



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family:

I trust that each you and your family's Lenten seasons are off to a wonderful, reflective start. As a council, we are in preparation for our two Lenten Fish Frys, March 10th and March 24th at Christ Our King (Grace Hall). Details are included in this newsletter and upcoming reminder emails. Please join us for one or both evenings! Please note that the Fish Frys are open to guests, please share the word about them. These are going to be wonderful charitable fund raisers, a fun, family event and an excellent way to introduce families to our KofC council. Also Lent related are the requests from multiple parishes for KofC support for "Soups and Sandwiches" during Stations of the Cross services. Please watch your email for more information.

We are pleased to invite all current 1st and 2nd Degree Knights to a special, ceremony of admission and advancement. The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity advances all new and existing members to the 3rd Degree. The ceremony is 30 minutes in length and will be held in St. Benedict Church on March 16, 2023 at 7pm. Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend so that all can now witness firsthand the organization you are a part of, our principles and values, and why knighthood matters. Dinner in the Council 9475 tradition will be served after the ceremony. Please mark your calendars and look for an RSVP email so that we plan dinner accordingly.

In conclusion, have a very Happy St. Patrick's Day! Here is an old Irish Blessing written by St. Patrick himself.

May your days be many and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings descend upon you.
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.
May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.
May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.
Amen.

As always, please pray for peace. Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2023

Officers Meeting _____	02
COK Life Center— 6:30PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 7:00 AM Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting _____	07
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Stations of the Cross _____	08
Every Wed. March 8 to Apr. 05 — COK 6:00 PM. Following Stations, there will be a soup supper in Grace Hall.	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry _____	10
Grace Hall — 5 PM	
Daylight Saving Time Begins _____	12
Stations of the Cross w/Soup/Sandwiches/Bread _____	15
Stella Maris—have your soup and sandwich at Hall 6 PM. Stations start 6:15 PM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trial Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
St. Patrick's Day _____	17
Pray Vigil at Abortion Clinic _____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry _____	24
Grace Hall — 5 PM	
40 Days of Life Campaign _____	26
West Ashley Abortion Facility 7:00 AM—7:00PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



Don't forget to turn your clock back March 12.

**Our Guest Speaker
Deputy Attorney General
Jeff Young**



Above Deputy Attorney General Jeff Young did an excellent job explaining the duties of the Attorney General was very informative and answered all our questions.



Left our speaker procure Don Campbell is thanking and gave our speaker Deputy Attorney General a Knights cup for taking the time to come out and spend the evening with the Knights.



**Free Throw Contest
Held At Christ Our King/Stella Maris School
February 10, 2023**



Left is Michael Fabrizio our Free Throw chairman monitoring student shooting basket and Christ Our King/Stella Maris School President John Burns is standing-by watching.

Family of the Quarter
February 2023
Fran and Tom Franzone

Tom and Fran are originally from Wilmington, Delaware and transferred to Mt. Pleasant in 1981 with Amoco Chemicals. Tom is married to Fran 61 years and have three adult children: Mark, Lynda and Tom, and have eight grandchildren: Roman, Gabrielle, Rosario, Mackenzie, Coleman, Caroline, two step grandchildren Maddie and Alex and one Great Granddaughter Madison.

Tom retired in 1999 from Amoco Chemicals Corp. after 37 years of service as a shift supervisor and maintenance coordinator.

Tom is a charter member of the Knights and has been very active through the 36 years our council has been in existence. He is a 4th Degree Knight and is Warden in the Exemplification Team of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Tom is a Past Grand Knight, 1989-90, having gone through all the offices of our council. He is our Program Director, a post he has handled for the past 29 years.

Tom is our oyster roast chairman with Fran's help for the last 26 years, Tom also helps with the Free Throw, Spaghetti Dinner with Fran's help decorating tables, Operation Hope and Operation Christmas Child. Tom coordinated Brother Knights to move books for our book sale fund raiser. He also coordinates the Knights in seasonal decorating of Christ Our King Church. Tom and Fran have been chairman of the Christmas Wreath fund raiser for the last 28 years.

Tom and Fran are active members of Christ Our King Church. Tom coordinates schedules and trains ushers for the five weekend Masses. He Altar Servers once or twice a month Sunday at the 7:30 AM Mass. They are also Greeters and Offertory Gift Bearers at 9:30 Mass on Sunday. Tom is also on the liturgy committee at Christ Our King. Fran is a member of the Lazarus committee. They were on the Newcomers committee until Covid.

