



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, we conducted our first in person meeting 15 April 2021 since October 2020. We combined an Exemplification with the business meeting. It was great to do both of these events live as opposed to meeting via Zoom. We welcomed Juan Ramirez to the Knights of Columbus and elevated Kurt Denner from First Degree to Third Degree. As always, the Exemplification ceremony led by Matt Feltman and his team preformed grandly. We also recognized and welcomed transferred Knight Edward Fitzpatrick from council 11463 College Point, New York.

A special thank you to all the Brothers that supported the cross procession and rosary on Palm Sunday.

A reminder to all Brothers, our annual golf tournament supporting the Daughters of St. Paul is scheduled to begin at 10:00am, 10 May 2021 at Wild Dunes Harbor course. Thanks go to Bob Fintak and his crew for setting up the event.

The May business meeting will be in person at St. Benedict's 20 May 2021. We will begin with the rosary at 6:00pm followed by the business meeting at 6:30pm. During this meeting, a second reading of the proposed 2021-2022 officers slate will be read and then the vote will take place.

Continue to pray for the end of the pandemic and we will see you at the next Council meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2021

DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

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| Pro-Life/Rosary_____ | 01 |
| COK — 7:30 AM | |
| Ultreya Meeting_____ | 04 |
| COK Chapel — 6:30 PM | |
| Nocturnal Adoration_____ | 06 |
| Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM | |
| Officers Meeting_____ | 06 |
| COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____ | 07 |
| COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM | |
| Mother's Day_____ | 09 |
| Golf Tournament_____ | 10 |
| Wild Dunes Harbor Course | |
| Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon | |
| 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 | |
| Ascension of the Lord_____ | 16 |
| Regular Business Meeting_____ | 20 |
| St. Benedict's Parish Hall | |
| 950 Darrell Creek Trail | |
| Rosary 6 PM | |
| Meeting: 6:30 PM | |
| Memorial Day_____ | 31 |



**Knight of the Month
April 2021
Deacon Brian Justice**

Brian is originally from Louisville, KY and moved to SC during high school. After graduating from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Computer Science, he finally settled in Mount Pleasant some 20 years ago. Brian and Darla recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary and they have 4 Children (McKenna, Liam, Ava, and Andrew) who range in age from 16 to 3. Brian is a software engineer and has worked at Scientific Research Corporation in Charleston for nearly 20 years.

Brian has attended Christ Our King in Mount Pleasant since moving to Charleston and has participated in various ministries and volunteer efforts over the years. He was previously a lector for many years in addition to having been the website administrator for the parish.

Brian was ordained to the permanent diaconate in February of this year and is assigned to Christ Our King. His regular duties include RCIA Coordinator, Altar Server Coordinator, Liturgical MC, Flocknote Administrator, and Social Media Administrator. As part of diaconate formation, he holds a Master's degree in Theology from St Leo University in Florida.

He has been a Knight for over 5 years now and appreciates the different service opportunities that it brings. Like everyone else, he's ready to welcome the end of current pandemic so we can all resume our Christian and service activities free from the burdensome, but charitable obligations we as a pro-life Church accept for the good of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Congratulations Deacon Brian



Left is our Deputy Grand Knight and acting Family Director Matt Feltman presenting Deacon Brian Justice center with the Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt standing by with Knights cup in right hand for Deacon Brian.

**Did You Know
Kurt and Mary Denner**

Mary and I have been married for 35 years this month. We have lived in Mt. Pleasant for four years and have moved eight times during our marriage. I am from Iowa originally and Mary is from Michigan. Our longest stay was in Carmel, Indiana for 19 years, which is where we raised our daughter Amy. We love living in the Charleston area and feel like this is home now. Mary and I love to travel, explore the Lowcountry and support Christ Our King church.

I am a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and Mary has a teaching background. Before my current occupation, I had a 30+ year career in Corporate Finance. This expanded over seven different companies, most with International Operations. I started in accounting and held positions such as VP of Finance and CFO. After we moved here, I decided to run my own business and joined Edward Jones, which has been a wonderful experience.

Our daughter Amy and her husband Dan recently moved from Chicago to the Charleston area. She is a CRNA and works for Trident and Dan works for Roper. They are staying with us while house hunting. Mary's mother also moved from Michigan last year and is living with us. We have two miniature poodles and Amy and Dan have one as well. Needless to say, we have a full house.



My wife Mary and I in Europe 2 years ago.



