



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights

I would personally like to thank the many Knights who have either stepped up to take on a project or follow through on activities that make our Council so strong. On a recent call for volunteers, Joe Harkins Jr. raised his hand to take on the Culture of life project, Mark Lazo grabbed hold of the Spaghetti Dinner, Deacon Kevin secured the video of the Real Presence, and Mark McCabe took on the Council Christmas Party. Thanks to all for volunteering your time - it makes a difference! We still have openings for Christmas parade float and free throw contest so please let me or Tom Franzone know.

It continues to be a busy fall. D/GK Kevin Campbell set up the Real Presence video at the September Council meeting with Fr Spencer and Fr Good as commentators. Feedback from Brother Knights was overwhelmingly positive, especially having two Pastors present to provide credible answers to our questions. Thanks to Mark Lazo and multitude of volunteers, we held the Spaghetti Dinner on September 29th. It had been a few years since we held this fund raiser so thanks to all who made it happen. Neil Whitman is back from Maine so it must mean it's Harbor Cruise time. Ticket sales are picking up and we are looking forward to another sell out and fantastic time on the water.

Looking forward to the October Council meeting, we plan to have a hamburger and sausage cookout as a change of pace. Look forward to seeing you at the cookout. One last note, we have been discussing the possibility of hosting a giant yard sale as a fund raiser to replace the book sale - I would appreciate your thoughts and comments via email.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight
Council 9475

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2023

Ultreya Meeting_____	03
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	05
COK—Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	05
Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	06
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Columbus Day_____	09
Regular Business Meeting_____	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Tail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Council Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility 7AM - 7PM_22	
Brother Joe Harkins Jr. invites all Brother	
Knights to spend a couple hours with him.	
Halloween_____	31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*David & Darlene Creaturo
John and Maryann Czarnecki
Ron and Debra Davis
David and Meghan DiPietro
Stephen and Joan Fallon
Gregory and Stasi Gormley
Stephen and Emily Kobus
John Jr. and Siobhan Maize
Mark and Beth McCabe
Michael and Debra Merwin
Benjamin and Katie Minister
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 Gilsean
Lloyd Hahn
Paul Harrington
Daniel Jost III
Steve Kemp Jr.
Chris Kerrigan
Austin Knisley
Michael Lawrie
Tom Libhardt
Gregory Loss
John Mahoney
David McLaughlin
Clarence Murphy
Louis Richter
Mark Stadtmueller
Marion Wright*



The Real Presence



The Council watched the movie The Real Presence then had a great question and answer period where Father Spencer and Father Good presided.

In the picture left are Father Spencer and right is Father Good both holding Knights cup that center left Grand Knight Don Campbell and right Deacon Kevin Campbell presented them for spending the evening with us and presiding in the question and answer period

It was a great evening !!!

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
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 7:00 AM	
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
COK-SM School Bazaar	TBA
Our Council Manning Funnel Cake Booth	
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	
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1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Thanksgiving	23
Christmas Wreaths arrive	25
Feast of Christ Our King	26

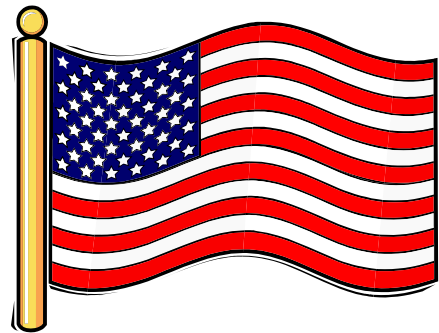
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**Knight of the Month
September 2023
Steve Fallon**

Steve was born in Brooklyn N.Y. 1956 and grew up in New City N.Y., which is suburban Rockland County. He graduated from Fairfield University in 1978 with a degree in History.

He also studied Irish History at the School of Irish studies in Dublin in 1977.

He then attended Saint John's University in the College of Insurance in 1986 for a Reinsurance degree.

Steve worked in the New York insurance industry from 1978-1997.

They moved to Bermuda and lived there from 1997 to 2014 working in the insurance industry and specializing in Catastrophe Reinsurance.

