



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers. I am doing well and on the road to a speedy recovery. Prayer does work!!

Thanks also goes out to Don and Kathy Campbell for hosting the super bowl party and to all those who help make our fundraising events and community service projects such great successes. They are true examples of charity, unity and fraternity in action. A few of the latest fundraising totals include: oyster roast - \$2725.02, Christmas wreath sales - \$2022.81, spaghetti dinner - \$ 622.07, Key West raffle - \$2120.00 (Congratulations to Tony Francin the lucky winner of the week in Key West). Such commitment allows us to aide the various charities we support. If there are other charities you would like us to consider, please let the officers know before budgets are calculated. By doing this it makes the additional charity fund distribution much easier to consider due to knowing what funds we have to work with. Once the budget is set we have to closely adhere to it.

The new exemplification has been initiated. The Degree team is in the process of organizing personnel and materials needed. They are looking for an investing officer (takes the place of the Grand Knight in the previous ceremony). If anyone is interested please contact me or one of the officers. Once organized an exemplification will be held. The ceremony takes less than 30 minutes and the candidates leave as 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights. The ceremony is now also open to family and friends.

The basketball free throw competition was a great success in a large part due to the hard work of Mike Fabrizio, Matt Story and all the volunteers who put in their time and energy. 334 boys and 203 girls participated in the event, of which 18 qualified for the district championship.

The annual Survey of Fraternal Activities has been calculated at a total of 2673 hours of service and \$11,988.00 of charitable disbursements. Great Work Everyone!

In closing I would like to ask you to keep Bobby Geberth, who will be undergoing surgery on February 26<sup>th</sup>, along with our other brother knights their families and friends who are in need, in your thoughts and prayers. Prayer Does Work!

God Bless  
YBIC

Tom Siwarski

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2020

Ultreya Meeting	03
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting	05
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950Darrell Creek Trail, 29466	
Rosary: 6:05 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matt Blackwood  
Richard Buchicchio  
James Carter  
Leroy Ceresia  
Paul Cheverie  
Lawrence Elberfeld  
Matt Feltman  
Gerard Gaeta

Christopher Guzzetta  
Matthew Jones  
Alfred Lopez  
William Martin  
Dino Massoglia  
Ian Maurer  
Henry Miller  
Joseph Myers  
Joseph Nesbitt  
Patrick O'Brien  
Nazario Paragano

Isaac Perkins  
Joseph Rosenberger  
Barry Sturmer  
Piotr Tarala  
Jon Tirpak  
John Tortorici  
Jim Versteegen  
Tim Voit  
Steven White  
Neil Whitman



**Family of the Month  
February 2020  
Jon and Angie Tirpak**

Grand Knight,

We are honored to be selected as Family of the Month by the Knights of Columbus, Council 9475. The timing of this honor coincides with the year of our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Yes, time flies by quickly.

- Angie is a cradle Catholic from the hamlet of Maria Stein, Ohio which is the home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest collection of Holy relics in the US. She earned her bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Dayton and her MBA from Wright State University. Upon graduation from UD she embarked on a career at National Cash Register.
- Jon was raised Presbyterian in West Millington, New Jersey. He earned his bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from Lafayette College and master's degree from the University of Dayton. Perhaps while in graduate school his path crossed Angie's path at UD, perhaps.
- Sparing the Council details, Jon and Angie married on September 10<sup>th</sup> 1994 in Saint John the Baptist Church which is Angie's home parish while they lived and worked near Ann Arbor, Michigan. We can gloss over the details of how they ended up in Mount Pleasant, but here they are living in Snee Farm and participating in Stella Maris while raising their 3 children.
- Nicola is completing her Masters in Education at Winthrop University. She is striving to land position in the Charleston County School District to teach high school math!
- Natasha is currently Nicola's roommate at Winthrop University. She is an elementary education major lighting up classrooms with her enthusiasm for learning. She is a whirlwind of fun and enthusiasm.
- Nathan is a Knob at The Citadel. His major is business, and he is looking forward to the next 3 years under contract with the Army before his commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.
- With respect to fun facts, here are a few for the record books. Angie is an outstanding seamstress operating a tidy monogramming and custom sewing business fueled by word of mouth clients. She learned to sew in the 4H.
- Jon launched his own consulting LLC in April 2019 specializing in metallurgical engineering and business-to-business sales coaching, so if you have problem with metals or sales, call Jon. That was shameless!
- They are steadfast parishioners at Stella Maris. Jon is a lector. Nathan is an altar server. Angie, Nicola, and Natasha keep an eye on the boys from the front rows on the Saint Joseph side of the church.
- Last year Jon experienced Cursillo at the Saint James Table. This year he continues with his Group at Another Broken Egg on Saturday morning. Within the Knights he continues to support the intersection of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts of America most notably by supporting Flag Day on the USS Yorktown.

