



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

As we near the end of this fraternal year, we can view this with mixed emotions, (and I don't mean so happy I could cry). This year was full of cancellations, quarantines and opportunities not fully realized. Having said that, our Council was still able to conduct our annual Golf Tournament, support local charities (Camp Rise Above) and maintain some of our annual activities (wreath sale and Flag Day support to Patriots Point).

The last few months were busy. I was unable to thank the many donors and sponsors from the Golf Tournament. Below this letter you will find all the sponsors that donated goods, services and money to this worthwhile cause. I want to identify and thank them from the bottom of my heart as they enabled this tournament to be the best ever.

The Council supported Camp Rise Above on 14 June with a picnic for the campers and leaders. Thanks go to Don Campbell for coordinating the effort. Additionally thanks goes to Jim Welsch, Kevin Campbell, Skip Carmouche, Danny McKay, Tom Franzone, Marion Wright, Jerry Gimbert, Carlos Araiza and Jim Sheehy for their support.

As a reminder, the installation for the new Council Officers will be 6:00pm, 24 June 2021 at St. Benedict Catholic Church. This will be a combined installation for both the Council and the Assembly. There will be a meal after the installation. Additional information has been sent.

This is the part of the letter where I give my farewell comments as the Grand Knight and fade into the background for the upcoming fraternal year. That is not the case this year. You will note somewhere in this newsletter, the names of the 2021-2022 Council Officers. In most cases, the officer's names are the same as those for fraternal year 2020-2021. I want to thank all those officers who have stepped up and decided to go one more year as Council leaders.

Things are opening up. We have begun to meet in person. Zoom has its good points but nothing beats a face-to-face meeting. Opportunities to include spaghetti dinners, harbor cruise and other social events will become a reality as opposed to a found memory. This upcoming fraternal year is looking very promising and we shall all look for the opportunities to support our charities, to be better Catholics and expand our membership.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2021

DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Officers Meeting_____	01
6:30 PM location TBA by GK.	
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	
Independence Day_____	04
Ultrya Meeting_____	06
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
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950 Darrell Creek Trial 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Meeting: 6:30 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



Donors To Our 12th Annual Golf Tournament For The Daughter's of St. Paul

Abigail & Anna Grace Hilton- Brother Jerry Barnett's & wife Diana Grand Daughters.	300 Golf Balls
Amen Fish & Raw Bar	Gift Card
Appalachian Springs	6 Cases of water
Artigues Landscape Co.	Silver Sponsor
Campbell Law Firm, PA – Deacon Kevin Campbell	Bronze Sponsor
Carolinas Wealth Management – Sam Hesd	Gold Sponsor
Catholic Radio (local)	I minute commercial for silent auction
Catholic Roads – Beth Lengel	Hole Sponsor
Causey Barber Shop	Haircut Certificate
CEMS Engineering – Mark Lazo	Hole Sponsor
Charleston Bagel	Gift Card
Charleston Harbor Tours – Sales Coordinator	Coupon for 4 seats on Harbor Cruise
Charleston Muni Golf Course	Round of 4 with Carts
Charleston Riverdogs	Jersey plus Shadow Box
Croghan's Jewel Box – Mariana Hay	Diamond Earrings & Two items
Dick's Sporting Goods – Store Manager	20 Items
Dunhill Staffing Systems – Neil Whitman	100 Hand Sanitizers & Hole Sponsor
Finns Car Wash	Gift Cards
First Reliance Band – Ben Brazell	Hole Sponsor
Fulcrum Staffing	Hole Sponsor
Garretts Golf Cars – Don Beard	Hole in One Sponsor
Harkins Handyman Services – Joe Harkins, Jr.	Hole Sponsor
Harris Teeter – Alex Nestico	\$60 Gift Certificate
Hay Tire - Deborah Anderson	Hole Sponsor, plus 4 Gift Certificates
Heath Farms – Doug Heath	Hole Sponsor
Hendrick Automotive Group – Bill Garonda	Closest to Pin
Henry's Bar and Grill - Rose	2 Gift Cards
Hyams Landscape Contractors – George Hyams	Hole Sponsor
Hymans Seafood – Eli Hyman	Gift Basket
Images of Charleston – Store Manager	Metal Photo
J Henry Stuhr (Mt. Pleasant Gardens)	Hole Sponsor
Kiawah Golf Course	Round of 4 with Cart @ Caugar
King Street Cookies	Gift Card
KofC Assembly 3243	Hole Sponsor
KofC Council 6250 – Ron McNally	2 Foursomes
KofC Council 704 - Pete Marchewka	Gold Sponsor
KofC Insurance Group – Paul Harrington	Contribution
Ledfords Termite & Pest Control – Susan Ledford	Hole Sponsor
Low Country Custom Golf – David Ayres	2 Club Fittings
Lucis Via Charities, Inc – Jamiel Kadri	Hole Sponsor
Lynch Cracraft Wealth Mgt. – Scott Cracraft	Hole Sponsor 24 Titleist Balls & golf Item

