



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

I purposely got to the Council meeting a bit early this past Thursday and watched in awe as Brother Knights worked together as a well oiled machine to pull together everything necessary for our meeting. No direction was necessary- everyone knew what to do and quietly made sure it got done. I came to the realization that we have something special and are blessed to be part of an organization that puts service above self. It is remarkable what the Knights accomplish and the way in which we go about doing it. After watching this unfold Thursday night, a feeling of pride overcame me as never before. November is a month of thankfulness and gratitude and it is my hope all Brothers share gratitude in being a Knight.

Our exemplification welcomed Mark McMahon to Council 9475. Mark brings a legacy of unselfish service to Christ our King parish and is a great addition to the Knights! Bill Desciak's presentation on the Rosary was one of the best presentations we have had at a Council meeting - thank you Bill. Saturday night saw Neil Whitman's efforts organizing the annual harbor cruise come together perfectly - great food, great music and a great time!

Events coming up soon to watch out for; the annual Mt P Christmas parade and annual Council Christmas Party. Josh Hulen and Mark McCabe respectively will have more on these in near future.

As we come into the month of November, my brother, Deacon Kevin and I are so grateful for the honor to lead such an outstanding organization and wish your families a joyous and happy Thanksgiving.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight
Council 9475

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023

All Saints Day	01
All Soul's Day	02
Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Officers Meeting	02
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Ultreya Meeting	07
Christ Our King in Grace Hall 7:00 PM	
Election Day	07
Veterans Day	11
Regular Business Meeting	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Thanksgiving	23
Christmas Wreaths arrive	24
9:00AM pick-up wreaths.	
Sales start 3:00 PM. Don't forget to sign-up.	
Feast of Christ Our King	26



**Our Council 9475 Cooked Dinner for the Charleston Fisher House
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**



Thank You to left to right Michael Fabrizio, Manning Bolchoz, Angie Tirpak, Bill Shoemaker, Michael Flato, and Jon Tirpak. Job well done by all!!



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



The exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting in the nave of St. Benedict's Church October 19, 2023.

In the picture left is our Exemplification Presiding Officer Matt Feltman and our new Brother Knight Mark McMahon.

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

**Our Guest Speaker
Bill Desciak**

Bill gave us a very interesting talk on the history of the Rosary. Bill's knowledge of how the Rosary came to be and the Joyful Mysteries was outstanding and he made it easy to understand.



Above is Bill explaining the presentation of Jesus Christ.



Above left is our Grand Knight Don Campbell just presented guest speaker Bill Desciak with a Knights cup in appreciation for spending his time with our Council 9475.

**Knight of the Month
October 2023
Mark Lazo**

Mark was born and raised in Mt. Rainier, MD. Fourth of six children (Two brothers and three sisters). Graduated from University of Maryland, College Park, MD in May 1993 with a B.S. degree in Fire Protection Engineering. Worked as a fire protection engineer with Naval Facilities Engineering Command for a total of 12-1/2 years before entering the private sector to continue working as a fire protection engineer for Applied Building Sciences, Inc. where I worked for approximately 2 years before being recruited and hired by O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. Worked for 5 years at O'Brien & Gere as a Technical Director of the Mechanical, Electrical, and Fire Protection Engineering Group before being hired by my current employer, C.E.M.S. Engineering, Inc. Obtained professional engineer (PE) license in January 2001.

Mark met his wife Debbie in 2000 and we were married December 8, 2002. They currently live in Mt. Pleasant and attend Christ Our King Church.

They have one son, Austin, age 25 who is a Mechanical Engineering Controls Technician in the Fairfax, VA area. He is a 3rd Degree Knight with his local council. He will be getting married December 15, 2023

Mark is a 4th Degree Knight.

Joined K nights of Columbus Council 9475 in February 2009. Exemplified in the 4th Degree in February 2010 and is a 4th Degree Honor Guard. Past Faithful Navigator of 4th Degree Assembly #3243 and Past Faithful Purser. Past Grand Knight, Past Deputy Grand Knight, and Past Chancellor.

Mark chaired the Spaghetti Dinner Committee recently and in past years. Mark is a Altar Server 7:30 AM Mass at Christ Our King Church. He assist with Wreath Sales and COK Bazaar, He has volunteered with landscaping, Free Throw Contest, Oyster Roast, Book Sale book transport and other activities when available

Mark attends Christ Our King Church usually 6:00 PM on Saturday when not altar serving at the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass.

