



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers and Spouses,

Sunday, 31 October 2021, marks the first anniversary of Father Michael J. McGivney's declaration as "Blessed". We began a novena to Blessed Father McGivney 25 Oct 2021.

"We invoke Blessed Father McGivney's intercession during this novena, for our own intentions and for the needs of others, knowing that he needs one more miracle to be considered for canonization, sainthood in the Catholic Church."

Our specific request is for the miraculous healing of Sir Knight Dan Busher from ALS, and for peace for the Busher family. Other requests can also be made. The novena can be said anytime. A copy of it is at the bottom of the Council website home page.

October 2021 saw some normalcy return to our Council activities. The Harbor Cruise sailed on 9 October 2021 with a great crowd. Many thanks to Neil Whitman and his volunteers for another successful cruise. The Council was also able to conduct our Columbus Hope Drive, 16 October 2021, where we raised over \$1600, which is a revised number from our meeting, for students with disabilities. Thanks to Bill Shoemaker for heading this drive. The Council intends to conduct another "Tootsie Roll" fundraising event at Saint Benedict Catholic Church in the next two months.

During the October monthly meeting, an exemplification was performed bringing in three new Knights to Council 9475. Let me introduce our newest Knights: Joe Bustos, Ed O'Donnoghue and Joe Ruskauff. As always, the Exemplification Team led by Deputy Grand Knight, Matt Feltman, did an outstanding job. Thanks to him and his team.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2021. It will include a Mass to honor Joe Scheirman's support and many contributions to both Council 9475 and Assembly 3243. The Mass will begin at 6:00pm, followed by a meal and then the monthly meeting at 7:00pm.

Please continue to pray for the end of COVID-19.

Vivat Jesus!
Joe Nesbitt
G/K

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2021

All Saints Day	01
All soul's Day	02
Election Day	02
Ultreya Meeting	02
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Officers Meeting	04
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Veterans Day	11
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility	20
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	21
Thanksgiving	25
Christmas Wreaths arrive	26



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*John & Jane Bride Jr.
Cam & Patti Comire
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
Dee & Martha Ring
Tom and Ruth Sloggett
Robert & Catherine Turner
Jack & Esther Vax
Frank & Barbara Walsh*



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*



**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**

In the picture left to right are our three new Brother Knights. Joe Bustos, Joseph Raskauff, Ed O'Donnoghue, and Warden Jon Tarpik degree team member. Standing at the podium is our Presiding Officer (Master of Ceremonies) Matt Feltman.

The Exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the Nave of St. Benedict's Church Oct. 21, 2021.



Harbor Cruise A Great Success

If you made the cruise, I know you had fun and if you didn't you can expect a repeat performance next year, so be there! The boat and crew were great with lots of room to socialize, dance or just enjoy the views of Charleston Harbor.

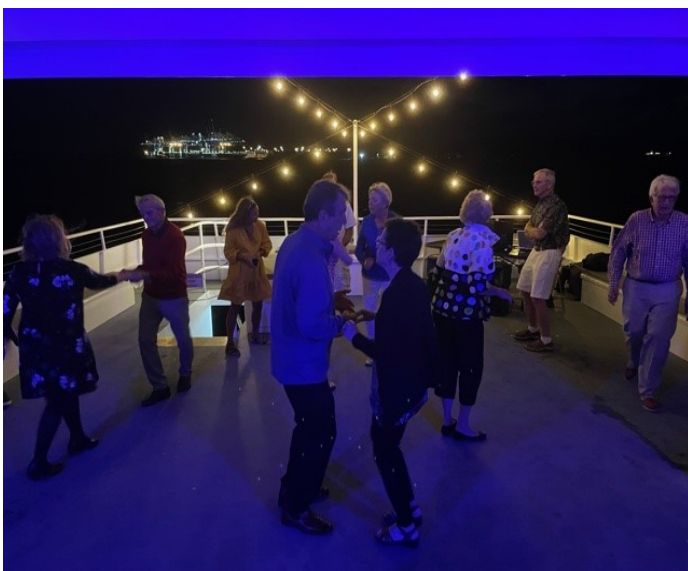
Thanks to all helped decorate, check in guests, get the groceries on board, set up the buffet line and offload the leftovers. They include the Pulaski's, Welsch's, Franzone's, Wright's, Harkins' and my wife Melinda. If you're not named, you're still appreciated. Here are a few pictures from the evening.



Left to right Melinda Whitman, Fran Franzone and Doris Wright planning for decorating vessel.



Left to right Fran Franzone, Captain Billy and Doris Wright



Having fun dancing on the aft deck under a beautiful sky.



Enjoying a great evening dining and socializing while cruising in the Charleston Harbor

Columbus Hope Fund Raiser Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

Below are Brother Knights that handed out tootsie rolls and collected donations at Wal-Mart Saturday, October 16th.



Left to right Jerry Gimbert, Matt Feltman & Kurt Denner.



