



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

If you missed our council meeting on March 20th, it was a lot of fun. Try to make it to the next one.

Everyone should put this on their calendar now: Our next Council Meeting is on April 24th because of Holy Thursday. Our speaker will be a representative from St Clair's House which is our main charity this year.

We had two wonderful Fish Fries in Grace Hall on the Christ Our King campus. Congratulations to our Brother Marion Wright and all the volunteers for doing such a great job. Brother Knight Matt Feltman led a great group for the Rosary which began our Meeting. It was truly a grace-filled event as there are always strength in numbers. Please try to make it to the Rosary before our next meeting. We start the rosary at 6:00 p.m.

Our Knight of the Month for March, Jon Tirpak, announced something that was somewhat of a dream for us at the beginning of the year and that is a Family Fun Bingo Night which will be held in the gym at Christ Our King on May 16th. More information to follow but it will be an "all hands-on deck" event and a lot of fun for our families, including children. We are putting together committee right now. If you are interested, please email Jon at jon@sabattis.com or me at: kcampbell@campbell-law-firm.com

We will be supporting Brother Knight Joe Harkins Jr in his efforts to stop abortion with a prayer vigil at the abortion clinic on April 12th, 2025. He will be sending out a sign-up sheet. Last time we did this we had a full roster of Knights attending. Let's do that again.

We will be hosting a Speech Contest for 7th and 8th graders at Christ Our King-Stella Maris School on April 11th 2025. We have judges from Pleasant Speakers, which was formerly known as Toast Masters. It would be good if we have a nice showing of Knights to support these wonderful children. The theme is: "The Importance of Living a Virtuous Life". Brother Knights Bob Holmes, Don Campbell and Nathan Finch are helping out with this

If you missed the meeting, you also missed out on another delicious dinner by Brother Knight Ron Davis. Ron could use some help on his committee. Please get with him if you have some time.

My knee replacement is really coming along well. Thank you for all your prayers. We had some real successful projects in my absence including the Free Throw Contest at Christ Our King-Stella Maris School led by Brother Knight, Mike Fabrizio, our Annual Super Bowl Party which was really super. These followed, of course, our highly successful Annual Oyster Roast led by Brother Knight Tom Franzone. (Continue Pg. 3)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2025

April Fools' Day	01
Ultreya Meeting	01
COK Grace Hall— 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	03
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting	03
COK— Life Center — 6:30 PM.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	04
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
COK—Speech Contest 7th and 8th graders	11
9 AM in school gym.	
Prayer Vigil	12
See sign-up being sent by Joe Harkins Jr.	
Palm Sunday	13
Cross Procession and Rosary	13
COK — 1:30 PM meet at COK parking lot and we will caravan to TBD parking lot then process back to the church. Rosary will be said in garden with giant rosary	
Holy Thursday	17
Regular Business Meeting	24
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Good Friday	18
Holy Saturday	19
Vigil at Abortion Clinic	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Easter Sunday	20



**Knight of the month
March 2025
Jon Tirpak**

Of late, Jon Tirpak has focused on saint inspired business, Stella Maris, and family to make the world better in his own way.

Within his small consulting firm, Sabattis, LLC, named after Saint John the Baptist, are operating divisions inspired by the Saints. For instance, the engineering division is named after Saint Eligius the patron saint of metalworkers since Jon is a metallurgist. His business-to-business sales methodology division is named after Saint Lucy, the patron saint of salesmen. His special projects division is inspired by Saint Joseph which also accounts for his support of the Knights of Columbus and Stella Maris Church.

This past year, Jon has increased his support of his parish by upping his game as Church Director between the parish and the council; serving as an usher and lector; and participating in the Men's Club. In 2024, Jon co-led the 2nd Bingo Knight at Stella Maris which is helping the council pave the way for future Bingo Knights at other family fun events at parishes East of the Cooper.

With respect to family, Jon and his wife Angie continue to watch their children grow! Nicola married Tyre Moor in 2023. Nicola teaches math at West Ashely High School while her sister Natasha serves as an Administrator at the University School of the Low Country. They both support their brother Nathan presently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Together, Angie and Jon, strive to continue to parent their 3 children despite having left the nest.

If we all focus on our families, participate in our parishes, and serve others through our time, talent, and treasure, the world will be a better place.



Left to right Family Director Kurt Denner presented Church Director Jon Tirpak with Knight of the Month for March 2025, and Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presented Jon with Knights cup.

**Our Council 9475
makes donation
to
Low Country Pregnancy Center**



Above left Board Chair Richard Horne received a check for \$400.00 from our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell.



