



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers

What a fantastic Council meeting we enjoyed on August 17th - we were honored to have Bishop Jacques as our speaker. My thanks to the many Brother Knights and spouses who attended to make this one of the largest meetings in recent history. Special thanks to Ron Davis, Kathy Campbell, Jody Nesbit, and Jeannie Scheirman, for helping to make this a wonderful event. Also, big thanks to Kurt Denner who arranged for the Bishop as speaker and has more exciting speakers lined up in months to come.

Steve Fallon is leading the way for bringing back the annual council picnic on Saturday, August 26th. Quoting Neil Whitman "this was one of the funnest events" the Knights put on all year. Coming up soon is the Spaghetti dinner on September 29th - contact Mark Lazo or Derek McCoy if you can volunteer your services. The harbor cruise is just around the corner on October 21st - more to come on that shortly.

I'd like to take a moment to highlight the September Council meeting. Deacon Kevin has arranged to have showing of the "Real Presence" and afterwards will have Fr Good and Fr Spencer present to discuss this core dogma of the Catholic faith. Please come and join in the discussion. As always, thank you Brother Knights for the many things you do to keep our council vibrant and relevant.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2023

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| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____ | 01 |
| COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat | |
| Pro-Life/Rosary_____ | 02 |
| COK — 7:30 AM | |
| Labor Day_____ | 04 |
| Ultreya Meeting_____ | 05 |
| COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM | |
| Nocturnal Adoration_____ | 07 |
| Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri. | |
| Officers Meeting_____ | 07 |
| COK—Life Center —6:30 PM | |
| Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____ | 16 |
| West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 | |
| Regular Business Meeting_____ | 21 |
| St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trial 29466 Rosary: 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM | |
| Spaghetti Dinner_____ | 29 |
| COK—Grace Hall—5:30 to 7:00 PM. | |



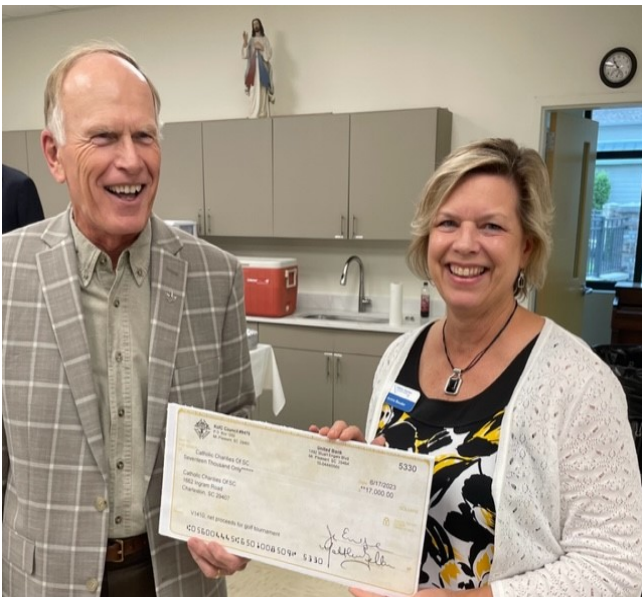
Our guest speaker
at our August 2023 meeting
Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS



Bishop was enjoying his meal as Father Spencer was having fun looking over Grand Knight Don Campbell's head with a great smile and Don was talking to his wife Kathy. Ron Davis provided a great meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, broccoli, and rolls. Desserts were brought by the ladies.



We had a great turnout of Brother Knights and their wives.



After our meal and before Bishop gave his talk our golf chairman Bob Fintak presented Catholic Charities representative Janine Bauder with a check for the amount of \$17,000.00 raised from our golf tournament May 15, 2023. Then Janine gave us a nice explanation of what Catholic Charities supports.



Also recognized were Brother Knight Frank Sherman and wife Claire for their wedding anniversary of 66 years. Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary!!!

