



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers and Spouses,

It is not widely known that Easter runs for 50 days from Easter Sunday until the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends upon Mary and the apostles and the first followers of Christ. This year, Easter runs from 17 April until 5 June 2022. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday,' according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung"

April has been another busy month for the Council. We supported Stella Maris's Soup and Sandwiches on **6 April 2022**. We conducted a Cross procession on Palm Sunday, **10 April 2022**. Thanks to Don Campbell for coordinating the Cross walk. The Council held an exemplification welcoming three new Knights and elevated one from the first degree to the third degree. Please welcome **Philippe Dubourieu, Grant Miller, Max Murphy and Paul Reale**.

The winner of the 2022-2023 Bishop England High School scholarship is **Pierce Lynden Broussard**, an eighth grader from Christ Our King/Stella Maris. He is the proud winner of a \$1000 scholarship for his freshman year at BE.

Additionally, during the 101<sup>st</sup> SC State Knights of Columbus Convention, our Council winner for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, **Arden Atkinson**, also won the State competition for his grade. Congratulations Arden!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **19 May 2022** at St. Benedict Catholic Church. This will be the second reading for the officer's slate for 2022-2023.

Please continue to pray for the end of hostilities in Ukraine and for the countless refugees the war has created.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt  
G/K

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2022

Ultreya Meeting	03
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting	05
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Mother's Day	08
Golf Tournament	09
Wild Dunes Harbor Course	
Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
Regular Business Meeting	19
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	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Ascension of the Lord	29
Memorial Day	30



**Brother Knights In Our Cross Procession Palm Sunday from  
Self Car Wash on Coleman's Blvd. to Christ Our King Altar Garden**



Chairman of Cross Procession Brother Don Campbell by tail-gate of his truck giving instruction where we are to meet at Car Wash on Coleman Blvd.



Brother Don, in front of his truck at Car Wash, leading us in pray before Cross Procession.



Procession underway with Honor Guards left Matt Feltman and right carrying banner Bob Thetreatult. First to carry Cross is Bob Fintak.



Just after crossing Shem Creek Bridge Bob Fintak is relieved carrying the Cross.



Continuing down Coleman blvd. Joe Harkins Jr. is carrying Cross and Jeannie Scheirman helping support bottom of Cross.



We had a nice turnout attending the Cross Procession as we continue down Coleman Blvd.



The Cross Procession is nearing the end approaching Church.



Cross Procession coming to an end with Gabriela Simons carrying the Cross and help from a procession member and the Grand Knight Christian LeBlanc from Council 704 front left of Cross.



The Cross Procession participants are now in Christ Our King Altar Garden in a circle holding a 80 foot Rosary.



The Rosary was lead by Brother Deacon Kevin Campbell.

**Thank You to All that Attended**  
**A beautiful solemn day was had by all!!!**

**EXEMPLIFICATION  
OF  
CHAIRTY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**

**The Exemplification was held before our Regular Business Meeting in Nave of St. Benedict's Church April 21, 2022**



In the picture above are the Brother Knights that took the Exemplification and the Exemplification Team wearing the yellow and white baldric. Front left to right are team member Don Campbell, New 3rd Degree Knight Grant Miller, down one step center 1st Degree Knight Philippe Dubourdieu taking his 2nd and 3rd Degrees, back one step New 3rd Degree Knight Clarence "Max" Murphy, front right New 3rd Degree Knight Paul Reale. Back row left to right Degree Team Jeff Pulaski, Bob Fintak, Tom Franzone, Grand Knight and team member Joe Nesbitt and our Deputy Grand Knight and Degree Team Presiding Officer Matt Feltman



**THE WINNER OF REV. MSGR. JOHN LAWRENCE McLAUGHLIN COUNCIL NO. 9475 SCHOLARSHIP FOR BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

**The Essay Scholarship winner is:**

**Pierce Lyndon Broussard**

**Christ Our King / Stella Maris School eight grader.**

**Congratulations Pierce!!!**

**Knight of the Month  
March 2022  
Chris Momeier**

Chris was born 1952, Charleston South Carolina & raised in the East Cooper area.

Graduated from General William Moultrie high school 1971 where He was active in football, track & wrestling.

After high school he attended Spartanburg Methodist, Jr College before deciding to take a job running the warehouse for a local electrical contractor. In 1974 He join his father at Momeier Electric, a family-owned business started by his Great Uncle in 1905. His father had to unfortunately sell the business after a fire. Throughout his electrical career he had hoped to one day get it back in the family, which he did in 2012.

In 1976 he got an opportunity to advance his career by going to work for Yeargin Construction, Electrical division as an apprentice, who was building a \$300 Mil Chemical plant in Wando, SC. His career at Yeargin spanned 12 years where he gained valuable experience, in estimation & project management, working on some of the largest projects in South Carolina.

