



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT - GK Bob Brennan

*Brothers- May we concentrate on our four pillars of
our council:
Faith / Family / Life / Community*

These are our coming observations for this month –
Well done to all who drove these items to a success.

UNITY:

- As one – we have completed our projects goals for this fiscal year of 25-26. While we have done this in the past, this year the challenge was to complete within the resources and cultivate new participation. Many of you have stepped up and make our future bright. Congratulations to you all.

CHARITY:

- We are closing in on yet another successful golf tournament. We have selected Low Country Pregnancy Center to receive the fruits of our endeavor.

FRATERNITY:

- We have successfully selected the next list of council officers for the next year. Let us all congratulate them all and wish them the best success in our coming year of 26-27.

I'll say more about these events at the council meeting.
See you there.

Vivat Jesu



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **MAY 2026**

4th Degree Exemplification_____	01
Friday evening	
Embassy Suites (Greenville, SC)	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM to 4 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	02
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	05
COK Chapel — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM to 8 AM Sat.	
Officers Meeting_____	07
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Mother's Day_____	10
Vigil at Abortion Clinic_____	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
American Senior History Award Ceremony_____	17
Will be at St. Clare of Assisi Church on Daniel	
Island Beginning with Mass at 5:00 PM and	
then awards starts at 6:00 PM.	
Regular Business Meeting_____	21
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail	
Rosary: 6 :00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Memorial Day_____	25



**Knight of the Month
March 2026
Don Campbell**

Don was born in Milford Ct and moved to Charleston at age 10 where he attended Christ Our King School and followed to Bishop England High School. He followed his Father's advice and attended The Citadel. At graduation, he was recognized by Who's Who in American colleges and accepted an Air Force commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

He retired in 2001, after a career in which both he and his wife Kathy, reached the rank of Colonel. During his Air Force career, Don worked on command and control, Friend or Foe radar detection, Ballistic Missile Warning, Saudi Arabia's Missile Warning System, and a multitude of Intelligence programs. Upon Retirement, Don moved to the National Security Agency and was named Assistant Program Manager for NSA's largest acquisition. Don soon got a call to move to Capitol Hill on the House Intelligence Committee where he was given responsibility for preparing budgets for NSA, CIA, and Special Navy. Don and Kathy heard the call and moved to South Carolina where they settled in Snee Farm and Christ Our King Church.

Don joined the Knights under DJ Thatcher's time as Grand Knight. Don has served as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and Trustee and is currently Assembly Purser. In addition to the Knights, Don served two years on Mount Pleasant's Planning Commission and President of the Mt P Exchange Club.

Don is married to Kathy (the smartest person he has known) for 40 plus years and have two grown children - Chris and Miles (getting married this month of March) and two grandkids.

Congratulations Don!!!



Don Campbell center was recognized for being March Knight of the Month. It was presented by acting Family Director Kurt Denner right and Grand Knight Bob Brennan presented Don with a Knights cup. Don was out of town for March meeting.

**Knight of the Month
April 2026
Marion Wright**

Marion was born in Charleston in 1943, and attended Murray Vocational High School. He met his wife Doris here in Charleston and two years later in 1965 they were married in St. Peter's Church in Columbia, SC. As newlyweds, they spent their first two years living in North Charleston where Marion worked for General Asbestos Rubber Co. They then moved to Mt. Pleasant where Marion joined the police force, serving for seven years under Police Chief Chuck Dawley. In 1973, he entered the food and beverage industry by opening The Mouse Trap. The night life got old, and after five years he left to work on the waterfront for the International Longshoremen Assoc. (ILA), where he worked for 28 years from 1978 to 2006. Marion also owned a diner on Hwy 41 at the Wando Bridge for 18 years, which was very successful thanks to customers/brother knights like Tom Franzone, Jerry Barnett and Ron Davis.

Marion and Doris have two children and five grandchildren--son Quenton works for "NIWC" in North Charleston, and daughter Gwendolyn lives in Naperville, IL.

Marion joined the Knights in 1987, as a Charter Member helping to establish Council 9475 under Rev. Herbert Conner S.J. He is a 4th degree Knight.

Marion attends Christ Our King parish, where he serves as a greeter, gift bearer, usher, helps with the annual parish picnic, parish dinner, school picnic, and ice cream social. Marion is also one of the founders of Boy Scout Troop 470 at Christ Our King.

Congratulations Marion!!!