**Family of the Quarter
For August 2023
Suzanne Campbell and Ash Chisholm Family
were recognized during our meal**

Suzanne grew up in Mount Pleasant. She attended Bishop England High School. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Citadel in 2004 and captained the women's golf team. Suzanne founded the golf program at the Citadel in 2000 when she became the first women's golfer. She was a Citadel Scholar and a regular on the Southern Conference Honor Roll; Division I All-American Scholar Team; and received Academic All-Southern Conference honors. During her time at the Citadel, she won the City of Charleston women's amateur golf tournament and was featured on the cover of South Carolina Amateur Golf Magazine. She was also human affairs corporal and human affairs sergeant for Charlie Company. Following graduation, she earned selection to the SOCON 25th Anniversary Golf team, honoring those who played a significant role in development of women's athletics in the Southern Conference in the past 25 years. She was also a featured graduate during the Citadel's women's history month honoring women alumni who have demonstrated leadership in their careers. Most recently, she was highlighted during the Citadel's National Women and Girls in Sports Day celebrated across the country and recognized as a women whose contributions have advanced female athletic programs.

She received her Juris Doctorate from the Charleston School of Law in 2007 as a member of the inaugural class and is currently a partner at Campbell Law Firm where she practices Bankruptcy law, representing clients in debt settlements, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy cases, and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy cases. Financial problems inherently cause stress and hardship (depression, worry, marital problems, and other issues) and she feels blessed that she was called to serve those in need every day and help lift that burden. She leads her clients out of financial problems and with most into a relationship (or a better relationship) with God because one of the goals she sets for her clients which are to have peace, joy and happiness. She practices with her dad, Kevin, who is a Deacon at Christ Our King.

She and her husband, Ash, reside in Mount Pleasant. They met in law school at Charleston School of Law. Ash was born in Spartanburg and attended Dorman High School. He graduated from the University of South Carolina. He received his Juris Doctorate in 2008. He has been a Public Defender for the First Judicial circuit for the past 15 years. He works tirelessly to help and serve the less fortunate through his work. Ash is humble, diligent, smart, even-tempered, honest and kind, making him not only an excellent attorney but also a wonderful husband and father.

Ash did not grow up practicing a particular religion or regularly attending church. When Suzanne and Ash started dating, Suzanne mentioned to Ash that he might have to convert to Catholicism if they were ever to marry. Ash's response was, "Sure! Just add me to the sign-up list". Although he quickly learned it wasn't quite that easy, he completed RCIA and was baptized about 16 years ago. They got married at Christ Our King Church in 2009. They have three children, Clayton (12), Lilly (10) and Vivian (8). They are active members at Christ Our King Church serving as greeters, gift bearers and Eucharistic Minister and their children serve as altar servers and sing in the church choir. They enjoy going to church together every Sunday as a family and prayerfully agreed they were called to send their children to Catholic school. They are involved at their children's school, Christ Our King Stella Marris, serving as room parent, golf coach, and other volunteer roles. The children have thrived at Christ our King having received awards such as high honors, academic scholar, grade ambassador and Light of Christ recipient recognizing students who are Christ-Like, show leadership and are kind and respectful towards their classmates and teachers.

All three children are avid competitive golfers and Suzanne and Ash's favorite "job" is being their caddies and biggest fans. Suzanne and Ash are thankful for the army surrounding their children full of wonderful family/ grandparents, teachers, coaches, friends (and their friend's families) who share their morals and values and faith in God and help them raise good and faithful stewards of Christ.



In the picture left to right standing in the back are Grand Knight Don Campbell, Suzanne, Deacon Kevin Suzanne's father, son Clayton, husband Ash, and Family Director Kurt Denner who presented the Family of the Quarter certificate. In the front holding the Family of the Quarter certificate are daughters Vivian and Lilly.

Congratulations Chisholm Family!!!

Bishop Jacques Started His Talk



Bishop Jacques Fabre the 14 Bishop of Charleston gave us a outstanding talk on many topics to mention a few were, when he came to the United States as a young teenager in NY and went to school there, his calling to become a priest and how his girl friend encouraged and supported him. His thoughts on abortion, God's love for us, and to keep a race from extinction each family needs to have 3 children but 4, 5, or more is much better. It was a very interesting evening if you missed it. Picture taken by Jeannie Scheirman.