In 1979 he married his childhood sweetheart, Susan, who he met on the Isle of Palms when she was 15 years old. The first thing her father asked him is what school do you pull for because in their family they are Clemson Fans. They were married by Father Murphy at St Mary's, downtown Charleston. They currently reside in Mt Pleasant & are blessed to have two son's Michael who is a Project Manager for Colonial Electric Supply, Co & David is the Shop Manager at Momeier Electric, LLC in Charleston.

In late 1989 he received an offer to work for an Electrical contractor EIDeCo Inc, out of Greenville SC, to help start a branch in Charleston, SC. His career with EIDeCo spanned 30 years working in Business Development, Estimation & Sr. Project Manager. As a project manager he oversaw the electrical design & construction on large industrial & commercial electrical in the Southeast such as the SC State House Renovation, Columbia & multiple Boeing projects including the 787 Fabrication, Assembly & Paint buildings. In 2019 his Momeier Electric manager took another job, so he had to make the difficult decision to retire & run the 117-year-old family business in Charleston.

Chris is a second-degree Knight & very proud on what our Council is able to accomplish. A member of Stella Marris Church where he serve as an usher & involved in the Men's club. A Life Member & Past Commodore of the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club & President of the East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group, a 501-C3 Charity that provides donations & grants to 14 local charities, from proceeds of the annual Turkey Shoot & other fundraising activities. A Life Member, of the Hibernian Society & one of the Founding members of the Hibernian Foundation, a 501-(C3) Charity

Chris enjoys cooking, going out in his boat, fishing, golf occasionally & spending time at the ECOMC watching boats on the intercoastal waterway or throwing horseshoes



Left acting Council Director Joe Harkins is presenting center Chris Momeier with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt presented Knights cup.

**Congratulations Chris!!!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

William and Lauren Bladykas  
Francis and Claudia Budds  
Don and Kathy Campbell  
Leroy and Debra Ceresa  
Richard and Janet Clark  
Jeffery and Gayla Decapua  
Charles and Jeri Drouillard  
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  
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  
George Detyens  
James Fisher  
Charles Jenkins  
Ryan Kinowski  
Richard Mantone  
Michael Merwin  
Joseph Palisi  
Joseph Raskauff  
Norman Russell



**Brother Knights that Represented  
Our**

**Council 9475 at Knights of Columbus 101st Annual State Convention**



**Our Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt and not in picture our Deputy Grand Knight Matt Feltman.**



**Past Faithful Navigator Joe Scheirman.**

**The Following List of Candidates were Read  
At  
Our April 21 Regular Business Meeting**

**2022–2023 OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Matt Feltman  
Deputy Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Gimbert  
Chancellor \_\_\_\_\_ Kurt Denner  
Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Fabrizio  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Welsch  
Advocate \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Fintak  
Warden \_\_\_\_\_ Jon Tirpak  
Inside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Marion Wright  
Outside Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Carlos Araiza  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trust \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Nesbitt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Siwarski  
1<sup>st</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Cunnane

**These candidates were presented at the April regular business meeting and to be voted on between the May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 23<sup>th</sup> regular business meeting.**

Nominating Committee:

Tom Swarski  
Don Campbell  
Kevin Cunnane  
Marion Wright  
Tom A. Franzone

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

2022 Knights of Columbus Council 9475

13th Annual Golf Tournament  
for  
The Daughters  
of  
St. Paul

MAY 9th, at the Wild Dunes Harbor Course

Sign-in Starts 10:30 AM.

Cost-\$125 per player. Shotgun start at 12:00 Noon

Contact-Jim Welsch at: 843-442-9614

or

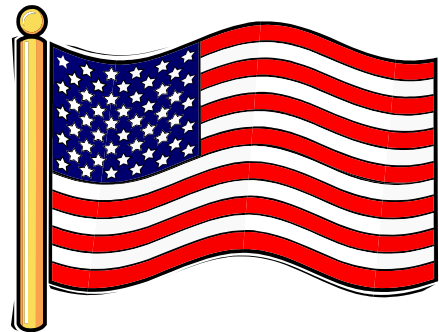
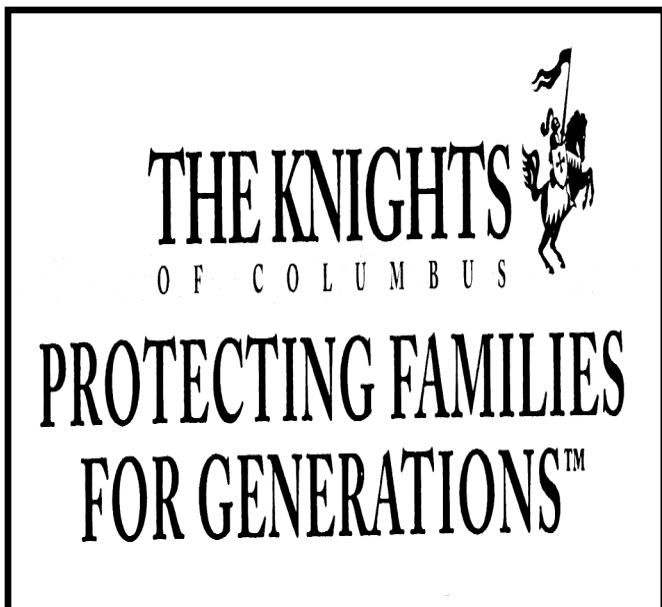
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
JUNE 2022**

