



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights and Families,

Praying that you and your loved ones are doing well and that you continue to stay safe and healthy. In accordance with the rules and restrictions that are currently in effect, this month the council meeting was held online using zoom. Being a first endeavor, with the exception of a couple minor glitches, it went rather smoothly. Dan Busher, invoking the divine blessing, aided us in repeating aloud the Lords Prayer, too start the meeting.

If future meetings need to be conducted in this manner, please try to join in if possible. For those who were unable to participate. The information discussed during the meeting is contained in the minutes of the meeting.

Congratulations goes out to our current members and our newest brother who advanced to the Third Degree by participating in the new exemplification that was held online.

Advancing members: Joe Bamond, Frank Sherman and Ed Murray.

New Member: Jim Wasson – welcome to our council and brotherhood.

Remember where circumstances allow, leave no brother knight or fellow neighbor behind. Keep Safe and pray for an end to this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!  
YBIC  
Tom Siwarski  
G/K

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2020

### DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting _____	05
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	07
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Mother's Day _____	10
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 Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 PM	
Ascension of the Lord _____	24
Memorial Day _____	25



## Knights of Columbus



**A Catholic Fraternal Organization Dedicated to  
Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.**

**(Cruise rescheduled to Friday October 2nd)**

Our always fun  
HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK

We sail Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 until 9:00

Aboard the beautiful *Charleston 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

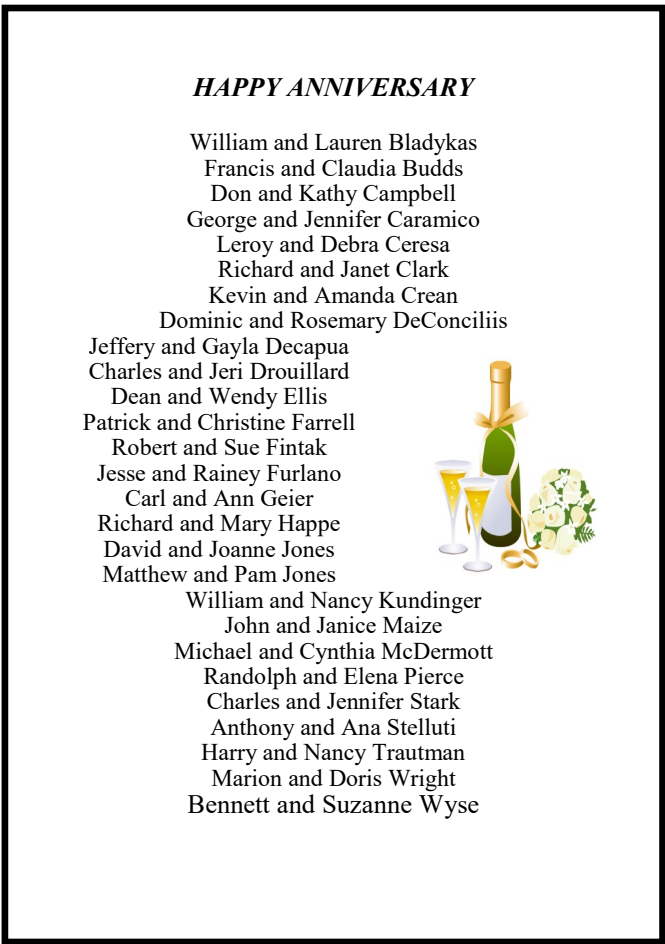
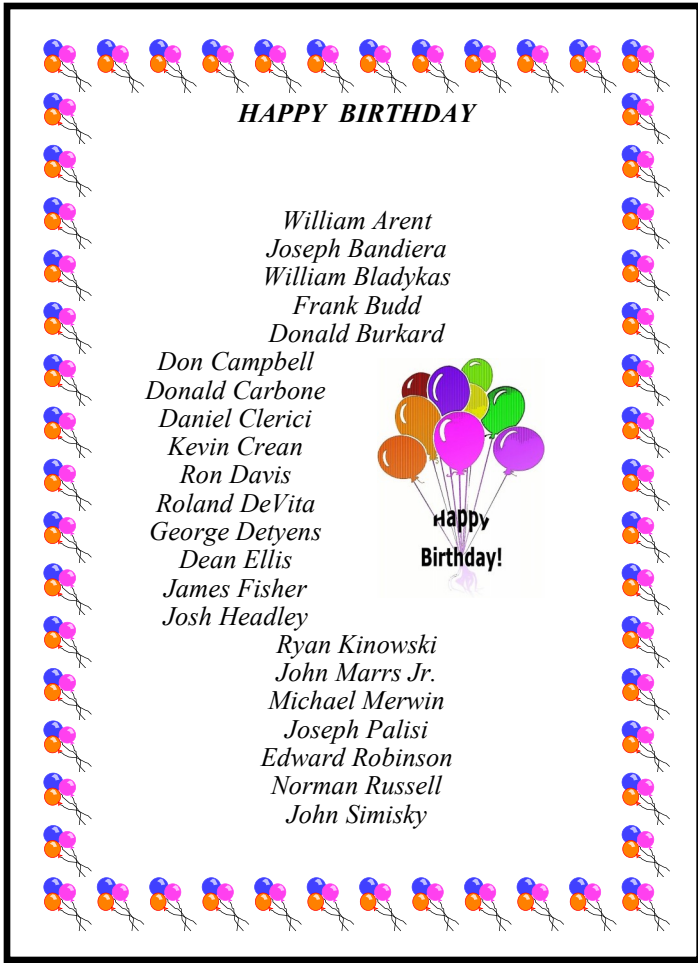
In addition, you'll have a cash bar for cocktails.

