



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family: There are so many exciting KofC things going on. If you missed the last meeting, you missed a wonderful and moving speech from College of Charleston Baseball Coach Chad Holbrook. Ask a brother who was there all about it! Thank you, Brother Don Campbell, for inviting Coach. I am very much looking forward to this month's meeting speaker, Mt Pleasant Police Chief Arnold.

Please consider attending the screening of the movie, *Mother Theresa: No Greater Love* on October 3rd & 4th, 7:00pm, at Regal Palmetto Grande Stadium 16. It was produced by the Knights of Columbus.

Tickets for the Harbor Cruise are still on sale. Please contact Brother Neil Whitman for your tickets, before we sell out again this year!

Let me close this month by sharing a story... Last month, Cindy and I made our annual 'pilgrimage' to the University of Notre Dame to visit campus and see a football game. As is a part of our annual tradition, we visit the Notre Dame grotto. Built in 1896, Notre Dame's Grotto replicates the place in Lourdes, France where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette. Cindy and I always enjoy spending some quite time in the grotto praying and lighting a candle. Ironically, the summer issue of SALUTE (the magazine for the military services) was in our mailbox when we got home, and one of the articles was about the 62nd International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, sponsored for the US troops by none other than the Knights of Columbus. Coincidence, maybe?

Regardless, these two Lourdes references made me reflect on what is a pilgrimage? With a few google searches, I learned that a pilgrimage is a spiritual journey. It can be made anywhere. The destination is typically a holy site, but doesn't have to be. It can be near or far from home. But the journey is taken to experience God in a unique, deeper way. Prayer is the most basic, yet most important act of preparation we can do prior to, while on, at and after the pilgrimage. The goal is always spiritual transformation, to come back changed for the positive. As we move into fall, consider taking pilgrimage, alone or with your loved ones.

As always, I very much hope to see you at an upcoming council meeting, service event or social gathering. Please call and invite a brother who hasn't attended in a while. Or if you can, please bring another brother with you.

Pray for peace. Vivat Jesus.

Matt Feltman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2022

Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Knights Recruiting _____	01
After 5:00 PM Mass in Grace Hall	
Knights Recruiting _____	02
After All Masses 7:30A, 9:30A, Noon & 7P.	
In Grace Hall	
Ultreya Meeting _____	04
Christ Our King in Grace Hall 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	06
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Officers Meeting _____	06
COK—Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 7:00 AM	
Columbus Day _____	10
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility _____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting _____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Harbor Cruise _____	22
See page 7 for all information.	
Halloween _____	31



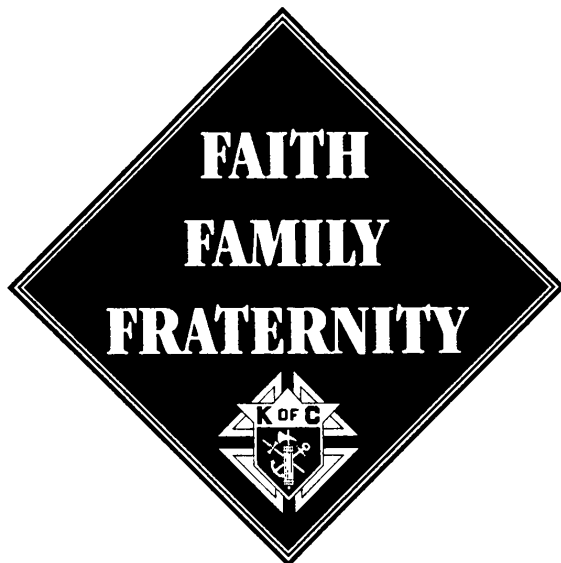
**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHAIRTY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY**

**Exemplification was held before our Regular Meeting
In the Nave of St. Benedict's Church
September 15, 2022**



In the picture above left is a new Brother Knight Derck McCoy and right is Brother Knight Edward Forte' who took his 2nd and 3rd Degree.

Congratulations
And
Welcome to Council 9475



**Knight of the Month
September 2022
Don Campbell**

- Family moved to Charleston in late 60's
- Graduated from Citadel and earned Who's who in American Colleges
- Entered The Air Force and achieved rank of Colonel
- After retiring from the Air Force worked for NSA and was program mgr. for one of the largest computer systems ever built
- Following NSA, served as professional staff on the U.S. House Select intelligence committee where he prepared budgets for NSA and Special Navy Programs
- Holds MBA and Masters in International Relations
- Returned to Charleston in 2010 and has worked in Real Estate since then.

