



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers and Spouses,

We continue to resume a normal schedule of events. Our August meeting included an excellent briefing and discussion by John Dinolfo, President of the Charleston Serra Club. The Serra Club are a group of lay persons dedicated to promote vocations. The presentation provided a great understanding what the Serra Club does to foster new vocations and affirm existing vocations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 16 September 2021. It will include an Exemplification for three candidates as well as a meal.

Neil Whitman continues to coordinate the Harbor Cruise scheduled for Saturday, 9 October 2021. Neil has sent out several flyers for the event. If you have any questions please contact Neil.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is scheduled for 11 Sep 2021 in Summerville. Our Council currently has one candidate for the 4th Degree.

Finally, it is never too early to plan for next year's Golf Tournament. It is scheduled for 9 May 2022 at Dunes West.

Please continue to pray for the end of COVID-19.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Nesbitt
G/K

Knights of Columbus



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2021

Officers Meeting_____	02
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris — 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Labor Day_____	06
Ultrya Meeting_____	07
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Visual at Abortion Facility_____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Jerry & Diana Barnett
Daniel & Kate Busher
Edward & Barbra Fitzpatrick
Kristopher & Kerry Gholson
Joseph & Peggy Harkins
Matthew & Stacy Kiefer
Todd & Sarah Kravchuk
John & Heidi Mahoney
Matthew & Susan McCoy
Mike & Beth McGinty
Larry & Elaine Miller
John & Nancy Murphy
Walter & Peggy Ruzek
John & Julianne Simisky
Jon & Angie Tirpak
John & Lisa Tumminelli*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Francis Budds
Daniel Busher
George Caramico
Skip Carmouche III
Kenneth Clair
David Creaturo
John Devaney III
Patrick Farrell
Michael Ferri
Thomas M. Franzone
Justin Gaeta
Brendan Geraghty
Kristopher Gholson
Joseph Harkins
Joseph Harkins Jr.
Joshua Hulen
Mark Kennedy
Samuel Limbaker
Matthew McCoy
William Murphy
Edward Murray
Joseph Neri
Jeff Pulaski
Robert Pullano
Greg Raven
Stephen Raynor
Walter Ruzek
Joe Scheirman
Frederick Sieber
William Simons
Thomas Sloggett
Don Slowek
John Vax*



Guest Speakers from the Serra Club

Their mission is to promote support and pray for vocations in the Catholic Church.

In the picture left is Will Simons Past acting president and founder of local Charleston Serra Club, center is John Dinolfo active present and right is Dick Park Past Serra Club president. They explained what their club does and thanked our council for our donations.

**Family of the Quarter
August 2021
Chuck and Jeri Drouillard**

Chuck has been a Knight since the early 90s as a parishioner at Christ Our King. He arrived in Charleston as a navigator on the C-141 3 weeks before Hugo. Chuck dropped the Rangers into Panama during the Operation Just Cause invasion then met his wife Jeri at the grand reopening of the Windjammer in June of 1990. They married in May 1993 after Jeri became a Catholic at the Easter vigil. They adopted their children Alex and Natalie from Russia in 1998 and 2000. Alex is from Novomoskovsk near Tula which is the oldest city in Russia. Natalie is from Chita Siberia and loves sports. Both went to school at Christ Our King from age 3 and then Bishop England. Alex graduated from Wando and lives at home. Natalie will receive her doctor of Pharmacy next May.

Jeri has owned and operated an independent pharmacy since 1988. First East Cooper Family Pharmacy and now Long Point Pharmacy since 2002. She believes strongly in customer service and saving her customer's money as well as advising them on their medications. She is an avid tennis player and plays on a league with Dunes West and other teams.

Chuck has been a 4th degree Knight since 1996 and has altar served as a Knight at the 7:30AM Sunday masses since 1998 when it was started. He also serves as a lector and is in the choir. He is involved in the Emmaus retreats each January as well as Cursillo small groups each Saturday morning. He retired from the Air Force reserves as a LtCol after 25 years in 2012. He has been selling Trimble GPS and robotic surveying equipment for Duncan Parnell since 1997. He has a private plane at the East Cooper airport and loves to fly.

Congratulations Chuck and Jeri!!!



Left acting Family Director Joe Harkins presented Chuck Drouillard center with Family of the Quarter Certificate and Grand Knight Joe Nesbitt right is presenting Chuck with Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month
August 2021
Carlos Araiza**

Carlos Araiza, born and raised in Tempe, Arizona where he lived for 65 years before coming to Mt Pleasant, SC.

Carlos worked in Law Enforcement for 30 years spending most of his career with K-9s. He trained both the dogs and the officers for drug detection, search and apprehension. Carlos had worked several K-9s during his career. They become part of the family and the last one, Eris, retired with him.

Carlos's wife, Trish was a transfer from Long Island and he met her through the Tempe Police Department where Trish was also an officer. Carlos and Trish have been together for over 35 years. Together, they have six adult children. Some are still in Arizona while others are in Indiana and Massachusetts.

After retirement, Trish wanted to get back to the East Coast as she missed the water. Carlos's brother-in-law, Jim lives in Mt Pleasant and after visiting many times, they, too, decided to make Mt Pleasant their home.

Carlos and Trish totally enjoyed all that this area has to offer. They found their Church, new friends, love the beach, the weather, and their home is in the perfect location.



Congratulations Carlos!!!

