



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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Brothers, Spouses, and Friends

I am thrilled and honored to be Council 9475's next Grand Knight. I pledge to you to uphold the duties, responsibilities, and traditions to the best of my ability. As we transition the new slate of officers, let's take a moment to thank the previous one, led by Sean O'Toole. Our Council is in marvelous shape due to his leadership and efforts of his team.

Kevin Cunnane and I are anxious to get started and are building goals for the coming year to increase charity, strengthen faith, and enhance our reach. But we won't forget Knights like to have fun! Some special people should be recognized for their significant contributions during the past year - Debbie and Jeff Pulaski (Family of the year) and Jim Welsch (Knight of the Year). Thank you to Tom and Fran Franzone for the countless things they do. We also thank Ed McDowell who provides fantastic support from the State. I want to recognize two special people in my life- my wife, Kathy, and brother, Deacon Kevin Campbell who always provide great advice and counsel.

Kevin and I look forward to working with all four of our parish leaders. We have some new initiatives coming that we hope will increase member participation. Our big ask for you -- come join us at monthly council meetings, share your talent so we can be an even more engaged Council in the future. Finally, bless those Knights in need. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

YBIC  
Don

Grand Knight  
Council 9475



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

Pro-Life/Rosary_____	01
COK—7:30 AM	
Independence Day_____	04
Officers Meeting_____	06
Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	06
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Spirit Night at Raising Canes_____	12
1777 Hwy 17 N. 3PM to 8 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	20
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 Kundering, Jr.  
Melvin Lands  
Ebbo Leonzio  
John Maize  
Mike McGinty  
James Morini  
Paul O'Rourke  
Frank Osage  
Steven Ruether



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

**Knight of the Month  
June 2017  
And  
Knight of the Year 2017  
James Welsch**

- Jim hails from St Louis, attended the Jesuit High School and Graduated from the Naval Academy in 1967.
- Jim attended nuclear power training and began his career as a sub mariner. He served on six ships and several land stations, retiring as Captain, after 31 years
- He continued his career as a contractor supporting navy operations until he "fully" retired five years ago
- Jim and Susan have been married for 47 years and have one child and four grand kids who reside in NJ
- Jim is a fourth degree Knight and has served in just about every key position in our Council and 4th Degree Assembly
- He has spearheaded the Council golf tournament to support the daughters of St Paul
- He is currently the Council treasurer and valued member of the Officer Council
- Jim's selection is well deserved and is a small token of the Council's appreciation

**Congratulations Jim!!!**



Left to right Grand Knight Sean O'Toole presents Jim Welsch with Knight of the Month Certificate and right Council Director and Deputy Grand Knight Don Campbell presents Jim with Knights Cup. Jim also received a Knight of the Year Certificate at the Installation of Officers.



**Family of the Month  
June 2017  
John and Lisa Tumminelli**

John and Lisa Tumminelli are native New Yorkers, both growing up on the south shore of Long Island, where they had known each other since their teens. They will be celebrating 22 years of marriage this September and are the proud parents of three wonderful boys.

John and Lisa were married at St. Martin of Tours parish in Amityville, NY. St. Martin's was their home parish where John played guitar, clarinet, and was a choir member in the church's renowned music program.

As a couple, they have remained active in their church and strive to continue their journey in their Catholic faith. They were welcomed into the Saint Benedict community when they decided to make a new home in Mount Pleasant, SC. Since their relocation to the south, Lisa has been teaching religious education at Saint Benedict's, volunteers with the East Cooper Meals on Wheels Organization, and is a substitute teacher in Charleston County Schools in addition to raising their three sons. Speaking of which, Joseph graduated Wando High School in June as a two year Varsity letterman in Baseball and will begin college this fall. He also donates his time teaching youth baseball clinics. Dominic, an 8th grader at Cario, is an aspiring trumpet player who recently made the South Carolina regional band and is hoping for All State honors this year. Andrew, who enters fourth grade, is following in the family's musical footsteps as a fledgling drummer and is working hard on his fastball as a strapping 8 year old left handed pitcher.

John's career as a Telecommunications Infrastructure manager for Verizon in Manhattan placed him on the 9/11 lower Manhattan restoration and Hurricane Sandy Restoration teams. After retiring from Verizon in 2013 to explore new endeavors as a software engineer, he continues to utilize his technical experience on projects that benefit the community. In addition to family and career, John is a CERT (Community Emergency Response) Team member, HAM Radio Technician, and donates his time and technical skills as the communications manager for the Dunes West Emergency Response Team

**Congratulations John and Lisa Tumminelli!!!**



Left to right Grand Knight Sean O'Toole presented John Tumminelli center with Family of the Month Certificate and right Family Director Kevin Cunnane presents John with Knights cup.



**Family of the Year  
2017  
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski**

Jeff and Debbie Pulaski have been married for 25 years. They met in 1990 at Wild Dunes and married in 1992.

Jeff was born in Charleston, SC and graduated from North Charleston High School. He attended the University of South Carolina and graduated from the College of Charleston in 1978. While at the College of Charleston, he began his career at UPS as a part-time employee. After graduation he accepted a full time position in a family owned fast food restaurant enterprise as a manager while working at UPS at night. He was offered a full time position at UPS in 1981 as a delivery driver and worked in that position until he retired in January of 2015.

Debbie was born in Guantanamo Bay Cuba while her father was stationed there with the Navy. The family later came to Charleston with the Navy and made Charleston their home. Debbie has been a Human Resources professional with South Carolina Federal Credit Union for the past 10 years and with Blackbaud in the same field for the previous 7 years. She attended the College of Charleston and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a BFA degree. Debbie earned an MFA degree from Florida State University in 1981.