- Joined the Knights in 2012 and is a 4th Degree Knight
- Served as Past Grand Knight, Past Deputy Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator and is currently purser for the 4th Degree
- Have worked on many committees including Oyster roast, Fisher House, Christmas Float, Christ our King school speech, Camp Rise Above luncheon, Daughter of St Paul golf tournament, chaired super bowl and Christmas Party
- Coordinates culture of life events -abortion clinic and march for life
- Serves as Usher at 0930 Sunday mass

- Don is married to Kathy who also retired from AF, and Navy.
- They have two sons Chris and Miles Who have very successful careers of their Own. Kathy and Don are expecting their first Grandson this fall.

Congratulations Don!!!



What great smiles, Family Director Kurt Denner left presented our Culture of Life Director Don Campbell with the Knight of the Month Certificate center and our Grand Knight Matt Feltman is standing-by to present Knights cup.

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
Clarence and Mary Murphy
Edward and Kathleen Murry
John and Monica Mutter
John and Sarah Napolitano
Larry & Karen Plumb
Henry and Martha Rogers
Billy & Susan Storen
Robert and Denise Thetreault
John and Lynn Tortorici
Neil and Melinda Whitman*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Deacon Kevin Campbell
William Cary
Richard Clark
Daniel Corcoran Jr.
Carl Counasse
Steve Evangelista
John Gilsenan
Paul Harrington
Daniel Jost III
Steve Kemp Jr.
Chris Kerrigan
Michael Lawrie
Tom Libhardt
Gregory Loss
John Mahoney
David McLaughlin
Clarence Murphy
Louis Richter
Mark Stadtmueller
Marion Wright*



**Our Guest Speaker
Baseball Coach Chad Holbrook
Collage of Charleston**



Coach Chad told us a very moving crisis of his son Reese. When he was 2 1/2 years old was diagnosed with stage 4 leukemia and if no action taken would die in two weeks. After 3 1/2 years of Chemo and spinal taps and by the Grace of God Reese is cancer free. Reese now plays baseball for UNC like his Dad and has same #2. Coach Chad puts a lot of time in raising funds for fighting children cancer.

Left Don Campbell our Guest Speaker procurer is presenting Coach Chad Holbrook with a umbrella and note book as a thank you for coming out and giving us a talk.

**Sir Knights that Cooked Dinner for the Charleston Fisher House
Tuesday, September 27, 2022**



(A Note Sent to Sir Knights from Sir Knight Don Campbell manning the grill)

Brother Sir Knights,

Thank you to Deacon Kevin, Bob Thetreault, and Chuck Drouillard who did a great job cooking for the Fisher house last night. I guess our marinated grilled pork chops are getting famous - people couldn't wait to get their hands on them. Again, our thanks for projecting such a positive image

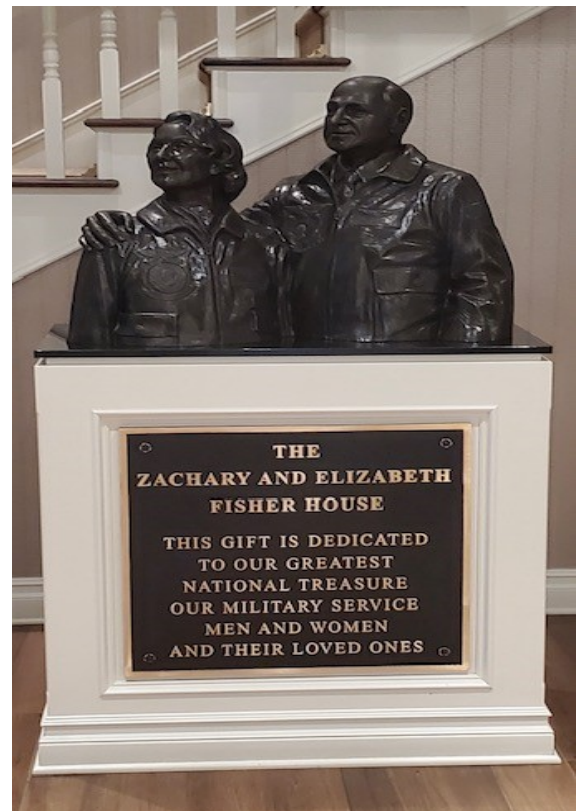
Thanks
Don



Sir Knight Bob Thetreault stirring the veggies.



Deacon Kevin Campbell working on the dessert.




