



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers as I recover from my knee replacement surgery. I would like to thank Brother Bob Brennan for stepping in to serve as the Grand Knight for the February Council Meeting.

We accomplished two more goals in my absence. We wanted to have a Super Bowl Party, which we did on Feb. 9th. I am sorry to have missed it but I understand a good time was had by all who attended.

We also wanted to get our Council ready to have its best Lent ever and this was accomplished with the help of Fr. Libin who led the pre-Lent theme program at the February Council Meeting.

We have some really good events coming up. Brother Marion Wright will be taking the lead on our two fish fries on March 14 and 28th. These should be our "all hands on deck" events. They are also a lot of fun and a way to get to know each other better. On April 11th, we will have a speech contest for the 7th and 8th grade students at Christ Our King. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The topic is: "why is it important to live a virtuous life". On April 13, we will have a Cross Procession followed by a Rosary on the Campus of Chris our King led by my Brother, Don Campbell. This should be another "all hands-on deck" event. For those of us who may not be able to walk, the Rosary is really a spiritual event as we will have a Living Rosary. Finally, on May 12th, we will have our annual Golf Tournament at the beautiful Snee Farm County Club led by Brother Bob Fintak. This is a great opportunity to experience the friendship that our council is known for as we raise money for our designated charity this year: St. Clair's Home which helps support pregnant women who are in crises. It is another important, but fun event.

Let's have a strong finish to this great year we are having. The key is your participation.

May all God's Blessings be upon you,

Deacon Kev

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2025

Pro-Life/Rosary	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting	04
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Ash Wednesday	05
Officers Meeting	06
COK Life Center— 6:30PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	06
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	07
COK — 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	
Daylight Saving Time Begins	09
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	14
Grace Hall — 5 PM	
Pray Vigil at Abortion Clinic	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
St. Patrick's Day	17
Stations of the Cross w/Soup/Sandwiches/Bread	19
Stella Maris—have your soup and sandwich at Hall 6 PM. Stations start 6:15 PM	
Regular Business Meeting	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	28
Grace Hall — 5 PM	



**On Friday January 31, 2025
Our Council 9475 sponsored a
free throw contest at Christ Our King/Stella Maris School
Coordinated by Brother Michael Fabrizio**



The contest winners making the most shots out of 15 from the foul line, in their age group 9 to 14, holding their certificate, in the picture left are: In the front row left to right Alexandra Harnig, Lily Jessup, Lou Bova, Rachel Black, Wyatt Darcangelo and Tripp Virga. In the back row left to right Tiffany Roman, Ryan Curry, and Andrea Harnig. Not in picture: Are Finn Johnson, Aria Stack, and Kellan Frisch. The state competition level will be March 15 at Cardinal Newman in Columbia.



**February 9, 2025
We had our Super Bowl party
at Christ Our King Beach House**



As you can see there was plenty of delicious food.



In the picture we have Brother Joe Harkins Jr's fiancé Elizabeth fixing herself a plate and in the background you can see all the Brother Knights, wives and friends watching the Super Bowl game. It was a fun time for all except the losers. <Smile>

**Knight of the month
February 2025
Tate Hamilton**

Tate was born in Dillon, SC, and is proud to be a seventh-generation South Carolinian. He and his wife, Shea, moved to Charleston two years ago from Columbia. Tate graduated from the University of South Carolina, where he studied Political Science and Religious Studies.

Tate and Shea have a 7-month-old son named Mark. The family became members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2024, and shortly after, Tate joined the Knights of Columbus in October 2024. They are active parishioners at Stella Maris Church and enjoy the Latin Mass.

Tate works as an Account Executive for RXO Logistics.

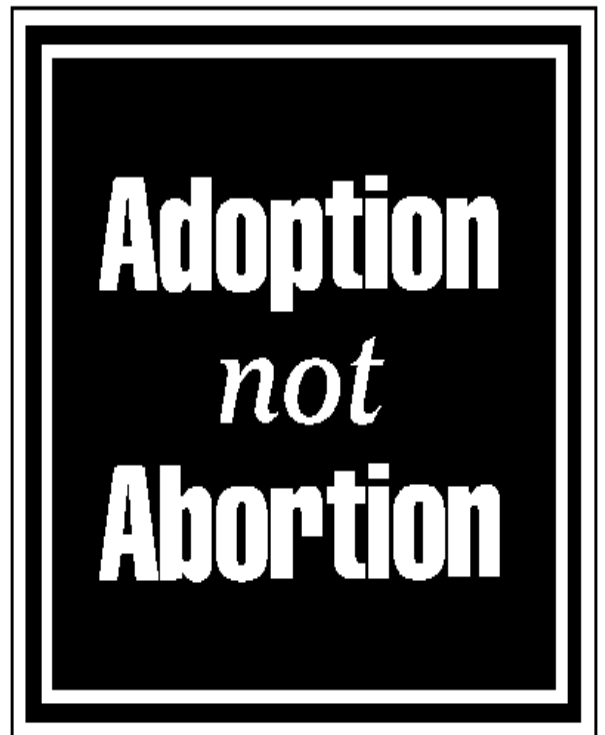
In his spare time, Tate enjoys traveling, spending time with friends, collecting coins, walking on the beach, and cheering for the GameCocks.



