



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights:

As we conclude the fraternal year, I want to thank all of you for your efforts at continuing our Council's strong trajectory this year. All of the Knights and Council Officers have performed in an exemplary manner and built upon the longstanding successes of the Council.

We have performed thousands of hours of service to our parishes and the community and raised tens of thousands of dollars for charitable causes. None of this happens by accident: it is a direct result of the strong faith and efforts of our Brother Knights and their families. Thank you to everyone who supports our efforts during the year. To those Knights that we have not seen, please know that your prayers and financial support also play a key part in our successes and know that you are always welcome to play a more active role when life allows you to do so.

Our sincere condolences to Brother Knight Edward Robinson for his wife Sandra who passed away May 26th.

Finally, I want to thank Tom and Fran Franzone specifically for the countless hours they devote to the Council in compiling this newsletter every month. I am looking forward to another great year under the stewardship of incoming Grand Knight Tom Siwarski and a dedicated team of Council Officers. God Bless you and your families.

Kevin M. Cunnane
GK 9475

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE

Pro-Life/Rosary —	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Formation Degree	05
See Grand Knight's E-mail 5/24/19	
Officers Meeting	06
COK — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	06
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Book Sale Set Up	8 to 11
Move Books from storage and set-up	
Book Sale Starts	12
Will run for two weeks till June 26	
Flag Day	14
Raising of the Flag	15
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:00 AM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Father's Day	16
Regular Business Meeting	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
First Responders Breakfast	21
More information to follow	
Installation of Officers	TBA



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Stanley and Jean Adams*
- Eric and Colleen Bendig*
- John and Maureen Bolchoz*
- Richard and Audrey Burman*
- John and Angela Demo*
- Mark and Diane Dickson*
- Lawrence and Gerrie Elberfeld*
- Edward and Diane Forte'*
- Robert and Linda Humphrey*
- Gene and Natalie Knisley*
- Ben and Joanna Laaper*
- Patrick and Jane McDavid*
- William and Ruth Ann Murphy*
- Joe and Jody Nesbitt*
- Isaac and Margaret Perkins*
- Thomas and Kim Siwarski*
- Don and Kim Slowek*



**Family of the Month
May 2019
Brian and Darla Justice**

Brian and Darla have been married 18 years and have 4 children: McKenna (14), Liam (7), Ava (6), and Andrew (1). Brian is originally from Louisville, KY and Darla was born in southwest Virginia and grew up in Summerville.

Brian is a software engineer, having graduated with a Computer Science degree from the University of South Carolina in 1996. After college, Brian worked outside Washington, DC for a few years before moving to Mt Pleasant in 1999. Before becoming a full time Mom, Darla was a nurse, having gone to the Roper School of Nursing in Charleston.

Brian has been a member of Christ Our King since 1999 and he and Darla have attended there since 2001. Darla coordinates the parish Meal Ministry, volunteers with VBS, and likes to volunteer at the school when she's not shuttling kids around town. Before Liam, Ava, and Andrew came along, Darla was a volunteer Meals on Wheels driver.

Brian is finishing his 3rd year of studies towards a Master's degree in Theology as part of his formation towards being ordained a permanent deacon in 2021. Brian is an instituted lector as part of his diaconate formation and is the altar server coordinator for the parish. Brian has been a homebound EMHC and administers the parish's social media accounts. Brian also volunteers with St Vincent de Paul.

McKenna is an 8th grader at COKSM, is an altar server, and volunteers at various places. She was the Youth of the Month in November 2018. Liam plays whichever sport is in season and wants to be the Flash when he grows up. Ava goes to ballet class and both attend Laurel Hill Primary. Andrew is recently mobile on 2 feet and keeps everyone on their toes.

Congratulations Brian and Darla!!!



Left is Deputy Grand Knight Tom Siwarski acting Family Director and right is Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane presenting Family of the Month Brian Justice center with Certificate.

**Knight of the Month
May 2019
Michael T. O'Connor**

- Michael Thomas O'Connor became a Knight on the day of His 18th Birthday and followed his father and Grandfather's legacy by quickly becoming a 4th Degree.

-He became a Marine after school and was deployed twice but unfortunately while training for a third, severely injured his back.

-Although he suffered in pain, Michael held firm to beliefs. During this time, he and his girlfriend found out they were going to be parents. During the pregnancy, they were informed the baby would be born with significant challenges. Michael knew abortion was not an option.

-After Kaitlin Marie was born, she was put on life support. Using a cup of water from the ICU, Michael baptized her.

-The toughest decision a 22 year old Marine ever had to make was removing her life support. The family prayed, sang, and celebrated her brief time on earth.

-Today, Michael is honorably, medically discharged from the Marines and plans to start college here in Charleston soon in the medical field.

- Brother Michael - a Knight true to his faith and one we are all proud of!!!!

Congratulations Michael!!!



