



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family:

During the Annual Knights of Columbus convention in Columbia we were honored by the presence and attendance of The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre, Bishop of Charleston. During the holy hour that the Bishop (who is a Knight himself) presided over, the topic of Catholics "under fire" was addressed. The Bishop asked for our prayers, our voice and our continued action to educate and condemn this threat to religious liberty.

Did you know that since 2020 over 250 incidents have occurred across the United States targeting Catholic Churches and our faith, including arson and the defacing of holy statues and gravestones?¹ Even more recently, it was discovered that the FBI used an undercover agent to investigate Catholics. Reports show "how the FBI sought to enlist Catholic houses of worship as potential sources to monitor and report on their parishioners."²

Our faith and our church instruct us to be a people of peace and to uphold human dignity. We do not condone violence. However, as Knights, we have also earned the title of the 'strong right arm of the Church.' According to Past Supreme Knight Anderson, "Our greatest contributions...will always be at the parish level."³ To this end, I ask for your continued prayers for unity and understanding. But also, we must be men of action to protect our faith. Please reach out to our local South Carolina representatives and ask them to condemn these threats to our beliefs. You can go to congress.gov/members and scstatehouse.gov to find your specific representatives and their contact information.

- Lindsey Graham U.S. Senator (202) 224-5972
- Tim Scott U.S. Senator (202) 224-6121
- Nancy Mace U.S. Representative (202) 225-3176
- George Campsen III SC State Senator (803) 212-6340
- Joseph Bustos SC State Representative (803) 212-6880

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY, 2023

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| Ultreya Meeting_____ | 02 |
| COK Chapel — 6:30 PM | |
| Nocturnal Adoration_____ | 04 |
| Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM | |
| Officers Meeting_____ | 04 |
| COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____ | 05 |
| COK — 7:30 AM to 7 AM Sat. | |
| Pro-Life/Rosary_____ | 06 |
| COK — 7:30 AM | |
| Mother's Day_____ | 14 |
| Golf Tournament_____ | 15 |
| Wild Dunes Harbor Course | |
| Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon | |
| Ascension of the Lord_____ | 18 |
| Regular Business Meeting_____ | 18 |
| St. Benedict's Parish Hall | |
| 950 Darrell Creek Trail | |
| Rosary: 6 :00 PM | |
| Dinner: 6:30 PM | |
| Meeting: 7:15 PM | |
| Vigil at Abortion Clinic_____ | 20 |
| West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM | |
| (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) | |
| 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 | |
| Memorial Day_____ | 29 |



Grand Knight continues:

In closing, perhaps an appropriate prayer for this month is the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

As always, please pray for peace.

Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman, GK

¹ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Arson, Vandalism, and Other Destruction at Catholic Churches in the United States”, last accessed 4/28/2023, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/Backgrounder-Attacks-on-Catholic-Churches-in-US>

² Catholic News Agency, April 11, 2023 “FBI used undercover agent to investigate Catholics, says weaponization committee chairman.” www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/254072

³ Knights of Columbus, February 21, 2021, “Strong Right Arm of the Church”, <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2021>

**Brother Knights that Cooked Dinner for the Charleston Fisher House
Wednesday, March 29, 2023**



Thank You to the Brother Knights that cooked dinner for the folks staying at the Charleston Fisher House. Above left to right Manning Bolchoz, Stephen Fallon, Billy Storen, Martin McNaulty, Mike McDermott and Don Campbell.



Here's a picture of the mouthwatering, juicy pork chops on grill with Don Campbell's secret sauce on them that is main part of meal they cook for them.

**Brother Knights Cross Procession Palm Sunday
From parking lot East of Houston Northcutt Blvd. on Coleman Blvd.
To Christ Our King Altar Garden**



Our Procession Chairman Don Campbell and Billy Storen sitting on back of pickup as other Knights and participants get instructions on car pooling and where to meet to start Cross Procession.



Cross Procession continuing its walk back to COK Church just passing carwash on Coleman Blvd. Carrying Cross are Don Campbell and Deacon Kevin Campbell.



Cross Procession just finished crossing Shem Creek bridge. Brother Chuck Drouillard is carrying Cross. Leading the Procession is Honor Guard Sir Knight Robert Thetreat. Carrying Banner are Faithful Navigator Joe Nesbitt and Sir Knight Joe Harkins. Our street crossing guard is Carlos Araiza in front with high visible yellow jacket on.



Crossing the street just passed Okra Grill on Coleman Blvd. Carrying the Cross are Kathy Campbell front and Jeannie Scheirman.



