



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My brother Knights and extended Knights of Columbus family:

We are off to a fantastic start this Fraternal year. I want to thank the officer corps for their support, leadership and ideas. It is shaping up to be a fun, successful and rewarding year.

Please join us again this year for an evening of fun on the Charleston Princess. We sail Saturday October 22, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. Cost is \$90/couple (\$45/single). Please email Brother Neil Whitman (ngwhitman@yahoo.com) to confirm your spot. We will be collecting reservations at the next Council meeting on September 8th as well.

At that 9/8, meeting, we will be having an Exemplification ceremony for multiple new Knights beginning at 6pm. I invite and encourage **all council members and your families to attend**. It is a wonderful reminder of why the Knights were started and what we stand for. I especially encourage any current First and Second-Degree members to participate in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, so that they may advance to Third Degree. If you know of any Catholic gentleman interested in joining us, or progressing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, please contact SK Joe Harkins, Sr. or SK Kurt Denner.

Let me close with another beautiful reminder that September 8<sup>th</sup> celebrates the birthday (Nativity) of our Blessed Mother Mary. Blue is the traditional color of Mary's mantle, so incorporating blue into your outfit, decor and food on that day is quite appropriate. Here also is a brief prayer. *"Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation."*

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 SEPTEMBER 2022

Officers Meeting_____	01
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8PM to 8AM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:30AM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Labor Day_____	05
Ultrya Meeting_____	06
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:10 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:00 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



**Family of the Quarter  
August 2022  
John and Jan Maize, Sr.**

John and Jan have been married for 56 years. They met while at the University of Michigan. He was a pre-med student, and she was attending the University of Detroit Mercy School of Nursing in Ann Arbor. They met by chance at a street dance that was held as a mixer before classes started in the Fall and were married three years later. They have three children and eight grandchildren. John Maize, Jr., MD lives in Mt Pleasant and practices dermatology at Trident Dermatology. He also is a member of Council 9475 and currently serves on the Board of Directors at East Cooper Community Outreach. He and his wife, Siobhan, have two children, Katherine, who will be attending Wake Forest University in the Fall and Alexis who will be a junior at Bishop England High School. Jan and John's daughter, Sandra-Tolly, and her husband Fred live in Anderson, SC. She is a CPA, and he is a banker. They have three children, Griff, Caroline, and Matt. Griff attended the US Naval Academy and now is stationed in Denver working in cybersecurity, Caroline is working on her Master's in Speech Pathology at MUSC, and Matt is a senior at TJ Hanna High School in Anderson. Their other daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Grier Lesslie, live in Mt Pleasant. Jennifer has her own optometry practice in Hanahan, and Grier is an appraiser. They also have three children, Grier, Jr., Charlotte, and Noel. Grier, Jr. is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina, Charlotte is a junior at Bishop England and Noel is a sophomore at Lucy Beckham High School.

John received his bachelors and MD degrees from the University of Michigan, and Jan has an RN from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Nursing. John completed his internship and residency training at the University of Michigan and a fellowship at New York University. He and Jan came to Charleston in 1980 when John was recruited to start the Department of Dermatology at MUSC which he chaired for 15 years. He is a Professor of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at MUSC and still practices and teaches dermatology and skin pathology. He is Past President of the American Board of Dermatology, the American Society of Dermatopathology, the International Society of Dermatopathology, and the South Carolina Academy of Dermatology and Dermatopathology.

John is a long-time member of Council 9475 and is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in the Reverend Vincent Capodanno Assembly 3243. At Christ Our King he is a Eucharistic Minister and served on Parish Council from 1988 until COVID including many years as President. John continues to serve on the Finance Committee and Renovation Advisory Committee. He also has served on the Board of Directors at East Cooper Meals on Wheels. Jan enjoys being a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound. She is a member of St Vincent De Paul Society, the Respect Life Committee and the Parish Life Committee; she has served on the Lazarus Committee which provides meals for the families of deceased parishioners. She also enjoys delivering meals weekly for East Cooper Meals on Wheels which she had done for many years.

John and Jan enjoy many activities with their children and grandchildren. They also enjoy traveling, the beach, boating, fishing, and an occasional round of golf.