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Millennium Wealth Management – Frank Dirks
Moore Family Dentistry – James Moore
Morelli Heating & Air – Tony Morelli
Palmetto Brewing – Lauren Hutson
Patriots Point Links – Mike Owens
Raven Financial Services LLC – Greg raven
Rivertowne Country Club – Pete Dunham
Roper ST. Francis – Mark Dickson
Royall Ace Hardware – John Royall
Seabrook Island Club – Brian Thelan
Snee Farm Country Club – Pete Dunham
South State Bank – Bill Medich, VP
Southern Lumber & Millworks Will Albrecht
ST. Clare of Assisi Parish – Rev. Gregory West
Time Out Sports
True Value Hwy 17 – Store Manager
Vom Fass – Michael Martin
Wild Dunes Harbor Course – John Heaps
Wild Dunes Real Estate – John Denning
Don Campbell & Steve Thompson
Old South Carriage
Michael Ferri
Dr. John Maize, Sr.
Keith Keohane

Hole Sponsor
Donation - Silver
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Beer Donation 8 Cases
Foursome with Cart
Beverage Cart
Round for 4 with Cart
Gold Sponsor
Hole Sponsor
Round for 4 with Cart
Round for 4 with Cart
Closest to Pin
Hole Sponsor
Long Drive
Gift Certificate
Volley Ball Set
Gift Basket
Round for 4 with Cart
Hole Sponsor plus Donation
½ Day Fishing from Patriots Point Marina for 3
2 Tickest
Hole Sponsor
Gold Sponsor
17 Dozen Vice Golf Balls and Golf Apparel



Looking forward to next year!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*William and Carol Arent
 Joe and Denise Bamond
 James and Jessica Buzzelli
 Leo and Konny Carmouche
 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
 Scott and Margi Myers
 James and Charlyne Raih
 Juan and Jennifer
 Joey and Amy Seymour
 John and JoAnn Stadtmueller
 Vincent and Eva Ullo
 Tim and Tish Voit
 Richard and Carol Williams*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Gerald Baty
 Gerald Bresnihan
 William Brown
 Thomas Brown
 Kevin M. Campbell
 John Czarnecki
 Kurt Denner
 Edward Doyle*

*Anthony Francin
 Thomas A. Franzone
 John Gallagher
 Matthew Kiefer
 Thomas Knisley, Jr.
 Todd Kravchuk
 William Kundinger, Jr.
 Melvin Lands
 John Maize, Sr.
 Mike McGinty
 James Morini*



*Paul O'Rourke
 Frank Osage
 John Rider
 Steven Ruether
 Paul Salemi
 Joey Seymour
 Donald Thatcher
 Ernie Torres
 Jay Tronco
 Michael Vasko
 Henry Wolf*

