



# ***EAST COOPER KNIGHTS***

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Thanks for all the good work that is being done. Many thanks to Brother Knight, Bob Brennan, for taking the lead at our last Council Meeting when I was on a well-deserved, hard-earned vacation with my family.

We have had two very successful fish fries led by our Brother Knight Marion Wright. We also had a successful Speech Contest on April 11 for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of COK-SM School. According to the Judges from Toastmasters, the speeches were phenomenal.

We have some fun events coming up including our Annual Golf Tournament led by Brother Knight Bob Fintak on May 12 at the beautiful Snee Farm Country Club. On May 16 we will have a new event: the KOC Family Fun Bingo Knight which will be held in the gym at the COK-SM School and will be a great time to get together with our ladies, our kids and/or our grandkids. On May 18, we will be giving out the award for the best paper on American History by a senior at Bishop England High School.

So, we have a number of events coming up that we all need to try to participate in, and that includes increasing our membership. I believe that every catholic man in our 4 Parishes should be an active member of this council and it is our duty to do the inviting. Let's all get to work on this.

I want to thank Tom and Fran Franzone for another great monthly newsletter. Please read our newsletter thoroughly to keep up with all that is going on in this council.

I also want to give a shout out to Fran Franzone and Kathy Campbell, Don's wife, for setting up the meetings for our Ladies. We all benefit from a strong group of Ladies. If your Lady is not getting any notices and wants to receive notices of their meetings, please let me know.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have our monthly Council meeting with Dr. Mike Bowman presenting a talk on Grief and Grieving.

Finally, it is not too soon to plan to attend our Installation Banquet and dinner with our Ladies. It will be held in grace hall on the COK campus on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm. Come and be with us to celebrate the wonderful year we are having.

Deacon Kev

## 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	
Fisher House Cooking _____	07
<b>Note: postponed till early June.</b>	
Mother's Day_____	11
Golf Tournament _____	12
Snee Farm Country Club	
Sign-in 10:30 AM Shotgun start: 12:00 Noon	
See page 6 advertisement.	
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



**Pictures of Christ Our King Dedication Mass  
of  
Church and Altar  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025**



The Bishop top center with the miter and crosier is addressing the parishioners at the start of the dedication outside of the Church.



Here we have Bishop Jacques Fabre reading the opening prayer, Altar Server Liam Justice assisting, and Deacon Michael Carter as MC.



Above we have the Bishop knocking on the church door with his crosier to open the doors.



Father Robert Spencer, COK Pastor, is unlocking the church doors to allow entry by the faithful.



### Dedication picture continues



After the anointing of the altar and church walls, the Bishop continued with Mass. Left center the Bishop elevates the Body of Christ. In the picture that can be seen are left to right Deacon Jonathon Santilli, Father Robert Spencer, Father Libin Augustine, Father Gregory West, Bishop Fabre, Deacon Michael Carter, Msgr. Lawrence McInerny, and Father Andrew Fryml, not seen are Father Patrick Eyinla, Father Timothy Tebalt, Deacon Brian Justice, Deacon Kevin Campbell, and Deacon Joseph Mauriello.

### Brother Knights and Family Members Participate in Cross Procession Palm Sunday from parking lot of Christ Our King to area on Coleman Blvd. and back to Christ Our King parking lot.



Those who attended the Cross Procession are left to right Jim Welsch, Jeannie Scheiman, Will Simons, Susan Welsch, Ryan Simons, Trish Araiza, Elizabeth Mark, Joe Harkins Jr., Jim Veraldi, Don Campbell, Carolann Veraldi, Joe Nesbitt, Carlos Araiza, Deacon Kevin Campbell, and Keith Keohane. Not in picture taking picture are Joe Scheiman, and Tom Franzone.



## Cross Procession continues



Leaving the church parking lot with Brother Knight Carlos Araiza carrying the cross.



Walking up Coleman Blvd. Brother Joe Harkins Jr. carrying cross.



Continuing up Coleman Blvd. we have Worth Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell carrying cross.



Procession made it to Okra Grill area on Coleman Blvd. and turned around with Brother Knight Will Simons carrying cross.



Headed back to church lot is Jeannie Scheiman carrying the cross.



Here we have Ryan Simons carrying the cross Brother Will Simons Grandson.



## Cross Procession continues



Getting close to Magnolia Drive headed back carrying cross is Elizabeth Mark, Brother Joe Harkins Jr. fiance'



On Magnolia Drive, last leg of the procession, left carrying Knights Banner is council district deputy Joe Nesbitt and right Brother Knight Carlos Araiza. Carrying the cross is Brother Knight Joe Harkins Jr.