On homestretch getting back to COK Church with Brother Knight Carlos Araiza and Kathy Campbell carrying Cross with our Cross Procession Chairman Don Campbell walking back checking on Procession participants making sure they are keeping up.



The Cross Procession made it back to COK Church grounds, walking through the remote gate headed to the Altar Garden, where the Rosary will be said.



Getting the 80 foot Rosary set up are left to right Michelle Wong, Kathy Campbell, Deacon Kevin Campbell who will lead the Rosary and a participant of Procession.



The Cross Procession participants are now in the Altar Garden holding the 80 foot circular Rosary being lead by Deacon Kevin Campbell saying the Rosary.

A Beautiful Solemn Day Was Had By All

**Knight of the Month
April 2023
Shane Cherry**

Shane and his family moved to Charleston in June 2022 and have been parishioners of Saint Benedict since that time. He became a Knight shortly thereafter in July. Shane and his wife, Angie, met while undergraduates at the University of Pittsburgh.

Shane went on to medical school at the University of Maryland since Angie had moved back to Baltimore after graduating from Pittsburgh with her nursing degree. Having been dating for several years by that point, they both felt that it was imperative to have a common religious foundation for a family if they were to stay together and ultimately get married. Angie was raised Catholic but Shane grew up Lutheran. Shane decided to go through RCIA but without any promises – if he wasn't able to profess the faith by the end of RCIA then they would have had a difficult decision to make.

Angie sponsored Shane for RCIA and they had many challenging conversations about the faith as the months went by. But, by the grace of God, Shane came to realize the truth of the Catholic Church and was confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – America's first Cathedral – in Baltimore in 2010.

Shane and Angie went on to get married in 2011 and moved to Miami in 2013 for Shane's residency training in anesthesiology. While living in Miami, they had two children: Danny who is now 8 years old, and Rebecca who is now 6 years old.

The family remained there until completion of Shane's fellowship training in 2018 at which point they moved to San Antonio, TX while Shane completed his commitment to the United States Air Force.

In 2022, Shane separated from the military and they moved to Charleston. Shane now practices anesthesiology with Trident Anesthesia Group. Angie is not currently practicing nursing; she is a stay-at-home mom managing the household. Danny and Rebecca are students at Christ Our King-Stella Maris and Danny will be celebrating his first Holy Communion on May 6.

Congratulations Shane!!!



Above left our Family Director Kurt Denner just presented center Brother Shane Cherry with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Matt Feltman right presented Brother Shane with a Knights cup.



Above left to right our Family Director Kurt Denner just presented Brother Bill Kunderer with his Knight of the Month Certificate from October 2023 at which time Bill was unable to attend meetings and Grand Knight Matt Feltman right presented Brother Bill with a Knights cup.

Congratulations Bill!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Francis and Claudia Budds
Don and Kathy Campbell
Leroy and Debra Ceresa
Richard and Janet Clark
Jeffery and Gayla Decapua
Charles and Jeri Drouillard
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
Anthony and Ana Stelluti
Marion and Doris Wright
Bennett and Suzanne Wyse*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Joseph Bandiera
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
Kevin O'Donnell
Joseph Palisi
Joseph Raskauff
Norman Russell*