Fran recently retired as a weekly volunteer at ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach) for 29 years and received the highest volunteer award for her service, the Stone Soup Award in 2017. Fran was a member of the ECOMC (East Cooper Outboard Motor Club) Ladies Auxiliary and served as vice president. She belongs to the Senior Ministry at Christ Our King Beach House. Fran and Tom work together organizing and edit our Monthly Knights Newsletter.

Tom and Fran were chosen as South Carolina State Council Family of the Year 2005 – 2006 and received a trophy of the Holy Family.

Tom enjoys golfing and volunteering fingerprinting at Mt. Pleasant Police Station for 20 years before Covid shut it down. Fran enjoys crocheting and they both enjoy the beach, gardening, being with their family, Grandchildren and friends.



Left Kurt Denner Family Director presented Tom Franzone center with FOTQ certificate and GK Matt Feltman is presenting Knights cup to Tom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carlos Araiza
Matt Blackwood
Richard Buchicchio
Rev. Msgr. James Carter
Leroy Ceresa
Paul Cheverie
Jeremiah Dempsey
Philip DiBlasi
Lawrence Elberfeld
Rev. Patrick Eyninla
Stephen Fallon
Matt Feltman
Gerard Gaeta
Michael Grizzle
Christopher Guzzetta
Andrew Horun
Matthew Jones
Alfred Lopez
William Martin
Grant Miller
Henry Miller
Dennis Murphy
Joseph Myers
Joseph Nesbitt
Nazario Paragano
Isaac Perkins
Dee Ring
Joseph Rosenberger
Piotr Tarala
Jon Tirpak
John Tortorici
Nicolas Ullo
Steven White
Neil Whitman



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



**Knight of the Month
February 2023
Deacon Jonathon Santilli**

Jonathon was born and raised in Clarksburg, WV and graduated from WVU with a degree in Secondary Education. There he met his wife, Beth. He started his professional career as a High School Biology Teacher in Manassas Virginia. After 8 years of fighting the good fight, he transitioned into the Information Technology field.

Jonathon, his wife Beth and his daughters, Megan and Allison moved from the DC Metro to Mount Pleasant in 2003. They wanted to simplify their lives and focus on what really matters; family and faith. They became members of Christ our King Parish. In order to serve his community, he joined the Knights of Columbus and began lecturing at his Parish as well as assisting with the RCIA program as a sponsor and later as an instructor. In 2015, Jonathon began to feel the call to higher service. Through prayer and discernment, he entered formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the fall of 2017 and was Ordained on Feb 4th of this year.

Jonathon and Beth still reside in the same house that they moved to back in 2003 along with Beth's parents, Susan and Bob. Megan now resides in NYC working in research at Columbia University and Alli is finishing up her Psychology degree and will be perusing her doctorate in that field, hopefully at Immaculata University in Philly. Jonathon's current "day job" is the Service Operations Manager at Stasmayer, Inc, a locally founded and owned Managed IT Services company while Beth practices law. He is the Confirmation Coordinator at Christ Our King and is looking forward to serving the community in any way that Fr. Spencer or Bishop Jacques request. In his downtime, Jonathon enjoys family time, playing the guitar, camping, backpacking, and feeding the deer and squirrels the veggies he tries to grow in his backyard.

**Congratulations
Deacon Jonathon!!!**



Left Family Director Kurt Denner presented Deacon Jonathon Santilli center with Knight of the Month certificate and Grand Knight Matt Feltman presented Jonathon with cup.

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

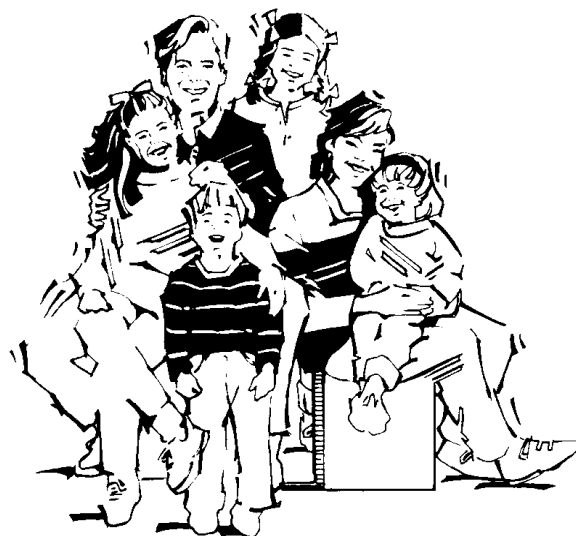
- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Adoption
not
Abortion**





Knights of Columbus

East Cooper Council # 9475

1st Annual Fish Fry & Benefit



March 10th and March 24th

Tickets \$15.00 Per Person Available @ Door. Dine In or Carry Out.