Jeff and Debbie are members of Christ Our King Church and are active in the ministries of the church. Jeff serves as an usher and an altar server, while Debbie serves as a lector.

**Congratulations Jeff and Debbie**



Center Past Grand Knight Sean O'Toole presenting Family of the Year Certificate to Debbie left and Jeff Pulaski right.

**The following Brother Knights  
were Installed into Office 2017- 2018**

Grand Knight	Don Campbell
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Cunnane
Chancellor	Tom Siwarski
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski
Treasurer	Jim Welsch
Recorder	Robert Geberth
Advocate	Don Lindeman
Warden	Michael O'Connor
Inside Guard	Jerry Gimbert
Outside Guard	Joe Harkins Jr.
3rd Year Trustee	Sean O'Toole
2nd Year Trustee	Bill Shoemaker
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Osage



The above Officers are being installed by District Deputy Edmund Mc Dowell while Council Co-Chaplain Father Robert Spencer sits by. Officers right to left Grand Knight Don Campbell, Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane, Chancellor Tom Siwarski, Financial Secretary Jeff Pulaski, Treasurer Jim Welsch, Recorder Robert Geberth, Advocate Don Lindeman stand-in Joe Harkins, Warden Michael O'Connor, Inside Guard Jerry Gimbert, Outside Guard Joe Harkins Jr., 3rd Year Trustee Sean O'Toole, 2nd Year Trustee Bill Shoemaker and 1st Year Trustee Frank Osage. After the Installation at Christ Our King Life Center in Grace Hall, we had dinner at Liberty Tap Room and Grill. A good time was had by all that attended.

**Congratulations to Our Officers!!!**

**SPOUSE EMAIL Update:**

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

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

## Meditation Generosity with God

Our meditation today deals with various aspects of generosity with God.

How generous should we be? After all, if we have been blessed with our time, talent and treasure, should we be prepared to share them with others?

Is it appropriate to also share our virtues?

How public should our giving be?

What we give should be personal between us and God. God does love a cheerful giver though so be happy with what you give. Do not let your giving be a burden to you, financially or mentally.

God is capable of overwhelming generosity. He will supply in abundance, both natural needs and virtuous ones. Remember this fundamental fact: God cannot be out done in generosity. We cannot out give God.

I have found that we can't out give God on many occasions. One I remember happened after Hurricane Hugo. My law firm was closed down yet I paid my staff, which really needed the money. I did so because I knew God wanted me to do it. It was not required of me and I had no expectation of recovering any of the money back. No sooner had I paid them their salaries that I got a call that we qualified for business interruption insurance which paid me for the payroll almost to the penny.

When we are right with God, when we obey His commandments, we can expect His blessings.

His blessings may include material wealth, but often we should simply ask for our daily bread. We are so fortunate to live where we do. There are so many of our brothers and sisters who are not as fortunate. I believe living in the East Cooper is a blessing from God.

We are told in the Psalms to lavishly give to the poor. The poor may be lacking in material things but the poor may also be those who are depressed, discouraged or disillusioned with life.

Our wealth may be with happiness, our friends and our families.

Sharing these blessings, like our happiness, with others who are going through difficult times, are all forms of lavishing our gifts on the poor in spirit.

So giving of our time, talent, treasure and our virtues like kindness, love and patience all count.

In Mathew's Gospel, Jesus warns us against doing good things in order to be seen by others. Jesus said it was the hypocrites who did this, referencing the scribes and the Pharisees. They have already received their reward. They desired praise from the people and they received what they were looking for.

So when you give, whatever it may be, don't blow your trumpet to win the praise of others.

Give in secret and your Father will bless you. It may be a blessing on this earth, if it is His will. But for sure the benefits of giving are eternal.

So what can we take from this meditation?

We are expected to give back to God.

It may be our time, talent and/or treasure or even our virtues.

Be a happy giver. Remember we cannot out give God.

Don't blow your trumpet when you give. Don't worry, God knows...

Deacon Kevin Campbell

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**AUGUST**

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 to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Spirit Night @ Raising Canes _____	09
1777 Hwy 17 N. — 3 to 8 PM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary _____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
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  
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*



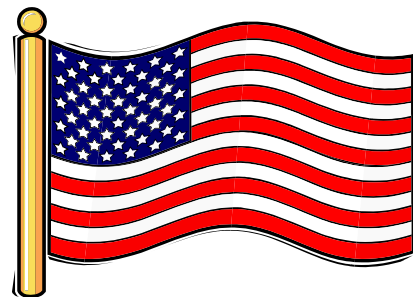
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Co-Chaplain	Rev. Robert A. Spencer	843-884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	843-883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	843-471-2121
Spiritual Director	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Grand Knight	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Chancellor	Tom Siwarski	610-213-5226
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-972-8193
Recorder	Bob Geberth	845-282-5546
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Don Lindeman	843-371-3434
Warden	Michael O'Connor	843-416-8818
Inside Guard	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
Outside Guard	Joe Harkins Jr.	267-974-6534
3 Yr. Trustee	Sean O'Toole	404-271-3999
2 Yr. Trustee	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
1 Yr. Trustee	Frank Osage	843-830-7263
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-729-7734
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	Ryan Kinowski SM	518-229-8725
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	Jerry Gimbert SC of A	843-655-9111
Vocations Chairman	Anthony Herlihy	843-388-7647
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Pro/Life Couple	Don & Kathy Campbell	843-471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
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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
Recruitment Committee	Ryan Kinowski- SM	518-229-8725
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Retention Committee	Ron Davis - COK	843-856-4950
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	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	Frank Davis	
District Deputy	Ed McDowell	843-518-0963
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
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**Spirit "Knight" Fundraiser at Raising Cane's  
To support the Knights of Columbus**



Join us for a Spirit "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 starting 2017 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.



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