Writing on Plaque Speaks for Itself.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2022**

All Saints Day _____	01
Ultreya Meeting _____	01
Christ Our King in Grace Hall 7:00 PM	
All Soul's Day _____	02
Nocturnal Adoration _____	03
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Officers Meeting _____	03
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 7:00 AM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
COK-SM School Bazaar _____	05
Our Council Manning Funnel Cake Booth	
Veterans Day _____	11
Way of the Cross Garden Clean Up _____	12
COK Church 9 AM till Noon.	
Fourth Degree Exemplification _____	12
Rock Hill SC— If interested contact Joe Nesbitt or Don Campbell.	
Regular Business Meeting _____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Way of the Cross Garden Clean Up _____	19
COK Church 9 AM till Noon.	
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	
Feast of Christ Our King _____	20
Thanksgiving _____	24
Christmas Wreaths arrive _____	25

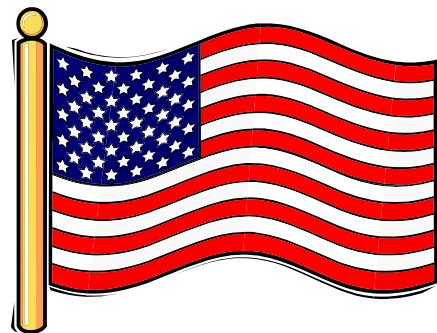
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Meditation on Being a Humble, Servant Leader

Sirach 35: 12-18; Ps 34: 2-23; Lk 18:9-24

Our Meditation points out the qualities of people who are extremely important to our church today: humble, servant leaders. This leads us to consider: are we humble, servant leaders?

The Old Testament book of Sirach has an interesting back story. Its source is from the writings of Ben Sira. He was a highly respected teacher who lived a good and holy life. He wrote papers, not for personal gain, but for all who sought instruction. He taught that the Jewish way of life was superior to the Greek way of life. The pagan Greek culture had made its impact felt throughout the Near East. Over the years, his writings led many people to persevere in their faith through good times and bad. His grandson took many of the writings of his grandfather, which were written in Hebrew, and translated them into the document which we now call the book of Sirach.

Ben Sira is a good example of a humble, servant leader. The way he lived his life was an inspiration to many, including his grandson. The way he lived his life resulted in his grandson becoming one. We are told: “the one who serves God willingly is heard, his petitions reach the heavens.” It does not matter if we are rich or poor, oppressed, an orphan, a widow. Our prayers will pierce the clouds. God will respond favorably, in his time and in his way, to those who keep the Commandments and avoid being unjust to their neighbor.

Psalm 34 tells us: “when the just cry out, the Lord hears them and from their distress, He rescues them. We will all have difficulties from time to time. If we are just, if we remain humble, if we serve God and our neighbor, He will hear us and come to our rescue in His time and in his way. We can rely on this.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus addresses those who might think more of themselves than they deserve. He used characters who would have been familiar to his audience in his attempt to turn around commonly held beliefs. He reminded his audience, and us, to always remain humble, servant leaders, in good times and bad.

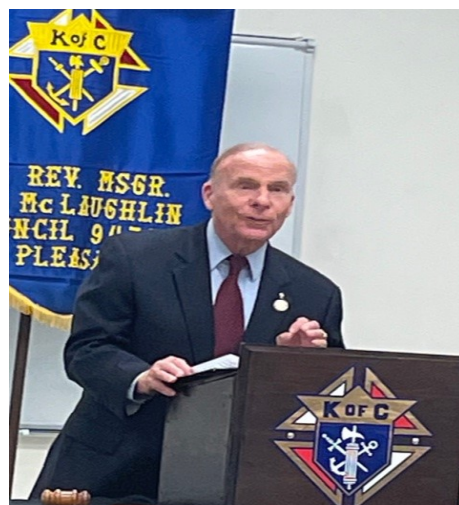
He contrasts the attitudes of the Pharisee with the tax collector. The Pharisee would have been looked upon by the people as righteous, honest and upright. Jesus presents him as a person who thought too much of himself and believed the tax collector was not worthy of God's forgiveness.

The tax collector was really looked down upon by just about everybody in the community. Most tax collectors were thought to cheat the people by demanding more than was due and they turned most of the collected taxes over to the roman occupiers.

These would have been the clear expectations by the audience for the Pharisee and tax collector but Jesus turned those expectations around. The tax collector was truly humble. He was sorry for his sins: "o God be merciful to me a sinner." He received forgiveness of his sins. Not so for the proud Pharisee.

We are told: "God will humble whoever exalts himself and the one who humbles himself will be exalted, raised up, blessed. This is the lesson for us. We need to always remain humble and not think about ourselves or our accomplishments. We need to give God thanks for all the good things he does for us. Let's recognize our sinfulness and our complete dependence upon God's goodness and mercy.

Being a humble, servant leader is what we should want to be. We can become one by trusting in the Lord, living our lives as Jesus taught us, and being good examples for everyone around us: our families, friends, and business associates. We will be rewarded for this. God will come to us in our time of need. And we will be there for people in their time of need. This will give us a chance to lead those people to be humble, servant leaders too, just like Ben Sira and his grandson.



Deacon Kevin Campbell

(Cruise Scheduled for Saturday October 22nd)

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HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK

We sail Saturday October 22nd Board 6:30 pm Depart 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

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