



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

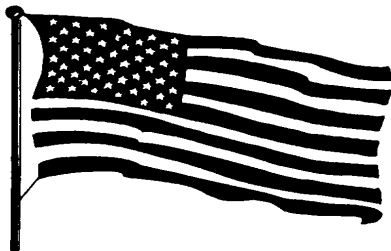
Brothers,

The close of April brings new beginnings for our great Council. An outstanding slate of new officers are nominated to take charge of Council operations. I ask all brother Knights to look over all the activities that are planned for the coming fiscal year and step up and get involved.

There are many events we hosted during the past year that shaped our Council and instilled a source of pride in being a Knight. Events such as cooking lunch for over 100 special needs children at Camp Rise above, organizing free throw contest for Mount Pleasant youth, inviting the Bishop of Charleston to share his views on Catholic faith, carrying a replica cross through Mount Pleasant, observing Family prayer night during lent, having a Major General organize a presentation on our Nation's highest Military honor, the spirit of community we get from annual spaghetti supers and fish fry's and the donation of over \$20,000 to support local charities are just part of that pride.

Personally, I'm disappointed I haven't been unable to contribute as much as I anticipated because of my back injury. Deacon Kevin has done a wonderful job in my absence. Currently, I'm scheduled for back surgery on April 29 and looking forward to a full recovery. Please keep me in your prayers and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight
Council 9475



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2024

Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting_____	02
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
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	
Ascension of the Lord_____	12
Mother's Day_____	12
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
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_____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Memorial Day_____	27



**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY**



The exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the nave of St. Benedict's Church April 18, 2024.

In the picture left to right are Father Libin Augustine, Scott Scherer, Robert Pyle, Robert Holmes, and Nathan Finch.

**Congratulations becoming a 3rd degree Knight
and
welcome to council 9475!!!**



Stand –Up for Life





Catholic Charities of South Carolina Check Presentation

Left in picture is Linda Novello Regional Outreach Manager of Catholic Charities receiving a check from our benefit golf tournament held Monday March 11, 2024. Presenting the check is our Past Grand Knight and golf committee member Neil Whitman. The check presented was for the sum of \$16,425.00.



Fraternal Benefits Night

Left in picture our Insurance Agent Paul Harrington is receiving a Knights cup from our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell in appreciation of the great movie he showed us on the life of our founding Father McGiveny. It showed Father McGiveny growing up, becoming a priest and why he formed the Knights of Columbus. The movie couldn't have been presented at a better meeting night, when we had a Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity with 5 new Brother Knights inducted.

Do You Know

Bob and Denise Thetreault were both born and raised in Western Massachusetts. They met on a blind date in January 2002, were engaged in October 2002, and married in October 2003. After their marriage they purchased their first home in Ellington, CT.

Bob has spent his entire 37-year career in the Financial Services Industry, and in 2013 his job moved him to Mint Hill, NC where he joined the Knights of Columbus and became a 4th Degree Sir Knight. He was the Chancellor for the St. Luke Council until he and Denise relocated to Mount Pleasant, SC in 2019. At that time, Bob transferred to the local Council and is currently the Faithful Scribe for the local Assembly.

Although Bob and Denise do not have any children of their own, they connected with Denise's daughter Melissa who she gave up for adoption in 1987. Melissa owns a thrift shop in Somers, CT and her husband Derek is a tree worker. Their daughter Millie will be six years old and is currently in Kindergarten. She is a very good artist and creates lots of art work for Bob's office.

Bob has been working for MassMutual Life Insurance Company for the past 15 years. He is the Southeast Regional Manager and supervises 10 Agencies in South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Bob is hoping to retire from MassMutual in July 2025.



Here's a great picture of Bob with a big smile.

Knight of the Month April 2024 Marion Wright

Marion was born in Charleston in 1943, and attended Murray Vocational High School. He met his wife Doris here in Charleston and two years later in 1965 they were married in St. Peter's Church in Columbia, SC. As newlyweds, they spent their first two years living in North Charleston where Marion worked for General Asbestos Rubber Co. They then moved to Mt. Pleasant where Marion joined the police force, serving for seven years under Police Chief Chuck Dawley. In 1973, he entered the food and beverage industry by opening The Mouse Trap. The night life got old, and after five years he left to work on the waterfront for the International Longshoremen Assoc. (ILA), where he worked for 28 years from 1978 to 2006. Marion also owned a diner on Hwy 41 at the Wando Bridge for 18 years, which was very successful thanks to customers/brother knights like Tom Franzone, Jerry Barnett and Ron Davis.

Marion and Doris have two children and five grandchildren-son Quenton works for SPAWAR in North Charleston, and daughter Gwendolyn lives in Naperville, IL.

Marion joined the Knights in 1987, as a Charter Member helping to establish Council 9475 under Rev. Herbert Conner S.J. He is a 4th degree Knight.

