



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights

I am thankful for the many prayers and get well wishes. This has been a very difficult ordeal but I believe I am on the road to recovery and I can honestly say my turn around started with a Novena Kathy and I prayed. It's wonderful to have my Brother, Deacon Kevin step in to guide the Council without missing a beat.

February was a great month for 9475. Thank you to Kurt Denner and Major General Mike Regner for organizing the Medal of Honor presentation. Mike also led the group of Knights that prepared a super meal for the veteran families staying at the Fisher house.

The Knights who participated in providing the meal demonstrated that "service" is an important part of our organization. More about this later.

March brings us into Lent. One of our traditions is to conduct a cross procession on Palm Sunday through Mount Pleasant followed by a Rosary in Christ Our King's altar garden - please consider joining us and helping make this your best Lent ever.

March also features our annual fish fries - please contact Marion Wright to volunteer to help. Also, coming on March 11, 2024 is our biggest fund raiser of the year led by Bob Fintak. - Council 9475's Golf Tournament at Snee Farm. All funds raised go to Catholic Charities so please contact Bob to lend a hand.

Back to the thought about "Service". Many Knights volunteered to cook at Fisher House but we couldn't accommodate all of us. The same was true when we cooked for Camp Rise Above last summer. My thought is to evaluate other service opportunities and see if they make sense and fit within our charter. Please review "Service" opportunities you feel give us an opportunity to make a difference so can discuss at an Officer's meeting.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2024

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	
St. Benedict Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper_____	01
Our Council to host this event.	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
40 Days of Life Campaign_____	03
West Ashley Abortion Facility 7:00 AM—7:00PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Ultreya Meeting_____	05
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Stations of the Cross w/Soup/Sandwiches/Bread _____	06
Stella Maris—have your soup and sandwich at Hall 6 PM. Stations start 6:15 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	07
COK Life Center— 6:30PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry_____	08
Grace Hall — 5 PM. See page 7.	
Daylight Saving Time Begins_____	10
Golf Tournament _____	11
Snee Farm Country Club Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon See page 8 advertisement.	
Pray 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	
St. Patrick's Day_____	17
Regular Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry_____	22
Grace Hall — 5 PM. See page 7.	
Palm Sunday_____	24
Cross Procession and Rosary_____	24
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.	
Holy Thursday_____	28
Good Friday_____	29
Holy Saturday_____	30
Easter Sunday_____	31

**Free Throw Competition
Held At Christ Our King/Stella Maris School
February 9, 2024**



Center in gray shirt is Michael Fabrizio our Free Throw chairman monitoring student shooting baskets and keeping score.



Left is Mark Lazo monitoring student shooting basket and keeping score of student trying to get as many as she can out of 15 shots.



Here we have all 6 baskets being monitored at one time.



Above left to right are our Brother Knight that monitored and scored students shooting baskets, Jim Welsch, Fred Koch, Bill Shoemaker, Tom Franzone, Manning Bolchoz, Mark Lazo, behind him Joe Nesbitt, next Michael Fabrizio, and Michael McDermott. Job well done.

COK/Stella Maris School Free Throw Competition Results

Below is the list of winners for each age group 10 to 14 from the free throw competition held at Christ Our King/Stella Maris School February 9, 2024.

Name	Age	Category
Banks Biggers	14	Male
Brooks Riley	13	Male
JT Caldwell	12	Male
George Levesque	11	Male
Lou Bova	10	Male
Mary Margaret Stone	14	Female
Madison Pojani	13	Female
Kristin Crowley	12	Female
Reese LaBelle	11	Female
Lily Jessup	10	Female

We had 168 contestants. Hats off to Mike Fabrizio for pulling this together so quickly.

State competition is scheduled for 16 March 2024 in Columbia.

Christ Our King/ Stella Maris 8th Grade Catholic Citizenship Essay Winners 2024 and Prizes

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| 1. Brooks Riley | \$50.00 Gift Card |
| 2. Rory Green | \$25.00 Gift Card |
| 3. Berkette Schleier | \$20.00 Gift Card |

The Winning Essay

God's Digital Mouthpiece

One thing we know is that the majority of people consistently use their handheld technology. The growth is most evident with Generation Z and Millennials, internet connected generations, accounting for about 43% (170 million) of just the US total population, but also expands globally to billions of people. With the size of those active in the digital world, the opportunity to teach the Gospel of the Lord comes in many formats and continues to change, but we can blend the tradition of the church with technology. Imagine a world unified in Christ that comes together for prayer and the Gospel, using the technological tools God has given us.

