



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers Knights, I hope this edition of our monthly newsletter finds you and your family well.

The current pandemic limits our ability to meet face to face. However, with the help of technology, we continue to meet virtually via Zoom. Invitations are sent usually the day prior to the meeting. The Council still meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. If you are not receiving the Zoom invitation, please let me know.

Speaking of virtual meetings, we conducted our first Charity, Unity, Fraternity exemplification ceremony 26 August 2020. In the recent past we depended on Supreme to conduct the virtual ceremonies. My thanks to Deputy Grand Knight, Matt Feltman and his team for a great ceremony. Please welcome our newest Brothers, Carlos Araiza and Kris Gholson.

Brother Don Campbell continues to coordinate the District Knight's effort to collect food for Our Lady of Mercy. Pickup at collection sites are every other Monday with the next pickup on 31 August 2020.


We had to postpone the Harbor Cruise this year. But don't despair. It will be rescheduled for Spring 2021. Additionally, the Council's Golf Tournament is scheduled for 10 May 2021. More information to follow for both events.

Vivat Jesus!  
Joe Nesbitt  
G/K

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2020

### DATES IN RED ON CALENDAR CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS


Ultrya Meeting_____	01
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM Grand Knight will send Info. COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Labor Day_____	07
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM Grand Knight will send Info. St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:10 PM 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	



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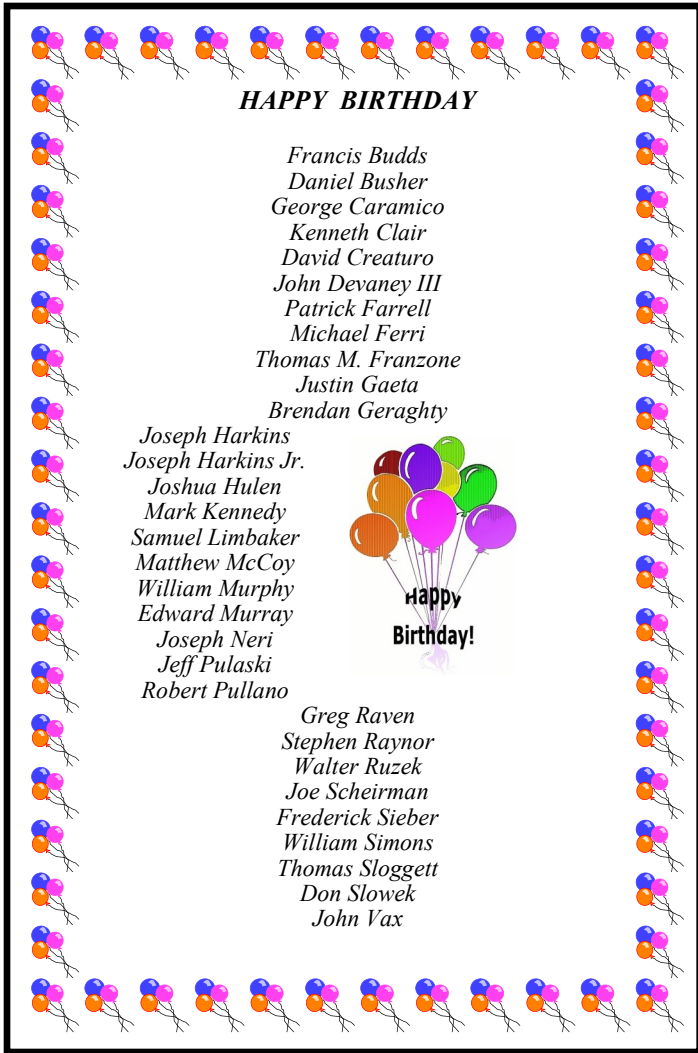
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Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**  
**(CRUISE RESCHEDULED TO SPRING 2021)**



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**PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:**