What a great smile on Deacon Brian Justice in his Dalmatic Vestment on the day he was Ordained Feb. 6, 2021 in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul in Charleston.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

William and Lauren Bladykas
 Francis and Claudia Budds
 Don and Kathy Campbell
 George and Jennifer Caramico
 Leroy and Debra Ceresa
 Richard and Janet Clark
 Jeffery and Gayla Decapua
 Charles and Jeri Drouillard
 Dean and Wendy Ellis
 Patrick and Christine Farrell
 Robert and Sue Fintak
 Jesse and Rainey Furlano
 Richard and Mary Happe
 Matthew and Pam Jones
 William and Nancy Kundinger
 John and Janice Maize
 Michael and Cynthia McDermott
 Randolph and Elena Pierce
 Charles and Jennifer Stark
 Anthony and Ana Stelluti
 Marion and Doris Wright
 Bennett and Suzanne Wyse



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William Arent
 Joseph Bandiera
 William Bladykas
 Frank Budd
 Donald Burkard
 Don Campbell
 Donald Carbone
 Daniel Clerici
 Thomas Cullen
 Ron Davis
 Roland DeVita
 George Detyens
 Dean Ellis
 James Fisher
 Josh Headley
 Charles Jenkins
 Ryan Kinowski
 Michael Merwin
 Joseph Palisi
 Norman Russell
 John Simisky



Exemplification 4/15/2021 Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity



Above left Brother Knight Kurt Denner and right new Knight Juan Ramirez just received their Rosary and Knights pin. Kurt received his second and third Degree of Unity and Fraternity, Juan received all three Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Congratulations Brother Kurt and Brother Juan!!!

**The Following List of Candidates were Read
At
Our April 15 Regular Business Meeting**

2021–2022 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

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| Grand Knight_____ | Joe Nesbitt |
| Deputy Grand Knight_____ | Matt Feltman |
| Chancellor_____ | Bobby Geberth |
| Recorder_____ | Michael Fabrizio |
| Lector_____ | Ron Davis |
| Treasurer_____ | Jim Welsch |
| Advocate_____ | Bob Fintak |
| Warden_____ | Jon Tirpak |
| Inside Guard_____ | Steve Raynor |
| Outside Guard_____ | Carlos Araiza |
| 3 rd Year Trust_____ | Tom Siwarski |
| 2 nd Year Trustee_____ | Kevin Cunnane |
| 1 st Year_____ | Don Campbell |

These candidates were presented at the April regular business meeting and to be voted on between the May 1st and June 17th regular business meeting except for the Lector he is appointed by Grand Knight.

Nominating Committee:

Tom Swarski
Don Campbell
Kevin Cunnane

Brother Knights

If You Haven't Signed Up to Play or Work

Now is the Time

2021 Knights of Columbus Council 9475

12th Annual Golf Tournament

for

The Daughters

of

St. Paul

MAY 10th, at the Wild Dunes Harbor Course

Sign-in Starts 10:30 AM.

Cost-\$110 per player. Shotgun start at 12:00 Noon

Contact-Jim Welsch at 843-442-9614 or E-mail welschj@hotmail.com

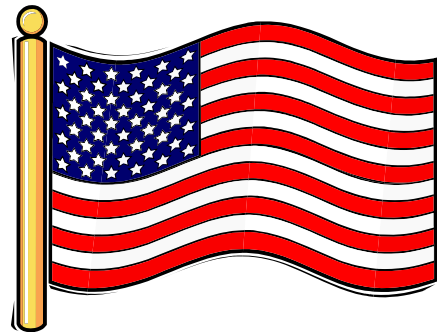
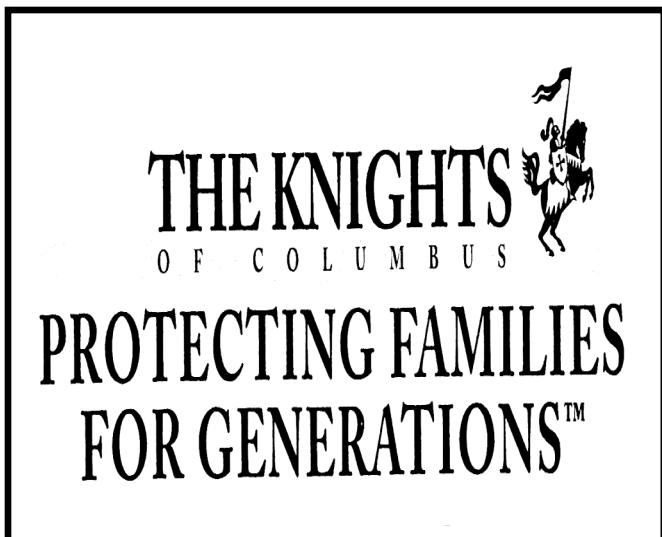
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JUNE 2021**

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

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| Ultreya Meeting _____ | 01 |
| COK Chapel — 6:30 PM | |
| Officers Meeting _____ | 03 |
| COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM | |
| Nocturnal Adoration _____ | 03 |
| Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8AM | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____ | 04 |
| COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM | |
| Pro-Life/Rosary — _____ | 05 |
| COK — 7:30 AM | |
| Raising of the Flag _____ | TBA |
| Tentative date Saturday June 12th. On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:00 AM | |
| Flag Day _____ | 14 |
| Regular Business Meeting _____ | 17 |
| St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7 PM | |
| Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility _____ | 19 |
| West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 | |
| Father's Day _____ | 20 |
| Installation of Officers _____ | TBA |