Knights That Helped Move Boxes of Books for Future Book Sale

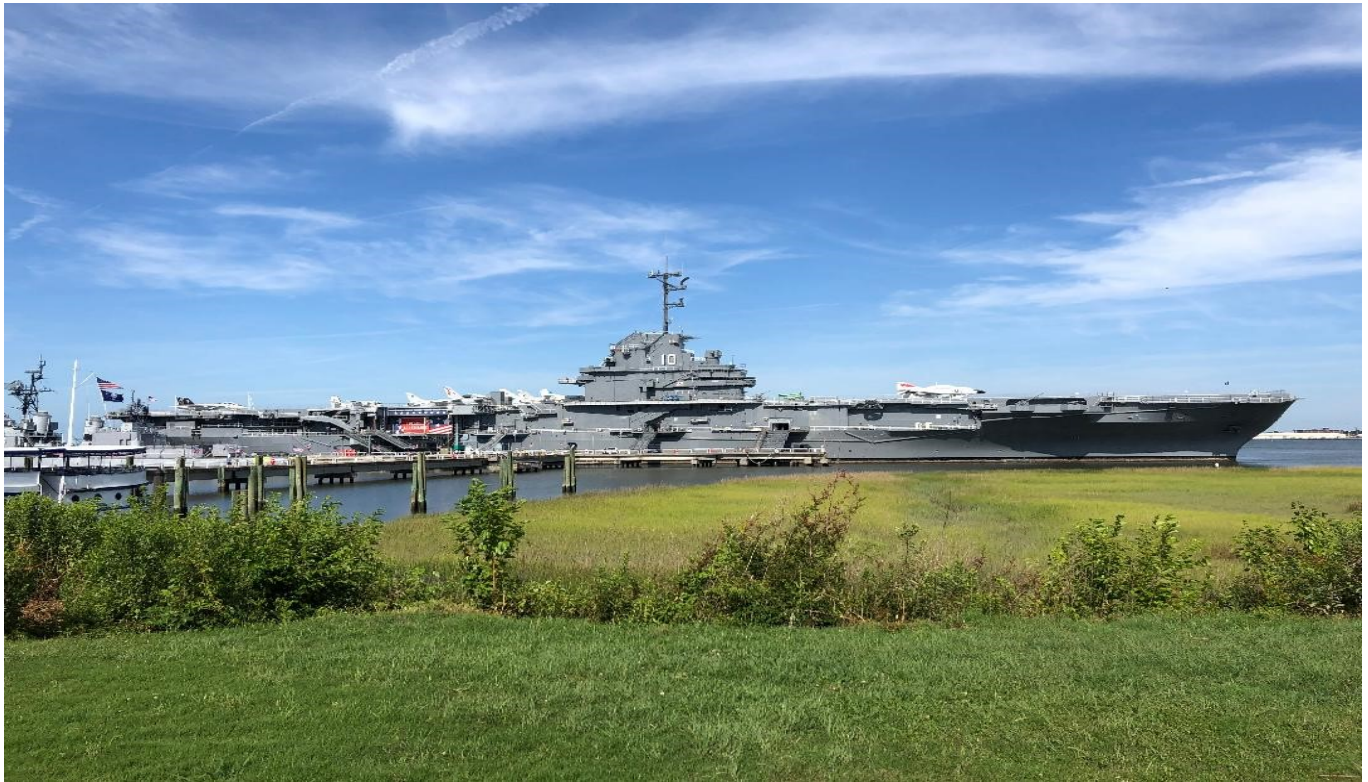


June, Thursday 27 the above Knights moved boxes of book from our storage at Morningstar to the recycle site. Above left to right Joe Harkins Sr., Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt, Tom Siwarski, Carlos Araiza, Marion Wright and Jerry Gimbert taking picture.



June, Sunday 30 the above Knights moved boxes of books that they packed first from the Omar Shrine Temple to our storage site Morningstar. Left to right in the back DJ Thatcher, Jon Tirpak, Tom Siwarski, Greg Raven, Matt Feltman, Marion Wright, Jerry Gimbert bent forward Dick Baummer and not in picture Neil Whitman left before picture, Tom Franzone taking picture.

