



# EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Dear Brother Knights,  
Many thanks to our Brother Knights who were able to attend our Council meeting on August 22. Our next Council meeting will be on September 19th. Please put that date on your calendars now!

I would also like to thank Brother Bob Brennan for giving us some history about the Knights of Columbus and some important information about the Fourth Degree. The takeaway for me was that the Fourth degree is the completion of being a Knight, similar to getting married after being engaged. Hopefully more of our Third Degree Knights will look to become Fourth Degree Knights. I would also like to thank Father Libin for his Reflection and Brother Ron Davis for another delicious dinner.

Some important reminders;

1. We will have a spaghetti supper at Christ Our King on September 10th, 2024. More information to follow from Brother Mark Lazo but this is an all hands on deck event for those who are able to help out.

2. There will be a very interesting informational seminar about long-term care insurance by the Knights of Columbus on September 10th starting at 7:30 p.m. You will attend by zoom. No participation is expected other than you watching the presentation. Attendance at this meeting will not only be informational but will be helpful to our Council to become eligible for the Star Council status. If you would like to attend this meeting to learn more about long-term care insurance, please contact Paul Harrington at [Paul.Harrington@KOFC.ORG](mailto:Paul.Harrington@KOFC.ORG). There will not be any obligation to purchase insurance.

3. We will be collecting diapers for ages 3-6 at the next Council Meeting for the for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. Please plan on bringing some diapers for ages 3-6 at the nest meeting. We will also gave collection drives at each of the parishes. More information to follow from Brother Bob T.

4. We will be participate in a prayer vigil at abortion clinic on September 29th, 2024. More information to follow from Brother Joey Harkins Jr.

5. Please put the Council cookout on your calendar: October 19th from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. It will be at the Beach House on the Christ Our King campus. Come join us to watch some football and have some good food, drinks, fellowship and fun. Please invite someone you think would be a good Knight.

6. Please plan to go cruising on the Knights of Columbus Harbor Cruise which will be on October 26th 2024. More information to follow from Brother Neil Whitman.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Deacon Kevin

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2024

Labor Day	02
Ultreya Meeting	03
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Mass to honor Fr. Vincent Capodanno	04
Mass in COK/SM gym 9:00 AM. Sir Knights wear the uniform of the Order or social baldric. Brother Knights wear your name tags.	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri.	
Officers Meeting	05
Deacon Kevin Law Office 890 Johnnie Dodd's Blvd. 6:30 PM. will e-mail any change.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	06
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	
St. Paul Evangelism	14
At Marion Square. Contact Don Campbell campbelldec@me.com	
Regular Business Meeting	19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
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	
St. Clair of Assisi recruitment	21 & 22
Christ Our King recruitment	28 & 29



**Family of the Quarter  
September 2024  
Will and Gabriela Simons**

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In 1985 Will Simons met his future wife Gabriela after a potluck dinner at Christ Our King Church. They became friends through the parish young adults' group, dated, and married on January 24, 1987, in Gabriela's hometown in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil. They are blessed to have three children, William, Caroline, and Virginia with four grandchildren, plus one due in late December. As long as Will and Gabriela have been married, they have lived in Mt. Pleasant and are parishioners at Christ Our King Church. They have always strived to stay active in the faith and parish life. They are strong believers in the family Rosary, gathering nightly, if possible, with children and grands to pray the Rosary.

Will has owned and operated a landscaping Co. for 45 years. Gabriela works as a personal assistant for the elderly who need transportation, meals, and companionship. Several years ago, Fr. Timothy Akanson began a Holy Face prayer group at Christ Our King Church which Gabriela now continues. It meets on Tuesday evenings in the temporary chapel. Gabriela and Will enjoy exploring the vastness of the great Catholic faith by learning from the lives of the saints and holy men and women in the Church today.



Above left acting Family Director Joe Harkins Presented Family of the Quarter center Will and Gabriela Simons with a certificate and right Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is presenting Knights cup.

**Knight of the Month  
August 2024  
Robert Thetreat**

Bob and Denise Thetreat were both born and raised in Western Massachusetts. They met on a blind date in January 2002, were engaged in October 2002, and married in October 2003. After their marriage they purchased their first home in Ellington, CT.

Bob has spent his entire 37-year career in the Financial Services Industry, and in 2013 his job moved him to Mint Hill, NC where he joined the Knights of Columbus and became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight. He was the Chancellor for the St. Luke Council until he and Denise relocated to Mount Pleasant, SC in 2019. At that time, Bob transferred to our Council and is currently the Faithful Scribe for our Assembly.

Although Bob and Denise do not have any children of their own, they connected with Denise's daughter Melissa who she gave up for adoption in 1987. Melissa owns an antique shop in Somers, CT and her husband Derek is a tree worker. Their daughter Millie is six years old and is starting first grade this fall. She is a very good artist and creates lots of art work for Bob's office.

Bob has been working for MassMutual Life Insurance Company for the past 15 years. He is the Southeast Regional Manager and supervises 10 Agencies in South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Denise was a successful Interior Designer in Connecticut. Bob is hoping to retire from MassMutual in July 2025.



Above left acting Family Director Joe Harkins presented Bob Thetreat center with Knight of the month certificate and Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell is presenting Bob with Knights cup.

**Our speaker was our own  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Bob Brennan**



In the picture left is Bob doing a great job explaining with slid show about Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney founder of the Knights in 1882. How and why he formed the Knights. Bob also explained about the degrees 1st. Charity, 2nd. Unity, 3rd. Fraternity, and the 4th. Patriotism. Bob's talk was very informational and made for a interesting meeting.