Marion attends Christ Our King parish, where he serves as a greeter, gift bearer, helps with the annual parish picnic, parish dinner, school picnic, and ice cream social. Marion is also one of the founders of Boy Scout Troop 470 at Christ Our King.

Congratulations Marion!!!



Above our Family Director Kurt Denner presented Brother Knight and Inside Guard Marion Wright with Knight of the Month May 2024 certificate and our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is presenting Marion with a Knights cup.

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
Guido and Jill Evangelista
Robert and Sue Fintak
Jesse and Rainey Furlano
Richard and Mary Happe
Matthew and Pam Jones
William and Nancy Kunding
John and Janice Maize
Michael and Cynthia McDermott
Scott and Katie Scherer
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
Charles Jenkins
Ryan Kinowski
Richard Mantone
Michael Merwin
Kevin O'Donnell
Joseph Palisi
Joseph Raskauff
Norman Russell*



District 18 was Awarded Star District

During the recent State Convention, District 18, (Councils 9475, 10334 and 12475), was designated a Star District for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. Our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt accepted the Award.

In picture left is Supreme Representative, center District 18 Deputy Joe Nesbitt receiving the award from State Deputy Jeff Crouch.

OFFICER NOMINEES LIST FOR 2024 – 2025
Read at April 18, 2024 Meeting by Matt Feltman

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

Grand Knight Brother _____ **DEACON KEVIN CAMPBELL**

Deputy Grand Knight Brother _____ **BOB BRENNAN**

Chancellor Brother _____ **KURT DENNER**

Recorder Brother _____ **DEREK MCCOY**

Warden Brother _____ **CARLOS ARAIZA**

Treasurer Brother _____ **JIM WELSCH**

Advocate Brother _____ **To be determined**

Lecturer Brother _____ **RON DAVIS**

Inside Guard Brother _____ **MARION WRIGHT**

Outside Guard Brother _____ **JOE SCHEIMAN**

3rd Year Trustee _____ **DON CAMPBELL**

2nd Year Trustee _____ **MATT FELTMAN**

1st Year Trustee _____ **JOE NESBITT**

Appointed Officers:

Chaplain _____ **MSGR. LAURENCE B. MC LNERNY**

Lecture _____ **RONALD J. DAVIS**

Nominating Committee:

Don Campbell
Matt Feltman
Joe Nesbitt
Tom Siwarski

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JUNE 2024

Pro-Life/Rosary —	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting	04
COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM	
Officer's Meeting	06
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	06
Stella Maris — 8 PM.Thur.to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	07
COK — 7:30 AM Fri. to 6 PM.	
Raising of the Flag	10
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 9:30 AM	
Flag Day	14
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 PM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Father's Day	16
Regular Business Meeting	20
Short meeting before Installation of Officers at 6:00 PM. COK Life Center.	
Installation of Officers Council 9475	20
Installation of Officers Assembly 3243	20
Both will take place at Christ Our King, Life Center in Grace Hall. Council first at 6:30 PM. Then Assembly afterwards, followed by pot luck dinner. It's asked each Sir Knight bring covered dish, salad, dessert or side. R.S.V.P. by June 15, to Brother Kurt Denner kcdenner@gmail.com	

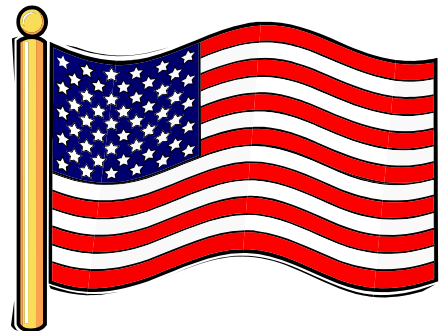
COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Robert A. Spencer	843-884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny	843-883-3109
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Gregory West	843-471-2121
Spiritual Director	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-729-5602
Grand Knight	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
Deputy Grand Knight	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Chancellor	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-813-1732
Recorder	Derek McCoy	719-200-3041
Warden	Carlos Araiza	480-352-7679
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Bob Brennan	315-729-8652
Inside Guard	Marion Wright	843-509-6512
Outside Guard	Mark McCabe	914-216-2031
3 Yr. Trustee	Matt Feltman	513-374-1994
2 Yr. Trustee	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom Siwarski	610-213-5226
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-729-7734
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone -COK	843-729-7734
	Jon Tirpak - SM	843-480-5784
	Joseph Nesbitt - SB	843-297-9873
	Leo Albano - SC of A	843-216-1710
Vocations Chairman	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-884-6317
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
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	Joe Harkins Jr.	267-974-6534
Youth Director	Mike Flato	843-973-1409
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Admission Chairman	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Recruitment Committee	Joseph Scheirman	843-737-1642
	Carlos Araiza - SB	480-352-7679
	Marion Wright - COK	843-884-0140
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
Retention Chairman	Robert Fintak	803-917-1530
Insurance Promotion	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Columbus Hope Chairman	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Newsletter	Tom Franzone	843-729-7734
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Jeffrey Crouch	864-430-0938
District Deputy	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



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