



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

### Brother Knights

Another year has passed quickly but looking back on it, it is amazing how much we accomplished. We were blessed to have the Bishop come to our Council meeting and share his thoughts with both Brother Knights and spouses. Other Speakers came to us from the Charleston area Pregnancy center, the Medal of Honor organization, and other internal Knights' special topics. We took a crew out to James Island County Park to cook burgers & dogs and divvy up watermelon for over 100 special children from Camp Rise Above. Brother Knights were out in force to oversee the free throw contest which was quite a success. When the weather stated to get a chill in the year, our Council donated twenty new coats for kids in need. Brother and Sir Knights volunteered their time to prepare and cook dinner for multiple Veteran families staying at the downtown Fisher House.

Brother Knights also led us in a vigil in front of the women's clinic to pray for an end of abortion, as well as participation in the Walk for Life in Columbia. Brother Knights also made a statement of Faith with carrying a replica cross through Mount Pleasant and utilizing our Giant rosary following the cross procession in the Christ Our King Altar Garden.

Brother Knights also raised a good bit of money for deserving charities. Our annual Golf Tournament raised over \$16,000 which we donated to Catholic charities. Checks were also earmarked for Seminarians, our four parishes, and many local charities. On top of all of this we were able to host a community wide spaghetti dinner, two fish fry's and very successful oyster roast. And we can't forget how quickly we sold out of Christmas wreaths.

The Knights also know how to have fun as we cruised the harbor aboard our annual harbor cruise. We kicked off the year with a beach bash down on the Isle of palms and gathered together to celebrate a Christmas dinner.

We remember those Brother Knights that are no longer with us and pray for those in need. I thank all Knights that helped make this another wonderful year!

Don Campbell  
Grand Knight  
Council 9475

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2024

Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting _____	04
COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM	
Officer's Meeting _____	06
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	06
Stella Maris — 8 PM. Thur. to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	07
COK — 7:30 AM Fri. to 4 PM.	
Flag Day _____	14
Raising of the Flag _____	15
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:30 AM	
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	
Father's Day _____	16
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
Short meeting before Installation of Officers at 5:30 PM. Installation 6:30 PM @ COK Life Center.	
Installation of Officers Council 9475 _____	20
Installation of Officers Assembly 3243 _____	20
Both will take place at Christ Our King, Life Center in Grace Hall. Council first at 6:30 PM. Then Assembly afterwards, followed by pot luck dinner. It's asked each Knight bring covered dish, salad, dessert or side. R.S.V.P. by June 15, to Brother Kurt Denner kcdenner@gmail.com	



**EXEMPLIFICATION  
OF  
CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY**

**Knight of the Month  
May 2024  
William Simons**

The exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the nave of St. Benedict's Church May 16, 2024.

Brother William Simons has been a 9475 Knight of Columbus for about thirty-five years. Mt. Pleasant has been his lifelong home. Will's wife Gabriela is from Brazil and they met at the Young Adults group at COK Parish. They have been married for thirty-eight years. Will and Gabriela have three children and four grandchildren. Will and Gabriela are members of Christ Our King Parish. Since 1979, Will has been self-employed in landscape contracting. About six years ago, Will expanded into artistic plasma-cut steel and custom woodwork such as farm tables and retail displays. Will and Gabriela are very generous donating their artistic works to the Knights oyster roast fund raiser for many years.

Over the years, along with K of C, Will has served as a Cursillo leader for several years, worked on a Kairos team, and taught CCD at the Cathedral for a couple of years. Also, Will worked with the formation of the Serra Club of Charleston which he was active in for ten or more years. The Serra Club works to support and promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. In 2022, Will published a book titled "Living in the Light of the Face of God." In short, it reveals the history, power, love, and mercy of living in the spiritual Light of the Face of God.

Continually, Will is inspired by the dedicated service of his brother Knights who assist in many areas of parish and community life. Truly, brother Knights, are a light of Christ in this world.



In the picture above left to right are George Seese a new Brother Knight and Brother Knight Martin McNulty who was a 1st Degree Knight for many years and after taking the exemplification is a 3 degree Knight as well.

**Congratulations Will!!!**



**Congratulations becoming 3rd degree Knights!!!**



Above our Family Director Kurt Denner presented Brother Knight Will Simons center with Knight of the Month June 2024 certificate and our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is presenting Will with a Knights cup.



