



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers and Spouses,

Ash Wednesday, **2 March 2022**, begins the Lenten season. According to the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, "Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery: catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices." (*General Norms 27*) To support our Council parishes during Lent, we have been asked to assist St. Benedict's Stations of the Cross and Soup/Bread on **18 March 2022** and Stella Maris's Soup and Sandwiches on **6 April 2022**. There will be more details to follow.

In addition to the Lenten support, the Council will also be participating in the 40 Days for Life program at the Charleston Planned Parenthood facility on **13 March 2022**. Don Campbell is coordinating this effort. Please sign up with him if you can participate.

A great big thank you for all the coordinators, cooks and football fans that supported our Super Bowl Party 13 February 2022 at the Beach House. It was a great turn out and everybody had a fantastic time.....except maybe the Bengal fans. Regardless it was a great party and congratulations go to the planning and party expert, Don Campbell. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank DJ Thatcher and Jim Welsch for getting the TV's to respond.

During our last Council meeting it was decided to run one final Book Sale. The sale will be in June after Christ Our King/Stella Maris school lets out for the summer. Dates are being firmed up and will be announced as soon as we get them finalized. In the past, the Book Sale has been a great revenue generator but due to an ever dwindling supply of books to refresh our supplies and rising storage costs, it was time to call it quits. The Council is currently looking at other possible events to take the place of the Book Sale. DJ Thatcher will be coordinating a committee to look at opportunities. If you have any good ideas, please bring them up to DJ and his group.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2022 at St. Benedict Catholic Church. See you there.

Please continue to pray for the end of COVID-19 and peace in Ukraine.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2022

Ultreya Meeting_____	01
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Ash Wednesday_____	02
Officers Meeting_____	03
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM.	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Daylight Saving Time Begins_____	13
Birth Right Vigil_____	TBA
West Ashley Abortion Facility 7:00 AM—7:00 PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
St. Patrick's Day_____	17
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic_____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic_____	27
See: Don Campbell sign-up list E-mail sent out.	



**Free Throw Contest
Held At Moultrie Middle School
February 1, 2022**



In the picture left to right are officiators back row Billy Shepard, Richard Garcia, Tom Franzone, Jim Sheehy, Jerry Gimbert, Manning Bolchoz, sitting are Mike Flato and Michael Mc Dermott. Not in picture who worked second Shift is Bill Shoemaker.

It was a long day 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM but we had fun Officiating the youth shooting baskets .



In this picture is Jerry Gimbert officiating youth shooting baskets in the contest.



We were officiating at 5 baskets at a time.

**IF YOU MISSED OUR SUPER BOWL 2022 COOKOUT
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES**



Here's a counter full of great food; Fish stew, hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, dips, all kinds of pastries and lots of beverages.



Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt calling Bingo before dinner and Super Bowl game.



Cooks left to right John Maize, Don Campbell & Joe Harkins Jr.



In line filling their plates left to right Angie Tirpak, Janet Kerrigan, Doris Wright looking on, Allyson Thatcher, Joe & Jeannie Scheirman, and Susan Welsch seeing everything is in place.



Everyone enjoying meal before game. Joe rubbing hands to get them warm. He Just got back from Florida and the cold weather here is to much for him.



We had the honor of Sister Lupe left and Sister Linh attend our Super Bowl cookout from the Daughters of St. Paul and spend the evening with us watching the game.

**Knight of the Month
February 2022
Richard Garcia**

Richard was raised in the Catholic Church. He received the sacraments of baptism, first communion, reconciliation, and confirmation in Caracas Venezuela. While in Caracas Venezuela he attended Don Bosco.

In 1982 he enrolled at The Citadel and graduated in 1986 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Richard married Mary in 1988 at Saint Mary's downtown. In 1991 he moved to Mount Pleasant and became part of COK. Soon after, the diocese decided to build St. Benedicts, so he became part of the original first members of that Parish. He was very involved in many ways and roles with the startup of St. Benedict's. Years later, he returned to COK and continues his involvement with the church.

Through the years Richard has served in many capacities: as usher, greeter, Eucharist Minister, building subcommittee, capital campaign chair, and served on the finance committee. Richard was also involved with the startup of the Emmaus ministry in East Cooper and has served in annual retreats for 15 years. He has also participated in Emmaus retreats in North Carolina, Texas, and Venezuela.

Richard has two children: Cristina Garcia and Richard Garcia Jr. They both attended COK-Stella Maris school and Bishop England.

Richard is a second-degree knight and values the people involved in this organization. He became a knight in 2002. Over the years he has assisted with activities such the sale of beer and manning the concession stand at the North Charleston coliseum, oyster roasts, tootsie-rolle sale, book sale, Christmas tree sales, Christmas gift delivery, Bazaar, and free throw contest. He is also involved with the Patriarch Friday prayer group and the St. Benedict's Saturday men's group.

He feels blessed to be part of our Catholic community.



