



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

Thanks again to all those that helped with the Columbus Hope fund raiser. For those whose time did not allow helping there will be another fund raiser Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Look for Bill's e-mail for details and sign up. If you can't make this one there are several other opportunities in the next couple of months to come out and help the council in support of our churches and communities. Check out the events and fund-raisers in the newsletter.

In the last couple of months several of our Brother Knights have lost loved ones. These times are filled with sorrow for they will truly be missed. Here is a poem that was passed on to me to help ease the sorrow. I hope it may do the same for some others.

I'M Free  
 Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I've left behind some misery.  
 My days of youthful agility were no longer a possibility.  
 My weak joints and cloudy eyes were longing for the heavenly skies.  
 Before I lost all my dignity you let me enter eternity.  
 Don't grieve for me, you've set me free, just remember how I used to be!

Winston C Rogers

May God Bless the souls of all our dearly departed. For those wishing to attend, a memorial service will be held on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in Saint Benedict's Church for the soul of Consiglia "Dee" O'Conner, beloved mother of Brother Knight Mike O'Conner.

Fall is here? May God protect us all in our travels and activities.

Tom Siwarski  
 GK



## 2019 ROSARY RALLY

To commemorate the Anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun, Saturday, **October 12th** Rosary Rally will be held in front of **Moultrie Middle School**, 645 Coleman Boulevard, from **12 Noon to 1:00 P.M.** We will be praying in conjunction with thousands of other rallies held throughout the United States and worldwide at Noon in every time zone. Please bring your families and join us in **Prayer for Peace in Our World, for Our Church, for Our Country, and for Our Families.** Please assemble 15 to 30 Minutes prior so we can begin promptly at Noon.

For more information call Joe Harkins 843-881-5768 (Benedict's); Rosalea Donahue 843-886-5611 (Stella Maris); Lou Richter 843-881-6254 (Christ Our King).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2019

Ultrya Meeting_____	01
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
COK—Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Columbus Hope_____	05
Wal-Mart in Wando Crossing Shopping Center Time: 10 to 12, 12 to 2 and 2 to 4	
Columbus Day_____	14
St. Regular Business Meeting_____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466 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	
COK/SM Bazaar_____	26
COK School grounds—8:00 AM to 5:00 PM John Bride will be reaching out for volunteers.	
Halloween_____	31

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*David & Darlene Creaturo*  
*John and Maryann Czarnecki*  
*Ron and Debra Davis*  
*David and Meghan DiPietro*  
*Gregory and Stasi Gormley*  
*John Jr. and Siobhan Maize*  
*Michael Merwin*  
*Lou & Theresa Mondello*  
*Edward and Kathleen Murry*  
*John and Monica Mutter*  
*John and Sarah Napolitano*  
*Jim and Rita Pancake*  
*Larry & Karen Plumb*  
*Henry and Martha Rogers*  
*Billy & Susan Storen*  
*John and Lynn Tortorici*  
*Neil and Melinda Whitman*



**Family of the Month  
September 2019  
Bobby and Danielle Geberth**

Bobby and Danielle Geberth are both from Rockland County, NY. Bobby received his BA from Siena College and has a Masters of Public Administration from John Jay College. Bob served honorably in the USAF from 1991-1994. Bob was an Investigator with the New York State Police for twenty years. Bobby comes from a Law Enforcement family. His Grandfather was a Westchester County Sheriff and Bobby's father, uncle and older brother were all NYPD Detectives. Subsequent to an on duty accident, he was medically retired in 2014.

Bob has been a Knight for over Four years, earning his 4th degree in 2015. He serves as the Warden in our Council. Prior to that he was the Recorder for three years. He is the Faithful Pilot in The Assembly. He has helped with the Book Sale, The Cross Procession and The First Responders Breakfast. Bob has been an active member at St. Benedict. Bob teaches the 8th grade Religious Education Class. Bob also assists with the decorating of the church for Christmas.

Danielle graduated from SUNY Cortland with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She obtained a Masters in Reading at CUNY Lehman and is an Associate of the Academy of Orton Gillingham. Danielle is an OG instructor and Special Education Teacher, currently employed at Trident Academy. Danielle has been in the Hospitality Ministry and a Counselor at the St. Benedict Vacation Bible School.

They have been happily married for twenty years and have four, beautiful, awesome, daughters. Marissa and Gianna, who are 18 and Cristina (13) and Sabrina (11).

Gianna is a Freshman at USC and is majoring in Chemistry. Marissa is a Freshman at USC and is majoring in Nursing. They are both involved with the USC Catholic Youth Group.

Cristina is in 8th grade at Cario Elementary. She plays the saxophone in her school band and sings in the church choir. She has been a counselor at the Vacation Bible School and part of the Youth Group at St. Benedict.

Sabrina is in the 6th Grade at Cario Elementary. Sabrina plays Percussions in her school band and is an Altar Server at St. Benedict's. Sabrina is also part of the Youth Group.

Bobby and Danielle enjoy spending time with their children. Bob likes to cook, and will be preparing meals for the Assembly Meetings.

They both like to exercise, read and enjoy taking long walks with their two dogs.

**Congratulations Bobby and Danielle**



Left Deputy Grand Knight Joey Keller and acting Family Director is presenting Bobby Geberth center with Family of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Tom Siwarski is presenting Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month  
September 2019  
Stephen S. Raynor**

Steve moved to SC from NJ in July of 2018. And he started attending meetings soon afterwards.