## *The KOC Council 9475 Membership directory*

*The KOC Council 9475 Membership directory is complete. You can pick up a hardcopy at one of our General Meetings (April 24 or May 15). You can access a digital copy of the directory by clicking [here](#) or going to [tinyurl.com/KOC9475](http://tinyurl.com/KOC9475).*



Reverend John L. McLaughlin  
Knights of Columbus Council 9475  
Membership Directory

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**Knight of the Month**  
**April 2024**  
**Dr. Yusuf (JP) Saleeby, MD**

Dr. **Yusuf (JP) Saleeby, MD** is an Integrative & Functional Medical Physician. He is an author of books and chapters in books on Functional and Holistic Medicine. He authored "Wonder Herbs: a guide to three adaptogens" in 2006. He has since contributed chapters to several medical books since then. Dr. Saleeby is the Medical Director of two centers in South Carolina (Carolina Holistic Medicine) and founder of the Priority Health Academy (PHA) a non-profit educational arm of the practice. His Academy provides education and training in functional medicine/healing and assists those wishing to establish centers similar in the USA and Canada. He is a clinical professor in functional medicine and biomedical ethics for the PHA.

Dr. Saleeby is an avid warrior for medical freedoms and patient advocacy. He is one of the first of eight USA Senior Fellows with the FLCCC (now the Independent Medical Alliance) and advisor and co-chair of the educational committee for The BODY Healthcare. He also champions more locally with the SC Physicians for Freedom (SCPFF) for healthcare reforms for the state of SC. He has been an advisor to the LDN Research Trust in the UK for many years.

He retired from Emergency Medicine after 17-years to focus on a more holistic approach to patient care. He has an interest in Medical History and lectures on the American Civil War topics, medical advances and luminaries such as Drs. Porcher, Baruch and McGuire to name a few.

Dr. Saleeby is a member of medical organizations such as: IFM, ILADS, AARM, and in association and Senior Fellow to the IMA as mentioned.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon he and his family moved permanently to the USA in 1979. He graduated from high school near Atlanta, GA and enjoyed higher education at Georgia Tech and Georgia State University graduating with a degree major in Biology and minor in Chemistry and Philosophy. He then attended the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and graduated in 1991 with a medical degree to continue post-graduate education at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University School of medicine. From there he moved to Savannah, GA to start his medical career.

An avid swimmer he participated on the GSU undergrad swim team and also had interest in Luge and Olympic Style Weight Lifting earning some podium finishes with Masters Lifting in the mid-2000s.

While in Lebanon in a melting pot of different cultures and religions he was exposed to many from Hindu to Islam and practiced with his family Roman Catholicism (mother) and Melkite, Greek Orthodox (father), Maronite until returning to the USA. His great-grandfather was a Greek Orthodox priest. The family name *Saleeby* is Arabic for "defender of the cross".

Growing up he was an acolyte, altar server while at the Salesian School in Lebanon and in America as a Eucharistic minister. In college he was active at the Newman Centers on all campuses. He was a Boy Scout and achieve rank of Eagle in the class of 1982. He obtained both Catholic medals while as scouts (*Ad Altaire Dei & Pope Pius XII*).

After reading *Seven Story Mountain* by Trappist Monk and Mystic Thomas Merton while in philosophy classes at GSU he considered that vocation, but continued on to medical school. After a 15-year hiatus from the church, he returned to the Catholic Church with his wife Sharon to embrace their religion. That was kickstarted by a spiritual retreat at Mepkin Abbey in 2020. Sharon and JP recently completed a silent retreat in Feb. 2025 at the Abbey. They look forward to another in Conyers Georgia at that Cistercian monastery there later this year.

JP is the stepfather to four amazing grown children of Sharons and two children of his own (Mic and Madison) who reside in North Carolina. JP's only sibling Cindy lives with her husband Mike in Cary, NC and his father resides with them there as well (he is 90 years old and as mentioned a KOC member).

Sharon and JP joined St. Benedicts parish in 2024 and he became a Knight in November 2024, recently becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight in March of this year.

**Congratulations JP!!!**



Above left Trustee Matt Feltman acting family director just presented center our Knight of the Month PJ Saleeby with a Knight of the Month certificate. Right our Deputy Grand Knight acting Grand Knight Bob Brennan is presenting JP with a Knights cup.



**Family of the Quarter  
March 2025  
Tate and Shea Hamilton**

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.

Shea was born in raised in northern Virginia by two loving parents who had left the Church earlier in life. She later came to faith in college through the works of C.S. Lewis, where she met Tate through mutual friends. Shea studied Supply Chain and Operations management but her heart was always in the humanities. Tate was the first person with a real South Carolina accent that Shea had ever met... they were engaged 6 months later! Shea enjoys cuddling her baby, cleaning and reorganizing her apartment and the occasional glass of Sauvignon Blanc.

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 works as an Account Executive for RXO Logistics.

**Congratulations Tate Family!!!**



Above left Trustee Matt Feltman acting family director just presented Brother Tate Hamilton with the Family of the Quarter certificate for the Month of March.



