



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Dear Brothers.

I would like to thank everyone for attending the council meeting on October 17th, 2024.

We had a very meaningful Exemplification Ceremony where we welcomed in five of our newest Knights. We also welcomed 2 transfers. We will be having another Exemplification Ceremony at our next Council Meeting on November 21st 2024. Please try to make it to that meeting as well.

I can't thank our Membership Committee, Church Directors and Public Relations Committee enough for the excellent job it has done in making the Knights of Columbus more relevant at the four parishes, and getting the word out about the Knights of Columbus, inviting men to be Knights. As a result of their efforts, we are welcoming in 25 new Knights to the Council, with more to come.

As a practical matter, each of us is an ad hoc member of the Membership Committee as it is our duty to invite the men, we think we'll make good Knights, to be a part of this special Council.

It is also our duty to fully participate in the activities of our Council, to the extent we have time to do so.

Our year is really on the roll right now. We had a cookout on October 19 which we opened to our ladies, which was a great success. This was followed by our annual Harbor Cruise on Oct. 25, in which had a full house of 155 participants. This will be followed shortly after that by our Christmas wreath sales, which begin right after Thanksgiving, which you will find this to be one of the easiest selling jobs you ever have, our Christmas party on December 14th, the Christmas parade on December 15th, the Oyster Roast on Jan. 18, Super Bowl Party on Feb 9th and Fish Fries leading us into our Easter season.

Some community activities we have coming up include the Coats for Kids where we give coats to ECCO for distribution to underprivileged children, Columbus Hope where we collect some money for emotionally challenged children, the Essay Contest, for 8th graders of Christ our King School, the Speech Contest for 7th and 8th graders at Christ our King School, the Free Throw Contest for the 6th graders on up at Christ Our King School and the other CCD classes at the four parishes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2024

All Saints' Day	01
All Soul's Day	02
Pro-Life/Rosary	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Daylight Saving Time Ends	03
Don't forget to move your clock back 1 hour.	
Election Day	05
Ultreya Meeting	05
Christ Our King in Grace Hall 7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting	07
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	07
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Veterans Day	11
Cook at Fisher House	15
150 Wentworth St. Time 5:15 PM	
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	
Regular Business Meeting	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
4th Degree Exemplification	23
Lake Wylie, SC	
Feast of Christ Our King	24
Thanksgiving	28
Christmas Wreaths arrive	29
9:00AM pick-up wreaths. Sales start 3:00 PM. Don't forget to sign-up.	

So, we have a lot going on that will be a lot of fun and worthwhile but will require as many of us as possible to help out. Remember you are not expected to do everything, just what you can do .

Brother Jim Veraldi is in the process of coming up with a directory which we can opt into or opt out of at our sole options and which will provide contact information and also allow us to know the various occupations of our Knights in the event that we need help in certain areas.

Brother Bob Thetreat is continuing his successful diaper collection mission for the Low Country Pregnancy Center. Diaper drives are anticipated at St Benedict's and Stella Maris. He's also involved in a Walk for Life.

WGK, Deacon Kevin

Knights and others that helped load and deliver truckloads and trailers of donated items for hurricane Helene victims to Firefly Brewery for distribution from Christ Our King Church parishioners



In the picture after loading the first 4 trucks, SUV, and trailer left to right are Brother Knights Ron Davis, Marion Wright, Joe Nesbitt, Rachel Migli wife of Brother Knight Scott Migli, she came to drop off items and stayed to help load trucks and trailer, Tom Franzone, and Marie Donnelly who was responsible for setting up and getting the word out for the donated items. Not in the picture that took a truck load later were Corey and his son Zac Seeber.

Days and total vehicles taken to distributor Firefly:
 Monday 7th - 5 trucks - 1 trailer - 1 SUV
 Tuesday 8th - 2 trucks
 Wednesday 9th - 4 trucks - 1 trailer
 Thursday 10th - 2 trucks - 2 trailers

Totals 13 trucks - 4 trailers - 1 SUV



This picture was our last day Thursday we had reinforcements COK/SM 6th graders came out and helped us load truck and trailer. They were very adult like helping segregate items as we loaded them. Father Spencer was standing in back center supervising operation.



