



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Dear Brother Knights,

It is an honor and a privilege to have been selected to serve as the Grand Knight for this wonderful council. It is also quite a burden to follow our previous Grand Knights, particularly my brother, Don, Matt Feltman, Tom Siwarski, and especially Joe Nesbit, who led us through two of our most difficult years with COVID. Speaking of Tom, he will be leaving us as he and his family move from this area. We wish Tom and his family our best and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to our council.

We have been all given a sacred trust with this Council which has Jesus Christ as our leader and a future saint as our founder. Our collective charge this year should be to take what we have been given and make it even better so that when we pass this council on to our new leaders this time next year, our council will be even better off than when we started.

The way to do this is for everyone to participate, become more involved, come to meetings, and take part in our many activities to the extent you can. Our council will benefit from this but so will all of us as we surround ourselves with good Christian men who affirm us and support us.

I look forward to serving you this year.

Yours truly,

Kevin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **JULY 2024**

Ultreya Meeting	02
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Independence Day	04
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.	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK—7:30 AM	
Camp Rise Above Cookout	15
James Island Park	
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Picnic at Christ Our King Beach House	20
Time 10AM to 2PM. Supplied refreshments,	
Hamburgers, and hotdogs. Please bring a side.	
Everyone is invited. Please e-mail:	
kcampbell@campbell-law-firm.com	
You are coming in order to plan on amount	
of refreshments and food to have on hand.	
Cook at Fisher House	31
150 Wentworth St. Meet at 5 PM. To start	
cooking.	



**Retiring of the US Flag
On
The USS Yorktown Museum in Mt. Pleasant SC**

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, the Knights of Columbus Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243 held its annual Flag Day ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown Museum in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The Assembly yearly retires the US flag to protect our nation's symbol from displaying significant weather damage and deterioration. This marks the 12th year that the Assembly has ensured that our flag will fly brightly and boldly over the Charleston SC harbor.

The flag ceremony consists of the K of C honor guard proceeding in formation to properly lower and fold the flag. During the folding, the meaning behind each of the 13 folds is read out loud to the attendees. Once retired, the flag is then presented to a yearly honoree who has demonstrated a firm acceptance and appreciation for our nation's colors.

This year's honoree was Sergeant Major Joe Scheirman III (ret.), who served in the United States Army for 37 years.

Special thanks to the adjacent assemblies for providing Color Corp participation and support. Also, we gratefully acknowledge Patriots Point for their continued commitment to promoting our nation's image and values.

Included in the ceremony were:

CC Commander SK Robert Brennan, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243

CC Marshall: SK James Roche, Rev P N Lynch - Assembly #1071

Flag Fold Detail

CC SK Kurt Denner, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243

CC SK Bob Thetreault, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243

Flagpole Detail

CC SK John Sulkowski, Rev P N Lynch - Assembly #1071

CC SK Patrick Davis, St Francis Caraccioli - Assembly #3697

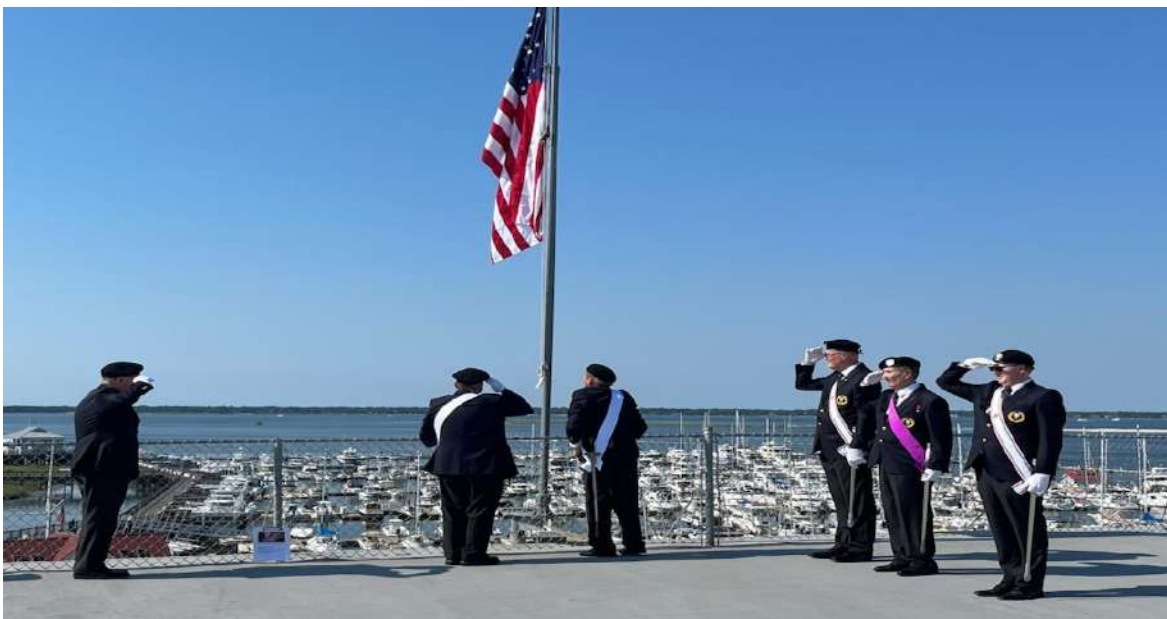
Honoree - SK Joe Scheirman III, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243