The Bishop was having fun joking with us. Picture taken by Jeannie Scheirman.



Above Grand Knight Don Campbell presented Bishop with a Knights cup.



Above after Bishop's talked, a picture of Father Spencer and the Bishop was taken with great smiles and a great evening was had by all.

**Knight of the Month
August 2023
Chuck Drouillard**

Chuck has been a Knight since the early 90s and is a parishioner at Christ Our King. He arrived in Charleston as a navigator on the C-141 3 weeks before Hurricane Hugo. He airdropped the US Army 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 were married in May 1993 after she 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 works at Charlestowne Tobacco & Wine on Exchange St downtown. Natalie is a Doctor of Pharmacy and graduated from USC and works at Long Point Pharmacy.

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 customers money as well as advising them on their medications. She is an avid tennis player and plays in a league with Dunes West and other teams. She and Natalie work together there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Chuck has been a 4th degree Knight since 1996 and has altar served as a Knight at the 7:30 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 Lt Col 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!!!



Above left to right Family Director Kurt Denner presented center Brother Knight Chuck Drouillard with Knight of the Month certificate and Grand Knight Don Campbell presented Chuck with Knights cup.

Do You Know

Mark McCabe is a new Third Degree Knight. He is from New Rochelle, New York where he was born and raised. His Father, a WW II Navy veteran attended Iona College (now Iona University) on the GI Bill. He eventually became the Registrar at Iona College. His Mother and Father were devout Catholics heavily involved in the PreCana movement. Iona College invited his Mother to lecture the Men of Iona about Marriage in the late 1960's. She eventually got a Master's in Theology from Manhattan College and became a full time Theology Professor at Iona teaching the Judeo Christian Tradition and Electives in Marriage and Death and Dying.

Mark met his wife of 41 years while at Iona (she attended The College of New Rochelle) and they settled in New Rochelle and raised four beautiful children there. Mark and Beth found Mt. Pleasant while their daughter Emily attended the College of Charleston from 2009-2013. They moved here during the Pandemic in July 2020.

Mark is still working full time as an Institutional Municipal Bond Salesperson from his home. He was looking for a way to share all the good things in his life and a good friend from Iona introduced him to the Knights of Columbus. He came to believe the Knights and their Good Works would be a good place to give back and to Honor God.



Here is a picture of Mark with his grandchildren.

Here are some pictures from
Our Knights picnic at Wild Dunes property owners beach house
August 26,2023



At the grill cooking hotdogs and hamburgers in the smoke are left to right Joe Harkins Jr., Mark McCabe, and Vince Terranova. They did a great job no waiting just kept them coming.



Overall picture of a great turnout and nice place to have a picnic.



Above is a sheet cake that Joe Ruskauff brought and had the Knights emblem put on it. Way to go Joe!!



Above is Joe Ruskauff and his lady friend Ann from Germany.



District Deputy Joe Nesbitt and Grand Knight Don Campbell getting ready to play bocce ball.



Above left to right are Miles Campbell, Kathy and Don, Miles's Mom and Dad, we don't get to see Miles much he is visiting from Greenville SC. It was great to have Milles with us.

Few more pictures of our Knights picnic



We had lots of food and desserts



Bill Shoemaker insisted I Tom Franzone be in the picture speaking with the ladies back in pink Susan Welsch, center Fran Franzone, and Loretta Gimbert.



Bill Shoemaker took this picture left to right John and Deborah Danko talking with Angie and Jon Tirpak. It turned out to be a nice comfortable evening for chatting.