**Fraternal Benefits Knight
Speaker
Our Insurance Agent
Paul Harrington**



Above right is our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell thanking our Insurance Agent Paul Harrington for giving us a great talk and video on the Success of Retirement by Tom Legna and introduced Tom Legna's book on retirement.

Grand Knights Report (continued)

Our Annual Golf Tournament, led by Brother Knight Bob Fintak, will be held on May 12th at the beautiful Snee Farm Country Club. Bob wants donations of items prizes and cash sponsorships of various types. He could really use some volunteers so please get with him and let him know your ability to help out and your availability: bfintak@yahoo.com

Let's remember that we are all ad hoc members of the Membership Committee. I believe that every practicing Catholic man in our four churches should be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Please seek out those men who will make good Knights and invite them to come to the next Council Meeting

Brother Knight Don Campbell will lead a Cross Procession from Christ Our King following Noon Mass. We will gather in Altar Park which is the park to the right of the Church and begin to set out probably around 1:30pm or so. This will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 2025. We will have a Rosary following the Procession at Altar Park for everyone, including those who were not able to participate in the Procession. We will be using our Living Rosary which is a large rosary that will have Knights or other persons at each of the beads to say the prayer. Please come and participate.

Brother Knight JP Saleeby has arranged to have a Council 9475 American History Award Contest for the best paper on the subject by a senior student at Bishop England High School. The winner will be announced at a special ceremony on May 18, 2025 and the award will be given out then at Bishop England High School, beginning with a mass at 6:00PM at St. Clair's Church. Brother Knight JP and another Knight who wanted to remain anonymous, have personally donated over \$2,000 to give to be given as cash awards. The Council will pay for a plaque to present to the winner. We are all invited to attend.

Brother Knight Jim Veraldi has finished the Membership Directory. This is something we have not had before. It will allow us to be able to have contact information on all of our Brother Knights and, for those who agreed to participate in a survey, will also provide addresses and occupations. This will allow us to contact Brother Knights when we need a certain service like fixing a car or auto insurance or financial advice. The Directories should be ready to hand out at our next Council meeting. You must attend a meeting to get a Directory.

May all God's Blessings be upon you,
Deacon Kev



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*James and Connie Ball
Carter and Megan Brand
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
Timothy and Sue Yoder*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*William Brumley
Benjamin Byrnes
Joseph Elfrink
Michael Fabrizio
Edward Forte'
Richard Karkowski
William Lewis
Mark Lipsmeyer
Christopher Litts
Thomas Marchak
Vincent Maroun
Sean O'Toole
Ronald Pfitzner
Michael Ricciar-
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Richard Schiliro
Francis Sherman
John Watson*



Monthly Meditation April 2025

Walking with Christ to the Cross

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of April, we find ourselves at the heart of our Lenten journey, preparing to celebrate the most profound mysteries of our faith—Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This sacred time calls us to walk closely with our Lord, deepening our commitment to prayer, sacrifice, and service. It is an opportunity to renew our faith, embrace the Cross, and anticipate the joy of Easter.

One of the most powerful ways we can participate in this journey is by joining together for our **Palm Sunday Cross Procession, beginning at 1:30 PM**. This solemn procession is not just a public display of faith; it is an outward sign of our commitment to follow Christ in His suffering and triumph. As we walk together, carrying the cross, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the path that led Him to Calvary. This is a moment to reflect on His love and to unite our hearts with His sacrifice.

Holy Week invites us to immerse ourselves in the Paschal Mystery. The Sacred Triduum—*Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil*—offers us a unique opportunity to journey with Christ from the Last Supper to the Cross and finally to the empty tomb. I encourage each of you to participate fully in these solemn liturgies. These days are not just a remembrance of past events; they are a living encounter with Christ's saving work, drawing us deeper into the mystery of our redemption.

As Knights, we are called to lead by example in our families and communities. Let us embrace the spirit of Holy Week by making time for **confession, personal prayer, and acts of charity**. Strengthen your family's faith by praying the **Stations of the Cross** together, reading the **Passion narratives**, and sharing in the traditions of this sacred season.

When Easter morning dawns, may we rejoice with renewed hearts, knowing that through the Cross, we have victory in Christ. Let us carry the message of the Resurrection into our daily lives, witnessing to the hope and joy that comes from our Risen Lord.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of our Order, intercede for us and guide us in our journey of faith. I look forward to seeing you all at the **Palm Sunday Cross Procession at 1:30 PM** as we walk together in the footsteps of Christ.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church

Here are a few pictures from our Fish Fry



Above are a couple of the ladies left Susan Welsch and Diana Barnett that worked in the kitchen putting the meals together and handed them to the folks taking them home or servers at the window for folks eating in.