Stand –Up for Life



Above left Family Director Kurt Denner presented Brother Knight Tate Hamilton center with Knight of the Quarter certificate and left our acting Grand Knight Robert Brennan is presenting Brother Tate with a Knights cup.



Our Speaker was Rev Libin Augustine CMI



Father Libin gave us a very interesting talk and slide show on
Embracing the Lenten Journey
(See page 6 for details)

In picture left is Father Libin receiving Knights cup from
our acting Grand Knight Robert Brennan for his talk on
Embracing the Lenten Journey.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bob and Martha Boackle
Gerard and Michelle Gaeta
Timothy and Sue Hensch
Brian and Darla Justice
Ryan and Courtney Kinowski
Charles and Susan Momeier



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carlos Araiza
Leroy Ceresa
Paul Cheverie
Jeramiah Dempsey
Philip DiBlasi
Lawrence Elberfeld
Rev. Patrick Eynla
Stephen Fallon
Matt Feltman
Gerard Gaeta
Michael Grizzle
Christopher Guzzetta
Andrew Horun
Matthew Jones
Alfred Lopez
William Martin
Grant Miller
Henry Miller
Dennis Murphy
Joseph Myers
Joseph Nesbitt
Nazario Paragano
Isaac Perkins
Dee Ring
Joseph Rosenberger
Piotr Tarala
Jon Tirpak
John Tortorici
Steven White
Neil Whitman



Monthly Meditation March 2025

A Call to Renewal: Embracing the Lenten Journey

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we are invited to embark on a journey of renewal, sacrifice, and deeper union with Christ. *I also want to offer my sincere apology for the incorrect information I shared last month regarding the start of Lent. I mistakenly mentioned February 26.* However, regardless of the date, we embraced the essential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which remain our guiding principles as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. This season challenges us to refocus our lives on God, grow in holiness, and lead our families and communities by example.

Ash Wednesday: A Call to Repentance

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day that reminds us of our mortality and the need for conversion. As we receive ashes on our foreheads, we are called to turn away from sin and commit ourselves more fully to God. This visible sign of humility and repentance sets the tone for the weeks ahead, urging us to seek renewal in our spiritual lives.

Fridays in Lent: A Time of Sacrifice

The Church designates Fridays in Lent as days of penance, particularly through abstinence from meat. This small sacrifice unites us with Christ's suffering and reminds us of His immense love for us. Let us embrace this discipline with a spirit of gratitude, using it as an opportunity to grow in self-control and generosity toward others.

Fostering Family Prayer and Bible Reading

As Knights, we are called to be spiritual leaders in our families. Lent is the perfect time to strengthen the domestic church by making prayer and Scripture reading a daily practice. Gathering as a family to reflect on the Word of God deepens our faith and strengthens our bond with one another. Let us encourage our loved ones to participate in this journey of faith, making our homes places of prayer and holiness.

The Sunday Obligation: Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

Lent also invites us to renew our commitment to the Eucharist. Attending Mass every Sunday is not only an obligation but a privilege. It is in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist that we encounter Christ most intimately. Let us approach the altar with reverence, seeking the grace and strength needed for our spiritual journey.

The Stations of the Cross: Walking with Christ

One of the most powerful Lenten devotions is the Stations of the Cross. By meditating on Christ's passion, we unite our own struggles with His suffering and find hope in His victory. I encourage you to participate in this devotion with your parish, drawing closer to the Lord through His journey to Calvary.

May this Lent be a time of grace and renewal for each of us. May Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, guide us as we strive to grow in holiness and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Vivat Jesus!



In Christ,

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



Knights of Columbus

East Cooper Council # 9475

3rd Annual Fish Fry & Benefit



March 14th and March 28th

**Tickets \$15.00 per Person, Children under 12 yrs. Old \$8.00
Available @ Door. Dine In or Carry Out.**

Time 5:00 PM

Christ Our King - In Grace Hall

Call Marion Wright 843-509-6512 or 843-270-3299

**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 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	
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_____	17
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

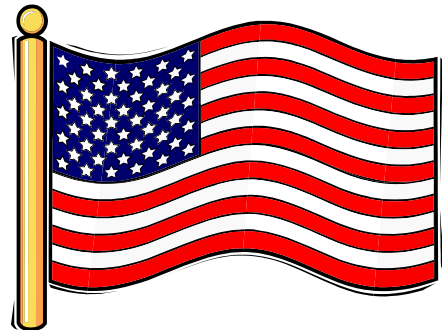
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