A beautiful evening was had by all.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Jerry & Diana Barnett
Joe & Kathy Bustos*

*Philip & Janice DiBlasi
Edward & Barbra Fitzpatrick
Kristopher & Kerry Gholson*

*Joseph & Peggy Harkins
Matthew & Stacy Kiefer
Todd & Sarah Kravchuk
John & Heidi Mahoney
Matthew & Susan McCoy
Derek & Carolyn McCoy
Mike & Beth McGinty
Larry & Elaine Miller*

*Kevin & Kathleen O'Donnell
Walter & Peggy Ruzek
Jon & Angie Tirpak*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Francis Budds
Joe Bustos
Kenneth Clair
Gerry Corriveau
David Creaturo
John Devaney III
Guido Evangelista*

*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*

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Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

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NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



✚ **St Benedict
Grief Ministry**

We are here for you



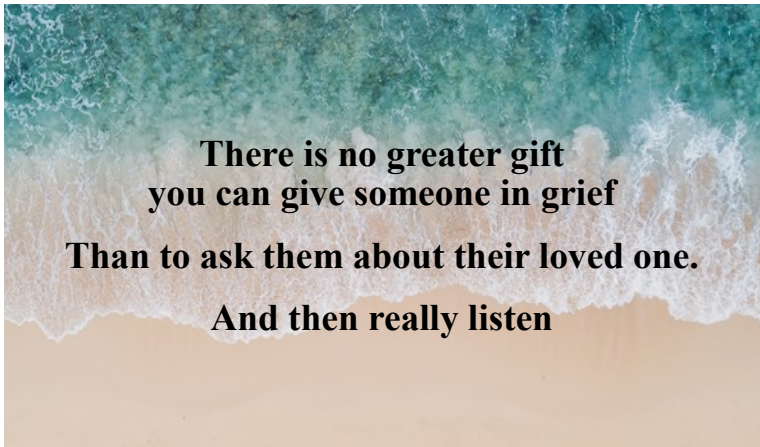
ROSARY Join us the third Friday of each month at

9AM as we say the Rosary via Zoom for those grieving, all our loved ones who have departed and all who mentor to the grieving. For **Sept 15, 9am** Zoom Meeting info, contact Ann Flanagan at AnnFlanagan53@gmail.com



Comfort CAFÉ

Coffee (or tea) and sharing on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10AM in the St Scholastica Room at St Benedict's. It is a sensitive place for those who have lost a loved one and need a sympathetic ear in a trusted environment. Come alone or bring a friend on **Sept 14 &/or Sept 28 at 10:00**. Contact Mary Lowe-Murphy at marymurphy2000@hotmail.com for additional information



12 Week Support Group

Starting September Is now taking applications. Reserve your spot while it is still available. Contact griefministry@stbenedictparish.org

"I just wanted to thank you for offering the (support group) course in understanding my grief after losing my son two years ago.... The course offers a group where I was comfortable & not embarrassed to explain and understand this staggering loss. And most important, the group is uniquely empathetic to what I am still travelling since my companions are travelling the same path as myself; the loss of a dear loved one." ~a parishioner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
OCTOBER 2023

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| Ultrya Meeting_____ | 03 |
| COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM | |
| Officers Meeting_____ | 05 |
| COK—Life Center — 6:30 PM | |
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| Columbus Day_____ | 09 |
| Regular Business Meeting_____ | 19 |
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| Halloween_____ | 31 |

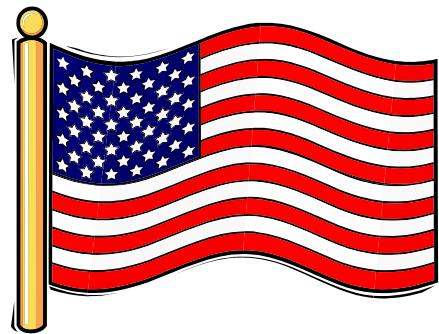
COUNCIL OFFICERS

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| Co-Chaplain | Rev. Robert A. Spencer | 843-884-5587 |
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| Insurance Promotion | Paul Harrington | 706-338-7924 |
| Columbus Hope Chairman | Bill Shoemaker | 843-884-1378 |
| Newsletter | Tom Franzone | 843-729-7734 |
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| State Deputy | Jeffrey Crouch | 864-430-0938 |
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation: God is Always There for Us

1 Kings 19: 9-13 Mt. 14-22-33

Our meditation will help understand that God is always there for. He may not come to us in some spectacular way like with a fireworks display. Most of the time he comes in moments of silence, like when we are praying in the chapel. The point is that he is there. We just need to listen for him to speak to us, to give us some direction. Our meditation also makes the point that we all have boats we like to get on board, especially when things are difficult.