In picture above are Brother Knights left Mark McMahon and Chuck Drouillard manning the eat in window.



Here we have the hard workers finally getting a chance to set down and grab a bit to eat. Starting left around the table are Brother Knights Ron Davis, George Seese, Father Spencer and Brother Joe Harkins Jr.



Heading up our fish fry are Brother Knight Marion Wright and his wife Doris with their hard work made all the working parts flow smoothly for both of our fish fries to be a great success.

**Brother Knights
If You Haven't Signed Up to Play or Work
Now is the Time**

**2025
Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Benefit Golf Tournament for
St Clare's Home Charleston**

Snee Farm Country Club

Monday May 12th, 2025

Four player Scramble

Sign-in: 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$175 per golfer

To register now scan QR code:



Includes a light lunch prior to play and dinner with door prizes and a silent auction afterward. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing teams, the longest drive for men and women, and for closest to the pin on two holes. A sponsored hole-in-one prize will add to the fun.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2025

Nocturnal Adoration_____	01
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM	
Officers Meeting_____	01
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM to 6 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM	
104th State Convention_____	02-04
670 Verdae Blvd. Greenville SC	
4th Degree Exemplification _____	03
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Ultreya Meeting_____	06
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Mother's Day_____	11
Regular Business Meeting _____	15
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_____	17
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Family Fun Bingo Night_____	16
In Christ Our King Gym Time 6:30 to 8:30 pm.	
American History Award Contest _____	18
Bishop England High School Seniors	
Beginning at 6 PM Mass at St. Clair's Church.	
Memorial Day_____	26
Ascension of the Lord_____	29

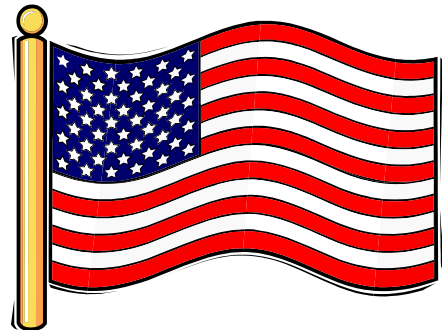
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Assembly 3243 Highlights for March, 2025

Sir Knight Louis Richter (1938 – 2025), passed away on March 21, 2025. SK Richter was a Charter Member of Assembly 3243 and a longtime member of Christ Our King parish. He served his country in the U.S. Army. The Assembly Honor Guard were posted at his viewing.

The Citadel Tour for 4th Degree Knights. Members of Assembly 3243 were given a private tour of the campus on March 28, 2025. Sir Knight Jon Tirpak worked with members of The Citadel to arrange the tour. Starting at the Daniel Library, Cadet Owens provided an overview of The Citadel's mission, Corps of Cadets, and campus. From there our small group stopped at Summerall Chapel to explore faith in multi dimensions. Recognizing many Knights of Columbus have served in the military and being the patriotic arm of the Knights, stopping at the War Memorial and Carillon was moving. From there we wended our way up to the Catholic Ministry to see how Cadets can practice their faith and take a break from the rigors from The Citadel. Capping off the tour was the Retreat.

98th Fourth Degree State Exemplification. This was held on March 29, 2025 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Beaufort, SC. Four Council 9475 Brothers joined Assembly 3243 as Sir Knights. Please warmly welcome them to our Assembly.

Sir Knight Scott Migli, who is a parishioner of Christ Our King. His wife's name is Rachel.

Sir Knight Yusuf "J.P." Saleeby, who is a parishioner of St. Benedicts. His wife's name is Sharon.

Sir Knight Casimiro "Cass" Cibelli, who is a parishioner of St. Benedicts, His wife's name is Patricia.

Sir Knight James Wasson, who is a parishioner of St. Clare of Assisi.



Members of Assembly 3243 were given a private tour of The Citadel by Cadet Owens (far left)



New Sir Knights from left: Scott Migli, Yusuf Saleeby, Casimiro Cibelli, James Wasson



New Sir Knights with members of Assembly 3243.

Assembly 32 Calendar of Events

April 2025

- 40 Days of Life — Planned Parenthood_____12
- Cross Procession — COK_____13
- Council 9475 Monthly Meeting - St. Benedicts_____24
- Dedication Ceremony at Mepkin Abbey - Honor Guard_____26
- Assembly 3243 Meeting - Beach House COK 6:00 PM_____30