



**The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook  
Box PMB-J  
130 Gardener's Circle  
Johns Island, SC 29455**

**ECKS Member Meeting  
5/4/22**

**Jack Wilson opened the meeting.**

**Jack then introduced Jim Bannister, who offered the evening's invocation. Jim then honored the evening's Fallen Hero, who tonight was SFC Zachary Bannister USMC, Jim's son. Jim gave a heartfelt tribute to his son that was shared by all in attendance.**

**Following, Jim led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Jack Wilson welcomed all guests in attendance. He then advised the members in attendance that if you make a reservation to attend the meeting/dinner and do not show up....you will be charged.**

**Ron Schildge then updated us on the Angel Oak Dinner. At this time there were 96 confirmed reservations. There is room for at least 150. He then reviewed the donation levels per the 4/6/22 minutes.**

**Following dinner Jack Wilson introduced the evening's speaker, Captain Gasper Marino, President South Carolina District Exchange Club.**

**Mr. Marino congratulated ECKS on celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He then spoke about the club's retention and growth. He also emphasized the need for leadership development in the club.**

**At the conclusion of his presentation, we toasted the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

**Jack Wilson closed the meeting.**

Captain Gasper Marino, President  
South Carolina District Exchange Clubs  
Biography

Gasper joined the Exchange Club of Charleston 17 years ago at the age of 24. He served 11 consecutive years on the Club's Board as: a director, treasurer (2 terms), 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, President elect and President. He served on over 20 of the Club's 65 committees.

For the Coastal Carolina Fair, the Club's primary fundraiser, Gasper has been on the board and has chaired the midway safety committees for 12 years.

He served on the Exchange Club district board for 6 years as: treasurer, VP, President Elect and President.

Gasper has been married to Rachel for 12 years and they have three children, Isabella 9, Stella 7 and Luca 4.

He is a member of the Hibben United Methodist Church and serves on the PSPRC committee. Local missions/the church food pantry, the homeless hospitality shelter and the cold weather shelter. His wife joins him in serving as the children's church leaders, VBS leaders and recently volunteered to become youth pastors for the teenagers in their church.