Left Family Director Kurt Denner just presented John Maize with the Family of the Quarter Certificate and left Grand Knight Matt Feltman is presenting John with a Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month  
August 2022  
Bob Brennan**

Bob believes strongly in faith, family, and God's plan (over ego).

Born and raised in an Irish Catholic family from Philadelphia PA, Bob was the only child of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation set of parents who themselves originated from the coal mining region of NE Pennsylvania.

At his early age he was heavily involved with athletics and loved football. While size worked to his advantage in high school, competition began to get bigger and faster as time marched on. Graduating West Catholic high school in 1974, was a time that did not offer an opportunity for military service. A minor oversight in the family since all other males within the family enlisted.

He did however, take pride in continuing his athletic activities with over 13 years of the sport of rugby in the New England Men's Rugby Union.

So, Bob chose pursuing his interest in a career in Electrical Power Systems Engineering. Upon Graduating in 78 from Spring Garden College, he began a 35 year career that centered uniquely around Military power systems applications in all equipment platforms of land, sea, air, and space systems. His career was spread over the combined organization of GE Aerospace / Lockheed Martin.

While advancing to a senior engineering position, Bob also excelled in project engineering management and received a graduate degree in project management from George Washington University and is a registered certified project manager professional.

In the 90's, GE transferred him to Syracuse NY, where he met his wife Cathy and have been married since 2000.

Bob has one son and two grandchildren (from a previous marriage) who live in western Mass.

While we all wonder if we could have done more, god's plan for Bob exposed its limitations for him in 2010. Bob was diagnosed with relapsing MS. These symptoms were traced all the way back to his high school days. Hine sight now shows that of all the career paths he considered, the one path he chose was the one God had laid out for him all along.

In 2012, Bob retired from Lockheed Martin, and was joined by his wife who retired herself in 2017. Tired of shoveling snow for 6 months of the year, they choose to relocate to Daniel Island for its appeal and are active members of St Clare of Assisi, where Bob has recently restarted the St Clare Men's Group.

As an active member of the Knights of Columbus since joining in 2010 in Syracuse, Bob has served as faithful Navigator for our assembly during the Covid years and also enjoys serving as the Color Corp Commander. The Color Corp has always been the visible face for the Knights of Columbus, and Bob hopes to continue and grow the Corp in a manner that exemplifies our Catholic image positively to our community.



Left Family Director Kurt Denner just presented Bob Brennan with the Knight of the Month Certificate and left Grand Knight Matt Feltman just presented Bob with a Knights cup.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Jerry & Diana Barnett  
Daniel & Kate Busher  
Joe & Kathy Bustos  
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  
Kevin & Kathleen O'Donnell  
Walter & Peggy Ruzek  
Jon & Angie Tirpak*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Francis Budds  
Daniel Busher  
Joe Bustos  
Kenneth Clair  
David Creaturo  
John Devaney III  
Michael Ferri  
Michael Fischer  
Thomas M. Franzone  
Justin Gaeta  
Kristopher Gholson  
Joseph Harkins  
Joseph Harkins Jr.  
Vincent Hoover III  
Joshua Hulen  
Mark Kennedy  
Samuel Limbaker  
Matthew McCoy  
Zach Mitchell  
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*