PA system and MC

SK DJ Thatcher, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243

SK Jon Tirpak, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243

SK James Welsch, Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243



During the flag folding ceremony saluting the flag are left to right Color Corps Sir Knights James Roche, Patrick Davis, John Sulkowski, Kurt Denner, Robert Brennan, and Robert Thetreault.

Retiring USS Yorktown Flag continues



Presenting the retired flag left is Color Corps Sir Knight Kurt Denner to honoree Sergeant Major Joe Scheirman III (ret.)



Above left to right is a group picture of the Color Corps Sir Knights John Sulkowski, James Roche, Kurt Denner, Robert Brennan, Robert Thetreat, and Patrick Davis.



INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 9475 OFFICERS

Following are the 2024 — 2025 Council Officers

Grand Knight _____	Deacon Kevin Campbell
Deputy Grand Knight _____	Bob Brennan
Chancellor _____	Kurt Denner
Recorder _____	Derek McCoy
Financial Secretary _____	Jeff Pulaski
Warden _____	Carlos Araiza
Treasurer _____	Jim Welsch
Advocate _____	Martin McNulty
Inside Guard _____	Marion Wright
Outside Guard _____	Joe Scheirman
3rd Year Trustee _____	Don Campbell
2nd Year Trustee _____	Matt Feltman
1st Year Trustee _____	Joe Nesbitt

Appointed Officers:

Co-Chaplain _____	Msgr. Laurence B. McInerney
Co-Chaplain _____	Rev. Robert A. Spencer
Lecture _____	Ronald J. Davis

Installation Council 9475 continues



Retiring Grand Knight Don Campbell front and center opening the Installation and turning the gavel over to District Deputy Joe Nesbitt to induct new officers.



Father Spencer saying opening prayer and District Deputy Joe Nesbitt standing near by.



Father Spencer in the process of blessing jewels on the table that will be presented to the installed officers.



New officers being sworn in, with their right hand raised, by District Deputy Joe Nesbitt standing at podium.

Installation of Council 9475 continues



New officers being congratulated by brother Knights and their wives.



Our new Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell at the podium, with District Deputy Joe Nesbitt, made a few remarks thanking the outgoing Officers for a great job they did and made a few comments on the plans for the coming year.



INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY 3243 OFFICERS

Following are the 2024 – 2025 Assembly Officers

For Faithful Friar	Rev. Robert Spencer
For Faithful Navigator_____	SK Kurt Denner
For Faithful Captain_____	SK Jeff Pulaski
For Faithful Pilot_____	SK Matt Feltman
For Faithful Admiral_____	SK Joe Nesbitt
For Faithful Scribe_____	SK Bob Thetreault
For Faithful Purser_____	SK Don Campbell
For Faithful Comptroller_____	SK Jim Welsch
For Faithful Sentinel_____	SK Joe Scheirman
For Faithful Sentinel_____	SK Bill Shoemaker
For Faithful First Year Trustee_____	SK Bob Brennan
For Faithful Second Year Trustee_____	SK Jim Morini
For Faithful Third Year Trustee_____	SK Joe Ruskauff

Installation of Assembly 3243 continues



District Deputy Joe Nesbitt opens installation before inducting new Sir Knights.