Mark enjoys cooking, fishing, shrimping, tennis, skiing, biking, landscaping, and handyman stuff.



Mark wasn't able to make the presentation meeting. Here's Mark doing one of the things he does the best by the looks of the cooler full of shrimp. **Congratulation Mark!!!**

STAR COUNCIL AWARD
Presented to
COUNCIL 9475
GRAND KNIGHT MATT FELTMAN
2022—2023



In picture left to right are Past Grand Knight Matt Feltman, Grand Knight Don Campbell and our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt presenting the Star Council Award.

To receive the Star Council Award you must meet the following 3 requirements:

1. Achieve Columbian Award requirements.
2. Achieve Father McGivney Award requirements.
3. Achieve Founders' Award requirements.

Congratulations Council 9475!!!



The picture left is a close-up of the Star Council Award still in its plastic wrapper but visible are the 3 requirement symbols you must achieve to get this award. Left to right Father McGivney, Columbian, and Founders' Award.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Jane Bride Jr.
 Cam & Patti Comire
 Gerry and Mary Lou Corriveau
 Rocco & Michelle Falcone
 Michael & Mary Ferri
 David and Sandra Funk
 Jerry & Loretta Gimbert
 Brian & Kelly Taylor Headley
 Anthony & Margaret Herlihy
 Steve & Judy Kemp
 Mark & Laura Kennedy
 Ken & Diane Kobularcik
 Eugene and Rita Lesinski
 Brenden & Beth Lo
 Gene & Elaine McLaughlin
 Hugh & Stacey McLoughlin
 Henry & Patricia Miller
 Dee & Martha Ring
 Tom and Ruth Sloggett
 Vince and Cindy Terranova
 Jack & Esther Vax
 Frank & Barbara Walsh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Bolchoz
 Joseph Caturano
 Jady Fryml
 David Funk
 Jeffrey Garrett
 Timothy Hensch
 Anthony Herlihy
 Kevin Kerley
 Ben Laaper
 Alfredo Lopez
 Mark McCabe
 Charles McCloy
 Gene McLaughlin
 Charles Momeier
 Walter Mueller
 John Mutter
 Donald Pagley Jr.
 Larry Plumb
 Edward Soltis
 Vincent Ullo
 Frank Walsh



Do You Know



Major General Michael R. Regner - Retired

Major General Michael R. Regner retired on 1 February 2016. He then served as a Senior Mentor in the US Marine Corps until 2023.

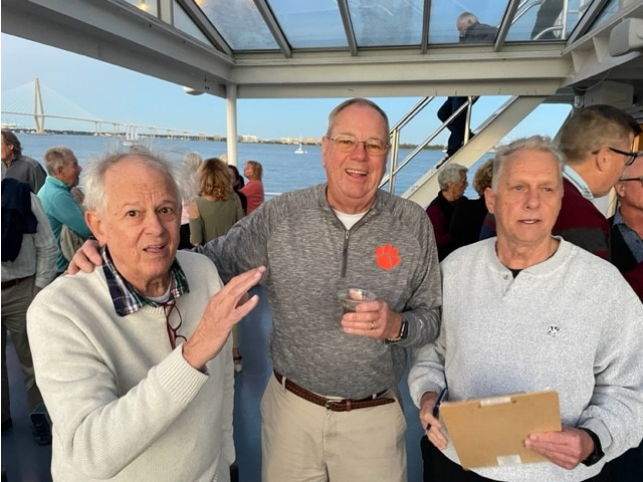
EDUCATION: BS The Citadel, 1976; MA Public Administration, Webster University, 1981; NATO Defense College, Rome IT; US Marine Corps Command & Staff, Quantico VA

MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. Marine Corps (1976-2016); Infantry Commander at Company, Battalion, Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable, Commanding General 1st Marine Division; Combat Veteran: Bosnia, Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia, Somalia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

PERSONAL: Married to Citadel sweetheart Mary Sottile Regner of Charleston; Children – LtCol Michael Regner (US Marine Corps Retired); Julia Linton and John Regner. Mike and Mary reside on Sullivans Island and are parishioners at Stella Maris.



