



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family:

I am humbled by the privilege and responsibility that you have placed in me in serving this wonderful council as Grand Knight. I am ever appreciative to PGK Joe Nesbitt and the rest of the officer corps, past and present, for showing me how to lead through their example. I will do my very best during this upcoming year, to set an example for future Grand Knights, strive to be a model of Christian servant leadership and finally, I will effort to bring more men and families closer to Jesus through the Knights of Columbus.

To that end, on June 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Benedict, a membership drive was held after the weekend Masses and Father Good hosted a Mass for the Knights at 9:30am. The results of the drive were exciting. We were able to talk to many interested men, collected three transfers and two new members with signed Form 100's another six or seven men that left their emails/point of contact info. There were another 10 people that picked up literature. All of which we hope to see at an upcoming exemplification. More to come on hosting similar events in the near future at all the parishes.

What would summer be without a book sale? Thank you to Brothers Gimbert and Wright for again coordinating a successful event, to the Daughters of St. Paul for allowing us to use their downtown bookstore and, to all the brothers and their families who volunteered over the last several weeks to collect, transport, set-up, sell and clean up after the sale. Now our challenge is to find another philanthropic event that can replace the funds generated from the book sales. Please share your ideas either at the next meeting or by contacting me directly.

Let me close my first GK report with an excerpt from the Knights of Columbus prayer from the Fathers' Manual by A. Francis Coomes, S.J.

*"May I actively realize that as a Catholic and as a Knight of Columbus, I am a constant example working for the good of my religion. And realizing this, may I always set an example as to bring others close to you."*

Pray for peace. Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 2022

Nocturnal Adoration_____	Jun. 30 to Apr. 01
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK—7:30 AM	
Independence Day_____	04
Ultrya Meeting_____	05
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	07
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trial 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Meeting: 6:30 PM	



# INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 9475 OFFICERS AND ASSEMBLY 3243 OFFICERS

**Following are the 2022-2023 Council Officers**

Grand Knight _____	Matt Feltman
Deputy Grand Knight _____	Jerry Gimbert
Chancellor _____	Kurt Denner
Lecturer _____	Ron Davis
Recorder _____	Michael Fabrizio
Treasurer _____	Jim Welsch
Advocate _____	Bob Fintak
Warden _____	Jon Tirpak
Inside Guard _____	Marion Wright
Outside Guard _____	Carlos Araiza
<sup>3rd</sup> Year Trust _____	Joe Nesbitt
<sup>2nd</sup> Year Trustee _____	Tom Siwarski
<sup>1st</sup> Year _____	Kevin Cunnane



Retiring Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt opening the Installation of Officers with Father Mark Good Pastor of St. Benedict Church and Past District Deputy James Daugomah seated nearby.



Father Mark Good Blessing Jewels on table that are to be presented to the installed Officers.



Past District Deputy James Daugomah inducting New Officers



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



Our new Grand Knight Matt Feltman giving his wife Cindy a heart felt Thank You for her support and thanking the outgoing Officers for job well done as well as new Officers for their coming support mentioning some of the coming challenges.

## Following are the 2022-2023 Assembly 3243 Officers

Faithful Navigator_____	Joe Nesbitt
Faithful Captain_____	TBD
Faithful Pilot_____	Jon Tirpak
Faithful Admiral_____	Matt Feltman
Faithful Comptroller_____	Tom Siwarski
Faithful Purser _____	Don Campbell
Faithful Scribe _____	Bob Thetreault
Faithful Inner Sentinel_____	Joe Scheirman
Faithful Outer Sentinel_____	Bill Shoemaker
Faithful 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee_____	Chuck Drouillard
Faithful 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee_____	Jim Welsch
Faithful 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee_____	Bob Brennan
Faithful Friar_____	Father Good
Faithful Commander_____	Bob Brennan



Father Mark Good Blessing the Jewels to be worn by the new Sir Knight Officers. Standing by is Immediate Past State Deputy Danial Barton who will induct new Sir Knight Officers.



New Sir Knight Officers with right hand raised being sworn in. Standing back left is Gary Hart District Marshal participating in the induction of Officers.



After Installation a great meal was had by all that attended.



After the meal The Family of the Year Greg and Stasi Gormley were presented with the Family of the Year Certificate from our Past Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt.



Again after the meal our new Grand Knight Matt Feltman left was presented with Knight of the Year Certificate from Past Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt.



Our new Grand Knight left Matt Feltman with a great smile presented our Past Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt with two gifts of Thank You for his two years of outstanding service.