Officers Meeting_____	02
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary —_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Raising of the Flag _____	TBA
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point	
Flag Day _____	14
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trial 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM Meeting: 6:30 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Father's Day_____	19
Installation of Officers_____	TBA
At St. Benedict's	

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Robert A. Spencer	843-884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	843-883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Timothy West	843-471-2121
Spiritual Director	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-729-5602
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	Michael Fabrizio	843-200-1555
Treasurer	Jim Welsh	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Bob Fintak	803-917-1530
Warden	Jon Tirpak	843-480-5784
Inside Guard	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Outside Guard	Carlos Araiza	480-352-7679
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
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	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	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
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	Jon Tirpak - SM	843-480-5784
	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Robert Geberth-SB	845-282-5546
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
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Insurance Promotion	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
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Newsletter	Fran & Tom Franzone	843-729-7734
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
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Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



## Meditation for Mothers' Day

Acts 13: 14, 43-42; Ps 100: 1-5; Rev 7: 9, 14-17; Jn 10: 27-30

As we approach the very special occasion of Mother's Day, I think it would be very appropriate if we reflect soon the Mothers in our lives. I want to express my since thanks to all of our Mothers for the great and sometimes difficult jobs they have in raising us to be good and faith filled men and women. Thank you, Moms!

The Readings selected are really perfect for this great day. You should try to read them before you read this Meditation.

Our first Reading recalls what was an important moment in the early days of the Church. This would have been Paul's first visit to this city. Antioch in Pisidia was the administrative center for the roman province of Galatia, with a sizable Jewish community. It would have been reachable from Perga, which was about 100 miles away, but it would have been a very hazardous mountainous journey.

Only the Jews hear Paul's instructions when he arrived at the synagogue. When they rejected what Paul was telling them, Paul turned his attention to the Gentiles.

Paul and his Disciples wanted to be a light to the Gentiles, to be the instrument of their salvation. The Gentiles accepted the Word of the Lord with great joy and delight. The Word of the Lord spread to the whole region. It would eventually spread to the whole world.

Many of our Mothers were our first teachers of the unconditional love our Lord has for us. This has allowed us to go out and tell the people in our worlds, our family and friends, the people we work with, about the love that Jesus Christ has for us.

Our Psalm was the traditional Psalm the Jews sang as they reached the temple for the various feasts that would bring them to Jerusalem. Many of them would have traveled over some very rough terrain to get there. This reminds me of our beloved Mothers. For the most part they went through nine months of some very difficult times, in particular the labor pains when we were born. For their part, most of them gave thanks to God for our healthy births. They may have said: the Lord is good. His kindness endures forever.

As we know, Revelations is the last Book of the Bible and for most of us, our first or maybe even our 10th reading of it, produced more questions than it gives us answers. But our Reading might be a help for those of us who get questioned about whether there is a life after death. St. John is clear that many of us can expect to stand before the throne of God wearing white robes after we die. We will be led to

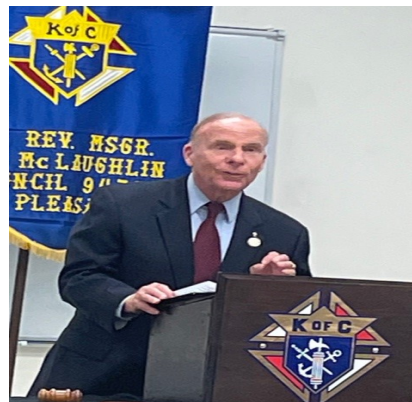
springs of life-giving water, that is God's grace that flows from Christ and every tear will be wiped away. The time of great distress refers to the fierce persecution by the Romans that many would have experienced.

I think this is a perfect Reading for the Moms we celebrate who are no longer with us. By the way they lived their lives, by the way they took care of us, even shedding tears for us when we made the mistakes, they could not help us with, they now stand before the throne of God in perfect peace, joy and happiness.

Our Gospel Reading has to be so comforting to us who believe in Jesus Christ and live our lives as He wants us to. If we hear His voice, which we often will during our prayer times, and if we follow Him, living virtuous lives, we will receive eternal life. We will be with Him in Heaven one day.

This also makes me think about our Mothers. Many of them listen for Jesus to speak to them when they pray. They follow him with the way they live their lives and they help us to do the same.

So as we celebrate our Mothers, living and deceased, on their special day, we thank them for the faith in God and the knowledge of the unconditional love that God has for us, which were given to us by our Mothers.



Deacon Kevin Campbell