



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers Knights, I hope this edition of our monthly newsletter finds you and your family well.

We held our first in person Council meeting 15 Oct 2020 at St. Benedict's since the beginning of the pandemic. Sixteen brothers attended with another eight attending virtually on Zoom. Our next Council meeting is 19 November 2020 at St. Benedict's. Due to the continuing pandemic no meal will be served. The same safety requirements will be followed: masks and social distancing. Hand washing stations will be available. Rosary begins 6:00pm, business meeting starts 6:30. The meeting will be cast via Zoom as well.

As October draws to a close, Council 9475 continues to support worthwhile religious and family programs. On 26 October we delivered to ECCO our donation of children's winter coats in support of our Coats For Kids program. Our Forty Days for Life event is scheduled 31 October 2020 at the West Ashley Planned Parenthood facility. We are also supporting the rosary program at St. John's Cemetery on All Souls Day (12:00pm 2 Nov 2020). If you would like to get involved in any of the two latter events, please contact Brother Don Campbell.

Finally, I ask each of you to continue to pray for the end of abortion and this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt  
G/K



Grand Knight standing with Lyndsi Hoist at ECCO after donating winter coats.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2020

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

All Saints Day	01
All soul's Day	02
Election Day	03
Ultreya Meeting	03
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Officers Meeting	05
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM GK will send Info.	
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK — 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Veterans Day	11
St. Regular Business Meeting	15
Regular Meeting and will attempt webcast 6:30 PM	
Grand Knight will send Info.	
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466	
Rosary : 6:00 PM	
Meeting: 6:30 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Feast of Christ Our King	22
Thanksgiving	26
Christmas Wreaths arrive	27

## Knights of Columbus



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*John Bolchoz  
Allan Briggs  
Raymond Brindley  
Joseph Caturano  
Jady Fryml  
David Funk  
Jeffrey Garrett  
Timothy Hensch  
Anthony Herlihy  
Ben Laaper  
Austin Lazo  
Alfredo Lopez  
Charles McCloy  
Gene McLaughlin  
Charles Momeier  
Walter Mueller  
John Mutter  
John O'Brien  
Donald Pagley Jr.  
Larry Plumb  
James Raih  
Edward Soltis  
Vincent Ullo  
Frank Walsh*



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*John & Jane Bride Jr.  
Cam & Patti Comire  
Ed & Lisa Doyle  
Rocco & Michelle Falcone  
Michael & Mary Ferri  
David and Sandra Funk  
Jerry & Loretta Gimbert  
Brian & Kelly Headley  
Anthony & Margaret Herlihy  
Steve & Judy Kemp  
Mark & Laura Kennedy  
Ken & Diane Kobularcik  
Brenden & Beth Lo  
Gene & Elaine McLaughlin  
Hugh & Stacey McLoughlin  
Henry & Patricia Miller  
Tom and Ruth Sloggett  
Robert & Catherine Turner  
Jack & Esther Vax  
Frank & Barbara Walsh*



**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  
DECEMBER 2020**

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

Ultreya Meeting	<b>01</b>
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting	03
COK-Life Center— 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	<b>03</b>
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	04
COK-7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary	<b>05</b>
COK-7:30 AM	
Immaculate Conception	08
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade	12
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade	13
Regular Business Meeting	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary : 6:05 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Christmas Day	25

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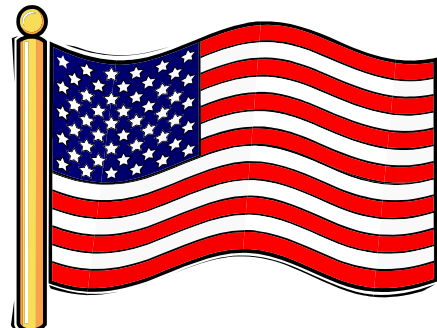
- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**The following Knight and Family of the Month and Year Certificates were not issued on the Months selected because Corona Virus cause Our Council to suspend Our Meetings until this pasted Month of October.**

**Knight of the Month  
March 2020  
Joe Harkins**

Originally from Philadelphia, PA Joe has been a resident of Mount Pleasant for 27 years. He received his first three degrees in Manasses, VA in 1978 and received his Fourth Degree here in 1998. Joe has held many offices in our council including being elected Grand Knight in 2000-2001 and again in 2004-2005; treasurer; and Financial Secretary from 2008 to 2014. He had been the Grand Knight of our first degree team for the past 14 years. He is currently our Membership Director. Joe was nominated for State Knight of the Year in 2006 and again in 2015.

