



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family: Let me begin by thanking Brother Bob Fintak and his outstanding Golf Committee for what may turn out to be a record Golf Outing. Due to the wind, I am certain that St. Stephen was called upon many times during the day! Regardless, based on the smiles of all those in attendance, including those of our new beneficiary (Carter-May Home), it was another spectacular golf event.

District Deputy, SK Joe Nesbitt, the officers, and I would like to extend an invitation to ALL Knights, their families and parishioners of all four parishes to attend the Silver Rose prayer service on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The service will start at 6:30pm at St. Benedict church. We will be holding the service following a brief council meeting which will start at 6pm. Dinner will be served immediately following the service. (A donation of \$5 per person is appreciated.) The Silver Rose prayer service is given in devotion to Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Eight silver roses run along different North American routes embodying international brotherhood and honoring the Patroness of the Americas. Please spread the word and join us for this wonderful evening. America needs Our Lady more than ever.

As I am writing this, my last letter as Grand Knight, I find myself both reflective and thankful for the past year. Reflective on all the new brothers that have joined our fine council. Reflective on the many events that were held; social, philanthropic, and religious. But mostly reflective, on the speed by which this fraternal year has passed. It seems like just yesterday the officer corps, directors and committee chairmen were meeting to plan out the upcoming year.

I find myself most thankful for my Brother Knights who served as officers, trustees, and committee chairs. It is your leadership, effort and passion that drive the success of this council. I appreciate your patience and understanding these last few months as my work calendar suddenly got 'more' complicated. Deputy GK Brother Jerry Gimbert, thank you for all you do, I could not have asked for a finer Deputy. I also would like to thank all the Knights and their families who supported our events with their valuable time, talent, and treasure. There are many, many Brother Knights, their wives, family, and friends who work quietly behind the scenes and often are not acknowledged. To each, please accept my most sincere and deepest gratitude.

To incoming GK Don Campbell, Godspeed to you and your officers for a successful year. I know that you will be fantastic (again!).

Let me close not with a prayer but a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, that is most relevant and could most definitely be used in prayer.

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything thy goodness sends.

As always, please pray for peace.

Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman, GK

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2023

Officer's Meeting_____	01
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM.Thur.to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM Fri. to 7 AM Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary —_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	06
COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM	
Raising of the Flag _____	10
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:30 AM	
Flag Day _____	14
Brief Business Meeting & Silver Rose service_____	15
St. Benedict's Parish Hall & Church	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Meeting 6:00 PM	
Silver Rose prayer service: 6:30 PM	
Dinner following the service	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Father's Day_____	18
Installation of Officers Council 9475_____	21
Installation of Officers Assembly 3243_____	21
Both will take place at Christ Our King, Grace Hall. Council first at 6:30 PM. Then Assembly afterwards, followed by pot luck dinner. It's asked each Sir Knight bring covered dish, salad, dessert or side. R.S.V.P. by June 15, to Brother Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell kcampbell@campbell-law-firm.	



# Brother Knights Our 14th Annual Golf Tournament Is For Our New Beneficiary Carter May Senior Living

Here's a write-up explaining who they are and what they do: Carter May Senior Living founded in 1929 and located in West Ashley, serves seniors as the only Catholic assisted living facility in South Carolina. The founders, Monsignor James J. May, his sister Marie May and Mrs. Patrick Carter, had a vision to provide supportive care to seniors in need. Over the years the facility has grown so that it can serve more people, including retired priests in need of care. Facility staff provide seniors with meals, housekeeping and laundry services, assistance with activities of daily living, and medication management.

In 2016, The Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy joined the ministry, offering their specialized training in medical field and most importantly, their heartfelt aim of Caring for the Sick. Their congregation was founded in Rome in 1821, and continues to thrive today. They work around the world administering hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living residences.

Proceeds from this year's golf tournament will be used first to support the Hospitaller Sisters as they minister to the seniors and secondly to make interior improvements and upgrade furnishings in the facilities so that residents can live more independently and in greater comfort.



This is the table where the golfers registered and received their lunch choice of ham or turkey sandwich with chips and refreshment.



Here are a few of the worker bees. Sitting left to right Jerry Gimbert, Jeff Pulaski, Jim Welsch and standing Joe Harkins, Carlos Araiza and our Chairman Bob Fintak.





Carter May Senior Living workers helping with the golf tournament left to right Barbara, Robin and Sister Therese. Standing in the back left is Bill Shoemaker handing out sandwiches.