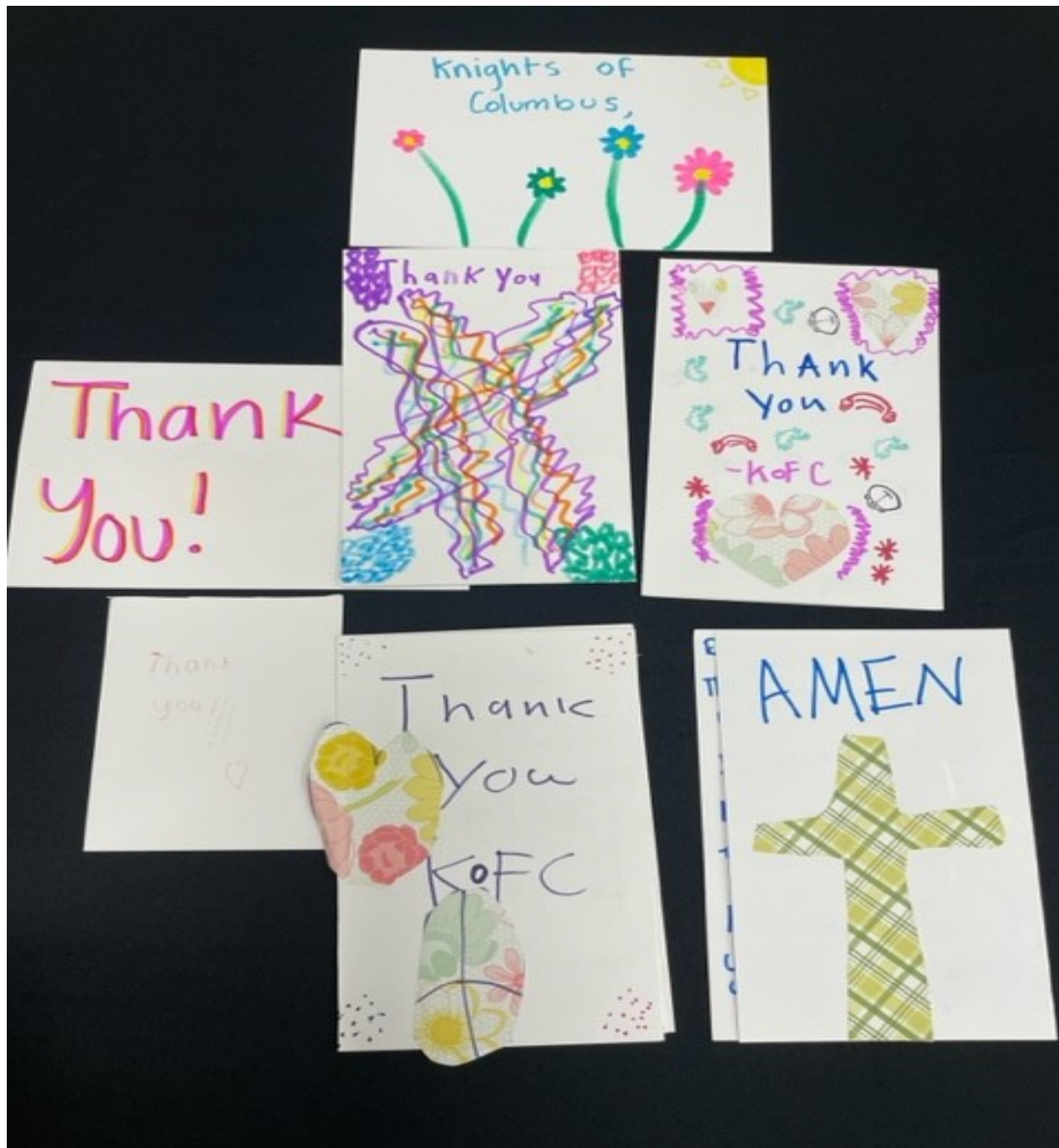
Above Grand Knight left presenting Brother Jon Tirpak a Knights cup in appreciation for his talk on his hiking the Appalachian Trail.

**Guest Speaker
Brother Knight and Sir Knight Jon Tirpak**

Brother Jon Tirpak shared his experience of Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail. In 20 minutes, our Council traveled 2,137 miles from Spring Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine seeing the beauty of God's creation. Hiking day in and day out with 42 pounds of gear reduces life to basic elements of food, water, clothing and shelter. Why not take on a adventure of long distance hiking or some other grand challenge? Per the motto of the Marquis de Lafayette "Cur non."

Thank You Jon for the Interesting Talk!!!

Thank You Cards From Bishop England School Option Students



The above are Thank You cards that the Bishop England School Option Students made and sent to our Council 9475 for the donation we presented them from our Operation Hope Fund Raiser for the mentally challenged.

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

2023

Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Benefit Golf Tournament for

Catholic Charities of SC
Carter-May Senior Living

Wild Dunes Harbor Course
May 15th , 2023

Four player Scramble

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

Entry Fee: \$145 per golfer

Contact-Jim Welsch at: 843-442-9614

or

E-mail - welschj@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JUNE 2023

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| Officers Meeting _____ | 01 |
| COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM | |
| Nocturnal Adoration _____ | 01 |
| Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8AM | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____ | 02 |
| COK — 7:30 AM to 7 AM Sat. | |
| Pro-Life/Rosary — _____ | 03 |
| COK — 7:30 AM | |
| Ultreya Meeting _____ | 06 |
| COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM | |
| Installation of Officers _____ | TBA |
| Raising of the Flag _____ | 10 |
| On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:30 AM | |
| Flag Day _____ | 14 |
| Regular Business Meeting _____ | 15 |
| St. Benedict's Parish Hall | |
| 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 | |
| Rosary: 6:00 PM | |
| Dinner: 6:30 PM | |
| Meeting: 7:15 PM | |
| Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility _____ | 17 |
| West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM | |
| (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) | |
| 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 | |
| Father's Day _____ | 18 |

