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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

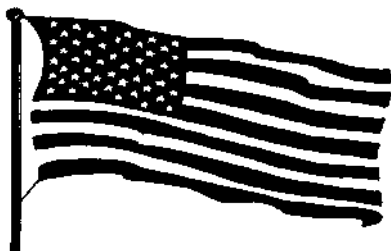
Brother Knights,

There is no question Council 9475 is the best in South Carolina. While recuperating my back, I get to sit back and watch in awe the many activities our Council takes on in regard to Faith, Family, Life, and Community. We just finished the Easter season and it is my hope you experienced your best Lent ever. Our Council participated in the 5th annual Cross procession and Living Rosary on Palm Sunday. In addition, we held a vigil at the Abortion clinic to continue prayers to end abortion. Also, during lent, our Council hosted two Fish Fry dinners which were enjoyed by all who participated.

My thanks to all Brother Knights who made these events happen! Most importantly, I want to thank my Brother, Deacon Kevin for stepping in and assuming Grand Knight duties in my absence. Thank you Brother Kevin! Once again, the Golf Committee came up big with a record amount of funds raised on March 11 which will be donated to Catholic charities.

You will have received an email from me that it is time to start planning next year's slate of Officers. Please consider volunteering for an officer position and help continue the great work done by previous Officers! I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Don Campbell
Grand Knight
Council 9475



CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2024

Ultreya Meeting	02
COK Grace Hall— 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting	04
COK— Life Center — 6:30 PM.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	
KofC 103rd Annual State Convention	5,6,&7
Spartanburg Marriott	
299 N Church St.	
Spartanburg, SC 29306	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



**IF YOU MISSED OUR SECOND ANNUAL FISH FRY 2024
AT CHRIST OUR KING IN GRACE HALL
HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES
OF THE EVENT**



In the picture above are the cooks and chairman of our fish fry. Left to right Deacon Kevin Campbell, Jim Cafaro, Neil Whitman, Michael O'Connor, Chairman Marion Wright and Father Libin pitched right in helping with the cooking as well as Tom Franzone taking picture.



Above we have mostly kitchen workers. Left to right Fran Franzone, peeking around Fran is Jane Kenzik, standing tall is Chuck Drouillard a cook came in checking on supplies, next in green is Dawn O'Connor, front center Doris Wright chief coordinator and Marion Wright our chairman. Now in the window in the back we have left to right Jerry Barnett greeter with wife Diana and Debbie Pulaski they are kitchen workers.



Left to right Jim Sheehy talking with Jim Welsch and Jeff Pulaski at the check-in table. Then we have Hank and Shirley Wolf who just checked-in and ready for their fish dinner.



Here we have with great smiles left to right our greeter Jerry Barnett and runners Carlos Araiza, and Vince Terranova. A good looking team.

FISH FRY EVENT CONTINUES



Manning the beverage table are left to right Tom Kenzik and Joe Harkins. They sure have the table set up and looking good just need a few customers.



Here we have our patronage arriving and sitting down for a great fish dinner.

Brother Knights Our 15th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Catholic Charities of South Carolina



Above are the volunteer helpers left to right Jeff Pulaslaski, Sue Fintak, white hat Bob Fintak, Jim Welsch, Michael McDermott, Joe Nesbitt, Keith Keohane, and Deacon Kevin Campbell plus Tom Franzone shadow taking picture.



Just getting back from putting out advertising signs and two more to go are left Luke Lapierre and Neil Whitman.



Things are starting to happen golfers are arriving and signing up at the check-in table. Then get a nice sandwich chips and beverage.



Our putting contest chairman Grand Knight Don Campbell left and Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell headed to the putting green to start the contest. Grand Knight Don Campbell worked the contest while still having back issues, that's dedication.



Don Campbell center setting in golf cart is signing up contestants in the putting contest.



Right is Deacon Kevin measuring distance from hole with help from the golfer.



Golf Chairman Bob Fintak giving contest instructions just before shotgun send off.