Here are Sue and Bob Fintak, sue is in charge of the mulligan sales here but she was very busy keeping Bob straight and very helpful wherever needed.



Our Worthy Grand Knight with a great smile ready to golf.



Chairman Bob Fintak giving last minute instructions before sending golfers off.





It's 12 Noon and the shotgun start is underway.



Here we have Mark Lazo Teed-Up on Hole No. 8.



Golfers are coming in now around 5ish to a great meal of Salad, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, barbecue chicken, brisket, biscuits, butter, dessert and refreshments.



Enjoying a great meal sitting at table are left to right Joe Harkins, Martin McNulty, Jerry Gimbert and Director of Catholic Charity Lydia Davis.

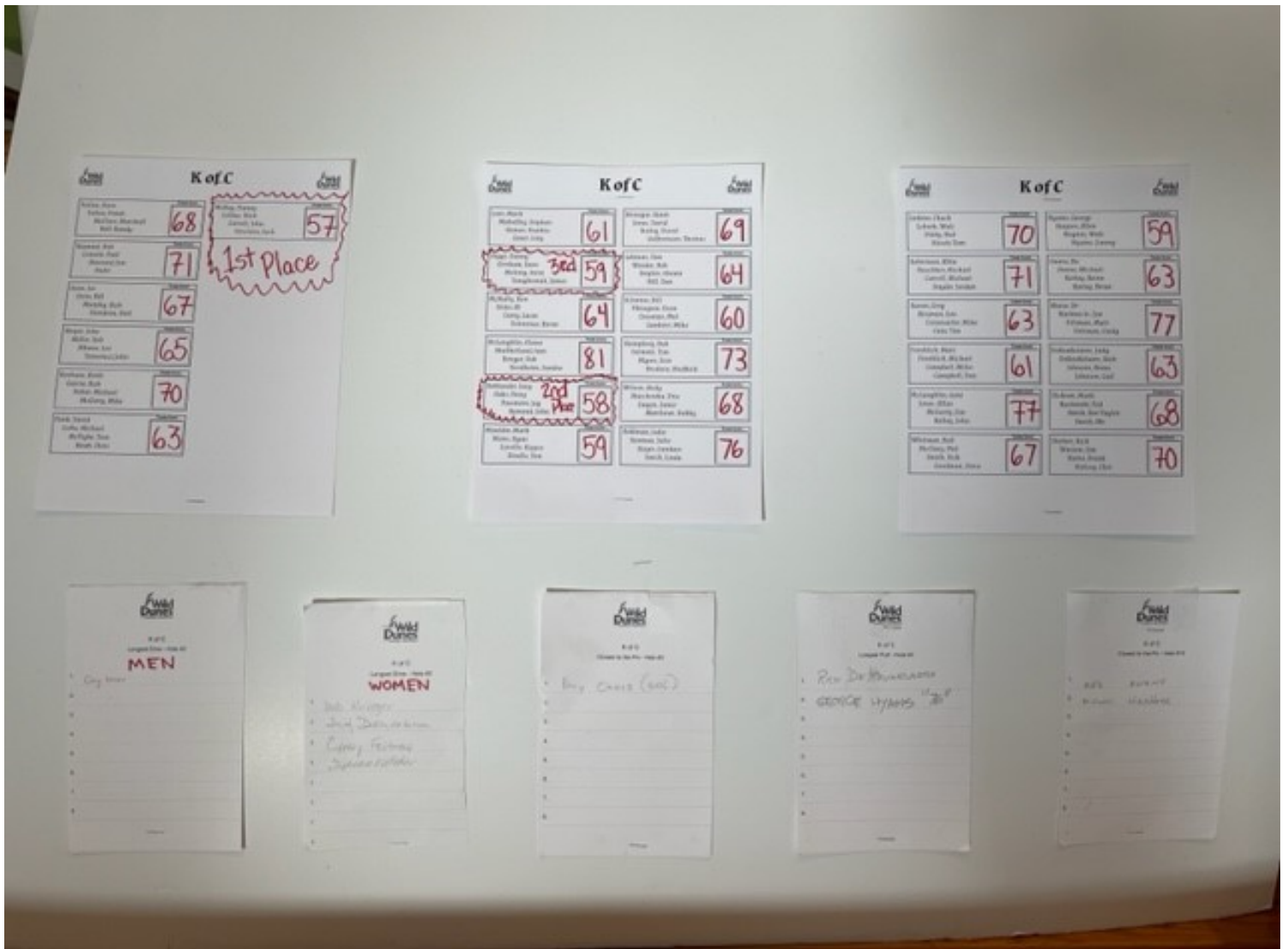


Director of Catholic Charity Lydia Davis thanked our council for supporting Carter May Senior Living.

