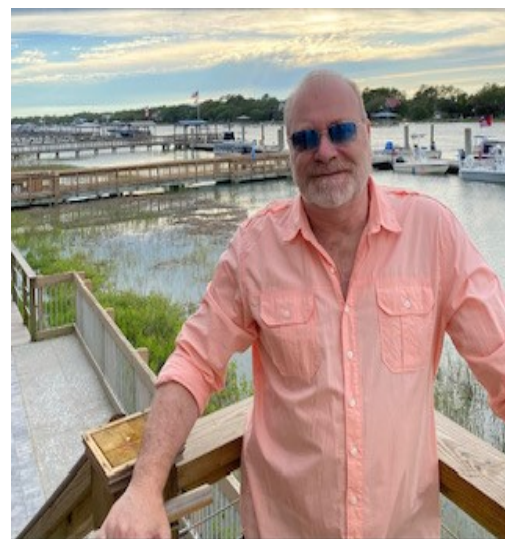
Casimiro Cibelli, also known as, Cass, is a proud father and husband of a wonderful family. Along with his wife, Patricia, of 29 years, and his children, both attending the University of South Carolina, Cass is blessed to have found paradise in his adoptive state, of South Carolina, and parish, of St Benedict.

A Third degree Knight, Cass gladly fulfills a pledge to his father-in-law, James, a devout Marian, a 4th Degree Knight in NY, to join the Knights of Columbus. Cass is a son of the old world having grown up in the Mount Carmel Parish, in the Little Italy of the Bronx.

Cass' parents are devout Catholics, faithfully loyal to St. Francis and St. Pio. Presently, Cass enjoys his time retired from an award winning career in NYC as a principal, serving thirty years in pedagogical and leadership positions, while remaining true to his faith at peril against his career and livelihood.

Cass looks forward to being of useful and effective service to the Knights of Columbus and resurrecting his Christmas Concert production company which he launched in 2017 to respond to the anti-Christmas sentiment prevalent at the time.

Cass is devout to St Joseph, and understands all the goodness coming his way is a blessing from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Resolved to do His will, Cass is thrilled to invest the small family real estate business in Charleston and hopes to be of service to the Lord, through the Knights of Columbus for many years to come.



Cass, by the water on a dock.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST 2023

Ultrya Meeting_____	01
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
.St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00PM	
Dinner: 6:30PM	
Meeting: 7:15PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

COUNCIL OFFICERS

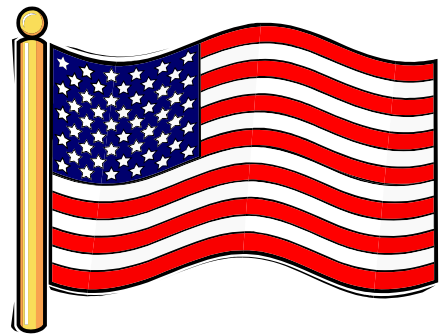
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Co-Chaplain	Rev. Gregory West	843-471-2121
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Grand Knight	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Deputy Grand Knight	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Chancellor	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-813-1732
Recorder	Derek McCoy	719-200-3041
Warden	Carlos Araiza	480-352-7679
Treasurer	Jim Welsh	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Bob Brennan	315-729-8652
Inside Guard	Marion Wright	843-509-6512
Outside Guard	Mark McCabe	914-216-2031
3 Yr. Trustee	Matt Feltman	513-374-1994
2 Yr. Trustee	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom Siwarski	610-213-5226
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	Robert Geberth - SB	843-654-9549
	Leo Albano - SC of A	843-216-1710
	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Vocations Chairman	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Community Director	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Pro/Life Couple	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
Health Services	Bobby Geberth	845-282-5546
Council Director	Neil Whitman	843-270-9834
Public Relations	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Family Director	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Culture of Life Director	Mike Flato	843-973-1409
Youth Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Membership Director	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Admission Chairman	Jon Tirpak - SM	843-480-5784
Recruitment Committee	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Robert Geberth-SB	845-282-5546
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
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State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Paul V. Burchell	803-983-5004
District Deputy	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873

Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Reflection on the Most Holy Trinity

Jn 3:16-18

We recently celebrated Trinity Sunday and I thought we would reflect of this key Mystery of our Faith.

St. Augustine was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to find an explanation for the Mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a young boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. “What are you doing, my child?” Asked Augustine. “I am emptying the sea into this hole,” the boy answered with an innocent smile. “But that is impossible, my dear child,” said Augustine.

The boy stood up, looked St. Augustine right in the eye and replied, “What you are trying to do, comprehend the Mystery of the Trinity, is even more impossible.” Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson.

When we consider the Trinity, the key word is mystery. There are at least 3 ways to approach it: we can disregard it or not believe it. Jesus called these people: the wise and the learned. These were code words for the scribes and the pharisees. Today we call them close minded.

A second way is to say we fully understand and comprehend it. This is somewhat questionable. St. Augustine, one of the greatest theologians of all time, who wrote the Book about it, called: “On the Trinity”, said 30 years after he had written the Book: “I do not fully understand what I have written.”

The third way is to just accept it. Jesus called these people: the child-like. Later he would say: “the only way to get to heaven is to have a child-like faith in me”.

It is important that we realize it is ok if we do not fully comprehend the Trinity. What we need to do is to try and understand what we can, and then build on that.

By our Baptism, the Holy Spirit’s presence, his fellowship, is within us to guide us down the right paths of life. By the Grace we receive in our Baptism, we enjoy a new relationship with Christ: He is our Brother.

Jesus called God, the Father, Abba or Daddy. By the Grace of Jesus, we can have the same intimate relationship with God, as our Daddy. Through the life, death and resurrection of our Brother, Jesus, we have a love relationship with God, the Father. This relationship is deepened through the Sacrament of Confirmation. This gives us access to the amazing gifts of the Holy Spirit: including strength, wisdom, understanding, courage, and, knowledge. These gifts are there for us in our time of need, like when we are tempted to sin.

in John's Gospel, we are told that God, the Father, sent His son, Jesus, into the World because He loved us so much. He did not send Jesus into the World to condemn it. He came into the World so that we might be saved from our sins and have eternal life with Him.

So how do we go about building upon our understanding of the Trinity? When we pray, remember that we have only one, true God but focus on the special role of each Person of the Trinity: First, we have our heavenly Father, to whom great praise and glory must be given, because He created us and loves us. We should refer to Him as Abba, our Daddy.

Then we have our Brother, Jesus, who gave us the Grace to live our lives in the way he showed us. Out of love for us, He chose to suffer and die so that we would be forgiven of our sins and be with Him in Heaven one day.

Finally, we have our Friend, the Holy Spirit. Through His fellowship with us, He gives us strength, wisdom, understanding, knowledge and courage so that we can get through all of the trials and temptations in this life. He wants us to have the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give.

So, we have within our one and only God: the Father, our Daddy, who is the creator of all things; our Brother, Jesus, who died and rose again to give us new life; and our Friend, the Holy Spirit, who gives us His gifts for our journey.

Daddy, Brother, Friend...

Let's think of Them in this way every time we pray. When we do, we will enjoy a better understanding of this mystery. When we do, we will have a closer relationship with our Daddy, Our Brother and Our Friend.



Deacon Kevin Campbell