Christ Our King - In Grace Hall

Call Marion Wright 843-509-6512 or 843-207-3299

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
APRIL 2023

Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Palm Sunday _____	02
Cross Procession and Rosary _____	02
COK — 1:30 PM meet at COK parking lot and we will caravan to Baskin Robbin's parking lot then process back to the Church. Rosary will be said in garden with giant rosary.	
Ultreya Meeting _____	04
COK Grace Hall— 7:00 PM	
Stations of the Cross _____	05
COK — 6:00 PM Following Stations, there will be a soup supper in Grace Hall.	
Holy Thursday _____	06
Good Friday _____	07
Holy Saturday _____	08
Easter Sunday _____	09
Officers Meeting _____	10
COK— Life Center — 6:30 PM.	
KofC 102st Annual State Convention _____	14, 15 & 16
Embassy Suites Graystone Location 200 Stone Ridge Dr. Columbia, SC 29210	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic _____	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 Rosary: 6:00 PM	

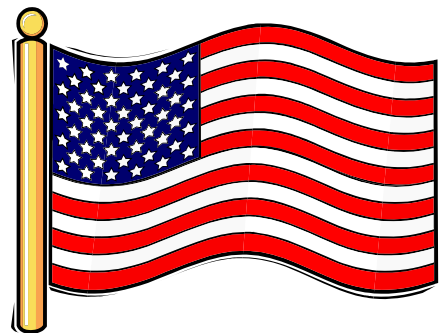
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to
Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

MEDITATION OF GOD'S LAW OF LOVE

SIR 15:15-20; 119: 1-5; MT 5: 17-37

According to legend, Valentine's Day takes its name from a young priest who lived in ancient Rome. Like so many early Christians, Valentine was imprisoned because of his faith. He often thought of his loved ones and wanted to assure them that he loved them and he was ok. Beyond his cell window, just within his reach, grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heart shaped leaves and was able to write words of them like "remember your Valentine" and he sent them off with a friendly dove. He continued sending messages that simply said: "I love you". St Valentine loved God with all of his heart, soul, mind and strength and his neighbor as himself.

He loved God and his brothers and sisters so much that he was even willing to die for them, just as Jesus died for all of us, in order that the truth of God's love would not be denied. That happened on February 14th in the year 312. And so, through the ages, those who love, send valentine cards to express their love for one another on Valentine's Day.

I mention St. Valentine not only because Valentine's Day was a couple of weeks ago, but because choosing to love is a central theme of this Meditation and our Readings.

The reading from Sirach speaks to the choices we make. We can choose to do bad things, like being selfish, and eventually we will become selfish people. We can also do good things, like loving God and our neighbors, and we will become people of love. This is what God wants for us

The choice is ours. If we do choose to do bad things, this will eventually lead us to sin. Sin will always lead to problems in our lives. But we can never blame God. God never makes us sin. It is what we do when we make bad choices.

Psalm 119 tells us to love the Law of the Lord. If we do, we will be on the right path, the path that will lead us to having the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give, and a life with him in Heaven one day.

In the Gospel of Mathew, we are told that God wants to share his life of love with us. Love is a personal choice; it cannot be coerced. Love is to will the good of another person. God loves us unconditionally and wills us to love him and others so that we will be with him in Heaven someday.

God's Law, which comes in part from the 10 Commandments, is the way he helps us to make the right choices in life. God does not force or coerce us. We are the ones who choose. We will become what we choose. If we choose to be mean and arrogant, we will become that and be very difficult to be around. If we choose to forgive and to be a good listener, that is what we will become. It is our choice.

Some people think that Heaven is a prize, kind of like a Candyland of sorts, and that God just puts us in there. Actually, eternal life is a way of life, a way of being, a life of love. God cannot place us there. We need to choose our way there. Love is always a choice. We are here on earth for one thing and that is for us to reach a life in Heaven. The choice is ours to make.

The best way to prepare for Heaven is to love now. We will then become the type of person who is fit for Heaven.



Deacon Kevin Campbell