Golfers on their way shotgun send off started.



Father Libin with his great smile from Christ Our King Church stopped by to wish the golfers well on their send off to assigned starting holes.



The Gajewski brothers lined up on their first hole #10. Left to right Richard, Wiley, Robert and Jack.



Golfers coming back to club house ready for dinner.



A buffet dinner .



What a great dinner, barbecue, brisket, mac & cheese, red rice, coleslaw, salad, plus bread and refreshments not in picture.

2024 Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament									
WHITMAN McCLARY KELLER GOODMAN	64	JENSEN BRYANT KIEHL RITTS	72	DRIGGS KUCERDA HOPKINS JOP	65	MEDENDORP FRIBBLE THOMPSON McKENNA	70		
SEBASTIAN CHRISTOPHER BROWN COSTELLO	66	CLINTON ANDERSON DORRIS RUSSELL	85	HANSEN SHERRARD DUPRE ALLER	65	LEWIS PYL KELLY	72		
STILLER PELT CHAPMAN MORSE	63	COOPER THOMPSON PETERS SMITH	64	ROBERTSON CARROLL HARTMAN MORROW	72	GARDNER GARDNER GARDNER GARDNER	73	OLIVER BRADLEY WALKER KIMEL	69
MCCALL DORRIS BLANCHET DESHAMBER	64	MCLAYDALE SMITH MILLERLAND JENNISON	98	McKEN COLLINS SULLIVAN CARROLL	64	BELTON HYLAND BENNETT SULLIVAN	73	NATHAN McKEE OSTI OSTI	64
MCCOY DESHAMBER CROOK CROOK	67	LADD HARRIS MAGUIRE MAGUIRE	69	STEEN SMITH MAYNARD MARTIN	64	KERNECK GARDNER KERRANE KERRANE	72	WILSON O'DONNELL HILLMAN LEACH	72
						POPEMAN MORROW ROBERT DAVIS	81	McKENNA MORROW LAWLER DITALEO	66
								SMITH KIMEL WILSON HARRIS	69
								DEWINE THOMPSON ANYONE	68
								WATSON MORROW MORROW CARR	64

Above are all the teams' scores.



First place winners left to right Thad Shuler, Tim Sossman, Blake Bailey, and not in picture Bill Huey.



Second place winners left to right Atri Amin, Andrew Osti and not in picture Rob McKee and Neal Osti.



Third place winners left to right Jimmy Moore Jr., Jimmy Moore Sr., and not in picture Scott Caine and Peter Wofford.



Above center is the Director of Catholic Charity Lydia Davis thanking our council 9475 for supporting Catholic Charity.

**Family of the Quarter
Michelle and John Wong**

Michelle was born and grew up in Seoul, Korea, in a family of five children. Her family were very devout Buddhists at that time and her parents taught them optimism, good work ethics, serving others, and sharing with others who are less fortunate even when we are in hard times ourselves. They believed in higher education. In 1971, we immigrated to Kansas City, Missouri where her older sister came before us as a register nurse. Michelle graduated from Avila Catholic University with a Bachelor's degree in nursing. In 1981, she moved to Minneapolis and met John, my soulmate on blind date in 1982. John was raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota and had moved to Minneapolis in 1965. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul, Minnesota, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 1984, John and Michelle were married in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, in Edina, Minnesota. They are very blessed with two fine sons and one grandson.

Michelle converted to Catholicism and was baptized in 2006 at Saint Dominic's in Panama City, Florida. She finds that the success of marriage and family life is to start the day with prayer and now in retirement she starts the day with daily mass and the rosary. The total consecration of yourself and family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We always try to set good examples in life by sharing optimism and perseverance. In the last year Gabrielle and Michelle have focused on bringing the act of adoration to Christ Our King. What a great joy and blessing it is to be in front of the Eucharist in our own church.