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

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OCTOBER 2020**

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
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Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultrya Meeting_____	06
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Columbus Day_____	12
St. Regular Business Meeting_____	15
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Halloween_____	31

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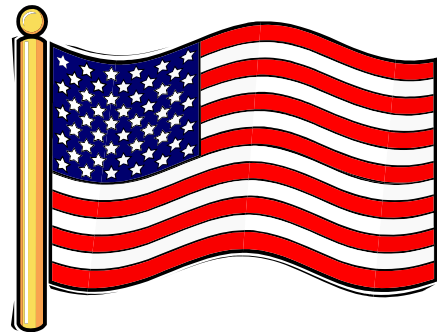
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## Meditation on Obeying God's Plan for Us

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12-1-2; Mt 16:21-27

God's plan for us is the theme of this mediation. In Jeremiah, the prophet has come on the scene at a very difficult time in the history of nation of Israel. It is being threatened by the Babylonians. This had all come about through a series of bad kings and priests that had led the people to turn from the one true God to worshipping idols.

God's plan for him was to turn the Jewish people from their sinfulness. Jeremiah predicted that they would one day fall to the Babylonians if they did not change their ways. Jeremiah's pleas to the king and priest for conversion were unsuccessful and he was threatened with violence against him. He was imprisoned, exiled and may have eventually been put to death. He accused God of tricking him, of duping him, into this thankless task that produced nothing but ridicule. He planned to abandon his call but he finally came to his senses. Although he was persecuted by the people for the things he was asked to do by God, deep down, in his heart, he knew that he must obey God's plan for him. The words God spoke to him came out of him like a fire that was burning in his heart. He could not hold them in.

As Bishop Robert Barron tells us: "The important point here is that when once we have heard the word of God, we can't unhear it. We can't unring the bell. We can't pretend we do not know it. Even when it makes us unpopular, even when it adds a burden to our lives, when it causes us to lose our friends, it burns within us. There is nothing more exciting, nothing more life giving, nothing more fulfilling than to speak of God in our lives to others. We know deep down, we cannot hold it in". This is what Jeremiah realizes. Bishop Barron's message to us is to be bold in holding ourselves out as Christians in a world that has become increasingly hostile to us.

God's plan for us is certainly to live our lives in such a way that we will be with him in heaven someday. While he may not want us to go out and preach his words to others like Jeremiah, for some of us, this may very well be what he wants.

What is God's plan for us?

In the reading from Romans, we are asked to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. That is, God wants us to be loving and kind to all the people we meet, not just our families and friends. Living our lives like this will allow us to discern, to understand, what God's plan is for us. His plan for each of us will be good and pleasing and perfect.

In Matthew's gospel we are shown that even the best of us can make mistakes. St. Peter was known for saying and doing some pretty stupid things but he went on to receive the keys to Heaven; to be called the rock upon which the Catholic Church would be built. Here, he is called down by Jesus. He is called "satan" because he could not accept the cross that Jesus had to bear. He was trying to discourage Jesus from taking on his cross.

Like Peter, we have all done silly, sinful things but thankfully we have a God who forgives us and wants the best for us.



Jesus then gives us some of the most direct words in the entire gospel as to how he wants us to live our lives. He says: “whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

We all have crosses in our lives. Right now we might believe that we have to carry some of the biggest crosses ever with what is going on in the world.

But Jesus wants us to happily accept our crosses. This will lead us to be the best version of ourselves, whatever that is. We need to discern his will for us. Be open to the changes he wants us to make in our lives. Perhaps we can become more involved in the church. As we know, the older people have historically taken on many of the roles in the church. With what is going on, our older folks have been asked to step aside for now. But things still need to get done. It may be time for the young people of the Christ our King family to consider stepping up and filling the roles.

The most important thing is that we do take up whatever crosses are presented to us and happily, willingly carry them as we follow the way of Jesus Christ, the way he wants us to live our lives. When we do, we will be repaid when Jesus comes again in his glory.



Deacon Kevin