



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

Brother Knights

A very eventful month for our Council. Matt and Stacy started us off with a fantastic super bowl party and that was followed by a fun Valentine's dance at liberty tap room. The golf tournament team led by Bob Fintek is doing a great job getting everything ready for our big fund raiser for the Sisters! This activity is indicative of just how great our Council is and how involved we are with the community. Congratulations to Kevin Cunnane who was elected to Mt Pleasant's Town Council in the recent special election. Thank you for the well wishes as I recover from Knee Replacement surgery - should be good as new in no time. Please keep in prayers Knights who experienced loss or family ailment including the Franzone's who lost Fran's brother, Deacon Robert who passed away quite suddenly. Look forward to the upcoming month.

Don  
Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

Officers Meeting	01
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
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	
Knights Mass	04
St. Benedict's at the 11:30 AM Mass	
Regular Business Meeting	15
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
Golf Tournament	20
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	
Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
Palm Sunday	25
Holy Thursday	29
Good Friday	30
Holy Saturday	31

## OUR GUEST SPEAKER ROBERT BONI LEAD INSURANCE AGENT for CHARLESTON



Left Grand Knight Don Campbell presents Robert Boni, Knights Lead Insurance Agent for Charleston, who gave us an outstanding talk on the history of the Knight of Columbus, a Knights Cup.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matt Blackwood  
Richard Buchicchio  
James Carter  
Leroy Ceresa

Paul Cheverie  
Gerard Gaeta  
Christopher Guzzetta  
Anthony Jadick  
Matthew Jones  
Joseph Keller  
Alfred Lopez  
Dino Massoglia  
Ian Maurer  
Henry Miller  
Joseph Myers



Joseph Nesbitt  
Nazario Paragano  
Isaac Perkins  
Joseph Rosenberger  
Barry Sturmer  
Jon Tirpak  
John Tortorici  
Jim Versteegen  
Tim Voit  
Steven White  
Neil Whitman

**Family of the Month  
Bob and Sue Fintak  
February 2018**

Bob and Sue Fintak have 3 children, 2 boys and a girl and 8 grandchildren. Bob married his high school sweetheart, Sue when they were 20 and 19 years old. They started dating in their Junior year of high school. They both attended Erie Community College outside of Buffalo New York and went on to get their 4 year degrees going to night school; Bob started work as a computer programmer working for Fisher Price toys and Sue worked as an insurance agent. After changing jobs Bob worked for a medical products manufacturer in Buffalo working his way up to a Director level position in charge of Customer Service and Logistics. They raised their family in snowy western New York until 1996 when they decided to try a warmer climate. They moved to Lexington South Carolina where Bob was a software Quality Manager and Sue became a software consultant working for a company that provides software solutions to the insurance industry. They retired and moved to paradise (as Bob calls it) in 2014 and live in the Rivertowne subdivision. They are active members of St Benedict church, Bob is a Lector at the 8am mass and on the youth group core team. They both love to travel, Sue is a voracious reader and you will most likely find Bob on the golf course.

Regarding their children, Dave their oldest boy attended the University of Rochester and then the University of Buffalo Medical school. Dave is an ophthalmologist working in Denver, his wife Jen is an ER doctor and they have 3 children. Steve their second attended Clemson and then Georgia Tech, he is an architect working in Atlanta. His wife Bridgid is a stay at home mom with their 2 children (they lost their first child at 7 months old). Stacey the youngest attended the College of Charleston and then MUSC and is working here at MUSC as a Physician's Assistant. Her husband Erik is a Director at a software company and they have 2 children. Bob has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1999.



**Congratulations Bob and Sue!!!**

**Knight of the Month  
Deacon Kevin Campbell  
February 2018**

- Deacon Kevin was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Charleston just in time to start College at the Citadel
- Dad left out small detail that the Citadel was a Military School and not a laid back Liberal arts college
- Kevin graduated from USC School of Law and soon married Martha (I was a big part of their first date!). They have two children Kev Jr and Suzanne who both attended the Citadel.
- He has four grand kids Clayton, Lily, Vivian, and Adalin Grace who are delights of his life
- Kevin is one of only Four Bankruptcy attorneys in SC, and has helped countless families from financial despair
- At one time, Kevin was the longest serving first Degree in our Council but is now zooming up the ranks! He has brought a sense of spirituality that had been missing with his meditations.
- Deacon Kevin is involved in everything he can to make our Council the best version of itself
- I'm proud to call him my brother

**Congratulations Deacon Kevin Campbell!!!**



Left is Deacon Kevin Campbell receiving the Knight of the Month Certificate and Knights Cup from our Grand Knight, Council Director and his Brother Don Campbell.