For tickets

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**PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:**

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

**For more information visit:**

**CORONAVIRUS.GOV**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
JUNE 2020**

Ultreya Meeting _____	02
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting _____	04
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Book Sale Set Up _____	TBA
Move Books from storage and set-up	
Book Sale Starts _____	TBA
Raising of the Flag _____	TBA
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:00 AM	
Flag Day _____	14
Regular Business Meeting _____	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Father's Day _____	21
First Responders Breakfast _____	TBA
More information to follow	
Installation of Officers _____	TBA
Golf Tournament _____	29
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	
Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	

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All of These Places**

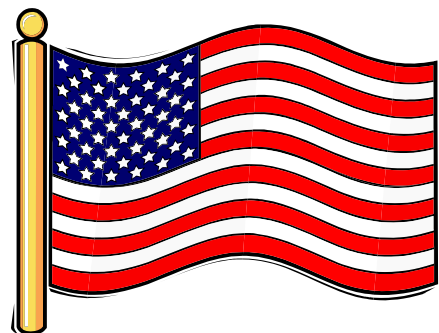
- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Meditation on the God's Promise to us

Ez 37: 12-14; Jn 11: 1-45

The subject of our Meditation is extremely important, especially in this incredibly difficult time. We have the promise of God to be with us, no matter where we are spiritually. He is there to save us from our sins. He is there to welcome us into Heaven but we have some work to do since we are all sinners. We are just at different levels of sin.

From the Book of Ezekiel, we have a key phrase from God: "I have promised and I will do it". The reading has an interesting back story. Ezekiel had become a prophet while he was an exile in Babylon. He was the first prophet to receive the call to serve outside of the Holy Land. He was one of the first to be exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar in 597AD. Initially, he was very critical of the Jewish people for sinning against God which led to them losing God's blessings, being conquered by Babylon and exiled there. He also had to prepare the people for the possible destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, which many thought was indestructible. This actually came about in 587 BC.

After that, his message changed. Our reading is an example of this. He preached that there will be a new covenant with the Jewish people and God. They had violated the old covenant by their sinfulness, turning to pagan gods. Ezekiel believed the exiled people were the hope of Israel's restoration after their time in Babylon was over. This new covenant would not be truly fulfilled until the birth of Jesus in the New Testament.

God told Ezekiel: "tell them I will open their graves and have them rise from them. I will put my spirit in them so that they may live. I have promised it and I will do it." God heard the cries of the exiled Jewish people for mercy and sent them his Spirit of Truth to help them. He will do the same for us, if we ask him, in his time and in his way. As Christians, we see the promise of rising from our graves of sinfulness as fulfilled in Jesus' resurrection. The last sentence gave them the hope-filled assurance that what God has promised, will be fulfilled: "I have promised and I will do it". We can have this same hope as we are dealing with the coronavirus pandemic

Our Gospel reading is about Jesus raising his friend, Lazarus from the dead. Jesus raised people from the dead three times in the Gospels: the first is the little daughter of Jairus. The second was the young son of the widow of Nain. Then there was Lazarus.

St. Augustine tells us that these three raisings symbolize three different levels of spiritual disorder. With the young daughter of Jairus, we have the first stirrings of sin in the lives of a young person. With the older son, we have more serious sin that has made its way into the world and with Lazarus, the grown man, we have the level of total spiritual death from sin, like someone who is really covered by sin. By being in the tomb for 4 days, a person would be considered really dead in the ancient world.

As Jesus approached the tomb, he saw Martha, Mary and the other mourners weeping due to their extreme loss. Jesus felt deeply troubled and began weeping. Jesus felt what it was like to lose a close friend. He felt the same psychological and physical pain, as when we have lost a loved one: It may take weeks, months, even years to recover, if ever. Jesus entered into this experience and began to weep.



Bishop Robert Barron asks us to stay with this image. It may change our relationship with Jesus. It may change our lives. Imagine God weeping. He is weeping over our sins and our deaths from sins.

St Augustine said that we can actually sympathize with God as God feels not only the loss of a friend but he is also weeping over our sinfulness. Sin is really just the loss of our friendship with him. God responds with giving us the power to overcome sin.

The next time we might become a little light-hearted about sin: it is ok because everyone does it, or have a tendency to commit a much more serious sin, keep this image of Jesus weeping because of the sin we are about to commit. Think of the sorrow he feels for our sin.

Augustine makes a point about Jesus' question: "Where have you laid him?" Jesus is looking for Lazarus. God is searching for his lost friend. He is also looking for us whenever we may wander away towards a spiritual death.

After Jesus arrived, he asked that the stone be rolled away, and then cried out. He shouts: "Lazarus come out!"! Imagine Jesus is shouting, screaming like the roar of a lion, or an earthquake or like a bomb going off, followed by a deafening silence. He is calling Lazarus from his spiritual and bodily death.

We are all spiritually challenged from time to time. We have all experienced some level of spiritual death. What level are we right now? Are we like the young daughter just beginning to sin or, the older son who has allowed more serious sin to enter his life, or like the adult, Lazarus, who is dead to sin? We may feel we have no hope but then we hear the voice of Jesus shouting, screaming for us to change our ways, to leave our lives of sin and death, to come out of our tomb.

The voice of Jesus can pull us out. He hates sin. He hates the way we place ourselves in the tombs of sin and death. Maybe we have addictions. Maybe we are just mean and hard to get along with. We may be deadly afraid of dying or we feel like we are failures in life. Are we ashamed of the things we have done, so that we have given up hope of ever reconciling with God? We may have had a serious fallout with our spouse or our friends or relatives. It really does not matter what we have done. We are all at some level of sin.

The voice of Jesus can raise us from the dead. Bishop Barron tells us: "Listen for the voice of Jesus to say: untie us and let us go". This is God's promise. Listen for His call.



Deacon Kevin Campbell