Steve just recently formed a Cayman Insurance company called Clontarf Reinsurance Company.

Steve married a "Jersey Girl", "Joan from Bayonne" on October 31, 1987.

They moved to Charleston in 2014 and have settled in the Isle Of Palms.

Steve and Joan have one son, James who is married to Elizabeth (Biz). They do not have children yet.

He runs a water sports business in Wilmington N.C. in the summers and is a ski instructor in Breckenridge Co. in winters.

Steve was the Deputy Grand Knight in the Ignatian Chapter 4203 at Fairfield University.

He is a member Stella Maris Parish and has been an active member in our council.

Congratulate Steve!



Left Joe Harkins acting Family director is presenting Knight of the Month Steve Fallon center with certificate and right is Grand Knight Don Campbell presenting Mark with Knights cup.

Do You Know

Derek and Carolyn McCoy

I was born January 19th, 1971, in Ness City, KS, and moved several times to several different towns in Kansas where my family owned and operated restaurants. Before starting 7th grade, my family moved to Loveland, CO, where I went to Thompson Valley High School and graduated from Colorado State University in nearby Fort Collins with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in May 1995. I enlisted in the Army in February 1996 and served first as a combat engineer until reclassifying to a technical engineer (draftsman, surveyor, and materials test specialist). My many assignments were in Korea, GA, CO, NC, MO, HI, and WA, and I served on deployments to Kuwait, Kosovo, Iraq, and Guam. I served for 20 years and retired as a Sergeant First Class (E7) in March 2016.

I obtained my Professional Engineer license just before retiring from the Army and went to work for an engineering consultant firm in Olympia, WA. Before moving to Mount Pleasant, I was Deputy City Engineer for Yelm, WA, for over three years. I am a Principal Engineer at Dorchester County Public Works and owner of COY Engineering Services, providing contract engineering for clients in WA.

I have two sons (Hunter and Alex) from my first marriage, ages 20 and 23, and both currently live in Olympia, WA. I met my wife, Carolyn, in January 2018, and we were married on September 7, 2019. Carolyn had two daughters (Julia and Tera), ages 12 and 22. Julia lives with us in Mount Pleasant and attends Cario Middle School. Tera is married to a Soldier and lives in JBLM, WA, along with our grandchild Colt David, born June 27, 2023! Carolyn is a Software Engineer for NUCOR Steel. She is also very active in the community, serving as the treasurer for Cario Middle School PTSO and playing in a community flute choir. We are also quite busy supporting Julia in pursuing multiple interests like Volleyball, Dance, Junior Honor Society, and playing clarinet in the school band. Carolyn, Julia, and I attend St Benedicts, where Carolyn plays flute and oboe, and I sing in the choir at 9:30 mass.



Carolyn and Derek are holding their grandson Colt David.

OUR COUNCIL 9475 SPAGHETTI DINNER
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023



Before the dinner got started Grand Knight Don Campbell center stage sang Happy Birthday to Brother Knight Jeff Pulaski center. Behind Don is Jeff's wife Debbie looking as if to be hiding. The fun was Father Libin handing Jeff a table flower decoration in fun as a gift.



Here Jeff is accepting the flowers from Father with Brother Knights Marion Wright and Bill Shoemaker watching in the background. A good chuckle was had by all.



Above are Susan Welsch with a great smile heating the meatballs, and working with the spaghetti sauce center Greg Raven and back Chris Kerrigan.



Here we have our spaghetti dinner chairman center Mark Lazo taking the salad to Doris Wright with her hands in the salad bowl mixing in the dressing and looking happy doing it. Front standing-by is Brother Neil Whitman who just came in from outside heating the noodles.

Active and fund night for all!!!

THE KofC HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK AGAIN
Come join us for this fun filled event
All are welcome so bring your friends and neighbors

We sail Saturday October 21st, 2023 - Board @ 6:30 pm Cruise from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Onboard the beautiful *Charleston Princess*
Sailing from the Safe Harbor Marina (formerly called the Charleston City Marina)
17 Lockwood Drive Charleston
Three decks, including seated dining, bow and aft observation decks and dance floor



\$90 per couple - \$45 single

Includes

Music by Lee Edwards Entertainment

Appetizers, dinner, and dessert

Soft drinks, water, beer & wine served by on board staff

Cash bar available for mixed drinks and cocktails.