The Wong's are an adventurous family and have fun traveling, hiking, cooking, and being outdoors. They enjoy volunteering and ushering at the Gaillard, Dock Street Theater, and Spoleto Festival USA. Michelle is a Docent at Mepkin Abbey and also helps out during the annual Crèche festival. John is a member of the Christ Our King Choir, and was an usher there and at Our Lady of the Hills in Columbia, when they lived there. Our older son lives with his family in Charlotte and our younger son lives in Tallahassee.

What brings Michelle to this blessed point in her life is her faith and fortunately she is able to attend daily mass and pray the rosary with a wonderful prayer group. She prays with the Daily Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle with participants throughout the United States. All this sustains her faith and builds a deeper relationship with Jesus and Mary. On First Friday and First Saturday she attends the Adoration of our Lord; each Tuesday prays the Devotion to the Holy Face. Michelle is happy to be able to help with the Lazarus ministry, the greeters' ministry, the EMHC, (Mass and facilities) and enjoys serving whenever there is function and activity.



Above left Kurt Denner our Family of the Quarter Director presented Michelle and John Wong with the Family of the Quarter certificate. Our acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presented a Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month
March 2024
Michael Fabrizio**

Mike grew up near Charlottesville Virginia. After high school he started working on a golf course in Brevard NC, where he enjoyed getting up early and interacting with nature. He graduated from NC State University with a degree in Turf Management in 1980. He spent over 43 years in the golf industry that included construction and maintenance of several area courses including Daniel Island Club, Wild Dunes, Dunes West, and Dataw Island. During his career he had the pleasure of working with great course designers Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tom Fazio, Rees Jones, Mike Strantz, and Art Hills. He retired five years ago after being the Director of Grounds at the Daniel Island Club for 20 years. He currently is winding down working part-time a few mornings a week at Dunes West.

In addition to being a Fourth Degree Knight, Mike volunteers driving the mobility impaired shuttle at the Yorktown and with the Patriot Guard Riders, which honors active duty and fallen heroes of the military. Both these organizations have given Mike a sincere appreciation of the dedication and sacrifices that are made by our men and women who serve, and those that have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting our country. Mike's favorite Knight activities are the annual oyster roast, basketball free throw contest, Christmas wreath sale, and helping cook dinner at the Fisher House.

Mike and his wife Kay recently moved from Dunes West to Park Circle in North Charleston, which they enjoy very much. Since moving, Mike has joined St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Kay is now in the process of retiring as the CFO for the Daniel Island Property Owners Association. They have three children, five grandchildren (with another on the way), and one great grandchild born this January. Mike and Kay love to travel with their Aussie Doodle Harley, take cruises, and look forward to spending more time at their second home in Brevard NC.



Michael wasn't present at the reading of his Bio. Here is Michael sitting on a Harley that He and Kay like to ride.

Do You Know

COL J. Manning Bolchoz, USA (Ret)

COL J. Manning Bolchoz, USA (Ret) is the oldest child of Ruford and Margaret Bolchoz (both deceased). Manning and his four siblings (Joey, Charles, Karen, and Judy) were born and raised in Mt. Pleasant. Manning attended Stella Maris School (1969) and Bishop England High School (1973). He was active in sports at BEHS, was in the Key Club as well as the National Honor Society, and represented BEHS at South Carolina Boys' State.

Following graduation, Manning attended Clemson University for a year before transferring to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Bolchoz graduated from West Point (1978) and was commissioned a 2LT in the US Army's Military Intelligence Corps. Shortly after graduation, Manning married his childhood sweetheart, Maureen Sullivan Bolchoz. Manning and Maureen would spend the next 27 years as an Army family travelling the world. Manning served in Army and joint intelligence assignments throughout the world, to include assignments at the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Defense Intelligence Agency, US Special Operations Command, Eighth US Army (Korea), and US Central Command amongst others.

Upon retirement from the Army, Manning and Maureen settled in Tampa, FL and Manning joined iGov where he served as a Senior Program Manager in support of the US Special Operations Command. He would assume the role as iGov's Vice President for Operations where he directed and managed iGov's program management and professional services.