Joe has been extremely active in our council events and fund raising projects either as a leader or willing participant. Prior to being active in the liturgy at St. Benedicts as a Mass Coordinator, usher, Extraordinary Minister and lector; Joe was active at Christ Our King church for six years as an usher and lector. Since St. Benedict's church was dedicated, Joe has been an integral part of the growth and maintenance of the church building and grounds.

Joe and Peggy have been married for 56 years, have four adult children, nine grand-children, and three great grand-children. Joe retired from the Postal Inspection Service in 1997; and has volunteered for, and been employed by many organizations in the Charleston and Mount Pleasant areas. He enjoys sports, including walking, jogging, swimming and golf.

**Congratulations Joe!!!**



Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt right is presenting Joe Harkins with the Knight of the Month Certificate .

**Family of the Month  
March 2020  
Matt and Cindy Feltman**

Matt and Cindy Feltman are both from Cincinnati, Ohio. While they grew up nearly across the street from one another, they did not meet until after college. Matt graduated from Ohio Northern University with a degree in pharmacy. While at ONU, Matt was a varsity letterman in Wrestling and was a founding member in the Newman club at Our Lady of Lourdes parish. Cindy graduated from Xavier University, earning her degree in Education. Cindy played four years on the varsity basketball team at Xavier. Matt worked as a pharmacist in a variety of store, division and senior corporate roles for Kroger for over 25 years. His last role was as COO/General Manager of Kroger Prescription Plans, a pharmacy benefit manager.

Cindy and Matt bought a home on the Isle of Palms in 2008 and made the move full time in 2017. Matt now gets to work from home as the Vice President of Clinical Services for Marketouch, a healthcare technology company. Cindy is happily retired, having taught and coached for over 30 years.

Matt has been a Knight for two years, earning his 4th degree this past fall and looking for more opportunities to participate with the Color Guard. He has helped with the book sale, the oyster roast, the Christmas tree sale, Christmas parade float and the COK school and Stella Maris festivals. Cindy and Matt are active members at Stella Maris serving regularly as a host family.

Cindy and Matt have been happily married for over twenty-five years and have two great boys, Alex (24) and Nicholas (21).

Alex is serving in the US Coast Guard. He is a Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) stationed with the Maritime Force Protection Unit in Kings Bay, Georgia. Alex Graduated from the University of South Carolina.

Nicholas graduated this May from Coastal Carolina University in early childhood education and Matt and Cindy excited that he will be teaching this fall at Lambs Elementary School, in North Charleston.

Matt and Cindy enjoy running, surfing, kayaking, biking, traveling and generally just spending time on the beach with the boys and their 7-pound Dorkie, Zeus.

**Congratulations Matt and Cindy!!!**



Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt right is presenting Matt with the Family of the Month Certificate.

**Knight of the Month  
April 2020  
Kevin Campbell Jr.**

Born: July 15th 1977

Father: Deacon Kevin Campbell Esq.

Mother: Martha Campbell - Retired Operating Room Nurse  
MUSC

Sister: Suzanne Campbell Chisholm Esq.

Wife: Allison Herndon Campbell

Daughter: Adalin Grace Campbell

Graduated High School:

- Trident Academy 1996

Graduated College:

- The Citadel 2000
- Captain of The Citadel Triathlon Team
- Dean's List Award: 3.4 GPA

Worked in Law Enforcement from 2000 to 2018:

- Achieved a National award for largest Narcotic prescription drug seizure of 7,830 doses of Oxycodone in 2013 on I-95
- Seized over 1.2 Million in US currency on I-95
- K9 Handler for 8 years with a wonderful German shepherd named Jimmy who will always be loved and remembered. End of Duty: June 7th 2020
- Currently work as an Asset Protection Associate at Belk Citadel Mall

Member of Christ Our King Church

Joined the Knights of Columbus September 2019 and is a 4th Degree Knight

Participation Events:

- KOC Annual Oyster Roast
- Book Sale
- Christmas Wreath Sale
- Serving dinner at Veterans House
- Devout Catholic
- Love of the outdoors

**Congratulations Kevin!!!**

**Knight of the Month  
May 2020  
Bob Thetreault**

Bob and his wife, Denise, moved to Mt. Pleasant in August 2019 and live in the Park West section of town. They moved here from Mint Hill, NC, and are originally from Chicopee, MA. They are parishioners of St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Denise has a daughter Melissa in Somers, CT who she put up for adoption many years ago. Bob and Denise have one granddaughter, Milly, and another grandchild on the way in January. They also have two white mini schnauzers named Gus and Paul. Bob is the Southeast Regional Manager for MassMutual, and works from the local MassMutual Agency in downtown Charleston.