Left is Grand Knight Kevin Cunnane presenting Michael O'Connor's center Knight Of the Month Certificate and right is Council Director Don Campbell presenting Knights cup.

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER
WAS
BROTHER KNIGHT DJ THATCHER**

Brother DJ gave us a Dale Carnegie presentation on how well do you know your Brother Knight compared to your neighbor. It was a fun interaction presentation using Q-cards and writing your name and 3 items about yourself two truths and one lie. Then we exchanged cards and had to guess which one was the lie. It was a great and fun way to get to know your Brother Knights.



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- U.S. Armed Services
- General Mills

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- Medical
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- Engineering
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2019–2020 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Grand Knight_____Tom Siwarski
Deputy Grand Knight_____Joey Keller
Chancellor_____Joe Nesbitt
Recorder_____John Danko III
Treasurer_____Jim Welsch
Advocate_____Bob Fintak
Warden_____Bobby Geberth
Inside Guard_____Jerry Gimbert
Outside Guard_____Joe Harkins Jr.
3rd Year Trust_____Kevin Cunnane
2nd Year Trustee_____Don Campbell
1st Year_____Sean O’Toole

These candidates were presented at the April regular business meeting and to be voted on between the May 1st and June 15th regular business meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Don Campbell
Sean O’Toole
Bill Shoemaker



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 9475
SPRING
BOOK SALE**

JUNE 12th (Wed.) to JUNE 26th (Wed.)

LOCATION:

**CHRIST OUR KING/ STELLA MARIS
SCHOOL
1183 RUSSELL DRIVE
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC 29464**

HOURS:

**Monday through Saturday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

PRICE:

**Paperback \$1
Hardcover \$2**

Proceeds from the sale help support the Knights' philanthropic projects.

Book donations brought to the site will be gratefully accepted.

For further information, email Jerry Gimbert at jerrygimbert@gmail.com.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JULY 2019**

Independence Day _____	04
Officers Meeting _____	04
Life Center—6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	04
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK—7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*James Ball
 Jerry Barnett
 Thomas Beindorf
 Luke Billman
 Joseph Caturano
 Thomas Cottingham
 John Demo Jr.
 Matt Evangelista
 Bill Evens*

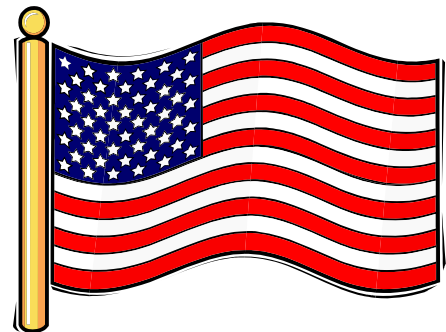
*Michael Flato
 Richard Garcia
 John Gay Jr.
 Gregory Gormley
 Thomas Gwiazdowski
 Connor Herlihy
 John Karnaszewski
 Timothy Keenan
 Ken Kobularcik
 John Maize Jr.
 Patrick McDavid*

*Edmund McMahon
 Scott Myers
 Daniel Papineau
 Kenneth Schwallie
 Mark Smith
 Robert Turner
 Doug Wilgus
 Bennett Wyse*



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Speaking to Others about God
Deacon Kevin Campbell
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; John 3:31-36

Our Meditation is about speaking to others about God. We all believe in God, but do we let others know it? We should be bold in holding ourselves out as Christians to others, even if there might be some cost for doing that. This grace of proclaiming the faith in public is one of the specific effects of our Confirmation, which empowers us to speak boldly about Christ. When we use this grace we all have, we will be richly rewarded. It will lead us to a peace that only God can give; it will lead us to heaven.

In our first reading, the Apostles have just experienced the risen Lord. What joy that must have been! They have gone from losing their leader by a horrible crucifixion to having him appear to them, giving them his peace. Now there is no stopping them from proclaiming their belief in the risen Christ to others. This is especially true to members of the Sanhedrin who handed Jesus over to the Romans to be put to death. The Apostles has just fled in terror when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus. They just denied even knowing Jesus. Now they are boldly and courageously proclaiming their belief in him, even if it costs them their lives.

While we will most probably never have to worry about being put to death for proclaiming our love for Jesus, there will be times when we are called upon to stand up for our faith. a good example might be to hold hands and say a blessing before our meal in some public place. Our psalmist, most probably King David, tells us what he does when it comes to proclaiming his faith in God: “I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall ever be in my mouth.” This is a wonderful practice and we should all try to do this ourselves.

In our Gospel reading, John, who had a first-hand experience with the risen Lord, tells some very comforting words: “whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.”

When we are able to tell others about our personal experience with God and when we are able to boldly proclaim that we are Christians to others, especially to those who are not, we will be showing our belief in Jesus. This will lead us a peace that only God can give and will lead us to eternal life with him in Heaven one day.



Deacon Kevin Campbell