This picture was from the last day Thursday 10th as well. Here we have left to right Shane Patterson and Joey Bradshaw church ground keepers helping with their huge trailer like two of the normal type we were using. Shane and Joey are in the process of unloading same. We did have the help of the Firefly Brewery employees helping us with every load.

An outstanding job was done by all!!!

Here is a huge thank you to Brother Knight Will Simons, son Will and family for building and donating the Beach House a new grill table



**This was the old grill table looking like the leaning tower of Pisa.
Ready to fall over!**



**And here we have the new amazing grill table made of Ipe lumber
and steel legs that will not rot!**

Thank you Will, son Will and Family!!!

EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

The exemplification was held before our regular meeting in the
nave of St. Benedict's Church
October 17, 2024



Above our new Brother Knights are lined up and being congratulated by all Brother Knights.



Above left to right are our new Brother Knights that just took the exemplification of charity, unity, and fraternity, Peter Zarzaca, Ken Reid, Yusuf (J.P.) Saleeby, Tate Hamilton, William Hawkins, and our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell standing by.

Knight of the Month
October 2024
Mark McMahon

Mark McMahon was born in Melbourne Australia, and first ventured to the United States to compete in professional tennis tournaments. Since settling permanently in the US in 1982, including becoming a US Citizen in 1991, Mark's job as a Tennis Teaching Professional, and later as a club Manager, resulted in him having lived in four different parts of the country – including Irving, Texas (where he learned American Football watching the Dallas Cowboys!); Ft. Lauderdale / Boca Raton area in Florida and Marietta (just outside of Atlanta) Georgia, where he met his wife, Jennifer. Mark and Jennifer's most recent, and he insists final move, was to Mount Pleasant in 2012, where they attend Christ Our King.

Mark and Jennifer are active in the Parish, where together they serve as Ambassadors for the OCIA program and volunteer on the Garden and Newcomers Committee. Mark also serves as a Lector and Jennifer, as a Greeter. Mark notes that his & Jennifer's interest in the OCIA program, and their opportunity now to help others coming into the faith stemmed from Jennifer's own participation in the OCIA Program in 2021-2022. After Jennifer came into full communion with the church in April 2022, Mark & Jennifer celebrated the convalidation of their marriage in the Church, in May of the same year. Mark and Jennifer celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on the 26th of September. Mark has two adult daughters and two grandchildren – Ruby, aged 6 and Des, aged 10.

Today, Mark owns an executive search and career-coaching firm that services the national private country club industry. Mark joined the Knights just last year, and is enjoying the opportunity to meet, and learn from other men who are grounded in their Catholic faith and committed to service.

In late 2021, in an event that Mark says changed in his life and re-ignited his Catholic faith, Mark met and helped a homeless man in Mount Pleasant, (Kevin) find housing. As a result of that interaction - which he says was without question directed by the Holy Spirit - Mark has become an advocate for the homeless. As a result of what he learned about available resources when assisting Kevin, Mark was introduced to, and now volunteers with an Ecumenical Ministry ([Abba International Ministries](#)), a non-profit that operates (3), Christ-centered, sober-living homes for formerly homeless men in North Charleston. Each man commits to opening their hearts to Christ and to asking God for the grace to change their lives.

With the help and support of three other Brother Knights – [Danny McKay](#) from Stella Maris, [Don Campbell](#) from Christ our King and [Mike Joyce](#) from St. Claire's – the group leads a weekly Fellowship/ Bible Study each Friday morning for the men from the homes. As well, Mark and Jennifer were introduced to Hope to Home Furniture Resource – where they now serve as board members. [Hope to Home](#) is a non-profit that coordinates with up to 20 different local agencies, to provide gently used and sometimes repaired furniture to over 250 formerly homeless individuals and families each year. Recipients include veterans, victims of human trafficking, sex trafficking, addiction and mental health illness to help make their new housing, a blessed Home.