Manning holds a Master's Degree in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School and is a graduate of the US Army War College. Bolchoz' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit amongst others. Bolchoz was awarded the Military Intelligence Corps Association's Knowlton Award and has also earned the Airborne and Air Assault badges. Mr. Bolchoz also holds Project Management Professional (PMP) and ITIL Foundation v3 professional certifications.

Manning and Maureen returned to Mt. Pleasant in 2016. Manning is a 35+ year 3rd and 4th Degree Knight and a member of St. Benedict Parish. He was an avid runner, swimmer, and triathlete in his younger days. He still enjoys walking/jogging, and swimming as well as boating, golfing, and fishing.

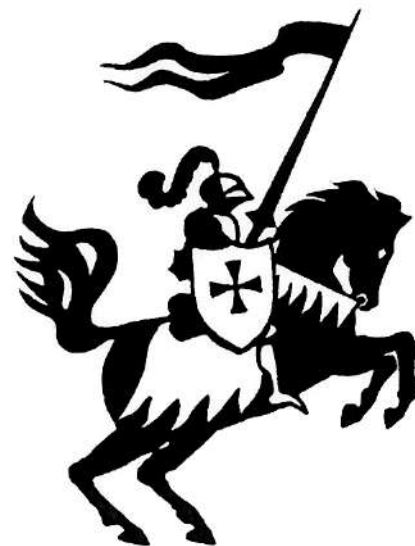
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Manning and Maureen have three grown sons: Manning Jr. of Tampa, FL; Ryan of Vienna, VA; and Patrick of DelRay Beach, FL. They also have 5 beautiful grandchildren. Maureen and Manning had been married 42 years prior to her death in 2020.



COL J. Manning Bolchoz, USA (Ret)



**Brother Knights and Family Members Cross Procession Palm Sunday
from parking lot of Christ Our King to Moultrie School area on Coleman Blvd.
and back to Christ Our King Altar Garden**



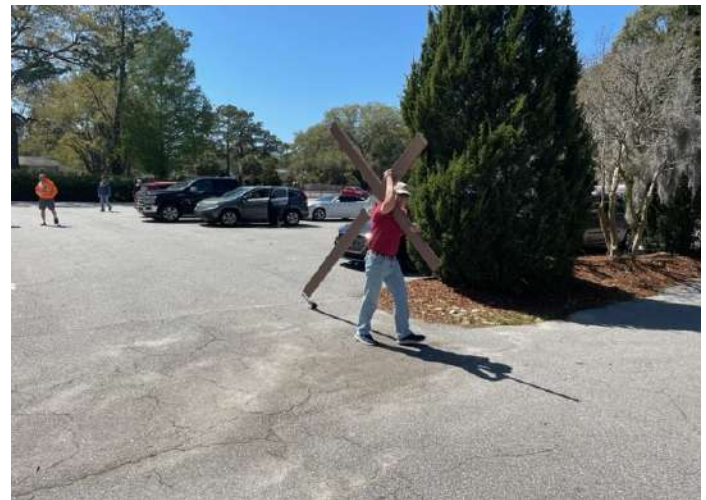
Our Procession Chairman Joe Nesbitt standing center in blue giving procession instructions and then lead the group in prayer before starting the procession.



Procession is underway with our Procession Chairman Joe Nesbitt also our District Deputy carrying the Cross.



Crossing Vincent Street on Coleman Blvd. Brother Knight Joe Harkins Jr. is carrying the Cross.



The very last stretch of the Procession walk is Brother Knight Anthony Herlihy carrying the Cross.