Bob and Denise were Eucharistic Ministers at St. Michael Catholic Church in East Longmeadow, MA, and Bob delivered communion to the residents at the local Senior Living Center. Bob joined the Knights of Columbus shortly after moving to Mint Hill, NC in 2013 and became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight in 2019. He became the Warden of his Council in 2017 and was the Chancellor of his Council in 2018, and 2019.

Bob was the Co-Chair of his council's annual Golf Tournament, the Pastor's Masters and their annual food drive, Feeding Families. In 2019, Feeding Families won the state award for best charitable event after collecting 11,000 pounds of food for approximately 300 families at Christmas. The 2019 Pastor's Masters raised significant cash to help the Council purchase a mobile ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

While in Mint Hill Bob joined a local small faith group named Fringe. This group was made up of Catholics who got together once a month to pray and discuss religious topics. The group ran the Annual Blanket Banquet which was an event to help the homeless in Charlotte. All of the homeless received a sleeping bag, blanket, toiletries, and clothes. This event was very popular in the community and was often featured on the local news.

Bob is also a member of the Western North Carolina Chapter of the Knights on Bikes which is a group of Knights who own motorcycles and put on separate events in addition to Council activities. One popular event involved visiting veterans at the VA Home on Veteran's Day and providing care packages and camaraderie. This event was a big hit with the veterans.

Bob and Denise love it in Mt. Pleasant and look forward to getting involved in activities with both the Council and Assembly.

**Congratulations Bob!!!**



**Knight of the Year 2020  
Joshua Hulen**

**Family of the Year 2020  
Jon and Angie Tirpak**

Josh Hulen is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and attends Christ Our King Parish in Mt. Pleasant. Josh grew up in Amarillo, TX and attended Texas A&M University, where he received both his Bachelor and Master Degrees in Agricultural Economics and Real Estate Finance. He has lived in Mt. Pleasant for 16 years and is currently a Senior Vice President for SLSCO, Ltd. which is an international disaster response and recovery and governmental general contracting firm.

Over the past several years, Josh has headed up the Christmas Parade Float for the East Cooper Knights of Columbus. He has three sons – Max (senior at Bishop England), Bo (sophomore at Bishop England) and Shepard (7<sup>th</sup> grade at Christ Our King/Stella Maris). Josh coached his sons' MPRD football teams for seven years and stays involved in his sons' activities such as football, basketball, boxing and high school rodeo. In his spare time, he enjoys riding his quarter horses.

Over the past several months, Josh and his company have been heavily involved in COVID-19 response, constructing emergency field hospitals in New York and Florida, as well as providing testing and logistics services throughout the country.

**Congratulations Josh!!!**



**Grand Knight,**

We are honored to be selected as Family of the Year by the Knights of Columbus, Council 9475. The timing of this honor coincides with the year of our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Yes, time flies by quickly.

Angie is a cradle Catholic from the hamlet of Maria Stein, Ohio which is the home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest collection of Holy relics in the US. She earned her bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Dayton and her MBA from Wright State University. Upon graduation from UD she embarked on a career at National Cash Register.

Jon was raised Presbyterian in West Millington, New Jersey. He earned his bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from Lafayette College and master's degree from the University of Dayton. Perhaps while in graduate school his path crossed Angie's path at UD, perhaps.

Sparing the Council details, Jon and Angie married on September 10<sup>th</sup> 1994 in Saint John the Baptist Church which is Angie's home parish while they lived and worked near Ann Arbor, Michigan. We will gloss over the details of how they ended up in Mount Pleasant, but here they are living in Snee Farm and participating in Stella Maris while raising their 3 children.

Nicola completed her Masters in Education at Winthrop University this past spring. She will teach math at West Ashley High School! Go Wildcats!

Natasha returns to Winthrop University in August to complete her senior year. She is an elementary education major lighting up classrooms with her enthusiasm for learning. She is a whirlwind of fun and enthusiasm.

Nathan returns to The Citadel in August as sophomore. His major is business, and he is looking forward to the next 3 years under contract with the Army before his commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

All three have been on the Dean's Lists at their respective schools!

With respect to fun facts, here are a few for the record books.

