



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT - GK Bob Brennan

Brothers- As we are about to celebrate Easter – The Resurrection of our Lord, we put forward our beliefs and values as members of the Knights -of- Columbus:

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

UNITY:

- Annual KofC #9475 Fish Fry March 13th and 27th. Well done by all.
- Stations of the cross at each of our four parishes.

CHARITY:

- Diaper drive benefiting – Bundles of Joy and Birthright of Charleston. In addition, we presented fund donations directly to these representatives at the March meeting.

FRATERNITY:

- Collectively remembering family members who have recently been called to the house of our Lord.
- As our 143rd year comes to a close, we proudly are setting up for the 144th term. Congratulations to all who are stepping forward.
- Our Membership drives and being scheduled for March of this year at our four parishes.

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

Vivat Jesu



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **APRIL 2026**

April Fools' Day	01
Holy Thursday	02
Good Friday	03
Holy Saturday	04
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Easter Sunday	05
Officers Meeting	07
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM.	
Ultreya Meeting	07
COK Grace Hall— 7:00 PM	
Regular Business Meeting	16
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	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



What happens behind our backs!

(Witnessed by Bob Brennan)

During the weekend of March 21-22, I was posted in the Narthex for the K of C Membership drive during all three weekend Masses at Saint Clare of Assisi. I witnessed something most parishioners would never even know occurred.

At the first (Saturday evening Mass), over my left shoulder I noticed Father West, along with the altar servers, exit the church into the Narthex and immediately huddle while saying some sort of prayer. They then dispersed. I wondered what had just happened.



Then on Sunday, after the 9:00 a.m. mass, the same thing happened right in front of me. Different servers, but the same occurrence. In more than half a century attending mass, I had never witnessed such a prayer.

Finally, as the third Mass at 11:00 am ended, I positioned myself so that I could capture a photo of

the servers who came into the Narthex, said their prayer, and were gone. It was over in about 5 seconds.

I asked Father West for the description of the gathering, and he provided the following:

Father West says, “**Prosit!**”

The servers reply, “**Pro omnibus et singulis.**”

“Prosit pro omnibus et singulis” is a traditional Latin phrase used by Catholic clergy and altar servers after Mass, meaning “May it benefit all and each [individually].”

The priest says *Prosit* (May it be to your benefit) as a blessing, and the servers respond *Pro omnibus et singulis* to signify the Mass's fruits for all present.

- **Context:** It is usually said in the sacristy or narthex while bowing to the cross after the final procession.
- **Meaning:** It refers to the belief that the spiritual benefits of the Eucharist (or prayers) are applied to everyone present and to each person individually.
- **Origin:** *Prosit* is a Latin verb meaning “may it profit” or “may it be good for.” *Omnibus* means “for all,” and *singulis* means “for each.”

The photo taken was before anyone had left the church proper. By the first appearance of the parishioners, both Father West and the servers had dispersed on their way to Sunday appointments.

This experience was priceless. May the servers cherish this memory forever.

**EXEMPLIFICATION
OF
CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY**



In the picture above are our three new Brother Knights, who took the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity March 19, 2026. All are 3rd. Degree Knights left to right Brothers John Vanesko, Victor Giancola, and Walter Maffei.

Congratulations to all three Brother Knights!!!



**Family of the Quarter
March 2026
Derek and Carolyn McCoy**

Carolyn's story began across the ocean — born in Germany to an Air Force family, she grew up shaped by the kind of resilience and adaptability that comes with a life in service. When her father retired, the family settled in Washington State, the place she would call home. Derek's journey started in Kansas, took root in Colorado, and was re-directed by his own call to serve through the United States Army. When he retired and landed in Washington State, two paths — and two families — found each other.