It may be the boat of shyness like when a call goes out for us to take on a leadership role in some group, like the Knights of Columbus or the boat of anger because of some hurt that we experienced in the past. It might be the boat of fear when we are afraid to say something to someone who is taking the Lord's name in vain on the tennis court or the golf course or the boat of pride when we think we are better than others and don't need to join a group, like Cursillo. The point is that sometimes we need to climb out the boat we are in. Jesus is there to help us, to make sure we get back on-board the right boat.

The reading from the Book of Kings has an interesting back story. The nation of Israel is in crises. The people have been worshiping idols, especially Bahl. Elijah has just come down from an extreme high where, with the help of God, he had killed 435 of the priests that worshiped Bahl. Now Jezebel, the wife of Israel's king, Ahab, and a pagan worshiper herself, wanted Elijah assassinated. Elijah was so fed up with everything that was going on, with the Jewish people worshiping idols and Jezebel trying to kill him that he just wanted to die, but then an angel appeared to him. The angel told him to go to mount Horeb. Once there, God told him to go outside to see God passing by. First there was a very heavy wind, then an earthquake, then a fire, but God was in not in any of them. Elijah finally found God in a tiny whispering sound. This led him to realize that God is there for him always, to give him the strength, the wisdom, the power to accomplish anything that God asks of him. He just needed to take the time to listen for God to speak. He went on to be one of the greatest prophets of all time.

God is always there for us too. He will give us the strength, the wisdom and the knowledge to get through every situation, in his time and in his way. In his letter to the Philippians St Paul tells us: "no trial comes to us except what is human. God is faithful and will not let us be tried beyond our strength. With every trial, he will provide us a way out so we may be able to bare it, if we remain faithful to him".

In Mathew's gospel, the apostles are on-board a boat which is in trouble. Jesus appears to them and simply says in a soft, calm voice: "take courage. It is i. Do not be afraid." He words will eventually calm the winds and waves but in the meantime, Peter climbs out of the safety of the boat and begins to walk on the water towards Jesus. His faith allowed him to do this, but his faith was not strong enough. It failed him and he began to sink, but Jesus was there to catch him.

If we try to climb out of whatever boat we are in, and if we start to sink. Jesus is there to catch us. He wants us to climb out of our boats, to live exciting lives, loving God and each other, and getting more involved in our Church. It is comforting to know that he is there for us, to guide us and to catch us when we are sinking, if we remain faithful to him. If we have to get back on-board a boat, let's just make sure it is the right boat. What is the right boat?

St. Augustine once said: “if I try, by myself, to swim across the oceans of this world, the waves will certainly engulf me. In order to survive I must climb aboard a ship made of wood. This wood is the Cross of Christ. Of course, even on-board a ship there will be dangerous tempests and perils from the seas of this world. But God will help me remain on board the ship and arrive safely at the harbor of eternal life.”

So, the Cross of Christ is the boat we need to be aboard. If we live our lives on-board that boat, we will love God and everyone we will come into contact with. Sure, there will be times of hardship and struggles, but Jesus is there for us, to get us through those times, if we remain faithful to him. It is the Cross of Jesus Christ that will lead us to having the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give and put us on the path to eternal life.



Deacon Kevin Campbell

Knights of Columbus Present:

Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti, Meatballs/Sausage,
Salad, Bread, Beverage
and Dessert



DINE IN
or
TAKE OUT

*Tickets are available from a Knight
or at the door.*

WHERE: Christ Our King Church
Grace Hall, Mt. Pleasant

WHEN: Friday, September 29th, 5 to 7:30 pm

PRICE: Children under 6 are FREE
6 – 11 years old is \$5
Adult Ticket is \$8

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



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