Left to right Ken Kobularcik & Mike McDermott



Left to right Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt & Rich Baummer



Left to right Fred Koch & Jim Welsch. Not in picture are Joe Scheirman, Bob Brennan & Leroy Ceresa got away before pictures taken.

**Knight of the Month
October 2021
Jerry Gimbert**

Jerry was born in Pittsburg, PA and grew up in Roanoke Virginia where he attended St Andrews Catholic School graduating in 1955. He joined the Navy in early 1956 and served aboard a Destroyer based in Norfolk, VA. until his discharge in 1959. He returned to Roanoke and worked in the family Construction Business.

He met Loretta during that time and they were married in November 1961 at St. Andrews Catholic Church. They are blessed with four children and eight grandchildren.

Jerry began his career in retail management in 1969 with Western Auto Supply Company and later with True Value Hardware Company selling franchises. After retiring in Dover, DE, Jerry and Loretta relocated in 1999 to South Carolina to live closer to family.

Jerry has been a Knight for many years serving in several Councils in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. After moving to Charleston in 2007 he transferred to Council 9475. He co chaired the Book Sale, assisted in Operation Hope ,40 Days for Life, Golf tournament and Christmas wreath sales.

He is a member of Christ Our King parish and was on the parish staff as Assistant to the Facilities Manager from 2013 - 2017. He volunteers as an Usher and Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Congratulations Jerry!!!



Left to right Family Director Kurt Denner just presented Jerry Gimbert center with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt is presenting Jerry with Knights cup.

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NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2021**

Officers Meeting_____	02
COK-Life Center- 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK-7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK-7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	TBT
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	TBT
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary : 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	18
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Christmas Day_____	25

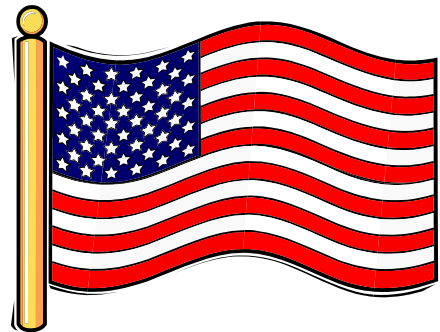
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Meditation on the Greatest Commandments

Dt. 6:2-6; Mk. 12: 28-34

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses challenged the Israelites to love God with all their hearts, souls and strength, the God who freed them from slavery in Egypt and provided them with food and water while they traveled through the desert to the Promised Land.

This passage stresses the responsibility which each generation had to respect the Lord but also to instill this respect for the Lord in their children. They do this by telling and retelling the stories of what the Lord had done for them in their lives.

This is done by faithful Jews who celebrate the important feasts such a Passover each year with their families. They also repeat 2 or 3 times daily the ancient Jewish prayer, the Sh'ma: "Hear of Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus, who as a faithful Jew would have daily prayed the Sh'ma, repeats this beautiful prayer. But he contrasts himself to Moses by saying that the greatest commandment not only requires us to love God but also to love our neighbor. Jesus was asked for the one, the best commandment and he seems to give two but the two are really inseparably one.

This is how much Jesus loves us: he laid down his life for us. As we know there is no greater love than this. His sacrifice is the Love Commandment. We obey the Love Commandment by worshipping God above all but also by loving our neighbor. St. Basil the Great, who is known as the Father of the Church, once wrote: "we can only express our love for God fully by loving our neighbors who are the image of God." The Catechism of the Catholic Church observes that man is created in the image and likeness of God. So the Second Commandment depends on, follows from, and completes the First.

St. John the Evangelist taught the world and us in his writings that God is love and that God so loved the world that he gave his only son and that he who loves God must also love his neighbor. St. John, who sat next to Jesus at the last supper and was known as the beloved disciple, was the best one to pass on our duty to love God and neighbor.

He once wrote: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He, who does not love, does not know God, for God is love. Anyone who says he loves God while hating his neighbor is a liar. For this is the commandment: he who loves God should love his neighbor also." If we speak untruthfully about our neighbor, if we act badly toward our neighbor, we dishonor our God.

Love is the only law we can live by. We love God because he loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can't love God, who we haven't seen, unless we love those made in his image and likeness, who we have seen.

The second part of the Greatest Commandment is sometimes very difficult to obey. Unfortunately, due to our humanness, our sinfulness, our pride and selfishness, it seems practically impossible to love some of our neighbors. The good news is that Christ knows it is possible. If it were not so, he would not have commanded us to love. So to love God and our neighbors, all of them, is a debt we owe and must pay. It may not necessarily mean dying on the cross as Christ did for us, but it could be demonstrated through small, but concrete gestures like a friendly wave, sincere smile, kind words and generous, timely charity.

We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love of God? Do we love others as Jesus loves us? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us?

Let us tell the Lord that we love him and let us take his words to heart that we do love our neighbor so that we might prosper in this life and have life eternal in his kingdom.



Deacon Kevin Campbell