(Cruise Scheduled for Saturday October 9th)

Our always fun
HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK
We sail Saturday October 9th Board 6:30 pm Depart 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Aboard the beautiful *Charleston Princess*
Charleston City Marina 17 Lockwood Drive
Three decks, including seated dining, bow and aft observation decks and dance floor



\$75 per couple - \$40 single
includes

Music by Lee Edwards Entertainment
dinner and dessert

soft drinks, water, beer & wine served by on board staff
In addition, you'll have a cash bar for cocktails.


For tickets E-mail
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
OCTOBER 2021**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
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Halloween_____	31

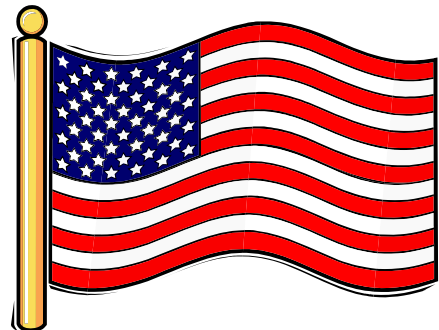
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Meditation on Obeying the 10 Commandments

Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8; Jm 1:17-27; Mk 7: 1-8, 14-23

A wise, prayerful person once said: “When I was young, I was a revolutionary. My prayer to God was: ”Lord, give me the energy to change the world”. As I approached middle age and realized my life was half-gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: ”Lord give me the grace to change all those who I come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied”. Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My prayer now is: “Lord, give me the grace to change myself”. If I had prayed for this from the start, I would not have wasted my life.

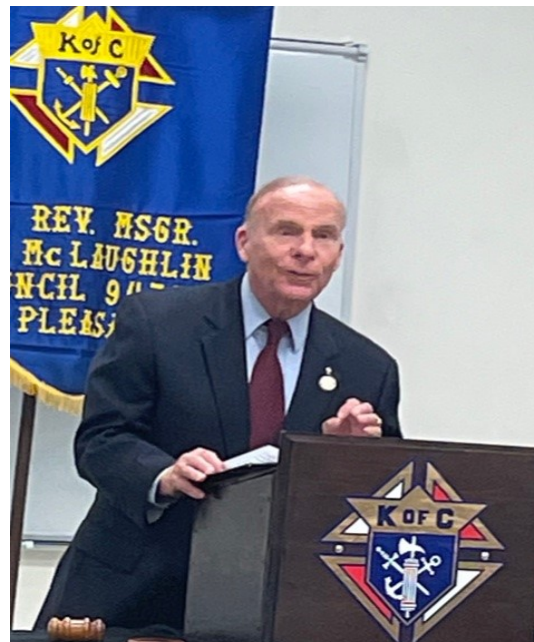
There are some important truths in these words. The word of God, including the 10 commandments, was implanted in us at the time of our births and reinforced when we were baptized. Through wisdom and understanding, we can make them a part of our lives. If we live the word, we will be examples to those around us. But we must not just be hearers of the word but doers too. We will help those around us who are in need. We will lead them to live their lives so that God’s heavenly kingdom will await them. We will be assured of a place in heaven.

In the book of Deuteronomy, we learn that if we obey the commandments the Lord has given us, we will enjoy an eternity with God in his heavenly kingdom. By obeying his laws we will be an example to others as to the way they should live their lives. We begin the process of attaining wisdom by having a fear of the Lord and a conviction that he is always present and active in our daily lives. Understanding comes to us after a serious process of discernment. With wisdom, we come to understand that we cannot grasp what God is doing in every situation and we cannot know God’s long term plans because we do not speak or act as if we are God. The most important thing is to have faith and trust that God’s plan is for our good and not our bad.

From the book of James we learn that, how we are to live our lives, comes to us from God. It is ingrained in us but we need to attain wisdom and understanding in order to become doers of the word of God and not just hearers. If we humbly welcome the word that has been planted in us, we will not only enjoy an eternity with God in heaven, we will help others who are in need and help them gain salvation

In Mark’s gospel, the Jewish leaders had taken the 10 commandments and added over 600 rules to go along with them. They expected strict compliance with all of the rules, which was impossible. At the same time, many of the leaders disregarded the rules in their personal live. Jesus tells the people not to focus so much on the rules, but to obey the commandments. He wants to people to come to understand that it is not what persons put into their bodies that defiles them but it is what comes out of the persons, who are not living there lives obeying the commandments, which defiles them. The things we think and say when we are angry, unforgiving, envious, and greedy, are good examples of this. Contrast this to living our lives as Jesus wants us to: loving God and loving everyone we meet, forgiving, helping where needed, being humble, and, living our lives with the peace that only God can give.

Jesus tells the Pharisees, the people and us: you disregard God's commandments but cling to human traditions. What use is it to wash our hands if we don't love the people in our lives and all the other people we come into contact with on a daily basis? When we don't take the time to listen to our children, our grandchildren or even our spouses, to find out what is really going on in their lives and then take steps to help them. If we only use religious traditions in our lives that are really no help to others, like hurrying so not to be late for daily Mass but passing by persons who are stranded in their car. Jesus is clear in his teachings: he has no problem with the persons who want to wash their hands and still serve the needs of our loved ones and the poor. His problem is with those people who make sure to wash their hands but neglect family and friends in need of something or the poor. If we go to church regularly but don't care for family, friends who really need us and the poor, our church going is in vain. We should do both: go to church and care for the poor and the needy. We must seek to serve others as well as our God.



Deacon Kevin Campbell