Together, Carolyn and Derek bring four children into a household full of love, laughter, and no shortage of talent. By day, Derek puts his skills to work as a civil engineer, while Carolyn brings the same precision and creativity to her career as a software engineer. By evening, you might find Derek running the pool table with characteristic ease, or Carolyn filling the house with music on the flute or oboe. They were married in 2019 and later celebrated their convalidation in the Church — a moment that deepened their commitment to each other and to their shared faith.

In 2022, Carolyn and Derek did what they do best — they embraced a new adventure, packing up everything and relocating to South Carolina with their youngest daughter, Julia. It wasn't long before family followed, with daughter Tera and grandson Colt joining them to build something beautiful together in a new place. They found their home away from home at St. Benedict's Church, where Derek lends his voice to the choir, and Carolyn brings her flute to the 9:30 mass. Derek joined the Knights of Columbus shortly after their arrival and has since served as Council Recorder and Captain of the Assembly.



Above left to right Council Chancellor and Family Director Mark McCabe presented the Family of the Quarter Certificate to Carolyn and Derek McCoy, and Grand Knight Bob Brennan is right.

Congratulations Derek and Carolyn!!!

**Our Council 9475 Made Two Donation
As Follows**



Above our Culture of Life Director Bob Thetreault is presenting Anna Javaux representative from Bundles of Joy Baby Essentials with a \$200.00 check.



Above our Culture of Life Director Bob Thetreault center is presenting Richard Garcia left and Paul Stanley right representatives from Birth Right with a \$200.00 check.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*James and Connie Ball
Carter and Megan Brand
James and Janice Cafaro
Alexei and Justine Decastro
Kurt and Mary Denner
John and Jennifer Devaney
Steven and Jenna Deveau
David and Lisa Dolan
Steve and Cathy Evangelista
Joseph and Francesca Frick
Jady and Kathleen Fryml
Edward and Siobhan Graham
Thomas and Linda Jane Kenzik
Ronald and Catherine Pfitzner
Joseph and Susie Schill
Donald and Allyson Thatcher
Michael and Toni Vasko
Doug and Debbie Wilgus
Henry and Shirley Wolf
Timothy and Sue Yoder*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Mark Berry
William Brumley
Benjamin Byrnes
Joseph Elfrink
Michael Fabrizio
Nathan Finch
Edward Forte'
Richard Karkowski
William Lewis
Mark Lipsmeyer
Christopher Litts
Thomas Marchak
Vincent Maroun
Sean O'Toole
Ronald Pfitzner
Michael Ricciardone
Richard Schiliro
Francis Sherman
John Watson*



**Our Guest Speaker
was Alexander Cummings
He wrote a book
*Virtues Work***



Standing left in picture is our Grand Knight Bob Brennan presenting speaker Alexander Cummings with a Knight cup after his outstanding talk on Virtues and the Gospel. His book *Virtues Work* is available on Amazon.

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 6 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
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	
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.	
Memorial Day_____	25

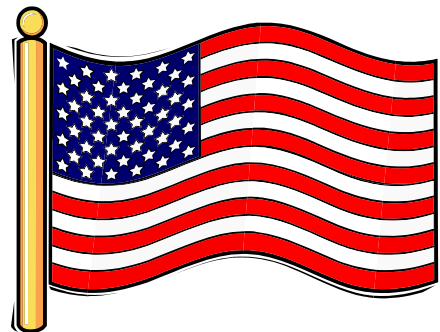
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Knights of Columbus



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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



GOD BLESS AMERICA

**OUR 4TH ANNUAL FISH FRY
ON MARCH 13TH AND 27TH**



Above left to right you have the cooks Neil Whitman, George Seese, Jim Cafaro, and Tom Franzone.



Here is where all the action is. The ladies putting the plates together front to back in line are Jane Kenzik, Fran Franzone, Susan Welsch, way in the back on her toes with just her head up is Ginny Holmes, and behind Fran is Kathy Raven.



Above are our chairman and quality control team. Marion and Doris Wright. You can see Doris has her eyes on the ladies making sure they are not goofing off.