**Our Council 9475 Presented a Check to Bishop England School Options Program 8/26/22**



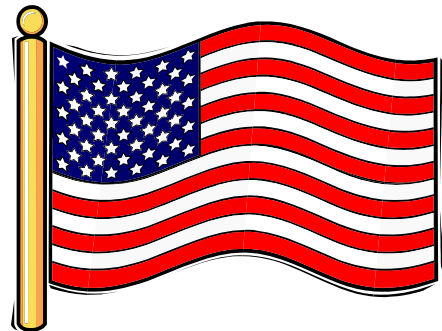
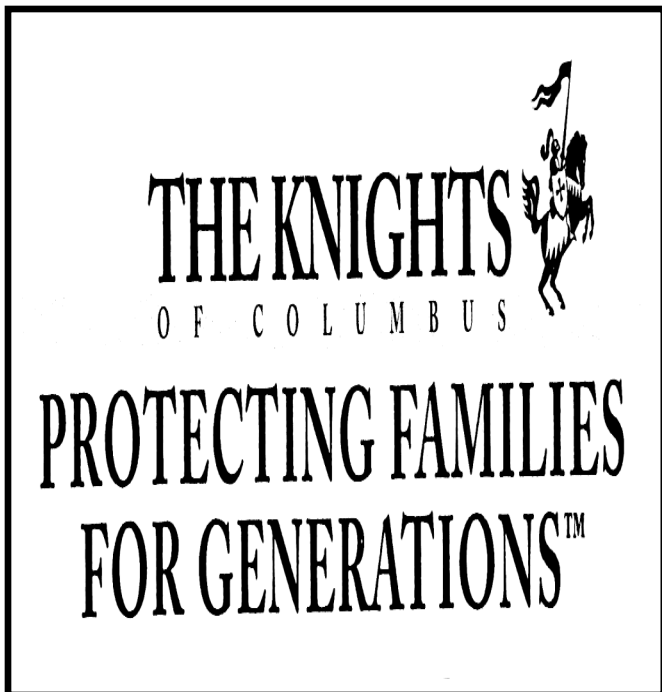
In the picture left are the students and forth from the right end in blue shirt is our Community Director Bill Shoemaker who presented a check to the 2 teachers on right end. The teacher second from right end is holding check.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**OCTOBER 2022**

Pro-Life/Rosary _____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultrya Meeting _____	04
Christ Our King Chapel 6:30 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 6:30 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: 7:00 PM	
Halloween _____	31

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Mediation for KOC on Making Choices

IS 66:18-21; PS 117: 1-2; HEB 12: 5-7,11-13; LK 13: 22-30

Our Meditation centers on the choices we make.

The prophet Isaiah, who is known as the greatest of all the prophets, lived during the worst of times for the nation of Israel. First, the people had chosen to forsake the one true God and began worshiping idols. They lost God's blessings. Then, because of political infighting, the Nation was divided into the northern kingdom, which was known as Israel, and the southern kingdom, where Jerusalem was located, which was known as Judah. Babylon would eventually conquer the entire nation and exile its leading citizens to Babylon.

Psalms 117 is the shortest of all of the psalms but it is still very powerful. It proclaims that the people of Israel and all the nations must choose to praise God and acknowledge him as their only God. We must choose to go out and spread the word: God loves everybody and his kindness and fidelity is there for everyone.

The letter to the Hebrews has an important message: when we choose to have a relationship with God, he will discipline us, if we need it. He will do so out of love for us. While we are going through this discipline, it may seem like it is a cause, not for joy, but for pain, but later it will bring the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give.

Luke's Gospel makes us reflect on some questions that may come to us from time to time: how many people will be saved, that is, how many people will be with Jesus in heaven one day? Will our children or grandchildren be saved? How about a wayward child of ours?

We all know that Jesus died for us so that we will be in heaven with him some day. He suffered some of the most excruciating pain imaginable for this to happen. He loves us for sure but we still need to do our part, we need to choose to enter through the narrow gate.

Just as with the people of Israel who chose to turn back to God and were redeemed, we will get through the narrow gate if we choose to turn our lives over to God.

We will experience sufferings in this life. They are a part of life. We may be the cause of those sufferings by certain choices we make. We get caught shoplifting a piece of candy from a store or we are stopped for driving under the influence.

However, God will be there to aid us in getting rid of our bad habits through a process of discipline, training and guidance when we have a relationship with him.

How do we do that? It starts with a strong and consistent prayer life. We should start and end every day in prayer. I am not talking about hours of prayer, although that would be good too.

We should receive the sacraments as often as possible, especially the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians. We should try to visit our brother, Jesus, in the chapel more. We should attend Mass as often as possible. We should love God with our whole hearts, minds, bodies and souls. Just take a moment and think of what that might entail. Finally, we need to love everyone we come into contact with.

When we chose to do these things, we will have a relationship with God and we will be saved. While there is a great effort required to enter the kingdom of God, there is also a great urgency because the narrow door will not remain open indefinitely, think of someone who dies without warning. The last thing we ever want hear is: I do not know where you are from. Depart from me.



Deacon Kevin Campbell

**(Cruise Scheduled for Saturday October 22nd)**

**((SAVE THE DATE))**

Our always fun  
**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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Charleston City Marina 17 Lockwood Drive

Three decks, including seated dining, bow and aft observation decks and dance floor



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