For tickets E-mail

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Meditation on Forgiveness

Sir. 27: 30-32, 8:7 mt 18:21-35

Wrath, hatred, anger and resentment are countered by forgiveness, mercy and love. This is the central theme of our meditation today. They lead us to realize that this is what Jesus wants from us. He demands from us.

After all, when he was nailed to the cross, with his arms out stretched, saying: “God forgive them for they know not what they do”, he did not give us much wiggle room with what we should do if someone hurts our feelings by saying something mean to us. Sometimes we need to just die to our anger, to our hatred, in order to forgive or be forgiven

The late Charles Stanley was a popular Baptist minister from Atlanta. He once spoke about forgiveness. He said that when he was a very young preacher, he and his wife had set aside some money to buy a lot to eventually build their home. Then, he heard that one of his parishioners was having some financial problems. He went to his wife and said that we should lend this man the money we’ve saved and she agreed.

So, they lent the man the money but shortly after that, Charles Stanley heard that the man was saying bad things about him and he knew right then, that the man had no intention of ever paying him back. And he was mad. He was furious! One day, at lunch, he was telling another parishioner about the situation and the man asked him: “What would Jesus Christ do in a situation like this?” And Charles Stanley thought, “What would Jesus Christ do? That was the last thing I wanted to hear!”

But then after thinking about it some more, he realized that Jesus would not let his love of money bring him down. He would die to that love of money. He would forgive the man.

So, he went to his wife and said: “We should not let our love of money bring us down. We need to die to the love of money. We need to forgive the man of the debt.” And she agreed. So, they wrote the man a letter saying that he was forgiven of the debt to them. Charles Stanley said: “You know, that man has never repaid us the money, but that was fine because we have been blessed over and over again because we did not let the love of money bring us down. We forgave the man.

In the Book of Sirach, the anger, vengeance and forgiveness which are mentioned, are actually central to the teachings of Jesus. What Sirach wrote: “Wrath and anger are hateful things but the sinner hugs them tightly.”, should be pretty impactful to us. Most of us do this because we are sinners.

The bigger problem is holding onto our resentments and grudges. They can be really destructive to us yet, even though we may know this, we still have a tendency to hold on to them tightly.

This seems to be even more prevalent in families. Think of the brother and sister who will not speak to each other at their mother’s funeral. It also happens between nations, just think of the middle east.

St. Thomas Aquinas once said: "anger is a passion for revenge that goes beyond the control of reason".

A question for us today is: how do we stop our anger towards someone? It is through forgiveness.

In a typical tension-filled, anger-driven situation, we have 2 people who are very mad at each other for some actual or perceived hurt. To actively forgive, both should move towards the other, and if each does their part, forgiveness can happen and bad feelings can go away.

But what if one moves but the other does nothing? The answer is that the one who moves first must keep going, go the extra mile. That person must bear the burden of the lack of forgiveness by the other person. Is it hard? Oh, yes, it is! Yet that is what we need to do. Our forgiveness of others, who have hurt us, is tightly connected to the forgiveness of us by God for all the things we have done wrong and, in many cases, continue to do wrong again and again.

In fact, God has probably forgiven us more than 77 times for some of our sins. Thus, God expects us to do the same, to forgive those who hurt us again and again.

Jesus wants us to be perfect not mediocre. In fact, he wants us to be perfect as his Heavenly Father is perfect and we can't get there until and unless we forgive.

Holding on to resentment can be so destructive. Just think for a moment of some hurt we are holding on to, refusing to forgive, not having the ability to forgive. How has that been working for us? Today, let's take a concrete step towards a healthy relationship with that person. Go the extra mile.

Jesus is our best example. What did Jesus say after his resurrection to the close friends who denied him, who had abandoned him at the time of his greatest need: "peace be with you". This is what should be on our hearts and minds when we go that extra mile to forgive someone.



Deacon Kevin Campbell