**Guest Speakers  
From  
Pro-Life Charleston Holy City  
Mobile Pregnancy Center**

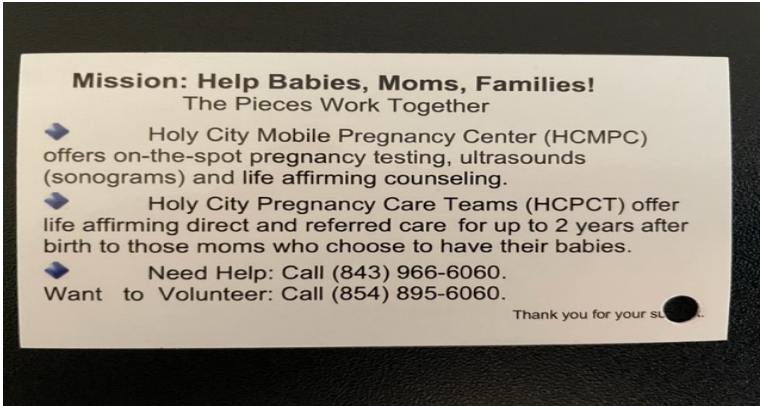
The first mobile pregnancy center in the Greater Charleston Metro Area, the Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center (HCMPC) provides free pregnancy tests and limited obstetric ultrasounds to women who may have limited resources or face challenges accessing medical care. Their services are designed to be accessible to all women.



Above is a picture of the Prenatal Mobile Clinic that was brought to our location and Brother Knights toured the Mobile Clinic.



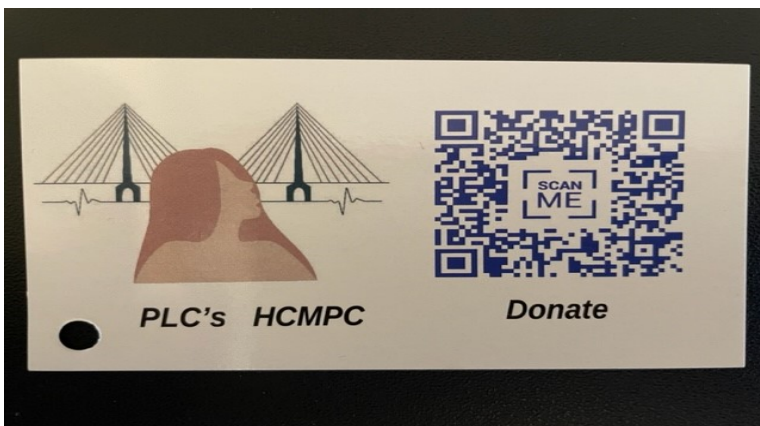
Above are left to right guest speakers Allan Terry and Chris Heilmeyer receiving Knights cup from acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell. Allan and Chris did a great job explaining all about the Mobile Clinic.



Need help or want to volunteer call numbers above on card.



**Stand-Up for Life**



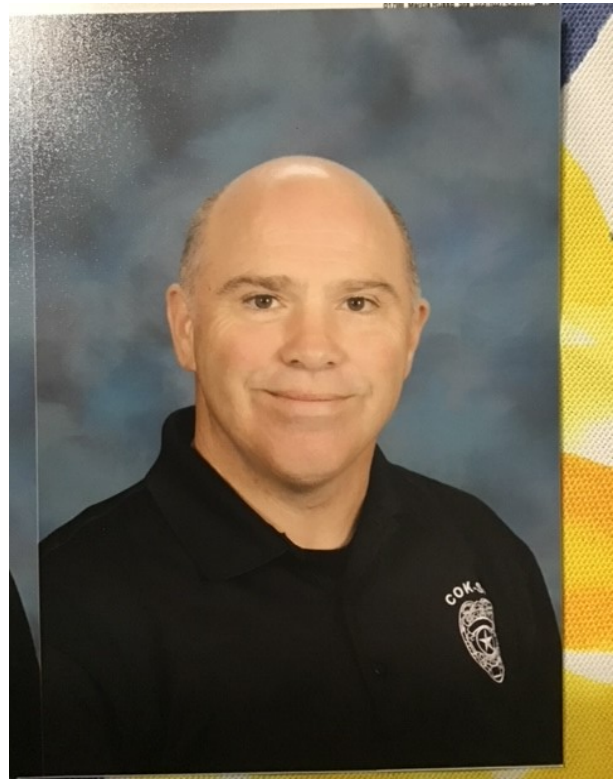
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## DO YOU KNOW

Scott Scherer was born and raised in New Jersey. Living there until they moved to Mount Pleasant in June 2016. Scott is happily married to his wife Katie and they have 3 children, Kaitlin 22, Ryan 17, & Matthew 13. Scott served as a police officer in the township of Cedar Grove for 26 years retiring at the rank of sergeant. Most of Scott's career was assigned to the patrol division. He also served in the detective bureau for 5 years. Following in his father's footsteps he joined the local volunteer fire department in his home town. Scott served with the Bloomingdale, Cedar Grove, & Rock-away Township fire departments as he moved, got married and started a family. Even after moving to Mount Pleasant he continued to serve as a volunteer firefighter joining the Cainhoy Fire Department. Scott served as a volunteer firefighter for 35 years before having to step down this past February due to medical reasons. Positions he held during those 35 years include firefighter, driver/engineer, lieutenant, & captain. Scott's family attends Saint Benedict Church where he also ushers. Scott is employed as the school security officer for Christ Our King-Stella Maris School where his son Matthew attends.