The Tirpaks are truly blessed and truly honored by this recognition. Truth be told, in their own way, they try to emulate the Holy Family by supporting each other as they move forward on their individual spiritual journeys through Christ - together.

Thank You.



Left acting Family Director DJ Thatcher presented Angie Tirpak with Family of the Month Certificate Jon was out of town. Right Grand Knight Tom Sirwarski is presenting Angie with Knights cup.

**Congratulations Jon and Angie!!!**



**Knight of the Month  
February 2020  
Joshua Hulen**

Josh Hulen is a:

-4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight

- Has headed up KOC Christmas Parade Float for the past several years
- 3 sons (Max – junior at Bishop England, Bo – freshman at Bishop England, Shepard – 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Christ Our King/Stella Maris
- Stays busy supporting his sons in football, baseball, boxing and high school rodeo
- Attends Christ Our King
- Grew up in Amarillo, Texas
- Graduated from Texas A&M University
- Has lived in Mt. Pleasant for 15 years
- Senior Vice President for SLSCO, Ltd. – national disaster recovery and government general contractor
- Coaches football for Mount Pleasant Rec Department
- Enjoys riding his horses with his sons



**Congratulations Josh!!!**

## SAVE THE DATE

Our always fun  
HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK

We sail Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 until 9:00

Aboard the beautiful *Carolina Princess*

Three decks, including seated dining, bow and aft observation decks and dance floor



\$75 per couple  
includes

Music by Lee Edwards Entertainment

Dinner and dessert

Soft drinks, water, beer & wine served by on board staff

In addition, you'll have a cash bar for cocktails.

For tickets

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**APRIL 2020**

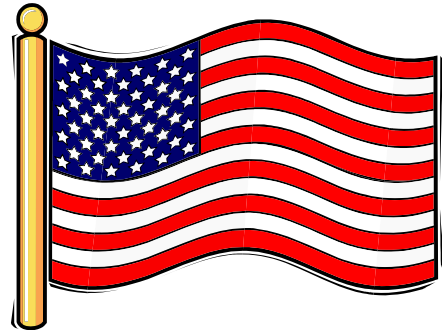
Soup and Sandwiches _____	01
At Stella Maris Stations start 6:15 PM	
Drop off Soup or Sandwich before at Hall	
Officers Meeting _____	02
Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	02
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	03
COK — 7:30 to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	04
Palm Sunday _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Cross Procession _____	05
Start near Ravenell Bridge 2 PM to COK Church	
Ultreya Meeting _____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Speech contest _____	TBA
Christ Our King 7th & 8th graders	
Grace Hall Time-TBA	
Regular Business Meeting _____	16
St. Benedict' Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
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	
Golf Tournament _____	20
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	
Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
Easter Sunday _____	21
99th State Convention _____	24, 25 & 26
Landmark Resort -1501 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577	

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***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



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Meditation on Avoiding Jealously

1 Sam 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Ps 56: 2-13; Mk3:7-12

### Come, Holy Spirit, Come

In the first Book of Samuel, we are presented with examples of the best and worst in human behavior. Saul, who was the first king of Israel, became jealous of David, the man who would one day succeed him as king, because the people cheered for him more than they did for Saul after returning from the battlefield. The Israelites yelled: “Saul has slain thousands and David tens of thousands.” Even though David was the only one brave enough to fight and slay the philistine Goliath, Saul’s jealousy simply got the best of him when he said to himself: “They give David ten thousands but only thousands to me. All that remains for him is the kingdom”. We are told “From that day on, Saul was jealous of David”.

While jealousy can be a natural human reaction to a situation, we need to recognize it for what it is: one of the deadly sins and halt it when it comes into our lives. We have probably had many experiences in our lives and in the lives of our friends and family where jealousy has ruined a relationship. The best thing to do when that happens is to ask the Holy Spirit to take any jealous thoughts away from us.

Saul told his son, Jonathan, of his plan to kill David. What Jonathan did next displayed some of the best human emotions: friendship and bravery. He had a great fondness for David since the first time they met, so he told David of his father’s plan. My guess is that Saul was not the easiest Dad to speak with, yet he went to his father and spoke so highly of David, assuring Saul that David had no evil intentions against him, that Saul listened to Jonathon’s plea and made a decision: “as the lord lives, he shall not be killed.”

Unfortunately, as Paul Harvey used to say: “and now for the rest of the story”, Saul went back to his old ways when, as we are told: an evil spirit came upon Saul and he again tried to kill David. This was the evil spirit of jealousy. This caused a permanent break in the relationship of Saul and David, led to a civil war in Israel, and the eventual death of Saul...all because he could not control the evil of jealousy.

A good lesson for us is when we are confronted with a situation where someone gossiping against another person, maybe because they are jealous of the person, we should speak up for the person, if that is possible. If not, we should not participate in the gossip. We should try to change the subject but failing that, we just walk away. When we do, we will be acting like true servants of the Lord, just like Jonathon did.



Deacon Kevin Campbell