It is first most important to identify the audience and the method to best deliver the message. Current forms of evangelism use effective means of social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, Whats App, and YouTube. Additionally, podcasts allow the opportunity to share stories, testimonies, of educational content about Christian topics that can be personal and relate to current life events. The key to engaging people is to create interesting content that delivers a message in a form that is fun and has deep meaning. It must be relatable to life to reach most people online. It can be as impactful visually through video or through audio or music. For example, Bishop Robert Barron started "Word on Fire" and successfully reached millions of people, across a global market using documentaries, video commentaries, and YouTube videos that have received over 131 million views and daily emails of over 500 thousand people. He talks about topics including culture today, including movies, books, music and current events, and more. This method works and has attracted many to his amazing message because he speaks in a language many can understand.

Technology is changing fast and with the introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) a new form of communication and teaching will continue to grow. Imagine a world more heavily influenced by AI where the church can positively teach the Gospel through machine learning. What if AI started understanding Scripture and transmitted positive messages electronically? You have to use the platform to get people's attention, teach, and create connections between their lives and church. There is enough technology to understand the person and technology can come up with a customized message to capture a person's attention. AI is capable of understanding people's interests and electronic inquiries, allowing it to personally customize a message from Scripture that could have very positive effects. The ability for AI to recognize the impacts of life on a human being can help customize a unique message to each person. This unique message could allow the church to be positive digital evangelization that is unique and personal to every person. This positive message could be the ability for God to speak to his people and meet them where they are and share love and hope and share the Gospel. That way the church can serve the growing generations of people that use technology.

Work Cited

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**Family of the Quarter
Michelle and John Wong**

Michelle was born and grew up in Seoul, Korea, in a family of five children. Her family were very devout Buddhists at that time and her parents taught them optimism, good work ethics, serving others, and sharing with others who are less fortunate even when we are in hard times ourselves. They believed in higher education. In 1971, we immigrated to Kansas City, Missouri where her older sister came before us as a register nurse. Michelle graduated from Avila Catholic University with a Bachelor's degree in nursing. In 1981, she moved to Minneapolis and met John, my soulmate on blind date in 1982. John was raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota and had moved to Minneapolis in 1965. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul, Minnesota, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 1984, John and Michelle were married in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, in Edina, Minnesota. They are very blessed with two fine sons and one grandson.

Michelle converted to Catholicism and was baptized in 2006 at Saint Dominic's in Panama City, Florida. She finds that the success of marriage and family life is to start the day with prayer and now in retirement she starts the day with daily mass and the rosary. The total consecration of yourself and family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We always try to set good examples in life by sharing optimism and perseverance. In the last year Gabrielle and Michelle have focused on bringing the act of adoration to Christ Our King. What a great joy and blessing it is to be in front of the Eucharist in our own church.

The Wong's are an adventurous family and have fun traveling, hiking, cooking, and being outdoors. They enjoy volunteering and ushering at the Gaillard, Dock Street Theater, and Spoleto Festival USA. Michelle is a Docent at Mepkin Abbey and also helps out during the annual Crèche festival. John is a member of the Christ Our King Choir, and was an usher there and at Our Lady of the Hills in Columbia, when they lived there. Our older son lives with his family in Charlotte and our younger son lives in Tallahassee.

What brings Michelle to this blessed point in her life is her faith and fortunately she is able to attend daily mass and pray the rosary with a wonderful prayer group. She prays with the Daily Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle with participants throughout the United States. All this sustains her faith and builds a deeper relationship with Jesus and Mary. On First Friday and First Saturday she attends the Adoration of our Lord; each Tuesday prays the Devotion to the Holy Face. Michelle is happy to be able to help with the Lazarus ministry, the greeters' ministry, the EMHC, (Mass and facilities) and enjoys serving whenever there is function and activity.



