



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Dear Brother Knights,

As we finish our first month of this new Council year, I am many things: proud, grateful, thankful and excited.

I am proud of all the good work that our Knights are doing for the community as well as this Council. This month we had a cookout for the children at Camp Rise Above and we will serve dinner for the families of hospitalized veterans who are staying at the Fisher House.

I am grateful for all the Knights who came to our first Council meeting on July 18th as well as everyone who came to the picnic on July 20th. We probably had one of our highest attendances at the Council meeting and a good time was definitely had by all at the picnic.

I am thankful for all the good work the different committees are doing including our Public Relations Committee which is getting information into our Church bulletins to increase the relevancy of the Knights of Columbus, the Church Directors who are working with their Pastors to set up Recruitment Sundays, the Speakers Committee which is in the process of getting some really good and interesting speakers for our Council meetings and for our Membership Committee which is working hard to bring in new members, which is lifeblood of our Council. Every one of us can help with by looking around and finding one or more men who should be Knights.

I'm also excited about the many wonderful activities we have coming up including our Spaghetti Supper on September 10th, and the Harbor Cruise on October 26th. More information to follow on these events coming up.

Please make plans now to attend our monthly meeting on August 15th for another wonderful supper by Ron Davis and the chance to surround yourself with good Christian men during an interesting meeting.

Deacon Kev

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	
Ultreya Meeting_____	06
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary_____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Regular Business Meeting_____	TBD
.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	
St. Paul's Street Evangelism_____	17
10 AM. Marion Square	



**OUR COUNCIL 9475 ON JULY 20,2024
SUPPLIED A COOKOUT DINNER
FOR CAMP RISE ABOVE IN JAMES ISLAND COUNTY PARK**



After unloading the grills we took a group picture with the Camp Rise Above Founder Barbara Denton front and center. Left to right Brother Knights that attended are Jim Welsch, Martin McNulty green cap, Carlos Araiza blue cap, standing tall in the back Chuck Drouillard, Tom Franzone white cap, Chris Kerrigan tan shirt, Don Campbell red cap, Marion Wright lavender shirt, Scott Migli gray shirt, and last but not least Jim Veraldi.



After unloading the morning started with left Carlos Araiza and Jim Veraldi slicing watermelon.



Little after 11 AM grills are fired up and we were cooking hotdogs and burgers, at the grills are front Chris Kerrigan and back Don Campbell adding cheese. Behind Don is Marion Wright on second grill, and Jim Welsch left appears to be supervising operation



Loading the grill with more burgers is Marion Wright and with hotdogs is Chris Kerrigan. In the background Don Campbell red cap keeping eye on second grill and Chuck Drouillard blue shirt keeping an eye on the operation.



Above are Staff Members and Knights serving food to the campers and other staff members.



Above all are served and enjoying their meal.



Our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell had to work all morning in court. But, made it just in time to eat with us, clean up, and add the great smile.



The Camp Rise Above staff and campers asked all the Knights to stand so they could take our picture and thank us for the great cookout. It was a hot day but we all had fun providing the cookout meal.

**Knight of the Month
August 2024
Paul Harrington**

Paul Harrington was born in downtown Charleston at the old St. Francis Hospital on Rutledge Avenue in October of 1971 and was raised right here in Mt. Pleasant when there was a population of less than 10,000 people. Paul's family attended Christ Our King parish and he received his Baptism & First Communion in what is now the school gym. Paul attended and sweated thru Christ Our King-Stella Maris School from Kindergarten thru 8th grade as the school had no air conditioning for most of that time. It is believed that he still holds the record there for most time spent in Sister Stella Maris' office!

He then went on to Wando High School where he graduated in 1989. After high school, Paul went on to study Business Administration at the University of South Carolina where he earned his Bachelor Degree and later an MBA in 1995. After college, he remained living in Columbia, SC and accepted a position with a small start-up automobile finance company. As the company grew, Paul's career did as well and he eventually rose thru the ranks to become Vice President of Operations over several States throughout the Southeast. During that time, Paul lived in Myrtle Beach, SC and Madison, GA and saw much success. During the economic downturn of 2008 and the years that followed, Paul decided that it was time to chart a new course for his life. In 2011, Paul moved his family back to the Charleston area be closer to family & friends. He also changed careers entering the financial services industry that same year.

Paul is a proud father of three children: son Luke (22) who just graduated from Trident Technical College with an associate degree in mechanical engineering, son Jack (20) who is a rising Junior at USC majoring in business management, and daughter Lia who is a rising Senior and Senior Class President at Ashley Ridge High School in Summerville.

Over the years, Paul has served as a volunteer with a variety of organizations including St. Vincent De-Paul, Stephen Ministry, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy along with many others. He has added to his educational pursuits by obtaining certifications as a mediator, life coach, and investment advisor representative. In his spare time, Paul enjoys traveling, hiking, reading watching sports, and fishing on occasion. Paul has traveled to 45 of the 48 contiguous states and along with girlfriend Amie, set a goal in 2023 to become an "Ultimate Outsider" which is to visit every single South Carolina State Park. He's almost there...out of 48 parks, only 4 left to go!