**4th Degree Knights of Columbus
Rev. Capodanno Assembly 3243 Mt. Pleasant
Celebrated Flag Day June 12, 2021 on the Flight Deck of USS Yorktown at Patriots Point**



Raising the new Flag on the York Town left to right are Sir Knights Joe Nesbitt, Matt Feltman, Bob Thetreat, and Bob Brennan.



Sir Knights that attended the Flag Day ceremony left to right Bob Thetreat, Matt Feltman, Joe Nesbitt, Bob Brennan and Jon Tirpak not in picture plus Catherine Brennan who took pictures.

**OUR COUNCIL 9475
SUPPLIED A COOKOUT
FOR CAMP RISE ABOVE IN JAMES ISLAND COUNTY PARK**



June 14 our council supplied grilled burgers, hot dogs with buns and watermelon for about 50 youth plus staff personnel. The above Knights left to right that helped under the direction of Don Campbell and the Founder of Camp Rise Above in picture as well are Jim Sheehy holding tray with burgers, Carlos Araiza, Don Campbell, Danny McKay, Jim Welsch, Deacon Kevin Campbell, in back standing tall Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt, next is Skip Carmouche, Marion Wright, Tom Franzone, Jerry Gimbert and front is Barbara Denton Founder of Camp Rise Above. A great day was had by all!!!



Above is our serving line and youth lined up and ready to eat.



Above are the youth sitting at their tables enjoying their lunch.

**Our Council Rev. Msgr. John Laurence McLaughlin
No. 9475, Knights of Columbus
Presented Check to Daughters of St. Paul**



Above left to right golf chairman Bob Fintak presented a check for \$17,600.00 from Our 12th Annual Golf Tournament to the Daughters of St. Paul who also participate in the tournament, holding check is Sr. Margaret Kerry FSP, following are Sr. Mary Thecla Paolini FSP, Sr. Gioan L. Ngyen FSP, Sr. Mary Agnes Cognilio and Sr. Lupe Hernandez FSP.



Above Sr. Margaret presented our Council in appreciation with a painting she made of our founding Father McGivney, State and Knights emblem. What a very nice painting and pleasant surprise.

**Knight of the Month
June 2021
Bob Fintak**

Bob grew up in Western New York, just south of Buffalo. He married Sue in 1972. The two high school sweethearts will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20th 2022.

Bob attended the University of Buffalo and has his BS and MBA from UB. He worked as a software engineer and then transitioned to Logistics Management working for a medical products manufacturer in Buffalo. The Fintak family moved to Lexington, SC in 1996 and then to Mt Pleasant in 2014. In Lexington, Bob returned to his roots doing quality management work for the IT area for Computer Sciences Corporation.

Bob and Sue have 3 great kids, David (living in the Denver area) who is a Retina Specialist, Stephen (living in Atlanta) who is an architect, and Stacey (living here in Mt Pleasant) who works for MUSC as a Physician Assistant. They have 8 grandchildren.

Bob and Sue are active members of St. Benedict parish. Bob has been a member of the Knights since 1999, and has served in several officer positions, including as our current Advocate. Bob donates his time and talent in numerous council activities, including serving as the Chairman for the Annual Daughters of St. Paul Golf Outing. In addition to his work in the council, Bob is also a 4th degree Sir Knight.

Congratulations Bob!!!



Left is our Deputy Grand Knight and acting Family Director Matt Feltman just presented Bob Fintak center with the Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt is holding Knights cup being presented to Bob as well.

**Family of the Quarter
June 2021
Mary and Richard Garcia**

Mary and Richard were raised in a Catholic Church. Richard grew up in Caracas Venezuela and attended school at Don Bosco. Mary attended Sacred Heart downtown.

They have two adult children Cristina and Ricky who were fortunate to attend COK-Stella Maris and Bishop England. Their daughter Cristina was married at COK and is a nurse. Their son is not married and is a scientist chemist.

Mary and Richard got married in 1988 at Saint Mary's downtown. In 1991 they moved to Mount Pleasant and became part of COK. Soon after, their diocese decided to build St. Benedicts, so they were part of the original first members of that Parish. They were very involved in many ways and roles with this startup.

Years later they returned to COK and continued their involvement with the church.