Back in NJ he was a member of Council 10206 & a Fourth Degree Knight in the Commodore Barry Assembly in West Milford, NJ. He made his First Degree in 1986, then the Second, Third Degree soon after. The highest rank he made was Chancellor.

Council 10206 is a small council, attached to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Wayne Township in NJ. With the decline in the ownership of real estate & independent club buildings, most of the new councils in NJ are attached to the local parishes.

At one point the Council was in sore financial straits. We began to lose support of the parish members. They wouldn't patronize our fundraisers. And our pastor was not very supportive. So the Council became more involved in financial issues. Meanwhile State required us to set up committees for:

- Right to Life
- Catholic Civil Rights
- Pornography/human trafficking

Steve took over all those committees & he was also the liaison man for the Wayne Alliance Against Substance Abuse. He'd draft up essays on the above & publish brochures for those attending the meeting.

Steve also served in the soup kitchen of Eva's Village & Shelter in Paterson, NJ at least twice a year. It is an organization for troubled people; addiction, domestic abuse, etc.

Since coming down to SC he became a member of St. Benedict's. Right now he serve on the Hospitality Committee & he also serve the soup kitchen on Columbus Street in Charleston.

**Congratulations Steve**



Left Council Director Bobby Geberth is presenting Steve Raynor center with Knight of the Month Certificate and Grand Knight Tom Siwarski is presenting Knights cup.

## COLUMBUS HOPE

Our Columbus Hope fund raiser chairman Bill Shoemaker would like to thank all the following Brother Knights and one Brother Knight's wife for volunteering their time at the Oak land Shopping Center Wal-Mart handing out Tootsie Rolls Saturday Sept. 14th:

10 am. to 12 Noon

Jim Welsch  
Joe Nesbit  
Joe Scheirman  
Joey Keller  
Ken Kobularcik  
Matt Feltman

12 Noon to 2 pm.

Manning Bolchoz  
Jerry Barnett  
Diana Barnett  
Leroy Ceresa  
Jim Sheehy  
Mike McDermott

2 pm. To 4 pm.

Jeff Pulaski  
Jerry Gimbert  
Tom Kenzik  
Stan Adams  
Tom A. Franzone



Brother Knights that worked the 2 to 4 shift front center Stan Adams, left to right Tom Franzone, Jerry Gimbert, Tom Kenzik, Jeff Pulaski and Chairman Bill Shoemaker.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
NOVEMBER 2019**

All Saints Day	01
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
All Souls Day	02
Pro-Life/Rosary	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Election Day	05
Ultreya Meeting	05
COK Chapel — 6:30 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
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing	19
Regular Business Meeting	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Feast of Christ Our King	24
Thanksgiving	28
Christmas Wreaths arrive	29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Francis Blair  
Kevin Campbell*

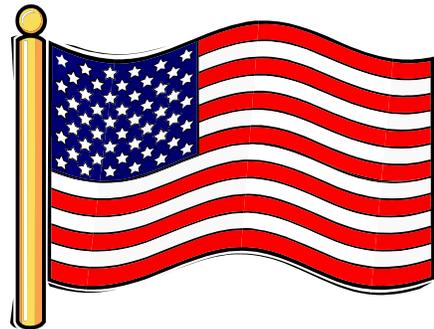
*William Cary  
Richard Clark  
Carl Counasse  
John Devaney Jr.  
Steve Evangelista  
Richard Full  
John Gilsenan  
Paul Harrington  
David Jones  
Daniel Jost III  
Steve Kemp Jr.  
Chris Kerrigan*



*Wilfred Lemire Jr.  
Brian Leonardi  
Tom Libhardt  
Gregory Loss  
John Mahoney  
David McLaughlin  
Louis Richter  
Mark Stadtmueller  
Andrew Thatcher  
Tony Werner  
Marion Wright*

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## **Meditation: Obeying God's Commandments**

Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Ps 84: 2; Mt 13:47-53

Our meditation reminds us of the importance of obeying the God's commandments. They tell us what happens when we do obey whatever God tells us to do, including the 10 Commandments, and what happens to those who decide not to obey.

In the book of Exodus, Moses is following the command of God to build a sacred dwelling for the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the 10 Commandments, a jar of manna from the desert, and Aaron's rod. Moses strictly obeyed what God commanded him to do. This is the same for us. Sometimes we make things too complicated. The 10 Commandments are right there for us to study, learn and obey. While this not optional, we will have great peace and joy when we are welcomed into Heaven one day.

In Psalm 84, the Psalmist speaks to us about what Heaven meant to him: "My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord. I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord."

In Matthew' Gospel, Jesus tells us what happens when we obey God's Commandments and what happens to those who do not: "the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. Good fish are kept and bad fish are thrown away. Likewise, at the end of time, Angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous, those who obey the Commandments. The righteous go into Heaven while the wicked are thrown into the fiery furnace."

Let's be sure to spend some day each day listening to God. He speaks to us all of the time, if we take the time to listen. Also, every so often take a few moments and review the 10 Commandments. Let's continue to strictly obey them, just like Moses did, on our journey to Heaven.



Deacon Kevin Campbell