



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, may you be enjoying your summer months and may they be pleasant and restful.

We have successfully held our yearly planning session, and it was well received. The task of any organization is to have defined plans in order to move forward.

Our membership recruitment activities are in their initial stages and will be rolling out to your local parishes shortly. Some men interested in our organization have already applied or are seeking further interest.

While our board has maintained its fine level of existing brotherhood involvement, we are pleased to have picked up some relatively new talented contributors. We can look forward to a more robust communication, interactive participation and achievement-oriented set of activities this year.

Also, in the form of progress, we have mastered the audio-visual system of St. Benedict's Hall where our meetings take place. This should provide for a more informative meeting presentation.

Participation is the key to our success. In addition to our existing structure, we will provide opportunities for those who can "passively" participate. Those with active working careers, family commitments and otherwise unavailable for consistent interactions.

Remember:

Our mission is to look after our catholic brothers – regardless of their ability to be involved.

Vivat Jesus

GK Bob Brennan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **AUGUST 2025**

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COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Officers Meeting	07
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	07
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM. Fri.	
Regular Business Meeting	14
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30PM Meeting: 7:15PM	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility	16
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



**Knight of the Month
July 2025
Scott Migli**

Scott is the president of Battlefield Strategies LLC and also a partner in Quantum Research Group and a Principal in Riverfront Strategy Group. For almost 30 years, Scott has used his experience to lead political, corporate and legislative clients on the national, state and local levels.

Scott is a native of New York and holds a BS from Gannon University, Erie, PA where he played soccer and was captain of the 1989-1990 squad that went to the NCAA Final Four. In 1986-1987 Scott played one year in Germany with the Bayer Leverkusen youth academy.

He resides in Isle of Palms, South Carolina with his wife of 31 years, Rachel. They have two adult children; 1Lt. Nicholas Migli, US Army Blackhawk pilot and officer (soon to be Captain) and a daughter, Olivia Migli who played soccer at Duke University, graduating in 2024 and at University of North Carolina winning a national championship in 2024 while earning her Masters certificate in Leadership.

Scott and Rachel are members of Christ Our King and are active in the COK Youth group together. Scott also fills in when needed as an Usher and has been working closely with Tom and Jeff learning the ropes of being an Altar Server.

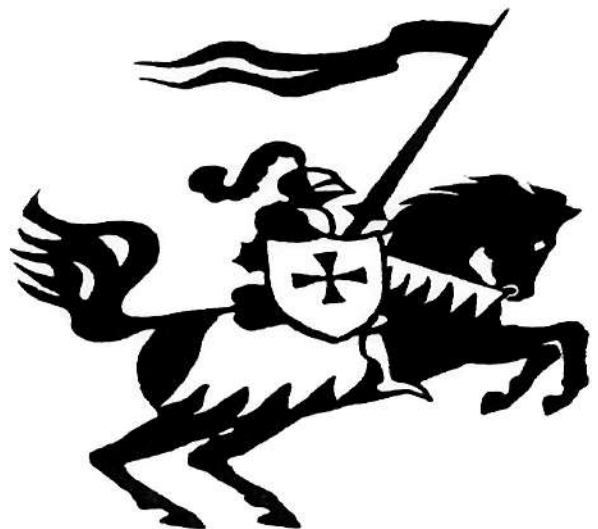
In his free time, Scott enjoys watching soccer, fishing, golfing and making pasta

"I just want to say thank you and my apologies for not being there with you tonight. Summer is unfortunately my busy, work travel time. Special thanks to Kurt, Tom, Jeff and Deacon Kevin for getting me more involved in the parish. To other members at COK, I know the Altar Servers tend to be young kids, but the KofC have filled in, especially at the 7:30am Mass. If you are interested in volunteering ask Tom or Jeff, they are always looking for help. Honestly its been a wonderful experience and have really enjoyed being a small part of the Mass and learning more about my Faith through the process. Its been an incredibly rewarding and powerful experience. Give it a try!"



Here is a great picture of Scott's wife Rachel and Scott. Scott was traveling meeting night of presentation. Here's a picture which looks like a date night dinner. Wine glasses near empty and a fresh full pitcher of wine in front of Scott. What more can you ask for!

Congratulations Scott!!!



**Our Guest Speaker Brother Knight Dr. JP Saleeby
“Surgery and Medicine during the Civil War”**



In the picture right is our Grand Knight Robert Brennan presenting Dr. JP Saleeby with a Knights cup for his outstanding talk on “Surgery and Medicine during the Civil War.”