Here we have Brother Bob Holmes breaded the fish and looks like he is enjoying the job with a big smile.

4TH ANNUAL FISH FRY CONTINUES



Above left to right are Chairman Marion Wright talking with Jeff Pulaski and Jim Welsch who greet the folks and taking their money as they attend the fish fry.



Here we have some of our servers left is Jerry Barnett talking to Catherine Brennan our Grand Knight Bob Brennan's wife, and Bob is standing against wall supervising the Fish Fry operation. Kurt Denner is holding the serving tray looking official.



In this picture we have with a great smile our dessert chairman Diana Barnett. Setting up our dessert table and it sure looks like there's a wonderful variety.



Here we have our patronage sitting down enjoying a great fish dinner.

4TH ANNUAL FISH FRY CONTINUES



Here we have left to right our runner Carter Brand, then our servers Scott Migli and in back ground Mark McCabe and Grand Knight Bob Brennan.



In this picture we have left to right our chairman Doris and Marion Wright and you can see Doris doesn't have time for picture taking. Looks like she has a lot on her mind. Left is Chuck Drouillard helping in the kitchen.



Above we have our cookers left to right Jim Cafaro frying fish center is Ron Davis checking the oil temperature for frying fish as well and George Seese frying hush puppies.



Here we have Father Libin supervising and smiling at Tom Franzone taking the basket out of the hot oil ready for the French fries left on table.

**4TH ANNUAL FISH FRY
continues with our
DIAPER DRIVE**



In this picture above our diaper drive chairman Bob Thetreault reported we collected 1223 diapers and 1800 wipes at our Fish Fry diaper drive this year. Thank You to all that donated diapers and wipes.



**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 April, 2026

Walking the Paschal Path: Deepening Faith, Strengthening Witness

Brothers,

April brings us to the very heart of our faith. We walk with Christ through Holy Week, enter into the joy of Easter, and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. These are not just events on the calendar; they are an invitation to renewal, transformation, and mission.

Holy Week reminds us that love is not abstract. It is lived, suffered, and given. From the humility of the Last Supper to the sacrifice of the Cross, we see what true discipleship looks like. As Knights, we are called to stand close to Christ in these moments, not as spectators, but as men willing to serve, sacrifice, and love with courage.

Easter then breaks into our lives with hope. The Resurrection is not only Christ's victory; it is our promise. It tells us that no struggle, no sin, no darkness has the final word. This hope is what we are called to carry into our families and communities. A Knight is meant to be a man of Easter—steady, joyful, and confident in God's power.

Divine Mercy Sunday deepens this message. It reminds us that God's mercy is always greater than our weakness. As recipients of that mercy, we are sent to be instruments of it—quick to forgive, ready to heal, and patient with others.

This year, under our Bishop's call for the Year of Catechesis – Via Fidelis, Year Two: Deepening Our Faith, Strengthening Our Witness, we are invited to grow not only in knowledge, but in lived faith. The April activity encourages us to ask someone of a different age or background about their experience of growing up Catholic.

This simple act can be powerful. Listening to an older member may reveal perseverance through trials. Hearing from a younger person may show us the challenges of living faith in today's world. Different cultural backgrounds can open our eyes to the richness and diversity of the Church. These conversations deepen understanding, build unity, and remind us that faith is lived in real, personal ways.

For us as Knights, this practice strengthens our role in the family. It helps us become better fathers, mentors, and witnesses who listen with respect and guide with wisdom. In our councils and parishes, it builds fraternity and encourages a more welcoming and inclusive community.

Faith grows when it is shared. This April, let us listen, learn, and live what we believe more intentionally.

May the Risen Lord strengthen you, and may His Divine Mercy guide your steps.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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Assembly 3243 Highlights for March, 2026

The Assembly remains very active in our parishes and community. Some of the highlights include:

- Ten new Sir Knights have joined Assembly 3243. We welcome and encourage them to be involved with Assembly events and to join the Honor Guard.
- Sir Knights Kurt Denner and Robert Brennan attended the District 4th degree Biennial meeting in Lexington, SC on March 14, 2026. They received the Assembly's Civic and Star Assembly Awards.
- Assembly 3243 remains on track to receive the Star Assembly award for the current fraternal year, which will be the second year in a row the Assembly has won the award.