Through the years Mary and Richard have served in many capacities: Ushers, Eucharist Ministers, building subcommittee, capital campaign's chairs, and finance committee. Richard was also involved with the startup of the Emmaus ministry in East Cooper and they both serve on annual retreats.

Richard is a second degree knight and value the people involved in this organization.

They feel blessed to be part of our Catholic community.

Congratulations Mary and Richard!!!



Left is our Deputy Grand Knight and acting Family Director Matt Feltman just presented Richard Garcia center with the Family of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt presented Richard with the Knights cup in Richard's hand.

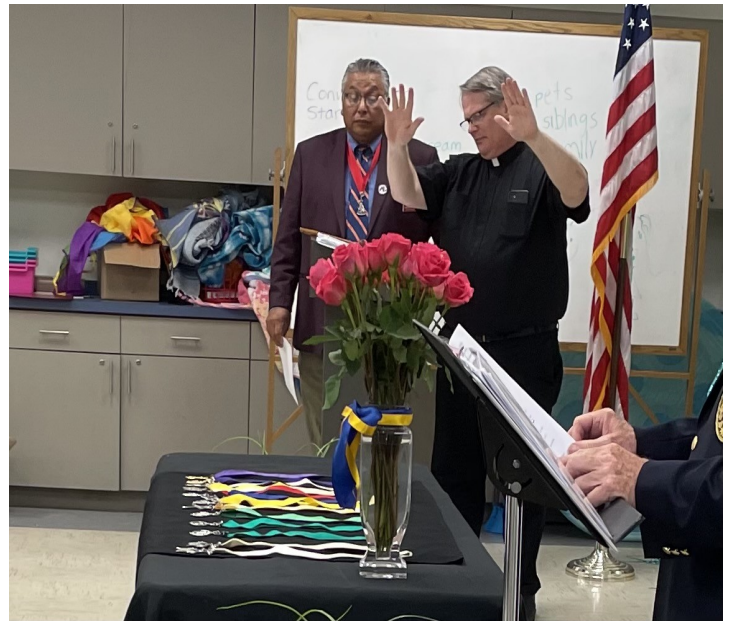
**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 9475 OFFICERS
AND
ASSEMBLY 3243 OFFICERS**

Following are the 2021-2022 Council Officers

Grand Knight_____	Joe Nesbitt
Deputy Grand Knight_____	Matt Feltman
Chancellor_____	Bobby Geberth
Lecturer_____	Ron Davis
Recorder_____	Michael Fabrizio
Treasurer_____	Jim Welsch
Advocate_____	Bob Fintak
Warden_____	Jon Tirpak
Inside Guard_____	Kurt Denner
Outside Guard_____	Carlos Araiza
^{3rd} Year Trust_____	Tom Siwarski
^{2nd} Year Trustee_____	Kevin Cunnane
^{1st} Year_____	Don Campbell



Above are our 2021 –2022 Council 9475 Officers being sworn in standing in a shape of a cross.



Above Father Mark Good pastor of St. Benedict Church is Blessing Jewels on table to be presented to Officers just installed and District Deputy James Daugomah stands-by.

Following are the 2021-2022 Assembly 3243 Officers

Faithful Navigator	_____	Matt Feltman
Faithful Captain	_____	Joe Nesbitt
Faithful Pilot	_____	Jon Tirpak
Faithful Admiral	_____	Bob Brennan
Faithful Comptroller	_____	Tom Siwarski
Faithful Purser	_____	Don Campbell
Faithful Scribe	_____	Chuck Drouillard
Faithful Inner Sentinel	_____	Joe Scheirman
Faithful Outer Sentinel	_____	Bill Shoemaker
Faithful 3 rd Year Trustee	_____	Jim Welsch
Faithful 2 nd Year Trustee	_____	Sean O'Toole
Faithful 1 st Year Trustee	_____	Bob Fintak
Faithful Commander	_____	Bob Brennan



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Installations completed Brother Knights and wives ready for the great meal that was served with many choices of dessert.