Harbor Cruise Another Great Success



Here are the controllers of the Harbor Cruise left to right Jim Welsch our treasure, Neil Whitman our cruise chairman and Jeff Pulaski our financial secretary.. It wouldn't of happened without them.



Here we have the main deck when you walked on to it you met 2 tables with trays of peeled shrimp and cocktail sauce. Left you can see Debbie Pulaski moving out on a mission to the aft deck.



Here's the aft deck looking at the Cooper River Ravenel Bridge on the horizon before leaving port and Tommy Knisley in the red and white headed inside.



This is on the top deck with the Ravenel Bridge in the background and left to right are Marion Wright, Angie and Jon Tirpak enjoying the beautiful view and evening air.



Below deck we have the food where folks are in line loading their trays. Keeping the food supply coming behind counter are left Melinda Whitman and Susan Welsch.



This is a motley crew at a dinning table left to right Tom and Fran Franzone, Marion and Doris Wright, and Maureen and Greg Howard all enjoying a outstanding Charleston Harbor Cruise.

Here is where the real fun begins



On the aft deck having lots of fun doing the chicken dancing left to right are Grand Knight Don Campbell, founder of Camp Rise Above Barbara Denton, Elizabeth Mark, and Joe Harkins Jr.



Above we have the Knisley family left to right Gene, Natalie, Tommy and friend Lisa. They were enjoying all the folks dancing.



Our Grand Knight Don Campbell and his wife Kathy dancing on the aft deck under the stars.



Father Libin and Debbie Pulaski having fun on the dance floor with great smiles.

And a Great Cruise was had by all!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2023

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	TBD
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK or Grace Hall (TBD)— 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	05
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	07
COK-Life Center— 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	09
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	10
Parade starts 5:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	14
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary : 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party _____	16
Christ Our King - Beach House, 1122 Russell Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. 6:30 PM—Til. Bring a side dish or dessert.	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Christmas Day_____	25
Feast of the Holy Family_____	31
New Year's Eve_____	31

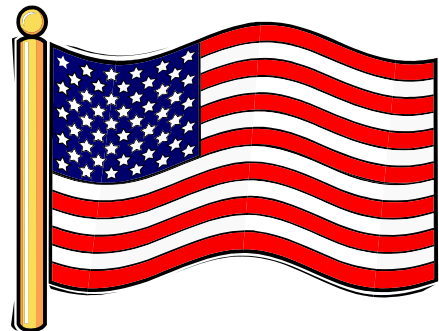
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation for KOC-What is Our Ideal

Ex 22; 20-26; mt 22: 34-40

This Meditation should lead us to a question: what is the Ideal of our lives? 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 our lives meaning, purpose and direction. Our Ideal is pretty important.

How can we tell what our Ideal is? We should start by asking ourselves: what do we think about most of the time? what do we spend our free time and money on? That is probably our Ideal right now.

Here is a story that we may find some connection with. When Jane was 10 years old, she wanted to be an actor in the movies. She thought that this was her Ideal but it did not work out for her. This shows us that our Ideals may change as we grow older and become more mature.

As a young woman, Jane 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 in Charleston. 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 even more.

Jane then decided that her Ideal was to make as much money as she could by buying and selling 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.

While these activities, becoming an actor, being a real estate agent, buying things, making money, being powerful and prestigious are not bad in themselves, she went a little overboard with them. They became more like idols to her. They were false Ideals because they would never lead her to have true happiness and personal fulfillment.

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

Realizing that God loved her unconditionally changed her life. She began turning away from those things that had become idols to her: making money at all costs and having power, prestige and control. After all, none of these things gave her true happiness and 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 on her family and helping people in need. She became more involved with her Church and committed to spending more time deepening her relationship with God.

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, must be her Ideal.

In the Book of Exodus, we are given some examples of good goals: be kind to widows, orphans and the aliens living among us. Back then, they 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 Mathew's gospel, Jesus was speaking with the scribes, who were experts in the old Jewish law, called the Torah. Over the centuries, the Jewish religious leaders had created over 613 laws to make up the Torah. They asked Jesus which 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.

Let's make loving God and neighbor our Ideal. It will become the source of true happiness for us. It will give our lives, meaning, purpose, 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 Campbell