The theme for the year is **America250**. In 2026, the United States of America will commemorate the 250 Anniversary of our founding and Declaration of Independence. **America250** is a nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in the 250th anniversary of the United States. See <https://america250.org>.

Faithful Navigator, Kurt Denner

Permanent Diaconate Ordination was conducted on Saturday February 7, 2026 at the Cathedral of Saint John The Baptist. Bishop Jacques ordained eleven men to the Permanent Diaconate. Sir Knights from local Assemblies and District Officers wearing the Official Regalia of the Fourth Degree served as Honor Guards.





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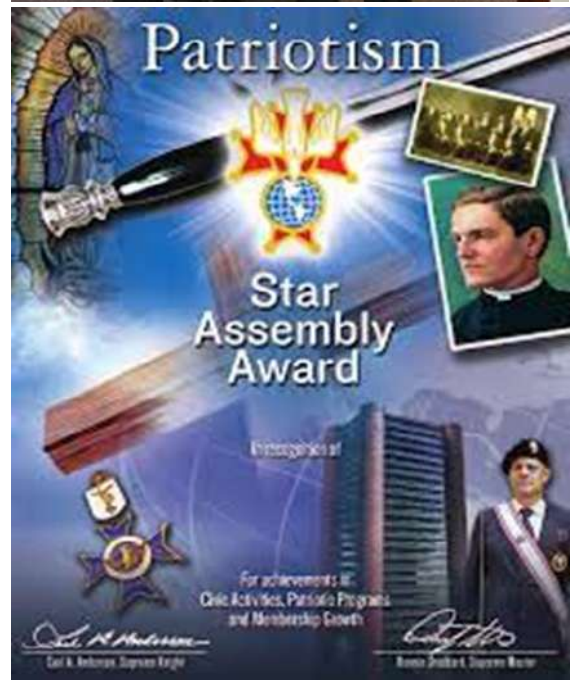


District Biennial Meeting

The District Biennial Meeting was held on March 14, 2026 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lexington, SC. Here are some of the highlights:

- District Marshall, James Roche provided Honor Guard instructions and demonstrated proper procedures and uniform regulations.
- District Master Michael Allen has served in this capacity for 6 of the past 7 years. He is stepping down.
- Three Sir Knights were nominated to become the new District Master.
- Assembly Civic and Star Assembly Awards were presented.
- Upcoming Honor Guard events were mentioned.

The picture to the right is of Faithful Navigator Kurt Denner receiving the Star Assembly Award for 2024-2025. Thanks to all Assembly 3243 members for making this happen.



Honor Guards

Assembly 3243 currently has eight honor guards with full uniforms and swords. Our goal is to have a minimum of 20. Below is the Assembly guidance to Sir Knights regarding uniforms and swords.

"All Sir Knights are encouraged to buy their 4th degree uniforms with the sword kit. If a Sir Knight has the uniform, but not a sword, he may borrow a Sword and Service Baldric from the pool. He is expected to use care while the sword is in his procession so that it is not damaged. The sword and baldric must returned to the pool promptly when the use is completed. The Sir Knight is responsible for having the proper white gloves for the uniform."

Upcoming Events

- LCVH Golf Fundraiser at Dunes West Golf Club, March 25, 2026.
- Exemplification of the 4th degree at Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC on March 28, 2026.
- Assembly 3243 Officers meeting, April 22, 2026

Capodanno Corner

- Father Capodanno was added to the "Medal of Honor Hallway of Heroes" at the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover on August 1, 2023.
- All Sir Knights are encouraged to join The Father Capodanno Guild at www.capodannoguild.org.