In 2014, a surprising opportunity came knocking on Paul's door and that opportunity was the chance to become a Knights of Columbus Field Agent. This was surprising because like many others, Paul had no clue that the Knights of Columbus even provided financial benefits for its members. Fortunately for him, he had a good feeling about it and enough sense to accept the offer. After reading the stories about the plight of Catholic families in America during the 1800s and Father Michael McGivney's efforts to establish a Brotherhood of Catholic men with the mission of aiding and comforting those families during the most tragic of times, Paul soon realized that this wasn't just another opportunity...it was a calling! A calling to help carry on Father McGivney's mission in this day and age.

In June of 2024 (last month) Paul celebrated his 10-year anniversary as your Field Agent. During that time, he has enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with thousands of fine, upstanding Catholic gentlemen that he's proud to call Brothers. He also finds it personally rewarding to help provide peace of mind and prosperity to Catholic families as well as having the ability to aid widows and children during their most difficult of times. Paul is now looking forward to the next 10 years of service with the Knights of Columbus and God willing, the following 10 years beyond that.



Above center Knight of the Month Paul Harrington holds his certificate and Knights cup, presenters Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell left and Kurt Denner Family Director and Chancellor.

**Family of the Quarter
May 2024
Suzanne and Scott Atwood**

The Atwoods are members of Christ Our King in Mt. Pleasant. Scott and Suzanne married in 2000, and they have two children, Ben (20) and Maria (18). Scott and Suzanne are University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music alums. Scott is also a graduate of Duke University, and Suzanne is a graduate of the Catholic University of America. Ben and Maria are graduates of COK-SM School and Bishop England High School. Suzanne and/or Scott have worked as musicians in various parishes and schools, including Nativity (James Island), Charleston Catholic School (Downtown), St. Timothy (Chantilly, VA), Stella Maris (Sullivan's Island), COK-SM School (Mt. Pleasant), and Christ Our King. Suzanne also taught at the College of Charleston for 8 years. In the Fall, Suzanne will join the music faculty at Wando High School.

The Atwoods enjoy spending time with friends and extended family. Scott likes photography and working in the yard. Suzanne likes cooking. Ben and Maria are avid swimmers.



In picture left to right are Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell, Suzanne Atwood holding Family of the Quarter certificate, and Scott Atwood.

Our Most Recent Brother Knights



In picture above are our most recent Brother Knights that just received their new Knights badge. Left to right Brothers Jim Veraldi, George Seese, Mark McMahon, Joe Houdak, our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell issued the badges, Scott Scherer, Bob Pyle, Nathan Finch, Miguel Garralda, and Tom McKenna.

If you missed our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell's, Deacon and Knights plus their family sponsored picnic, here are some pictures of a great time.



Right is our cook Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell loading burger on bun as his assistant Brother Tom Franzone holds it.



We had plenty of food and refreshments. Here we have left Past Grand Knight Don Campbell fixing a plate and in blue shirt our Financial Secretary Jim Welsch working on his plate.



Above we have Brother Joe Ruskauff and his lady friend Joan who brought the beautiful Knights of Columbus decorated cake.



Here we have Knight's ladies and Knights enjoying the cookout and friendship. Starting left around the table are Fran Franzone, Jane Kenzik, Brother Joe Harkins Sr., Brother Frank Sherman his wife Claire, and Peggy Harkins Joe's wife.

Picnic continues



In picture above you can see we had a nice attendance of about 45 to 50 participants enjoying each others company.



We even had fun playing ping pong and pool. Above are Brother Knight Chris Kerrigan and his Grandson Charlie playing pool. Looks like Charlie is keeping the pressure on Granddad Chris.

Thank you to the chefs who cooked a great meal at the Fisher House July 31, 2024.



Above are the Brother Knights that cooked a great meal left to right George Seese, Bob Thetreat, Don Campbell, Scott Scherer, Michael Fabrizio, and Manning Bolchoz. The menu was their famous grilled pork chops, plus salad, rice, veggie, and dessert.