Congratulations Richard!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Carlos Araiza
Matt Blackwood
Richard Buchicchio
Rev. Msgr. James Carter
Leroy Ceres
Paul Cheverie
Lawrence Elberfeld
Rev. Patrick Eynla
Matt Feltman
Gerard Gaeta
Michael Grizzle
Christopher Guzzetta
Andrew Horun
Matthew Jones
Alfred Lopez
William Martin
Dino Massoglia
Henry Miller
Joseph Myers
Joseph Nesbitt
Patrick O'Brien
Nazario Paragano
Isaac Perkins
Dee Ring
Joseph Rosenberger
Piotr Tarala
Jon Tirpak
John Tortorici
Nicolas Ullo
Steven White
Neil Whitman*

**Happy
Birthday!**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

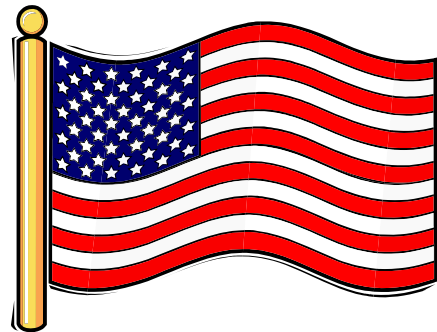
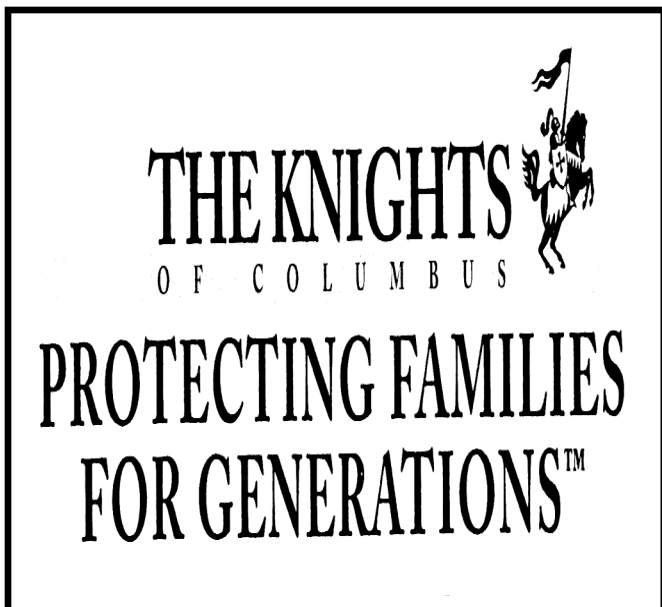
Bob and Martha Boackle
Gerard and Michelle Gaeta
Timothy and Sue Hensch
Brian and Darla Justice
Ryan and Courtney Kinowski
Charles and Susan Momeier

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
APRIL 2022

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	01
COK — 7:30 to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting _____	05
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	07
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	07
Stella Maris—8 PM to 8 AM	
Holy Thursday _____	14
Good Friday _____	15
Holy Saturday _____	16
Easter Sunday _____	17
Vigil at Abortion Clinic _____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting _____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
KofC 101st Annual State Convention _____	22, 23 & 24
Landmark Resort 1501 South Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (Ocean Blvd. @ end of 15th Ave S.)	

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on Thanking God for All He Does for Us

Gen 8: 6-13, 20-22; Mark 8: 22-26

Our Meditation reminds us of the need to be thankful to God for all the good things He does for us. Most of the time our prayers are either prayers of petition, where we want something from God or they are prayers of intercession where we ask God to help somebody else, like when we ask God to help a family member or friend who is hurting in some way.

All these prayers are welcomed by God, who loves to hear from us, but when our prayers are answered, do we take the time to thank Him? Do we take as much time praising Him for working out our problems as we do telling people about our problems to begin with? Do we give Him the credit for getting us out of our dilemmas or do we take the credit ourselves?

In the book of Genesis, Noah and his family are in the arc with all the various creatures. It has finally stopped raining and Noah is checking to see if the flood waters have receded. Noah was considered by God, at least at the time he entered the arc, to be a just man, in an unjust world. He is right with God, blameless among his peers, walking with God.

The Earth had been overtaken by lawlessness. God had made the decision to destroy the Earth, or at least to finish the destruction that man had already started. God had distinguished Noah from the rest of the corrupt human race.

Noah had trusted God when God commanded him to build the arc, to gather the creatures, and to enter the arc as it started to rain. Now, Noah trusted God to eventually cause the flood waters to recede so that there would be dry ground for Noah and his family to live on. He sent out a raven and then he sent out doves 3 times to check to see if the water had receded. When the third dove did not come back, Noah knew it was safe to leave the arc.

So what is the first thing he does after leaving the arc? Does he try to take credit for this great idea of building the arc to save his family from the flood? No...what he does is build an altar to God in thanksgiving for all God had done for him. He did not try to take all the credit himself.

God made a promise to Noah that: "Never again will I doom the Earth..." For his part, Noah was to live a righteous life, a life obeying the 10 commandments. Unfortunately, as Paul Harvey used to say: "and now for the rest of the story": we are told later on in Genesis that Noah became a drunkard and had a falling out with one of his sons. (Gen 10:21-26).

This is a good lesson for us: no matter how good we live our lives, we can't give up. We can't stop trying to be righteous. We have to finish the race. The devil will always be lying in wait to help us fail.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man. It takes a couple of times for the man to see clearly. This reminds us that it sometimes takes a process for us to understand what God is trying to teach us. But the more important lesson comes from comparing how our blind man reacted to this miracle with how another blind man acted later on in Mark's Gospel. In Mk 10: 46-52, the other blind man was cured and then began following Jesus. In other words, he became a disciple of Jesus in thanksgiving for the miracle done to him. What did the blind man do in Luke's Gospel? We are told "he went home". in other words, he did not follow Jesus. He did not become one of His disciples. It does not appear that he was thankful for this miracle in his life.

So what can we learn from our meditation?

- Jesus will perform miracles in our lives when we ask Him in faith.
- It will be in His time and in His way, but when it happens, we need to be thankful.
- We should not take the credit when the credit is due to God.
- We need to persevere in living our lives to the end, never giving up, like Noah did at the end of his life.



Deacon Kevin Campbell