Above are left to right Family Director Kurt Denner just presented Brother Mark McMahon with Knight of the Month certificate and our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is presenting Mark with Knights cup.

Our Guest Speaker was Frank Dirks



In picture are left Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is thanking speaker Frank Dirks by presenting him with a Knights cup for his talk on street evangelization. If you would like to participate you can contact Frank at dirksjf@comcast.net



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*John and Jane Bride
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
David Breen
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*



Our Harbor Cruise Saturday October 26, 2024



Ready for passengers to board are left to right Jim Welsch with check in sheet, our cruise chairman Neil Whitman, and Past Grand Knight Don Campbell.



Here we have our guest boarding the vessel you can see they are from the beginning to the end of the pier.



When you entered the vessel there were two tables with peeled shrimp, cocktail sauce, and a cheese tray.



On the top deck bumped into Brother Marion Wright enjoying the beautiful scenic view of the harbor, schooner, and Ravenel bridge in the background



Here we have the Knisley family left to right Natalie, Lisa a very good friend of Tommy Knisley next, and Gene in their favorite spot ready for cruising.



Above are the ladies solving all the problems. Left to right Elizabeth Mark, Jane Kenzik, Peggy Harkins, Ginny Holmes, Fran Franzone, Kathy Campbell and just happen to get in picture our Past Grand Knight Don Campbell.

Dinning and dancing time



Here on the lower deck where the food was, you can see our cruise chairman Neil Whitman and wife Melinda in far back in pink making sure all the food was out and guest are happy.



Our guest cruising enjoying their meal.



Some wanted to eat topside in the breeze left to right Susan Welsch, Cindy Feltman, Doris with hair blown back and Marion Wright, Matt Feltman and Jim Welsch.



Here the dancing began you can see right bottom Jane Kenzik waving dancing with husband Tom.



This is a nice picture of our Recorder Derek McCoy and wife Carolyn dancing on aft deck enjoying a beautiful evening.



If you missed it, it was a beautiful night in the harbor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2024

Ultreya Meeting_____	03
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	05
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Officers Meeting_____	05
COK-Life Center- 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	06
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Immaculate Conception_____	09
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	14
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party _____	14
Christ Our King - Beach House, 1122 Russell Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. 6:30 PM—Till. Bring a side dish or dessert.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	15
Parade starts 5:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	19
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_____	21
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Christmas Day_____	25
Feast of the Holy Family_____	29
New Year's Eve_____	31

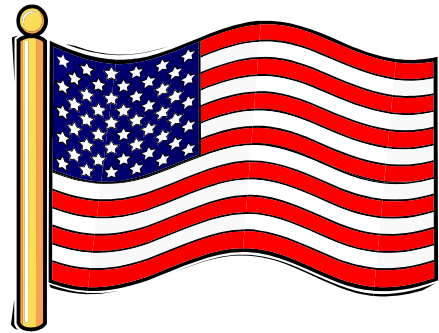
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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation for the Knights of Columbus
Deacon Kevin Campbell
Mathew 5:1-12

On November 1, we will celebrate all the Saints in Heaven. Many of them are known to us as they are celebrated by the Church. Some recent ones that we know are Pope Saint John Paul II and St. Theresa.

But there are many that are not so named, so designated by the Church. There are many people that we may have known who are now in heaven.

The Church may not have designated them as Saints but we know them to have lived their lives as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: to be merciful, to seek righteousness, to be peacemakers, to be clean of heart.

But how about ourselves? Do we think we can be saints?

Actually, Bishop Robert Barron says that it would be the greatest tragedy of our lives if we did not become Saints.

If that sounds like something we would want, we might ask ourselves: so, what would keep us from becoming Saints, how would we become Saints?