Marion Wright center just received Knight of the Month certificate from acting Family Director Kurt Denner right and Grand Knight Bob Brennan presented Marion with Knights cup.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Francis and Claudia Budds
Don and Kathy Campbell
Leroy and Debra Ceresa
Kevin and Amanda Crean
Jeffery and Gayla Decapua
Charles and Jeri Drouillard
Guido and Jill Evangelista
Robert and Sue Fintak
Richard and Mary Happe
William and Nancy Kunderling
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
Donald Burkard
Don Campbell
Donald Carbone
Daniel Clerici
Kevin Crean
Thomas Cullen
Ron Davis
George Detyens
James Filan
Jeff Fitzharris
Owen Hardy
Eric Izzo
Tim Lynch
Ryan Kinowski
Richard Mantone
James Melville Jr.
Michael Merwin
Kevin O'Donnell
Joseph Palisi
Joseph Raskauff
Norman Russell
James Seney
Kevin Sorbanelli
John Valin
Jim Veraldi*



Our Guest Speaker From Lowcountry Pregnancy Center Laurie Lee



Laurie Lee, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center Outreach Coordinator, gave us a very interesting talk on their services including:

Pregnancy Testing
Ultrasounds
STI Testing
Options Counseling
Parenting Classes
Fatherhood Mentoring
Post-abortion Bible Study
Baby supplies



In picture left are left to right Bob Thetreault Culture of Life Director and Diaper Chairman, Laurie Lee Lowcountry Pregnancy Outreach Coordinator, and Grand Knight Bob Brennan just presented Laurie with Knights cup that she is holding up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2026

Ultreya Meeting_____	02
COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM	
Officer's Meeting_____	04
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	04
Stella Maris — 8 PM.Thur.to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM to 6 PM	
Pro-Life/Rosary _____	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Flag Day _____	14
Raising of the Flag _____	14
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 11:00 AM	
Note: This is the 14th year that Assembly	
3243 has performed this ceremony	
on Flag Day.	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	20
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM.	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Father's Day_____	21
Regular Business Meeting _____	25
Short meeting before Installation of Officers	
at 5:30 PM. Installation 6:30 PM @ COK	
Life Center.	
Installation of Officers Council 9475_____	25
Installation of Officers Assembly 3243_____	25
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.	

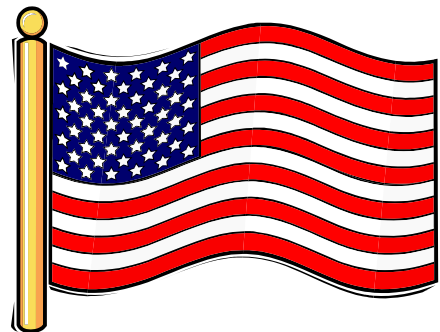
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

2026 Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Benefit Golf Tournament for the
Lowcountry Pregnancy
Center

Snee Farm Country Club
Monday June 29th, 2026
Four player Scramble

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

Entry Fee: \$190 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.

Monthly Meditation May, 2026

Deepening Our Faith Through Mary and Mission

Brother Knights,

The month of May invites us into a rich rhythm of **faith, devotion, and mission**. Dedicated in a special way to Our Blessed Mother, this month calls us to grow closer to Christ through Mary while also strengthening our witness in our families and communities.

We begin on May 1 with the feast of **Saint Joseph the Worker**, a model of dignity in labor, humility, and quiet strength. St. Joseph reminds us that our daily work, when offered to God, becomes a path to holiness. As Knights, we are called to imitate his integrity and provide faithful leadership within our homes and parishes.

Soon after, we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord**, where Christ entrusts His mission to the Church. This is not a departure, but a commissioning. We are sent to be His witnesses in the world. That mission is strengthened on **Pentecost Sunday**, when the Holy Spirit fills the apostles with courage and zeal. The same Spirit is alive in us, guiding our decisions and empowering our service.

On May 24, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension**, and on May 31, the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, the mystery at the heart of our faith. The Trinity teaches us that God is a communion of love, and we are called to reflect that unity in our families, councils, and communities.

This year, under Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune's call for the ***Year of Catechesis – Via Fidelis: Year Two***, we are invited to deepen our faith and strengthen our witness. Our focus for May is learning about Marian apparitions, such as those at Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima.

These apparitions remind us that Mary continues to guide the Church toward her Son. Her messages consistently call for prayer, repentance, and trust in God. By reflecting on these events, we grow in understanding of our faith, not as abstract teaching, but as a living relationship with God.

For us as Knights, this has practical meaning. In our families, we can introduce simple Marian devotions like the Rosary, creating moments of prayer and unity. In our communities, we can share these stories as invitations to faith, especially with those who are searching or struggling.

Mary always leads us to Jesus. By walking with her this month, we renew our commitment to live faithfully, serve generously, and witness boldly.

May Our Lady guide us, and may the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our mission.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church