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- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
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**4th Degree Knights of Columbus**  
**Rev. Capodanno Assembly 3243 Mt. Pleasant**  
**Celebrated Flag Day June 11, 2022 on the Flight Deck of USS Yorktown at Patriots**



The Knights of Columbus Rev Vincent Capodanno Assembly #3243 once again held its annual Flag Day ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown at Patriot's Point in Mt. Pleasant. Our Assembly was led by SK's Joe Nesbitt, Bob Brennan and Bob Thetreat. Also in attendance and support were SK's Jon Tirpak (MC), Kurt Denner and Joe Scheirman. In addition to dignitaries speaking from Patriot's Point and Mt. Pleasant government, were also State rep Joe Bustos who is also a K of C brother.

The present US flag that has flown on the stern of the flight deck for the past year was gracefully retired and replaced with a new US flag that will continue to fly in honor over the Charleston harbor. The ceremony included a complete description and purpose of each of the 13 folds required to fold the flag properly.

This year, the color corp was supported by Sir Knight's Gary Hart (State District Marshall – Assembly 1071 Rev P Lynch, SK's Pat Davis and Charles Morris Assembly 3697 St Francis Caracciolo – Goose Creek, and SK's James Bird and Dale Mathew Assembly 3009 Summerville.

SK Bob Brennan



Folding the retired Flag the was flown on the stern of the flight deck for the past year are left to right SK's Joe Nesbitt, Bob Thetreatult, James Bird, Bob Brennan and District Marshall Gary Hart.



Raising the new Flag are SK's Joe Nesbitt, Bob Thetreatult, Bob Brennan, James Bird and District Marshall Gary Hart.



Saluting the newly raised Flag are SK's Charles Morris, Pat Davis, Dale Mathew, Joe Nesbitt, Bob Thetreatult, Bob Brennan, James Bird and District Marshall Gary Hart.



Above Left to right Citadel Cadet Nathan Tirpak, speaker State Rep. Joe Bustos who is also Brother Knight, (M/C) Jon Tirpak and Past Faithful Navigator Joe Scheiman



Left to right Executive Director of Patriots Point is handed the retired Flag from Faithful Navigator Joe Nesbitt and Town Council Member Howard Chapman and State Rep. Joe Bustos stand -by.

**Family of the Quarter  
May 2022  
Matthew and Megan Tomkins**

Our family relocated to Charleston in the spring of 2019 from the Finger Lakes Region of NY where we were parishioners of St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Manchester, NY. Matthew Tomkins has worked in the auto industry and Megan Tomkins was a business adjunct instructor. Madison Tomkins graduated from Philip Simmons High School in 2020 and will earn an Associate's Degree from the Technical College of the Lowcountry this May. She will then be attending the University of South Carolina for Elementary Education this fall. Madison also works for the Berkley County School District / Philip Simmons Elementary school. Marcella Tomkins is a senior at Philip Simmons High School and will be graduating this May. She plans to attend The Culinary Institute of Charleston at Trident Technical College this fall for Baking and Pastry Arts. Mia Tomkins is a freshman through the Catholic Seton home school program out of Fort Royal, VA. Mia enjoys photography and the arts.

We are currently parishioners at Christ Our King Catholic Church and enjoy helping with the Christian Formation program. Megan currently teaches 2nd grade; Madison teaches 3rd and Marcella and Mia teach kindergarten.

Our family feels very blessed to live, work and worship in the beautiful Lowcountry. We all enjoy the outdoors; gardening, camping, biking, swimming and spending time at the beach.

**Congratulations Tomkins Family!!!**



Above Right Family Director Kurt Denner just presented the Tomkins family with Family of the Quarter Certificate. Left to right Matthew, Megan, Mia and Marcella. Standing in the back is Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt.

**Knight of the Month  
June 2022  
Jim Welsch**

Jim was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from St. Louis University High School, the top Jesuit high school in the country, then from the United States Naval Academy. He has graduate degrees from Johns Hopkins University and The Citadel.

Jim retired from the Navy after 27 years, 25 of them as a nuclear submariner. He then worked as a General/Program/Project Manager for various contractors supporting the Navy engineering laboratory (INFOWAR) in North Charleston.

Jim joined the Knights in 2011, and completed his 4<sup>th</sup> degree in February 2013. He has been involved with many Council activities, and was Chairman of the Golf Tournament for four years. He is presently in his fifth year as Treasurer of the Council.

Jim is an active member of Christ Our King, serving as an usher and a lector, as the Lector Coordinator and as a member of the Pastoral Council.

Jim's hobbies include golfing, reading and woodworking. He is a past president of the Charleston Council of the Navy League and of the Charleston Chapter of the USNA Alumni Association. He is currently the Treasurer for the NISE East Hackers golf league.

Jim and Susan have been married for 52 years and have one daughter, Sarah. They have five grandchildren ages 3 through 11. Having lived all over during his Navy career, they settled in Mt. Pleasant in 1994.