Above left Kurt Denner our Family of the Quarter Director presented Michelle and John Wong with the Family of the Quarter certificate. Our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presented a Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month
February 2024
Ron Davis**

Ron was born and raised in Columbia, SC where he met his wife, Deb (a Military Brat), on a blind date. They were married in 1969 in Columbia at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and will be married 55 years in October. They moved from Columbia to Charleston in 1971, to Isle of Palms from 1972 to 1999, then to Mt. Pleasant where they currently reside.

Ron and Deb have four children and seven grandchildren:

Jay, 49, is an artist, curator and consultant who lives in Ridgewood, NY with his wife and two young sons.

Tina, 46, is a hairstylist with Salon International in Mt. Pleasant every other weekend but lives in Columbia with her daughter and son. She is also a Silver Leader with Young Living Essential Oils.

Wendy, 44, is a librarian with the American Embassy School in New Delhi, India where her husband also teaches and they are in their tenth year living in New Delhi with their son and daughter. They manage to spend their summers in the US in Asheville, NC.

Joe, 36, is a tour boat captain on Folly Beach where he currently resides. Joe also works for Charleston Oyster Farm. He has one son.

Ron served for five years in the USMC Reserves and then for 15 years in the Air Force Reserves where he was activated for Operation Desert Storm. He retired from the military after 20 years of service. Ron also retired after 22 years of service from BP/Amoco Chemicals in Mt. Pleasant. Ron and Deb also owned and operated Carolina Coin Amusement for 40 years before retiring in 2020. As Foster Parents, they fostered children for over six years and ended up with the opportunity to adopt their youngest child.

Ron has been an active Knight where he has supplied the meals for the monthly meetings for approximately 13 years, with some time off during Covid. Ron and Deb are members of Christ Our King where Deb sang in the Choir and was a Cantor for 20 years and Ron served as Head Usher at the 9:30 am mass and attended Cursillo #59.



Above left Kurt Denner our Family of the Quarter Director presented Brother Ron Davis center with Knight of the Month certificate. Our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presented a Knights cup.

Our Guest Speaker Col Hutto on the Medal of Honor

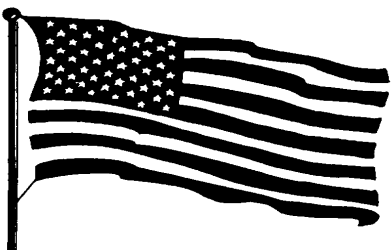
Col. J. Laurence Hutto, Jr., U.S. Army, currently is the Senior Director of Operation of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, headquartered at Patriot's Point in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Col Hutto made it clear that you do not win the Medal of Honor it is awarded for heroic action while serving our country. Col. Hutto explained how the Medal of Honor Society are working hard getting the knowledge of this award into our schools.

Col. Hutto then showed a video of a Medal of Honor recipient in action on the battle field. It was hard holding back the tears.

Col. Hutto's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Saudi Arabia Medal, Kuwait Liberation Kuwait Medal, Southwest Asia, Iraq, and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, NATO ISAF Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Senior Parachutist and Air Assault Badges.



Above left is Col. Hutto receiving a Knights cup from center our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell and right is our Brother Knight Major General Michael R. Regner - Retired, who introduced Col. Hutto and explained how he would be on the front line calling for artillery support from guys like Col. Hutto. Not in the picture is our Chancellor and Family of the Quarter Director Kurt Denner who arranges for our guest speakers.



Our Council 9475 Cooked Dinner for the Charleston Fisher House February 19, 2024



Above is the team of Brother Knights that prepared dinner for the veteran families at the Charleston Fish House. Left to right with the sizzling pork chops are Mike Regner, Manning Bolchoz, Steven Fallon, in the back with hat Michael Fabrizio, Frank Fallon and Jim Morini. Taking the picture is Mary Regner Mike's wife keeping the team straight.



Here you can see the team pulling the dinner together consisting of grilled pork chops, wild rice, green beans, sourdough bread, salad and dessert. Now that should make your mouth water. Thank you to Mary Regner team leader with Mike and photographer.

Job well done by all!!!