**SPOUSE E-MAIL UPDATE:**

Please send your spouse's first and last name with her E-mail address to Neil at [neilwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:neilwhitman@yahoo.com)

**If she is not receiving Newsletter or Knights information.**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Bob and Martha Boackle  
 Gerard and Michelle Gaeta  
 Timothy and Sue Hensch  
 Brian and Darla Justice  
 Ryan and Courtney Kinowski  
 Charles and Susan Momeier  
 Herman and Kathleen Pundt  
 Barry and Jacque Sturmer



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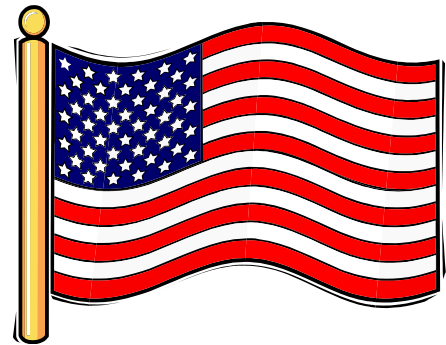
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
 APRIL**

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Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict' Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Meditation- Listening to God and Obeying His Will

By: Deacon Kevin Campbell

1 Sam 3: 1-10, 19-20; Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1: 29-39

Our Meditation is all about listening to God and obeying His Will for us.

As we read this Meditation, let's ask ourselves, do we really listen to God? Do we really accept and embrace His Will for us?

In the first book of Samuel, he is presented as a very young man.

He had never heard God calling him before. God calls to him three times but he did not realize it was God calling him. It took an elderly and wise priest, Eli, to tell Samuel that it was God calling him. The fourth time God called, he listened and said: "speak Lord your servant is listening".

This is what we need to do. When I was going through the journey to become a Deacon, during the discernment period, I had an interview with Deacon Andre, a Priest and another Deacon, to check my spirituality, my prayer life. I was very proud to report that I get up early every day and ask God to help me, my family and friends with things, I read this publication and that book and another publication.

When I was finished, Deacon Andre asked me: "Do I ever listen to God. It sounds like I am doing all the talking!" I realized that was true and I took his constructive criticism to heart. I began to listen to God. I go to a quiet place, try to get rid of all the noise and just listen to God. I have found that He talks to me all the time if I take the time to listen.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is having a great day in Capernaum. He has preached in the synagogues, healed Peter's mother in law, healed all the towns' people that were brought to him and he drives out demons.

Many of us would have stayed around for the healing celebrations, enjoying the praises from the people. Not Jesus. He goes off to a quiet place to be alone with His Father, to pray and to listen to the Father's Will for Him.

Peter urges Jesus to stay and enjoy the moment. He says: "everyone is looking for you." But God had other plans for Jesus. Putting aside His personal enjoyment, Jesus follows the will of the Father. He says: "let us go to the nearby villages, that I may preach there too. For this purpose I have come."

When we take the time to listen to God, He will speak to us. He will let us know His Will for us. When He does, we need to follow His Will. We need to ask for God's Grace to embrace His Will even when it is inconvenient.

My Saturdays are normally filled up with things to do around the house or with church events or grandfather duties, all of which I love to do, but every so often, I will have a free Saturday which I call a me day. I get up early to pray but then I go to the athletic club for a couple of exercise classes. Then I jump in the hot tub and relax. This past Saturday looked like it was going to be a me day but then I remembered I had our first team meeting for an upcoming Cursillo weekend in Columbia. I could have gotten out of it but I prayed and the answer from God was loud and clear: go to the meeting! Well, I went and it was great. I would have been sad if I had missed it.

So what can we take from our Meditation today?

- Take the time to listen to God. It could be during our prayer time or even throughout the day but we must take the time to listen. We need to place ourselves in the right frame of mind to listen.
- Pray that we understand God's Will for us in small and large decisions.
- Accept God's Will for us, embrace His Will for us, whether it brings us pleasure or inconvenience.