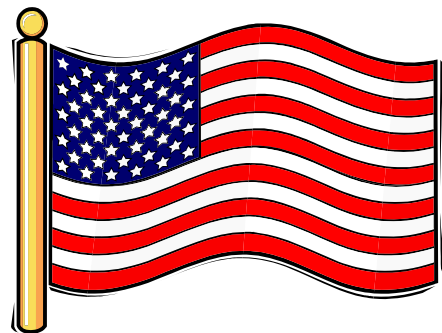
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| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Robert A. Spencer | 843-884-5587 |
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| Columbus Hope Chairman | Bill Shoemaker | 843-884-1378 |
| Newsletter | Fran & Tom Franzone | 843-729-7734 |
| State Chaplain | Rev. Robert Higgins | 843-249-2356 |
| State Deputy | Paul V. Burchell | 803-983-5004 |
| District Deputy | Joe Nesbitt | 843-297-9873 |
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Knights of Columbus



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



GOD BLESS AMERICA

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A PART OF A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

ACT 5: 12-16; JOHN 20: 19-29

Our Meditation is about the importance of being a part of a community which has Jesus Christ as its center focus. St. John's Gospel tells us what happens when we are not part of a Christian Community or we separate ourselves from it.

We may find it interesting that only when Thomas returned to the love and companionship of his community, that he found Jesus and was he able to say: "My Lord and my God". Maybe when Thomas was away, he was experiencing such discouragement and despair over the death of Jesus that he was unable to find him. It was when Thomas was back with his community that he was able to let God in.

In the book of Acts, Luke describes how the church was growing and how God was working wonders through the Apostles. they are doing things that Jesus had taught them to do and the people wanted to be a part of this.

The ideal of Christian life is presented. It was a community, one in heart and mind. The spiritual needs of the people were met through the teachings and prayers of the Apostles. Their material needs were answered by sharing meals and possessions. This was the beginning of a community with Jesus as its center focus.

In St. John's Gospel reading, the Apostles and the other disciples were really struggling. They had lost their leader to death by crucifixion. Were they going to be next? They were just of group of weary, fear-filled men and women.

Then Jesus returned to them and gave them his peace. After this, they would go on to change the world, with Jesus as their center focus.

This Christian community was not complete because one of its members was missing, THOMAS. He was outside the protection of the group for reasons that have been lost in history. He was what we call an isolated Christian who is a person that is not in a group or has separated from the group. Such a person is subject to the temptations of the world and the devil, who wants us to be discouraged, to despair, and have anxiety, worry, and fear.

This is what happened to THOMAS. This can happen to all of us if we are not in a Christian community or we separate from it for whatever reason. At first, Thomas did not believe his brothers. It took Jesus' presence to convince him as he exclaimed: "my Lord and my God!"

We need to become involved with a Christian community, which has Jesus Christ at its center focus. There are many groups at Christ our King, St. Benedict's, St. Clair's and Stella Maris which will enhance our experience of community. We will surround ourselves with good Christian friends who will affirm, encourage and support us. They will help us to fight off the temptations of the world and the devil towards sinfulness, despair, fear, and anxiety.

We have the Knights of Columbus, the Cursillo, Emmaus walk group, bible studies, John Carroll's Wednesday Wisdom, and many others. For the children, we have programs such as Edge and Life Teen. We all know how important it is for our young people to have good, Christian friends. Just call the Church offices or go on their websites to find information about a group you have an interest in joining.

Let's make a commitment to become active in one or more of these groups. Let's keep from becoming isolated Christians, like Thomas.



Deacon Kevin Campbell

**The following is the full list of Officer Nominees secured
after our April 20, 2023 Council 9475 Business Meeting:**

2023 –2024 OFFICER NOMINEES

Grand Knight Brother **DON CAMPBELL**

Deputy Grand Knight Brother **KEVIN CAMPBELL**

Chancellor Brother **KURT DENNER**

Recorder Brother **DEREK MCCOY**

Warden Brother **CARLOS ARAIZA**

Treasurer Brother **JIM WELSCH**

Advocate Brother **BOB BRENNAN**

Lecturer Brother **RON DAVIS**

Inside Guard Brother **MARION WRIGHT**

Outside Guard Brother **MARK MCCABE**

3rd Year Trustee _____**MATT FELTMAN**

2nd Year Trustee _____**JOE NESBITT**

1st Year Trustee _____**TOM SIWARSKI**

The annual election of officers shall take place at a regular business meeting held between May 15 and June 15 of each fraternal year.

Nominating Committee:

Joe Nesbitt
Tom Siwarski
Kevin Cunnane
Don Campbell