Our Worthy Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt presenting certificates for Knight of year Jeff Pulaski and Family of Year John & Siobhan Maize Jr.

(Cruise Scheduled for Saturday October 9th)

Our always fun
HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK
We sail Saturday October 9th Board 6:30 pm Depart 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Aboard the beautiful *Charleston Princess*
Charleston City Marina 17 Lockwood Drive
Three decks, including seated dining, bow and aft observation decks and dance floor



\$75 per couple - \$40 single
includes

Music by Lee Edwards Entertainment
dinner and dessert

soft drinks, water, beer & wine served by on board staff
In addition, you'll have a cash bar for cocktails.

For tickets E-mail
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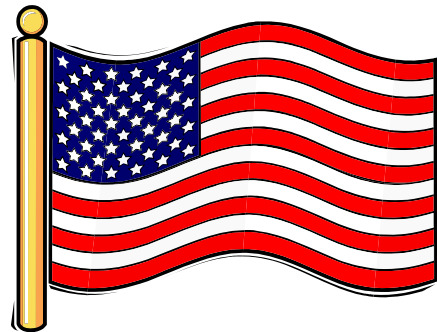
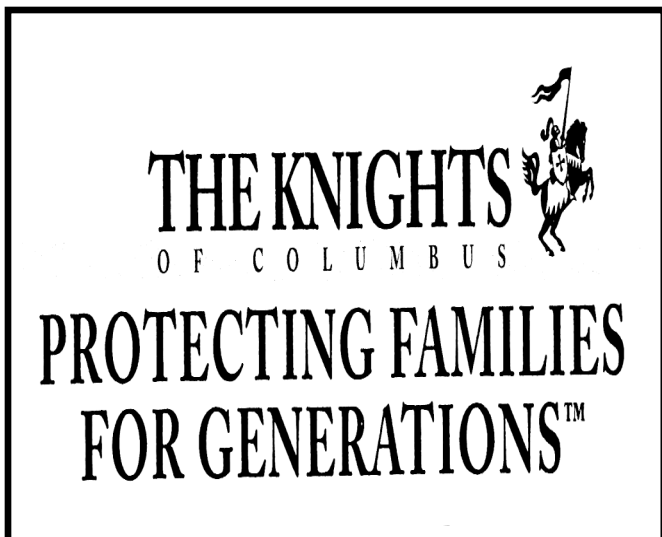
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST 2021**

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DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**

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COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting	19
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(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
Deputy Grand Knight	Matt Feltman	513-374-1994
Chancellor	Bobby Geberth	845-282-5546
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-813-1732
Recorder	Michael Fabrizio	843-200-1555
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Bob Fintak	803-917-1530
Warden	Jon Tirpak	843-480-5784
Inside Guard	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Outside Guard	Carlos Araiza	480-352-7679
3 Yr. Trustee	Tom Siwarski	610-213-5226
2 Yr. Trustee	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
1 Yr. Trustee	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-729-7734
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone -COK	843-729-7734
	Jon Tirpak - SM	843-480-5784
	Robert Geberth - SB	843-654-9549
	Leo Albano - SC of A	843-216-1710
Vocations Chairman	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Pro/Life Couple	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
Council Director	Bobby Geberth	845-282-5546
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	843-270-9834
Family Director	(Position Temporarily Open)	
Culture of Life Director	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Youth Director	Mike Flato	843-973-1409
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Admission Chairman	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Recruitment Committee	Michael Fabrizio- SM	843-200-1555
	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Robert Geberth-SB	845-282-5546
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
Retention Chairman	Robert Fintak	803-971-1530
Insurance Promotion	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Columbus Hope Chairman	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Newsletter	Fran & Tom Franzone	843-729-7734
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Daniel Barton	843-367-1871
District Deputy	Paul Setti	843-813-2713
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation about the Mustard Seed

Deacon Kevin Campbell

Mk 4:26-34

When Huldah Bontain was very young, her parents were missionaries, serving in Japan. After they moved back home to Canada, she vowed never to leave. But God had a different plan for her. She met and fell in love with Mark Bontain, a Christian evangelist. After they married, they had a chance to lead a mission in Calcutta, India for one year. Even though she had said that leaving Canada was not for her, she thought she could endure anything for one year. So they sold their car, packed up their clothes and newborn daughter, and boarded a ship for India in 1954.