***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

*Francis and Claudia Budds  
Don and Kathy Campbell  
Leroy and Debra Ceresa  
Richard and Janet Clark  
Jeffery and Gayla Decapua  
Charles and Jeri Drouillard  
Guido and Jill Evangelista  
Robert and Sue Fintak  
Jesse and Rainey Furlano  
Richard and Mary Happe  
Matthew and Pam Jones  
William and Nancy Kundinger  
John and Janice Maize  
Michael and Cynthia McDermott  
Scott and Rachel Migli  
William and Cathy Reid  
Scott and Katie Scherer  
Anthony and Ana Stelluti  
Marion and Doris Wright  
Bennett and Suzanne Wyse*



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

*Joseph Bandiera  
Carter Brand  
Frank Budd  
Donald Burkard  
Don Campbell  
Donald Carbone  
Daniel Clerici  
Thomas Cullen  
Ron Davis  
George Detyens  
Charles Jenkins  
Tim Lynch  
Ryan Kinowski  
Richard Mantone  
Michael Merwin  
Kevin O'Donnell  
Joseph Palisi  
Joseph Raskauff  
Norman Russell  
James Seney  
Kevin Sorbanelli  
Jim Veraldi*



## **Monthly Meditation May 2025**

Brother Knights,

As we welcome the beautiful month of May, the Church invites us to turn our hearts and minds toward the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, our Mother, who is not only the model of perfect discipleship but also a powerful intercessor for all the faithful. For us as Knights of Columbus, this is a sacred time to reflect on her virtues and imitate her example in our families, parishes, and communities.

Mary's life was one of humility, faith, courage, and unwavering service. From her "yes" at the Annunciation to her quiet strength at the foot of the Cross, she teaches us what it means to trust in God's will and to live out our faith in love. This month, I encourage each of you to renew your devotion to Our Lady. Consider praying the Rosary daily, especially with your family. The Rosary is not just a Marian prayer—it is a Christ-centered meditation that brings peace to our hearts and strength to our mission.

As Catholic men and Knights, we are called to lead our families in holiness. In Mary, we see the heart of a mother who nurtures and protects. Let us follow her example by being present, prayerful, and supportive in our homes. May our words and actions reflect the love of Christ, just as hers did.

May is also a time of new life and growth—visible in nature and mirrored in the life of the Church. Many receive First Communion and Confirmation during this season. Let us pray for the young members of our Church and encourage them in their faith journeys. As Knights, we should actively support these milestones through our presence, mentorship, and witness.

In our service, let us remember that Mary was the first to bring Christ to the world. We, too, are called to carry Christ to others—especially those in need. Whether it's helping at parish events, reaching out to the lonely, or organizing acts of charity, let everything we do be rooted in love.

Brothers, as we journey through this Marian month, may Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of our Order, guide and protect us. Let us draw closer to her Immaculate Heart and, through her, to the Sacred Heart of her Son.



**Vivat Jesus!**

**Rev Libin Augustine CMI**

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



**Our Guest Speaker  
From  
St. Clare's Home Charleston**

Executive Director Valerie Baronkin, gave us talk on the homeless population continues to grow and how they get multiple calls a day from women, living in their cars, in the woods or just being kicked out of their home with no place to go.

She mentioned the Bishop recently asked them to expand to the Charleston Area. They have found a place in North Charleston and working on negotiation with owner. If they work out, there would be renovations needed and help from the Knights would be greatly appreciated.

The Charleston Home will be run with the same model as the successful Greenville location and will be under the same management. Charleston will have different Sisters. Sister Lena and the Hospitalier Sisters will run the Charleston Home.



In the picture left is acting Grand Knight Bob Brennan. Center is Executive Director Valerie Baronkin, and our Culture of Life Director Joe Harkins Jr.

If you would like to make a donation.  
Scan QR code below:



**Stand –Up for Life**



**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 JUNE 2025

Fisher House Cooking _____	TBD
Ultreya Meeting _____	03
COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM	
Officer's Meeting _____	05
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration _____	05
Stella Maris — 8 PM. Thur. to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament _____	06
COK — 7:30 AM Fri. to 4 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Flag Day _____	14
Raising of the Flag _____	14
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 8:00 AM Gathering. Starts at 10:00 AM.	
Father's Day _____	15
Regular Business Meeting _____	19
Short meeting before Installation of Officers at 5:30 PM. Installation 6:30 PM @ COK Life Center.	
Installation of Officers Council 9475 _____	19
Installation of Officers Assembly 3243 _____	19
Both will take place at Christ Our King, Life Center in Grace Hall. Council first at 6:30 PM. Then Assembly afterwards, followed by pot luck dinner. It's asked each Knight bring covered dish, salad, dessert or side. R.S.V.P. by June 15, to Brother Kurt Denner kcdenner@gmail.com	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility _____	21
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM. (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

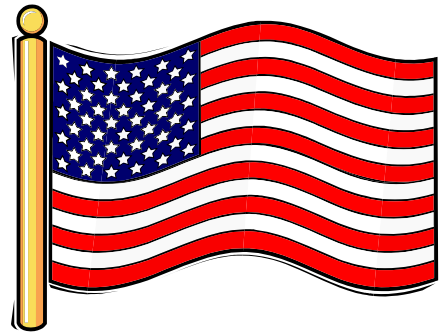
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