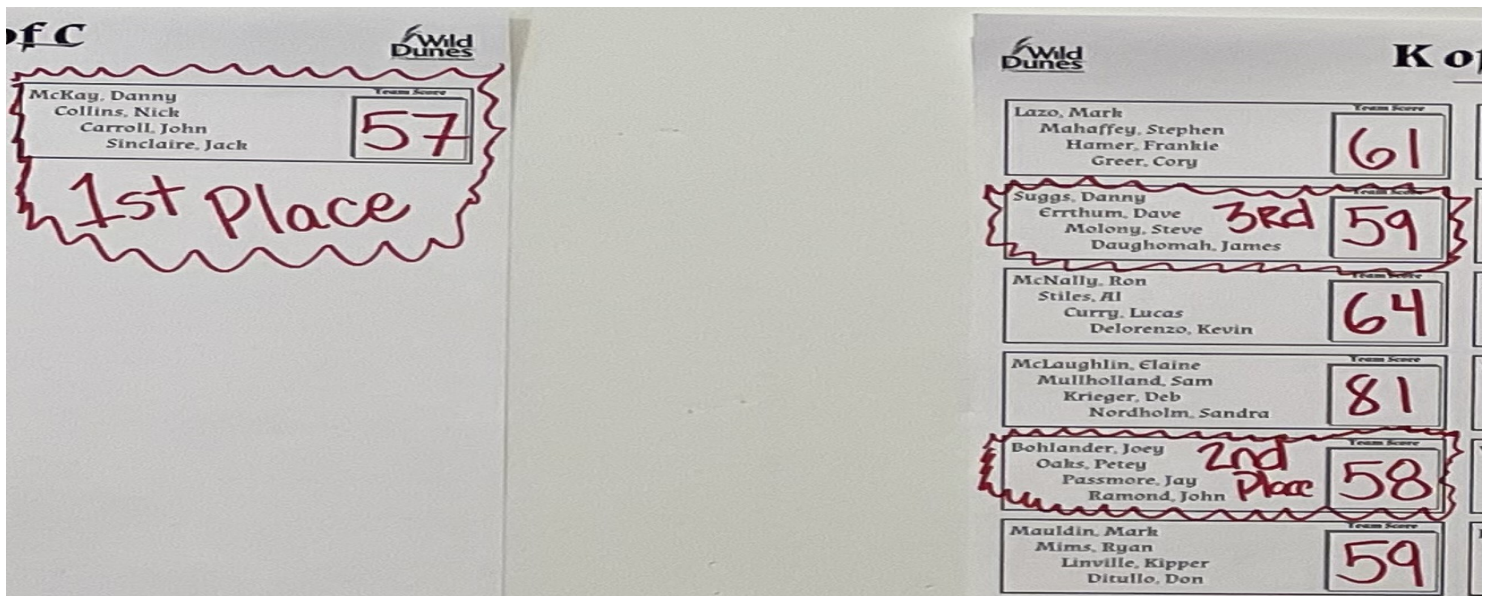


Bob Fintak is calling out door prize winners, Sue Fintak and Director of Catholic Charity Lydia Davis are handing them out.





Above is the team full score board



Above is a close-up of the winners #1, #2 & #3.



First place winners left to right John Carrol and Danny McKay other team members had to leave early Nick Collins and Jack Sinclaire.



Second place winners in picture is Joey Bohlander other team members had to leave early are Petey Oaks, Jay Passmore and John Ramond.