Above is Scott when he made sergeant 2024 with his 3 children left is Ryan, right are Kaitlin and Matthew.



Here we have a recent picture of Scott in his Christ Our King/Stella Maris security shirt.



Seeing this picture couldn't help think of Scott keeping all the students straight and safe.



**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  
Bob and Ginny Holmes  
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



**Saint Paul  
Street Evangelization**

In the picture left to right are our council's Deputy Grand Knight and acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell and Retention Chairman Bob Fintak. Both are doing Saint Paul's Street Evangelization:

Bob and Kevin said it was fun!

Got question? Contact Frank Dirks:

[Dirksf@comcast.net](mailto:Dirksf@comcast.net) or call 843-670-1350

Frank provides free handouts, blessed metals, rosaries, and books.

**OFFICER NOMINATED FOR 2024 – 2025**

**The annual election of officers took place at our regular business meeting held May 16, 2024.  
The official was our District Deputy and 1st Year Trustee Joe Nesbitt**

Grand Knight Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **DEACON KEVIN CAMPBELL**

Deputy Grand Knight Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **BOB BRENNAN**

Chancellor Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **KURT DENNER**

Recorder Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **DEREK MCCOY**

Warden Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **CARLOS ARAIZA**

Treasurer Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **JIM WELSCH**

Advocate Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **MARTIN MCNULTY**

Inside Guard Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **MARION WRIGHT**

Outside Guard Brother \_\_\_\_\_ **JOE SCHEIMAN**

3rd Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **DON CAMPBELL**

2nd Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **MATT FELTMAN**

1st Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **JOE NESBITT**

**Appointed Officers:**

Co-Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ **MSGR. LAURENCE B. MC LNERNY**

Co-Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ **REV. ROBERT A. SPENCER**

Lecture \_\_\_\_\_ **RONALD J. DAVIS**

**Nominating Committee:**

Don Campbell  
Matt Feltman  
Joe Nesbitt  
Tom Siwarski

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**JULY 2024**

Ultreya Meeting_____	02
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Independence Day_____	04
Nocturnal Adoration_____	04
Stella Maris—8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	04
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM. to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	06
COK—7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	18
St. Benedict’s Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
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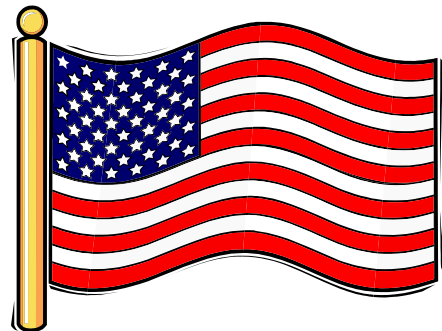
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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Meditation on the Most Holy Trinity

By Deacon Kevin Campbell

St. Augustine was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to find an explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. “What are you doing, my child?” Asked Augustine. “I am emptying the sea into this hole,” the boy answered with an innocent smile. “But that is impossible, my dear child,” said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked St Augustine right in the eye and replied, “What you are trying to do – comprehend the mystery of the Trinity even more impossible.” Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson.

When we consider the Trinity, the key word is mystery. There are at least 3 ways to approach it: we can disregard it or not believe it. Jesus called these people: the wise and the learned. These were code words for the scribes and the Pharisees. Today we call them close minded and the arrogant.

A second way is to say I fully understand and comprehend it. This is somewhat questionable. St. Augustine, one of the greatest theologians of all time, who wrote the book about it, called: “On the Trinity”, said 30 years after he had written the book: I do not fully understand what I have written.”

The third way is to just accept it. Jesus called these people: the child-like. Later he would say: “the only way to get to heaven was to have a child-like faith in me”.

It is important that we realize it is not a problem if we do not fully comprehend the Trinity. What we need to do is to try and understand what we can, and then build on that.

So how do we go about taking whatever our understanding of the Trinity is and building upon it? When we pray, it is important to remember that we have only one, true God. Then we focus on the special role of each person of the Trinity: first, we have our heavenly Father, to whom great praise and glory must be given because he created us. Jesus called God, the Father: Abba or Daddy. We can have the same intimate relationship with God as our Daddy. We should refer to him as Abba, our Daddy.

Then we have our Brother, Jesus, who showed us how to live our lives. Out of love for us, he chose to suffer and die so that we would be in heaven with him one day.



Finally, we have our Friend, the Holy Spirit. He gives us his gifts including wisdom, understanding, knowledge and courage so that we can get through all of the trials and temptations in this life. He wants us to have the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give.

So, we have God, the Father, our Daddy, who is the creator of all things; God, our Brother, Jesus, who died and rose again to give us new life; and God, our Friend, the Holy Spirit, who gives us his gifts for our journey.

Daddy, Brother, Friend...

Let's think of them in this way every time we pray. When we do, we will enjoy a better understanding of this mystery. When we do, we will have a closer relationship with our Daddy, our Brother and our Friend.



Deacon Kevin Campbell