They started with a tent on a vacant lot in Calcutta and began telling people about the love of Jesus. One day a man entered the tent and said, "Preacher, fill our bellies and then tell us about God in heaven." That encounter changed everything. It was a mustard seed moment that sparked a tremendous ministry that continues to this day. It has reached hundreds of thousands of people. When Mark passed away in 1989, over 20,000 people attended his funeral. One of these people was her close friend; St. Mother Theresa, who encouraged her to carry on their excellent work.

There have been many mustard seed moments in history as well as those that occur every day which follow the same pattern: someone does something small, with God as the center focus, and good things will happen.

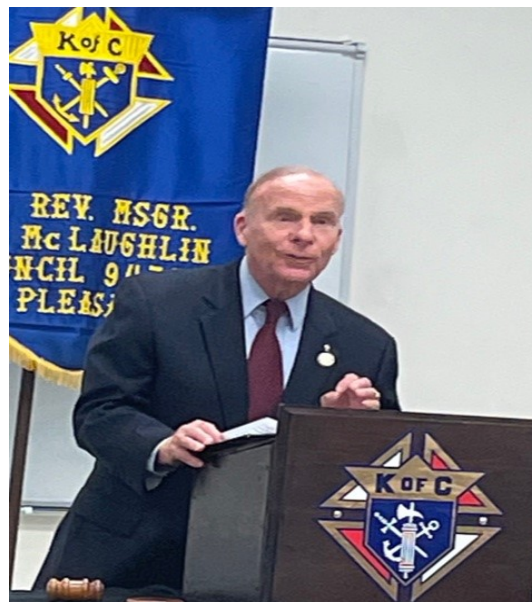
bishop Robert Barron gives good examples of mustard seed moments in the history of the Catholic Church. Like St Paul stepping from Asia Minor to Greece, spreading the good news that Jesus wants everyone, not just Jews, to be with him in Heaven one day. These small steps lead to all of Europe and, eventually rest of the world becoming Christian. This was a mustard seed moment for Christianity.

The Franciscan Order began with a young man who heard a voice speaking from a cross in a broken down church in Italy. The voice asked Francis: "restore my church which is falling apart". While Francis knew it was Jesus speaking to him, at first he thought he meant the church he was standing in. God had greater plan which he laid out to Francis. A few men joined his efforts, then hundreds, and then thousands and today we an order that brings the Gospel message to people throughout the world.

The Missionaries of Charity was started by a little nun who, while riding on a train going to her annual retreat, heard God calling her to leave her life as a teacher to serve the needs of the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India. With no money, no helpers, and no institutional support, St. Mother Teresa started a ministry that now has 4,500 nuns actively working in 600 missions, in 133 countries.

Bishop Robert Barron calls this the mustard seed principal: God begins in small, quiet ways. From these quiet beginnings, great things emerge. He tells us don't be afraid to do small things at the prompting of God. We might feel that there is nothing we can do which would possibly make a difference. When we look at all the evil in the world, all the injustice, all the indifference, we might feel powerless, useless. No one will pay attention to us. People will laugh at us. They might think we are unrealistic dreamers just like they thought St. Paul and St. Francis were. Don't worry about what they think. We have to have the courage to plant the seed. Make the move. Take the risk. Don't worry about the naysayers. They are always out there.

So if we feel this compulsion, this inspiration from God, to sow the seed, go ahead and do it, even in the smallest way, and leave the rest to the mercy and providence of God. As Bishop Barron says: "this is the great mustard seed principle which has guided many leaders of our catholic tradition." May it guide us today to look for those mustard seed moments. Allow God to use us to grow his Kingdom on earth. While there will be the trials and tribulations that are a part of life, we will have the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give.



Deacon Kevin Campbell