Third place winners are left to right , Dave Errthum, Steve Molony James Daughomah and Kevin Delorenzo

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Shane and Angle Cherry  
John and Angela Demo  
Mark and Diane Dickson  
Lawrence and Gerrie Elberfeld  
Edward and Diane Forte'  
Michael and Mary Lou Grizzle  
Robert and Linda Humphrey  
Gene and Natalie Knisley  
Ben and Joanna Laaper  
Michael and Cristan Lawrie  
Richard and Jane Mantone  
William and Ruth Ann Murphy  
Joe and Jody Nesbitt  
Isaac and Margaret Perkins  
Paul and Patti Reale  
Thomas and Kim Siwarski  
Don and Kim Slowek*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Deacon Stanley Aviles  
James Ball  
Jerry Barnett  
Shane Cherry  
John Christensen  
John Danko Jr.  
John Demo  
Philippe Dubourdieu  
Bill Evens  
Michael Flato  
Richard Garcia  
John Gay Jr.  
Gregory Gormley  
Connor Herlihy  
Timothy Keenan  
Ken Kobularcik  
John Maize Jr.  
Adam Maurer  
Daniel Papineau  
Kenneth Schwallie  
Mark Smith  
Michael Tarala  
James Viers  
Doug Wilgus  
Bennett Wyse*



**New Brother Knight**

Left is our new Brother Knight Brennan Suffern who took the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on-line and attended his first meeting May 18, 2023 when he was welcomed to our Council 9475.

Brennan is presently in the U.S Coast Guard and we are honored to have him join our Council 9475. Welcome aboard Brennan.



**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
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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	

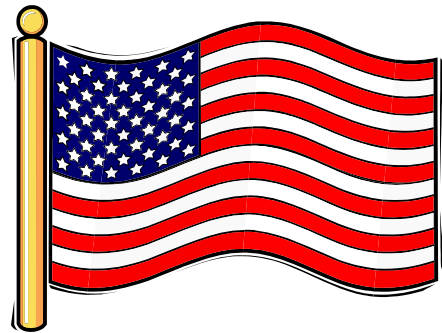
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# Meditation on God's love for Us and Obeying His Commandments

## Jn 14:15-21

Our Meditation centers on two important and related topics: the love God has for us and obeying his Commandments, the Word he has given us.

There is no ambiguity with God when it comes to love. So many people are caught up in false notions that God is a god of anger, a judge spying on people, ready to pounce and to punish; that he is a God of conditional love. If we do this, he will love us but, if we do that, he will not love us. That he is a God of law who is concerned more with rituals and what to do or not to do; or else he is a distant God, far off, not interested in the human condition and human suffering. Jesus tells us that our God is a God of love. God's love for us is so great that he never lets go of us, never gives up.

In all of the world's great religions, people seek God; however, Jesus introduced into the world an unexpected reversal. He reveals a God who seeks us, a God who loves us far more than we love ourselves.

He is a loving, compassionate, and forgiving Father. Jesus came to reveal the true face of God, a God of love, truth, and light. Sometimes we like to think, "God loves me because I am so dedicated and unselfish or because of my special qualities or my great personality."

We do nothing to earn this love of God. It was there before we existed. Let us be grateful for this truth: that God's love for us is based on nothing we do. Even when we sin, God's love continues to love us; he never gives up; however, as we all know, our actions speak louder than words.

Jesus tells us in John's Gospel, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." In other words, love is measured more by what we do than by what we feel. Nevertheless, some obey Christ's commands more out of fear than love.

A religion based solely on fear of punishment or hope of reward tends to seek loopholes. How far can I go before I sin? How much can I sin before I sin gravely? How little can I give and still satisfy my Christian obligations?

On the other hand, a religion based on love seeks opportunities. What more can I do to help? Is there anything you need? Do not hesitate to call me at any time. How much can I afford to give to support the renovation project? Love seeks only to be of service.

A good question for us is: what is our relationship with God? Is it based on fear or on love? Fear tends to paralyze, love releases. Fear imprisons, love frees. St. Augustine said, "When you truly love, you will automatically do good."

Keeping God's Commandments and his Word are the fruit of his love, not the cause of it. The Lord says: "If you love me, keeping my commandments is sure to follow." We do not initiate this love. God does. Love always starts with him. Our Lord is not setting up some kind of loyalty test: "If you love me, prove it by keeping my Commandments". This is not the Gospel! The Gospel message is that God loved us before we were ever born, before we could do anything to merit his love. He loves us even when we are stuck in our sinfulness.

If we accept his love, it will enable us to love God with the same love. With his love in our hearts, we will love what and whom he loves. We will love holiness, forgiveness, mercy, justice, compassion, chastity and generosity. We will love everyone, even those persons we do not especially like. Why? Because God loves them. When his love is in our hearts, so is his love for them.

Love enables us to keep his Word, to live it and to love it. If we let love have its way with us, it will change our hearts and our desires. Love is the power of grace at work in us to love what and whom God loves. Let's take that love and share it with everyone we meet. This is what Jesus wants for us.



Deacon Kevin Campbell