Few of the highlights were, it was a wakeup call to learn that doctors in those days had very little training and the main cause of death was infection, disease, and pneumonia. It was very interesting to learn that the field medics on both sides helped each other's wounded at night when the fighting subsided.

If you missed the meeting, you missed a very good lesson on the history of “Surgery and Medicine during the Civil War.”

Thank You Dr. JP

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Leo and Wendy Albano
Joseph and Jerilyn Bandiera
Robert and Catherine Brennan
Paul and Lve Cheverie
Thomas and Elizabeth Cullen
Kevin and Deanna Cunnane
Francis and Anne Fallon
Robert and Danielle Geberth
Jay and Stephanie Hardy
Patrick and Sarah Hunkler
Charles and Kathy Jenkins
Kevin and Patricia Kerley
Chris and Janet Kerrigan
Alfred and Dominique Lopez
Raymond and Ann Marie Manfredi
Martin and Helen McNulty
Louis and Susan Milone
Patrick and Victoria O'Hara
Michael and Pamela Rausa
Jonathon and Beth Santilli
Richard and Joan Schiliro
Jim and Katy Sheehy
Francis and Claire Sherman
Warren Jr. and Kristin Tawes*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*John Bride Jr.
Anthony Certa
Kevin Cunnane
Steven Deveau
Mark Dickson
Michael Eovino
Rocco Falcone
Richard Happe
Robert Humphrey
Matthew Jensen
Marchuck, Thomas
Hugh McLoughlin
Richard Morales
Paul Nash
Peter Paloni
Michael Rausa
Stephen Roberts
Adam Russo
Scott Scherer
Joe Tarr
Vince Terranova Jr.
Paul Zubel*



**OUR COUNCIL 9475 ON JULY 21, 2025 SUPPLIED A COOKOUT DINNER
FOR CAMP RISE ABOVE AT WANNAMAKER COUNTY PARK**



In the picture above are the brother Knights who came to help. Left to right Marion Wright, Jim Welsch, Grand Knight Bob Brennan, Michael Condon, Bob Thetreat, our coordinator Don Campbell, Richard Garcia, Carlos Araiza, Joe Ruskau, Chris Kerrigan, and not in the picture working with the Camp Danny McKay, others came few minutes later Tommy Knisley, Michael Fabrizio, and taking picture Tom Franzone. We had a great crew that made all the work easy.



Cutting the watermelons left to right Marion Wright, Carlos Araiza, and Tom Franzone. Having fun slicing and dicing.



Now here are the Knights out in the heat under the tent cooking the burgers and hot dogs, supervising with yellow towel is Carlos Araiza, back left Tommy Knisley, over the back grill Michael Fabrizio, then Bill Shoemaker and Joe Ruskau waiting a turn and Richard Garcia in the smoke breathing through a towel.

Cookout continues



It is now time to eat and the kids and staff are lined up to fill their plates. At the serving table way in the back is Grand Knight Bob Brennan dark shirt, blue shirt is Chris Kerrigan, white shirt Joe Ruskauff and dark shirt is Bob Thetreault serving watermelon .



Everyone sitting enjoying their lunch and relaxing in the air conditioned room.



Here we have a thank you picture with the staff, all the kids, and Brother Knights blended in the back. The thank you sign is in the middle of the picture.

((SAVE THE DATE))

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 25th, 2025 - 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2025

Labor Day_____	01
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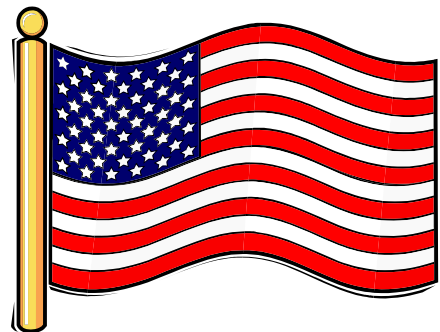
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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Monthly Meditation August 2025

Living Our Faith with Courage and Commitment

Brother Knights,

As we journey through the month of August, we are reminded of the quiet strength and enduring faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Assumption we celebrate on August 15. This solemnity invites us to contemplate the glory that awaits those who faithfully follow Christ. Mary's life of humility, obedience, and unwavering trust in God is not only a source of inspiration but a model for how we are to live as Catholic men and Knights.

August is also a time of transition—summer begins to wind down, families prepare for a new school year, and routines shift. It is a fitting moment to pause and reflect on how we are living our vocation as Knights of Columbus. Are we growing in personal holiness? Are we leading our families in prayer? Are we serving our parishes and communities with love and zeal?