Angie is an outstanding seamstress operating a tidy monogramming and custom sewing business fueled by word of mouth clients. She learned to sew in the 4H. She is busy making masks for the community.

Jon's consulting business, Sabattis, LLC, had a terrific first year! Year 2 Jon has supported clients with respect to expert witness testimony associated with product failures; to development of new products and processes ranging from textile coatings to new powder processing machines; to enhance business to business sales methodology.

They are steadfast parishioners at Stella Maris. Jon is a lector and usher. Nathan is an altar server. Angie, Nicola, and Natasha keep an eye on the boys from the front rows on the Saint Joseph side of the church.

Jon continues his 4<sup>th</sup> day of Cursillo with his Group at Another Broken Egg on Saturday morning. Of late, he meets via the web! Within the Knights he continues to support the intersection of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts of America most notably by supporting Flag Day on the USS Yorktown.

The Tirpaks are truly blessed and truly honored by this recognition. Truth be told, in their own way, they try to emulate the Holy Family by supporting each other as they move forward on their individual spiritual journeys through Christ - together.

Thank You.

**Congratulations Jon and Angie!!!**

## **Meditation: What is our Ideal**

**Ex 22; 20-26; 1 Thes 1: 5-10; Mt 22: 34-40**

This Meditation will lead us to a question: what is our Ideal? An Ideal is the sum of all of our goals and objectives in life. It is the source of true happiness. It makes our lives worth living and gives us direction, meaning and purpose.

How can we tell what our Ideal is? We should ask ourselves: what do we think about most of the time? What do we spend our time and money on? That is our Ideal.

There was a woman, but I could as easily say there was a man, who we may relate to in some ways. When she was 10 years old, she wanted to be an actor in the movies. She thought that was her Ideal in life. That did work out for her. The point is that our Ideals may change as we grow older and more mature.

As a young woman, she graduated from college, became a real estate agent, married and had children. She thought her Ideal was to be the most prestigious real estate agent she could be. she worked a lot during the week and just about every weekend. She did this to achieve her Ideal but it was to the detriment of her young family who needed her time even more.

She then decided that her Ideal was to make as much money as she could as a real estate agent and by buying rental property. she thought that this would make her powerful and put her in complete control of her life. These efforts took most of her energy, thoughts, time and money. she often missed valuable time with her family.

All these things, becoming an actor, being a real estate agent, buying things, making money, being powerful and prestigious are not the true Ideal that i am speaking about. They are more like goals

While these activities are not bad in themselves, she went a little overboard with them. They became like idols to her. They were false ideals because they would never lead to true happiness and personal fulfillment.

She considered herself to be a good Catholic. She went to Church almost every Sunday and she was very generous with her contributions but she did not feel very close to God.

Then someone told her about the unconditional love God had for her. She was amazed by this. She had always thought of God's love as being conditional: you do this and I will love you, but if you do that, I will not love you. And that is the way she loved her family and friends.

It changed her life. She began turning away from those things that had become idols to her: making money, and having power, prestige and control. None of these things gave her happiness. Also, they were causing problems with family. So, she decided to reduce the time and efforts she spent with real estate and focus more of her time more on really helping people. She became more involved with her Church and committed to spend more time deepening her relationship with her family and God.

While it was not an overnight process, she eventually came to realize that loving God and loving everyone she came into contact with, especially her family, should be her Ideal.

In the reading from Exodus, we are given examples of good goals: be kind to widows, orphans and the aliens living among us.

Back then, the widows, orphans and aliens were vulnerable to abuse and oppression. They were often very poor. They had little or no economic or legal rights in a society that was dominated by men and tribal connections. They had to rely on the goodness, generosity and compassion of others for their survival.

Helping these people is a great example of a goal in life but it is not necessarily an Ideal which is the sum of all the goals in our lives.

In the reading for Thessalonians, St. Paul compliments a new Christian community for their faith in God which was evident in their words and actions. More importantly, they had turned from worshipping idols to worshipping God

In our Gospel reading, Jesus was speaking with the scribes, who were experts in the old Jewish law, called the Torah. They asked Jesus which part was the most important.

Jesus said love God and love your neighbor. He told them that the whole law and the prophets depended on these 2 commandments.

Jesus tells us that this love must engage us totally: our hearts, souls, minds, the very essence of our beings.

We need to make loving God and neighbor our true Ideal. It will become the source of our true happiness. It will give our lives purpose, meaning and direction. It will make our lives worth living. It will give us the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give and it will lead us to Heaven.



Deacon Kevin