Father Spencer saying opening prayer. District Deputy standing by podium.



Father Spencer blessing the jewels Sir Knights will wear.



Inducting Officer District Deputy Joe Nesbitt is placing jewel on Father Spencer Faithful Friar.

Installation of Assembly 3243 continues



Sir Knights being sworn in after receiving their jewel.



Father Spencer giving the new Sir Knight Officers a blessing as District Deputy Joe Nesbitt stands by podium.



After the Installation of Officers a great dinner was received of fried chicken, sub-sandwiches, great home cooked dishes, and lots of desserts at Christ Our King Beach House.



We had a nice turn out attend the installations and dinner.

Dinner and awards continue



Our Past Grand Knight Don Campbell presented the Wong Family left John and Michelle with the Family of the Year award a plaque of the Holy Family and a certificate.



Above left Tom Franzone is being presented with a Knight of the Year award. Past Grand Knight Don Campbell is placing a Knight of the Year pin on Tom and he received a certificate.



Our Past Grand Knight Don Campbell right is presenting our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt with a Past Faithful Navigator pin.



Left our Past Grand Knight is presenting our new Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell with a Knights hat and shirt.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*James and Jessica Buzzelli
Anthony and Alma Certa
Daniel and Kim Clerici
Carl and Maureen Counasse
John Jr. and Deborah Danko
Matt and Cindy Feltman
Thomas M. and Regina Franzone
Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett
Wilson and Julie Gautreaux
Keith and Donna Keohane
David and Lora McLaughlin
Michael and Mary Sottle Regner
Joey and Amy Seymour
John and JoAnn Stadtmueller
Vincent and Eva Ullo
Richard and Carol Williams*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Gerald Baty
Gerald Bresnihan
William Brown
Thomas Brown
Brian Byrne
Kevin M. Campbell
John Czarnecki
Kurt Denner
Terrence Dunne
Adrian Serge Evangelista
Anthony Francin
Thomas A. Franzone
John Gallagher
James Gatto
Matthew Kiefer
Thomas Knisley, Jr.
Todd Kravchuk
William Kunding, Jr.
Melvin Lands
Eugene Lesinski
John Maize, Sr.
Mike McGinty
James Morini
Paul O'Rourke
Frank Osage
Paul Reale
Paul Salemi
Joey Seymour
Donald Thatcher
Ernie Torres
Jay Tronco
Michael Vasko
Henry Wolf*



Stand –Up for Life

**Adoption
not
Abortion**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2024

Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM. Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	01
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultrya Meeting_____	06
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting_____	15
.St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00PM	
Dinner: 6:30PM	
Meeting: 7:15PM	
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	