The Assumption of Mary reminds us that our true home is in heaven. Everything we do in this life should move us closer to that eternal goal. As Knights, we are called to be men of action, grounded in faith and charity. Whether it is through a simple act of kindness, a moment of prayer with a child, or volunteering for a parish need, each gesture done in love brings us closer to God and builds His kingdom on earth.

This month, I invite you to reflect on the virtue of **courage**—a quality much needed in our times. In a world that often drifts from truth and moral clarity, we must stand firm in our faith. Courage doesn't always look like grand heroism. Sometimes, it's quietly defending life, choosing honesty, remaining faithful to prayer, or standing up for what is right in our families and workplaces.

Let us also be men of gratitude. August gives us the chance to thank God for the blessings of summer, the gift of family, and the strength we receive through brotherhood in our Order. May we recommit ourselves to the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity with renewed enthusiasm.

As we honor Our Lady's Assumption, may she intercede for us and help us live with the same love and faithfulness she showed.



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 July, 2025

The new fraternal year has started for Assembly 3243 and one of the activities we will focus on is praying for the Sainthood of our namesake, Father Vincent Capodanno. I encourage all Sir Knights to join his Guild at www.capodannoguild.org. The following is information about Guild and the Cause for Canonization.

The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild is a private Catholic Church association and not-for-profit corporation established to promote the Cause for Canonization of Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM. Father Capodanno, a U.S. Navy Chaplain, was killed in action during the Vietnam War while anointing and aiding U.S. Marines in combat with the North Vietnamese army.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. announced the creation of The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild on Wednesday, September 2, 2013 at the annual memorial Mass for the priest hero in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The archbishop subsequently established the guild's governing board.

Canonization Process & Stages of Sainthood

Father Capodanno lived out the universal call for holiness. Regardless of status or station in life, rank or vocation, the Servant of God's life proved that every Christian can and should live the Gospel. To become an image of Christ, to radiate Christ, isn't just about one heroic action. Rather, it's about a life of dedication to the love of God and the love of others.

The call of all Christians is to be holy: "to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength, and to love each other as Christ loves them. Thus, it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity..." (Lumen Gentium, 40). This is the universal call to holiness, and this is the path of the saints.

As we were created to know, love, and serve God here on earth to be happy with Him in Heaven, so too were we created to be saints, for only saints (whether canonized or not) are in Heaven. Canonized saints are those faithful men and women who the Church recognizes officially as being in Heaven in communion with God and being worthy of imitation.

The Church has established a procedure for Canonized sainthood, consisting of four stages: Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed, and Saint. The cause of sainthood begins with the bishop of the diocese of the individual. He petitions the Holy See for permission, called a nihil obstat (nothing stands in the way). If the permission is granted, the Bishop may begin the cause.

On May 19, 2006, the Cause for Canonization was opened for Father Capodanno and he was declared a Servant of God by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, who was at the time the Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.



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Rome Status: Work continues with our Postulator, Dr. Gori, dialoging with the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. Dr. Gori is also the postulator for the Causes of Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, and Father Emil Kapaun, the Army Chaplain and Medal of Honor recipient who died as a prisoner of war in North Korea. With Dr. Gori's hard work, both Causes have taken another significant step forward. Carlo Acutis' canonization is scheduled for 27 April 2025 and Father Kapaun was recently declared a Venerable Servant of God. The recent progression of the Causes of Carlos Acutis and Father Kapaun is positive. We are hoping to report more substantially on the progress of Father Capodanno's cause soon.



Shared Respect and Love: A picture is worth a thousand words and this one shows why our Marines named their Chaplain "The Grunt Padre."

Sir Knight Jim Wasson was on his way to Rome with an entourage of parishioners from Saint Clare of Assisi to a pilgrimage for the canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis, which was postponed due to the passing of Pope Francis. Carlos Acutis will be the patron saint of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

After the Pope's funeral, Jim, a FCC licensed ham radio operator, walked a few miles with several other parishioners from Saint Peter's Basilica to the Pontifical North American College, the home the Vatican Amateur Radio Station. Luciano Blasi, one of the Vatican Station operators, agreed to make a radio contact with Jim on June 5 after he returned home.

With a bit of divine intervention, the radio waves bounced across the heavens from the Vatican and Charleston and back to make a successful radio contact that will always be cherished.



Capodanno Corner

- All Sir Knights of Assembly 3243 are encouraged to join The Father Capodanno Guild at www.capodannoguild.org.
- He was awarded the Medal of Honor on January 7, 1969. He was also awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, along with numerous other military awards.