Fr. Mike Schmidt tells us that we have all the Grace that God can give, to allow us to be Saints right now. But what is keeping us from this Grace, from trying to be Saints?

Sainthood is not about extreme acts but about a commitment to a lifelong process, shaped by God's Grace.

Fr. Mike tells us that there are 3 challenges or obstacles to becoming a Saint. 1) Our world's culture focuses on instant gratification, which contradicts the gradual process of becoming more like Christ;

2) The fear of commitment, where we are hesitant to fully commit to God; and

3) A lack of a fighting spirit, people who want to be Saints should be courageous and committed.

I want to really emphasize that becoming a Saint is accessible to everyone here but it will require overcoming these cultural and personal barriers.

So how do we do it? Can we commit today? If we say yes, we will live our lives like God wants us to every day. We will be willing to be courageous, to stand up as a people who love as Jesus loves. We will be prepared for a long life of loving God and everyone we come into contact with.

We will commit to live, not as the world would want us, to but we will be courageous, be proud to be a Catholic.

This will lead us to the time when our lives are over and people, our relatives and friends, will say that we surely are with Jesus in heaven. That we surely are Saints.

This is what we should want for ourselves. Remember, we have God's grace to help us make this happen every day.

It would truly be a tragedy if we were not known as Saints by our friends and relatives when our lives are over.



Deacon Kevin Campbell



Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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This dedicated 4th degree page will be included in the monthly newsletter in an effort to keep the Council and Assembly informed of our patriotic efforts.

Faithful Navigator's Report

The Assembly has been very active in supporting our mission of spreading the virtue of Patriotism within our Catholic parishes and the communities we live in. The following are some of the activities we have conducted:

- Assembly 3243 held its annual Flag Day ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown on Saturday June 15th, 2024.
- The Honor Guard participated in the funerals for past SK Thomas Sloggert and the funeral for Maria Lopez, spouse of current SK Alfredo Lopez.
- The Honor Guard participated in the funeral for Monsignor Carter on Sept.17, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.
- The Assembly and Color Guard participated in a Memorial mass for Rev. Capodanno on Sept. 4, 2024 at Christ Our King to commemorate his death on Sept. 4, 1967.
- The Assembly served dinner to Veterans living at the Fisher House on July 3, 2024 and have another planned on November 11, 2024
- The Assembly was recognized with a plaque by the Town of Mt. Pleasant for donating a flagpole for Waterfront Park.

The Assembly has established these Goals for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year

- Grow the Assembly by four new Sir Knights.
- Increase the number of Honor Guards by four.
- Qualify for the Star Assembly Award.
- Increase community involvement.

The highest priority is to grow the Assembly by four or more Sir Knights in this Fraternal Year. If you are a 3rd degree Knight, and desire to complete the Knighthood, please consider joining the 4th degree, which fulfills the Virtue of Patriotism.

There are currently two state sponsored 4th degree exemplifications planned for this year. Please call me at 843-323-0981 or email at kcdenner@gmail.com for more information.

Fraternally,
Kurt C. Denner
Faithful Navigator

Assembly 3243 Calendar of Events

November 2024

- Veteran's Day Flag Posting, 8:00AM Gym, COK _____ 6
- Fisher House Dinner sponsored by Assembly 3243 _____ 13
- Officer's Meeting, 6:30PM Beach House, COK _____ 25

December 2024

- Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade, SK's will march _____ 15
- Council 9475 & Assembly 3243 Christmas Party _____ TBD



Members of the Assembly 3243 Honor Guard aboard the USS Yorktown after posting the new American Flag



Maj Gen Michael Regner, retired USMC (middle) at the October Assembly meeting. He spoke on "The Value of Faith in Peacetime and Conflict". Flanking him on the left is SK Anthony Herlihy who served under MG Regner and SK Kurt Denner (right)



SK Joe Scheirman presents an American Flag in display to SK Anthony Herlihy for his service in the USMC. Congratulations Tony!