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Robert A. Spencer | 843-884-5587 |
| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney | 843-883-3109 |
| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Timothy West | 843-471-2121 |
| Spiritual Director | Deacon Kevin Campbell | 843-884-6317 |
| Grand Knight | Joe Nesbitt | 843-297-9873 |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Matt Feltman | 513-374-1994 |
| Chancellor | Bobby Geberth | 845-282-5546 |
| Financial Secretary | Jeff Pulaski | 843-813-1732 |
| Recorder | John Maize Sr. | 843-881-1007 |
| Treasurer | Jim Welsch | 843-849-1979 |
| Lecturer | Ron Davis | 843-856-4950 |
| Advocate | Bob Fintak | 803-917-1530 |
| Warden | Joe Harkins Jr. | 267-974-6534 |
| Inside Guard | Steve Raynor | 551-255-7224 |
| Outside Guard | Michael Fabrizio | 843-200-1555 |
| 3 Yr. Trustee | Tom Siwarski | 610-213-5226 |
| 2 Yr. Trustee | Kevin Cunnane | 843-216-5354 |
| 1 Yr. Trustee | Don Campbell | 843-471-1085 |
| Program Director | Tom A. Franzone | 843-729-7734 |
| Church Director | Tom A. Franzone -COK | 843-729-7734 |
| | Jon Tirpak - SM | 843-480-5784 |
| | Robert Geberth - SB | 843-654-9549 |
| | Leo Albano - SC of A | 843-216-1710 |
| Vocations Chairman | Deacon Kevin Campbell | 843-884-6317 |
| Community Director | Bill Shoemaker | 843-884-1378 |
| Pro/Life Couple | Don Campbell | 843-471-1085 |
| Health Services | D. J. Thatcher | 843-513-0214 |
| Council Director | Bobby Geberth | 845-282-5546 |
| Public Relations | Neil Whitman | 843-270-9834 |
| Family Director | (Position Temporarily Open) | |
| Culture of Life Director | Don Campbell | 843-471-1085 |
| Youth Director | Mike Flato | 843-973-1409 |
| Membership Director | Joe Harkins | 843-881-5768 |
| Admission Chairman | Kevin Cunnane | 843-216-5354 |
| Recruitment Committee | Michael Fabrizio- SM | 843-200-1555 |
| | Marion Wright - COK | 843-884-0140 |
| | Robert Geberth-SB | 845-282-5546 |
| | Robert Brennan-SC of A | 315-729-8652 |
| Retention Chairman | Robert Fintak | 803-971-1530 |
| Insurance Promotion | Paul Harrington | 706-338-7924 |
| Columbus Hope Chairman | Bill Shoemaker | 843-884-1378 |
| Newsletter | Fran & Tom Franzone | 843-729-5413 |
| State Chaplain | Rev. Robert Higgins | 843-249-2356 |
| State Deputy | Daniel Barton | 843-367-1871 |
| District Deputy | James Daugomah | 843-817-9655 |
| Insurance Agent | Paul Harrington | 706-338-7924 |
| Supreme Fraternal Services | | 203-772-2130 |



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on the Good Shepherd

By Deacon Kevin Campbell

1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

A man in Australia was arrested and charged with stealing a sheep after another man accused him of this act. The defendant claimed emphatically that the sheep, which had been missing for many days, was one of his own. When the case went to court, the judge was puzzled, not knowing how to decide the matter.

At last, he asked that the sheep in question be brought into the court room. Then he ordered the plaintiff, the accuser, to step outside and call the animal. When he did, the sheep made no response except to raise its head and look frightened. The judge then instructed the defendant to go to the court yard and call the sheep. When the accused man began to make his distinctive call, the sheep bounded toward the door. It was obvious to that judge that the sheep recognized the familiar voice of his master. The judge let the accused man go and had his accuser arrested.

The Gospel of John tells about the Good Shepherd. The Good Shephard is Jesus. He leads us to live our lives in such a way that we will have the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give in this life and to be with him in Heaven one day. He does this because he loves us unconditionally

In the First Letter of John, we are asked to consider God's unconditional love for us. It is a love so great that we are called children of God. We are part of God's family and he wants us to live our lives as his son taught us and to be with him in Heaven one day. Many of us may love conditionally: you do this and we will love you but if you do that, we will not love you. Not so with our God. He loves us no matter what we do. He does hate the sin, but not the sinner, and this is what he wants us to do: to live our lives loving him and loving all the people we come into contact with.

But he wants more from us than that. He sees all of us as Good Shepherds who, by living our lives as he taught us, will lead others to him. We can do this without saying a word. We can do this by just living our lives as good Catholics. This is true, no matter where we are in our lives: as a parent, grandparent, or other family member; a boss or employee; or just a good friend. By the way, we need to be proud to be Catholic. Never be afraid to hold ourselves out as Catholics.

The challenge for us today is to accept the gift of Jesus' unconditional love. We need to live our lives as he taught us. By our words of peace and unity and our acts of love, kindness, mercy and forgiveness we will bring others to know him. If we lead, others will follow.



Deacon Kevin Campbell