Couldn't leave out this picture of the mouthwatering, juicy pork chops on grill with Don Campbell's secret sauce on them that is main part of meal they cooked.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Leo and Wendy Albano
Joseph and Jerilyn Bandiera
Robert and Catherine Brennan
Paul and Lve Cheverie
Thomas and Elizabeth Cullen
Kevin and Deanna Cunnane*

*John and Andrea Gallagher
Robert and Danielle Geberth
Patrick and Sarah Hunkler
Charles and Kathy Jenkins
Kevin and Patricia Kerley
Chris and Janet Kerrigan
Alfred and Dominique Lopez
Raymond and Ann Marie Manfredi
Martin and Helen McNulty*



*Louis and Susan Milone
Patrick and Victoria O'Hara
Michael and Pamela Rausa
Jonathon and Beth Santilli
Richard and Joan Schiliro
Jim and Katy Sheehy
Francis and Claire Sherman
Warren Jr. and Kristin Taves*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*John Bride Jr.
Anthony Certa
Kevin Cunnane
Steven Deveau
Mark Dickson*

*Michael Eovino
Rocco Falcone
Richard Happe
Robert Humphrey
Matthew Jensen
Hugh McLoughlin
Richard Morales
Paul Nash
Peter Paloni
Michael Rausa*



*Stephen Roberts
Adam Russo
Scott Scherer
Joe Tarr
Vince Terranova Jr.
Paul Zubel*



Stand-Up for Life

**Adoption
not
Abortion**

THE KofC HARBOR CRUISE IS BACK AGAIN
Come join us for this fun, fun, fun filled event
All are welcome so bring your friends and neighbors

We sail Saturday October 26st, 2024 - Board @ 6:30 pm Cruise from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Onboard the beautiful *Charleston Princess*

Sailing from the Charleston Maritime Center (right next to the African American Museum)

Three decks, including seated dining, bow and aft observation decks and dance floor



\$98 per couple - \$49 single

Includes

Music by Eddie Lukow - back by popular demand.
Appetizers, light dinner, dessert,
soft drinks, water, beer & wine served by on board staff.
Cash bar available for mixed drinks and cocktails.

For tickets E-mail

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Labor Day_____	02
Ultreya Meeting_____	03
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
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COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Spaghetti Dinner_____	10
Christ Our King Life Center – Grace Hall 5 PM to 7:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	19
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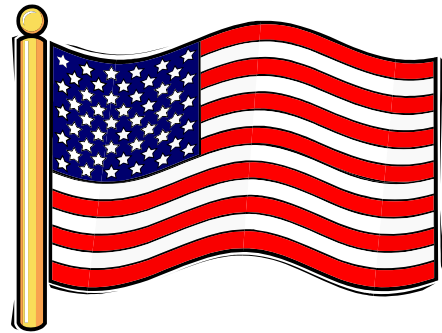
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Monthly Meditation - August

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of August, we find ourselves in the heart of summer—a time often associated with **relaxation, reflection, and renewal**. It's a fitting season to pause and meditate on our spiritual journey, both individually and as a community of faith.

This month, let us focus on the theme of **perseverance in faith**. The Gospel readings of August remind us of the steadfastness required in our walk with Christ. In particular, the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) offers profound insights. When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, they witnessed His divine glory. This moment was a source of encouragement for the disciples, strengthening them for the trials that lay ahead.

Similarly, we, too, need moments of **spiritual renewal to persevere in our faith**. The Transfiguration teaches us that while we may not always understand the path ahead, glimpses of God's glory can sustain us. It calls us to trust in His divine plan, even when we face uncertainties or hardships.

As Knights of Columbus, we are **called to be pillars of faith** in our families, parishes, and communities. Our commitment to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism is a testament to our dedication to living out the Gospel. However, living this commitment can sometimes be challenging. We may encounter obstacles that test our resolve—whether they be personal struggles, societal challenges, or moments of doubt.

In these times, let us draw strength from our brotherhood. Reflect on the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans: “**Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer**” (Romans 12:12). This triad of **hope, patience, and prayer** forms the bedrock of perseverance. Rejoice in the hope that Christ has given us, be patient amid the trials that refine our faith, and remain constant in prayer, which keeps us connected to God's grace.

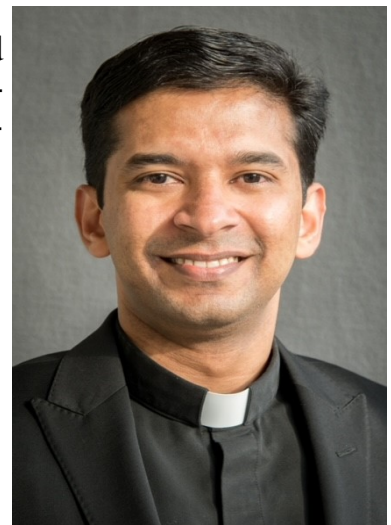
I encourage each of you to seek out moments of “transfiguration” in your own lives—those instances where God's presence is unmistakably clear. It might be in the quiet of morning prayer, the celebration of the Eucharist, or acts of charity and service. These moments can renew your spirit and strengthen your resolve.

Let us also remember to support one another. Reach out to a brother Knight who may be struggling, offer a word of encouragement, or lend a helping hand. Our unity is our strength, and together, we can overcome any challenge.

As we journey through August, may we all experience a renewed sense of God's presence in our lives. May our hearts be transfigured by His love, and may we continue to persevere in our mission as Knights of Columbus.

In Christ,

Rev Libin Augustine CMI
Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



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