**Congratulations Jim!!!**



Left Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt is presenting our Treasurer Jim Welsch with a Knights cup center and Family Director Kurt Denner just presented Jim with Knight of the Month Certificate.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Joe and Denise Bamond  
 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  
 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.  
 Todd Kravchuk  
 William Kunder, Jr.  
 Melvin Lands  
 John Maize, Sr.  
 Mike McGinty  
 James Morini  
 Paul O'Rourke  
 Frank Osage  
 Paul Reale  
 Steven Ruether  
 Paul Salemi  
 Joey Seymour  
 Donald Thatcher  
 Ernie Torres  
 Jay Tronco  
 Michael Vasko  
 Henry Wolf*



**Our Council held a Recruiting Mass at St. Benedict Church Sunday June 26th**



At the recruiting table left to right Brothers Max Murphy, Past Faithful Navigator Joe Scheirman, Past Grand Knight Joe Harkins, Mike Lawrie and parishioner standing –by.




Left to right at recruiting table Past Faithful Navigator Joe Scheirman and Past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator Joe Nesbitt.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
AUGUST 2022**

Ultrya Meeting_____	02
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting_____	04
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting_____	18
.St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00PM	
Dinner: 6:30PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
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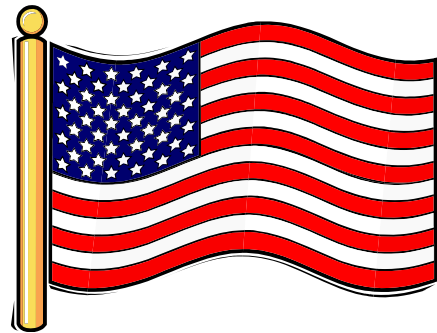
**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	843-883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	843-471-2121
Spiritual Director	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-729-5602
Grand Knight	Matt Feltman	513-374-1994
Deputy Grand Knight	Jerry Gimbert	843-655-9111
Chancellor	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
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	Marion Wright	843-509-6512
Outside Guard	Carlos Araiza	480-352-7679
3 Yr. Trustee	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
2 Yr. Trustee	Tom Siwarski	610-213-5226
1 Yr. Trustee	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-729-7734
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	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	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
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	Jon Tirpak - SM	843-480-5784
	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Robert Geberth-SB	845-282-5546
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
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Newsletter	Fran & Tom Franzone	843-729-7734
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State Deputy	Paul V. Burchell	803-983-5004
District Deputy	Paul Setti	843-813-2713
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## Meditation on Trusting in God

Ex 3: 13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11: 28-30

Our Meditation today help us deal with situations, events, or people that God puts into our lives that seem impossible.

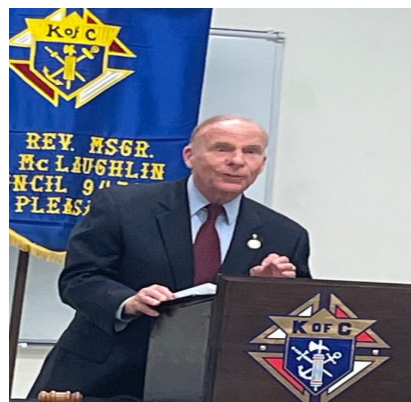
In the Book of Genesis, we have Moses. He was tending sheep for his father-in-law, Jethro, when he meets God for the first time. God is speaking to him from the burning bush. He is being directed by God to lead the Jewish people out of slavery in Egypt. God wants Moses to go to the king of the Egypt, Pharaoh, and tell him to let the Jewish people go. If this wasn't so serious, it would be hilarious. Yet God promises to be with Moses on this seemingly impossible quest.

In Psalm 105, the Palmist, most probably King David, speaks about God's promise to Moses. He calls it a covenant and says: "the Lord remembers his covenant forever". The Lord's initial covenant was with Abraham when he promised to make Abraham's descendant as numerous as the stars in the sky. If This covenant was to be continued, the Jewish people had to be led out of slavery by Moses, which he did with God's help.

The Lord then made a covenant with King David that his kingdom would last forever. This seemed an impossibility as well but it was brought to fulfillment with the birth of Jesus.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is telling us we will face many seemingly impossible tasks in our lives: like loving our enemies, including those difficult people in our lives; living as people of truth and honesty, especially when it would be simpler and safer to go along with the crowd.

The important thing is that whatever problems or burdens we have, and we will have them, cast them upon Jesus. Give them over to him and don't take them back. He is there to help us live our lives as he would like us to. God is faithful to us if we remain faithful to him. He will not let us be tried beyond our strengths and will each trial he will provide us a way out if we remain faithful to him.



Deacon Kevin Campbell