The Cross Procession participants and those participating in the Rosary are now in the Altar Garden holding the 80 foot circular Rosary being lead by Brother Knight Bob Fintak far center in blue then left in yellow safety vest Chuck Drouillard, Peggy Harkins, Joe Nesbitt, Grand Knight Don Campbell, Claire Sherman, Kathy Campbell, Amy Kelly, Bob Thetereault, center pink Susan Welsch, Carlos Araiza, Anthony Herlihy, Frank Sherman, Joe Harkins Jr. and Tom Franzone taking picture participated in saying the Rosary.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*James and Connie Ball
James and Janice Cafaro
Kurt and Mary Denner
John and Jennifer Devaney
Steven and Jenna Deveau
David and Lisa Dolan
Steve and Cathy Evangelista
Joseph and Francesca Frick
Jady and Kathleen Fryml
Thomas and Linda Jane Kenzik
Joseph and Dorothy Palisi
Ronald and Catherine Pfitzner
Joseph and Susie Schill
Donald and Allyson Thatcher
Michael and Toni Vasko
Doug and Debbie Wilgus
Henry and Shirley Wolf*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*William Brumley
Benjamin Byrnes
Michael Fabrizio
Edward Forte'
Richard Karkowski
William Lewis
Mark Lipsmeyer
Vincent Maroun
Sean O'Toole
Ronald Pfitzner
Michael Ricciardone
Richard Schiliro
Francis Sherman
John Watson*



Our Guest Speaker Frank Dirks

A Sunday school teacher for ten years, Frank currently chairs the parish finance council for the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, and leads efforts in support of Catholic Radio in the Lowcountry. A board member of Lucis Via Charities, he is currently organizing the Carolina Catholic Professionals network. He also serves on the board of Our Lady of Mercy Outreach.

In the picture left is speaker Frank Dirks and acting Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presenting Frank with Knights cup for taking the time to give our Council 9475 a great talk on Street Evangelization.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2024

Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting_____	02
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 5 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Ascension of the Lord_____	12
Mother's Day_____	12
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6 :00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Vigil at Abortion Clinic_____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Memorial Day_____	27

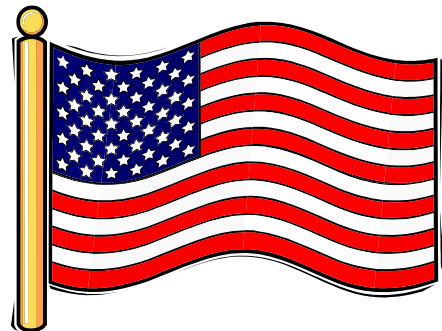
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation: Speaking to Others about God

Deacon Kevin Campbell

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; John 3:31-36

Our Meditation is about speaking to others about God. We all believe in God but do we let others know it? We should be bold in holding ourselves out as Christians to others, even if there might be some cost for doing that. When we do, we will be richly rewarded with God's Grace. It will lead us to a peace that only God can give. It will lead us to Heaven.

In our first Reading, the Apostles have just experienced the risen Lord. Oh what joy that must have been! They have gone from losing their leader by a horrible crucifixion to having him appear to them, giving them His peace.

Now, there is no stopping them from proclaiming their belief in the risen Christ to others. This is especially true to members of the Sanhedrin who handed Jesus over to the Romans to be put to death.

Just recently, the Apostles fled in terror when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus. Then they denied even knowing Jesus. Now they are boldly and courageously proclaiming their belief in him, even if it cost them their lives.

While we will most probably never have to worry about being put to death for proclaiming our love for Jesus, there will be times when we are called upon to stand up for our faith. a good example might be to hold hands and say a blessing before our meal in some public place.

Our Psalmist, most probably King David of the David and Goliath fame, tells us what he does when it comes to proclaiming his faith in God: "I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall ever be in my mouth." This is a wonderful practice and we should all try to do this.

In our Gospel reading, John, who had a first-hand experience with the risen Lord, tells some very comforting words: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."

When we are able to tell others about our personal experience with God and when we are able to boldly proclaim that we are Christians to others, especially to those who are not, we will be showing our belief in Jesus. This will lead us a peace that only God can give and will lead us to eternal life with Him in Heaven one day.



Deacon Kevin Campbell