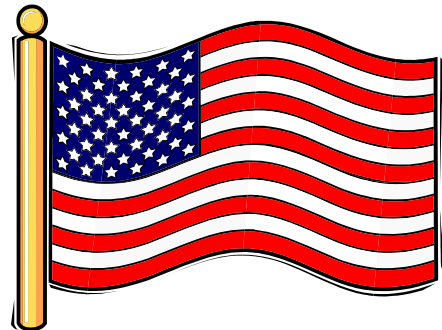
COUNCIL OFFICERS

Co-Chaplain	Rev. Robert A. Spencer	843-884-5587
Co-Chaplain	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerney	843-883-3109
Spiritual Director	Rev. Libin Augustine	843-884-5587
Grand Knight	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-729-5602
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Brennan	315-729-8652
Chancellor	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-813-1732
Recorder	Derek McCoy	719-200-3041
Warden	Carlos Araiza	480-352-7679
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Ron Davis	843-856-4950
Advocate	Martin McNulty	201-747-1223
Inside Guard	Marion Wright	843-509-6512
Outside Guard	Joe Scheiman	843-737-1642
3 Yr. Trustee	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
2 Yr. Trustee	Matt Feltman	513-374-1994
1 Yr. Trustee	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
Program Director	Tom A. Franzone	843-729-7734
Church Director	Tom A. Franzone -COK	843-729-7734
	Jon Tirpak - SM	843-480-5784
	Joseph Nesbitt - SB	843-297-9873
	Leo Albano - SC of A	843-216-1710
Vocations Chairman	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-729-5602
Community Director	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Health Services	D. J. Thatcher	843-513-0214
Public Relations	Neil Whitman	843-270-9834
Family Director	Kurt Denner	843-323-0981
Culture of Life Director	Joe Harkins Jr.	267-974-6534
Youth Director	Mike Flato	843-973-1409
Membership Director	Joe Harkins	843-881-5768
Admission Chairman	Kevin Cunnane	843-216-5354
Recruitment Committee	Joseph Scheirman	843-737-1642
	Carlos Araiza - SB	480-352-7679
	Marion Wright - COK	843-509-6512
	Robert Brennan-SC of A	315-729-8652
Retention Chairman	Robert Fintak	803-917-1530
Insurance Promotion	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Columbus Hope Chairman	Bill Shoemaker	843-884-1378
Newsletter	Tom Franzone	843-729-7734
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins	843-249-2356
State Deputy	Jeffrey Crouch	864-430-0938
District Deputy	Joe Nesbitt	843-297-9873
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington	706-338-7924
Supreme Fraternal Services		203-772-2130

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Meditation on Living our Lives as Jesus Would Want

2 Kings 4: 8-16; Mt 10: 37-42

Come, Holy Spirit, come

Our Meditation today tells us that if we live our lives as Jesus would like us to, we will be blessed. Naturally this raises some questions: how does Jesus want us to live and to what extent will we be blessed?

In the second Book of Kings, an unnamed woman, befriends Elisha. She fed him, gave him water to drink and a place to stay, all without any expectation of receiving anything from Elisha. In exchange for her hospitality, Elisha promises her that she that she would give birth to a baby son in 1 year. This blessing was a big deal in the Jewish culture because of the need for an heir to hand down property rights to and for the woman to have someone to take care of her in her old age.

So through her kindness, generosity and hospitality, all of which was done without expecting any reward, the woman shows us some ways we can live as Jesus would like us to. Now we cannot always expect miracles to happen in our lives every time we do as Jesus would like us to. But that is the point, isn't it. We need to do, to love, to act in a way pleasing to God, without expecting anything back. What we will receive is the peace, joy and happiness that only God can give when we live as true servants of God. We will also be welcomed into His Heavenly Kingdom one day. What a reward that will be!

Ronald Rolheiser, in his book, Sacred Fire, tells us: we should live in gratitude and thank God by enjoying our lives. Jesus wants us to live lives of holiness. Gratitude is the basis of all holiness. Think of the holiest person we know. That person is probably the most grateful person we know. This is also true for love: the most loving person we know is also probably the most grateful person we know.

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We will experience jealousy, anger, impatience and bitterness from time to time. Jesus wants us to act like water purifiers, responding to such poisoned water, such bad acts, and give back the opposite, pure water. Our natural instincts when we face of jealousy, impatience, bitterness, anger and the like is to give it back in kind: you hate me so I will hate you. But we are invited by Jesus to take a higher road. Jesus invites us to go beyond, far beyond, our natural instincts so as to meet anxiety with peacefulness, impatience with understanding, hatred with love, bitterness with graciousness, and hurt with forgiveness.

In Mathew's Gospel, Jesus demands that He be loved more than father, mother, sister, or brother. This was not a request that we abandon or looked down upon them. After all, in Chap 15, Jesus commands that we honor our father and our mother. Jesus was leading those he loved to a deeper transformation to what was necessary for spreading the Gospel. He asks the same thing of us. Loving him and others and living our lives as he would like us to, will result in an ultimate freedom in our lives, where we are free to live sinless lives and enjoy the peace that comes from that.

When our old selves are dead to sin, we are alive in Christ." We are no longer motivated by selfishness but by selflessness. When this happens, it is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us. We will be able to pick up our crosses in life and rise to things we never thought possible. Living our lives as true servants of God will allow us to come to fulfillment, even perfection.



Deacon Kevin Campbell