Left is Deputy Grand Knight Bob Brennan being thanked by Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell for such an informational talk.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Jerry & Diana Barnett  
Joe & Kathy Bustos  
Philip & Janice DiBlasi  
Edward & Barbra Fitzpatrick  
Kristopher & Kerry Gholson  
Joseph & Peggy Harkins  
Matthew & Stacy Kiefer  
Todd & Sarah Kravchuk  
John & Heidi Mahoney  
Matthew & Susan McCoy  
Derek & Carolyn McCoy  
Mike & Beth McGinty  
Thomas & Cathy McKenna  
Mark & Jennifer McMahon  
Larry & Elaine Miller  
Kevin & Kathleen O'Donnell  
Walter & Peggy Ruzek  
Jon & Angie Tirpak  
Jim & Carolann*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Rev. Libin Augustine  
Francis Budds  
Joe Bustos  
Kenneth Clair  
Gerry Corriveau  
David Creaturo  
John Devaney III  
Guido Evangelista  
Francis Fallon  
Michael Ferri  
Michael Fischer  
Thomas M. Franzone  
Justin Gaeta  
Miguel Garralda  
Kristopher Gholson  
Joseph Harkins  
Joseph Harkins Jr.  
Robert Holmes  
Vincent Hoover III  
Joshua Hulen  
Wayne Hutzell  
Mark Kennedy  
Samuel Limbaker  
Matthew McCoy  
William Murphy  
Edward Murray  
Jeff Pulaski  
Robert Pullano  
Greg Raven  
Stephen Raynor  
Walter Ruzek  
Joe Scheirman  
George Seese III  
Frederick Sieber  
William Simons  
Don Slowek  
John Vax*



**Stand-Up for Life**

**Adoption  
not  
Abortion**

Knights of Columbus Present:

# Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage



**WHERE:** Christ Our King Church  
Grace Hall, Mt. Pleasant

**WHEN:** Tue., Sept. 10th, 5 to 7:30 pm

**PRICE:** Children under 6 are FREE  
6 – 11 years old is \$5  
Adult Ticket is \$8

1122 Russell Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC

**DINE IN or TAKE OUT**

*Tickets available from a Knight or at  
the door*

**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

Neil Whitman

ngwhitman@yahoo.com

843-270-9834 - please leave a message on my voicemail

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**OCTOBER 2024**

Ultreya Meeting_____	01
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting_____	03
COK—Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	03
Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 7:00 AM. Sat.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM	
Stella Maris recruitment_____	05 & 06
St. Benedict's recruitment _____	12 & 13
Columbus Day_____	14
Regular Business Meeting_____	17
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	19
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Knights of Columbus cookout_____	19
COK Beach House 11 AM to 4 PM. All Knights	
bring a prospect member.	
Harbor Cruise_____	26
See flyer page 6 for fun, fun event information.	
Halloween_____	31

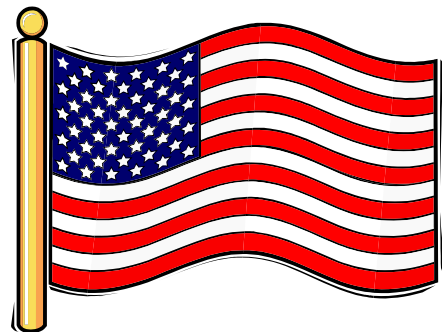
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**Knights of Columbus**



**A catholic fraternal organization dedicated to  
charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## Embracing Spiritual Renewal in September: Faith, Family, and Service

As we step into the month of September, a time marked by transitions and new beginnings, I invite you to reflect on the theme of **renewal in our spiritual journey**. Just as students return to school and the pace of life quickens after the summer months, so too can we renew our commitment to our faith, our families, and our community.

### Renewal in Faith

September is a month that brings to mind the changing of seasons, a visible reminder of the passage of time and the continual cycle of life. It's a perfect moment to renew our dedication to our faith. Let us take this time to **deepen our prayer life**, to engage more fully in the sacraments, and to seek a closer relationship with Christ. Consider setting aside additional time for personal reflection or joining a new Bible study or personal study or prayer group. The more we immerse ourselves in our faith, the more we are strengthened and equipped to face the challenges of our daily lives.

### Renewal in Family

As Knights, we are called to be pillars of **strength and support within our families**. September offers us the opportunity to renew our commitment to **being loving husbands, fathers, and sons**. Spend quality time with your family, sharing your faith and values. Engage in meaningful conversations, support each other's goals, and pray together. Our families are the domestic church, and nurturing them is a vital part of our mission.

### Renewal in Service

Our Order is built on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. This month, let us renew our dedication to these principles by actively seeking ways to serve our parishes and communities. Whether it's through volunteering at church events, organizing charitable activities, or simply offering a helping hand to a neighbor in need, our actions reflect the love of Christ to the world. Let us strive to make a positive impact, inspired by the example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

### Reflection on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a day that calls us to reflect on the profound mystery of the cross. It is a symbol of suffering and salvation, a reminder of **Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us**. As Knights, we are called to carry our crosses with courage and hope, knowing that through our struggles, we are united with Christ. Let this feast be a source of strength and inspiration, reminding us that through the cross, we find victory.

In closing, I encourage you all to embrace this month as a time of spiritual renewal. Let us support one another in our journey of faith, striving to be beacons of light in our world. May **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the patroness of our Order, guide and protect us as we continue our mission.

In Christ,

**Rev Libin Augustine CMI**

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



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