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carlos Araiza
Richard Buchicchio
Rev. Msgr. James Carter
Leroy Ceresa
Paul Cheverie
Jeremiah Dempsey
Philip DiBlasi
Lawrence Elberfeld
Rev. Patrick Eynla
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
Steven White
Neil Whitman



Stand –Up for Life

**Adoption
not
Abortion**



Knights of Columbus

East Cooper Council # 9475

2nd Annual Fish Fry & Benefit



March 8th and March 22th

**Tickets \$15.00 per Person, Children under 12 yrs. Old \$5.00
Available @ Door. Dine In or Carry Out.**

Time 5:00 PM

Christ Our King - In Grace Hall

Call Marion Wright 843-509-6512 or 843-270-3299

**Brother Knights
If You Haven't Signed Up to Play or Work
Now is the Time**

**2024
Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Benefit Golf Tournament for
Catholic Charities of SC**

**Snee Farm Country Club
Monday March 11th, 2024**

Four player Scramble

Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$150 per golfer

Contact-Jim Welsch at: 843-442-9614

or

E-mail - welschj@hotmail.com

Includes a light lunch prior to play and dinner with door prizes and a silent auction afterward. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing teams, the longest drive for men and women, and for closest to the pin on two holes.

A sponsored hole-in-one prize will add to the fun.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
APRIL 2024

Ultreya Meeting _____	02
COK Grace Hall— 7:00 PM	
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.	
KofC 103rd Annual State Convention _____	5,6,&7
Spartanburg Marriott	
299 N Church St.	
Spartanburg, SC 29306	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic _____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
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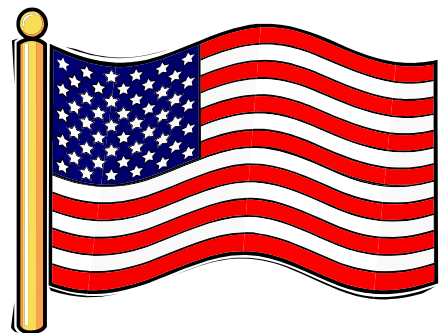
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Knights of Columbus



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on the Passion of Christ

March 18, 2024

John 12:12-16; Mk 14:1-15:47

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

It would be an extreme understatement to say that the version of the Passion of Christ in Mark's Gospel ends badly. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has been brutally tortured and put to death. There is no real good way to say this.

Jesus allowed this to happen because He loves us unconditionally. He wants us to be forgiven of every sin we have ever committed and will commit. He wants us to be with Him in Heaven one day.

And things had started out so well. Jesus was celebrated when he first entered Jerusalem. The people laid down their coats and palm branches on the road before him. They were yelling: "hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Yet Jesus winds up being killed by crucifixion. It was the most excruciating and humiliating way to die at the hands of the Romans.

But it wasn't enough that Jesus had to go through the pain from the thorns piercing His scalp, from the scourging with whips that cut into his flesh, and from the hammers driving nails into his hands and feet.

Even more painful were the betrayal by Judas and the abandonment by His disciples at the time of His arrest. This would be like our good friends deserting us at the time of our greatest need. To make it even worse, His best friend, Peter, denied him. Peter said: "I do not know this man". How much more difficult can it be than that?

Yet, we add to Jesus' sorrow every time we sin, big sins as well as little ones. For instance, when we gossip about someone or we take the Lord's name in vein or we don't say anything when our friends do so.

The good news for us is that all of our sins can be forgiven. We are given the Grace to overcome our sins every time we are tempted to sin and every time we fall to a temptation. The Grace is there, but we must accept it. For more serious sin, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We only have a few days left in Lent. How has it gone so far? Many of us made Lenten resolutions to change our lives in some respect.

The idea was not just to give up something but to have a conversion of our hearts and minds, to make Jesus the most important person in our lives. If we have kept our resolutions, fantastic! If we haven't kept them or haven't made any yet, it is not too late.

If we do it right, and it might take us going to Reconciliation, we can still make Lent 2024 the best Lent ever. We could have a conversion of our hearts and minds so that our lives will be filled with the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give.

The choice is ours. We could be like Peter. Even though he denied his best friend at the hour of his greatest need, Peter realized his mistake. We are told: "He broke down and wept". He had a conversion of his heart and mind. This is our time to do the same. Let's take advantage of it.



Deacon Kevin Campbell