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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT - GK Bob Brennan

Brothers: The Grand's Grand Finale

As in all aspects of life, if I only knew then, what I know now. It has been a pleasure to take the reigns of this council and proceed to the successful completion of our goals.

I'm just beginning to see what our council is capable of and where we can excel in our support of our Catholic Faith and community.

Significantly, the collection of our four parishes creates a massive muscle and allows for us to tackle large efforts benefiting our parishes communities.

It is with my upmost pride that I found a working environment with the council members that allowed us to promote events such as the Harbor Cruise, Oyster Roast, Fish fry, and Christmas Wreath Sales. Others were more interesting and enlightening to our community.

As we work together, we grow stronger. As we grow stronger, we become more capable to achieve greater goals. For our community. For our Family, and for our Faith.

However, my term is concluding. I wish next year's term (Led by you next Grand Knight Kurt Denner) all the success in the coming year.

I will be in the background to assist in whatever manner that I can. Blessed Fr. McGivney created something 143 years ago that today remains strong. I look forward to the 144th year.

It has been an honor to work with all of you.

Tempest Fugit Momenta Morea

Vivat Jesu



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.	



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



In the picture above are our two new Brother Knights, who took the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity May 21, 2026. Both are 3rd. Degree Knights left to right Kenneth Henegar, and Clark Leonard.

Congratulations to both Brother Knights!!!



**Family of the Quarter
May 2026
Scott and Rachel Migli**

The Migli family moved to Isle of Palms in 2020 from Northern Virginia. We are members of Christ our King, where Rachel and I both serve with the Youth Ministry. I also serve as an Altar Server and both of us did our Cursillo weekend and attend our Cursillo Group each week. I am a 4th degree Knight and have really loved getting to know you all!

After meeting in college while playing soccer, Rachel and I were married three weeks after we graduated. Just last week, on May 14, we celebrated our 32nd Anniversary!

Rachel started her career as Medical Technologist, and managing a lab in Lancaster PA. After being at home with the kids when they were small, Rachel became a Middle School teacher in Northern Virginia. Rachel now volunteers her time as a member of the Turtle Team on Isle of Palms ensuring the turtles eggs are counted and protected for the DNR. She also is an amateur photographer, especially of birds...a very expensive hobby!

Most of you know my background. I am the owner of Battlefield Strategies, and a partner in Riverfront Strategy Group, both advocacy and communications firms. Most of our work is focused on providing parents with school choice options throughout the country.

Both of us played soccer for Gannon University, with Rachel being the captain of the women's team, and I was the captain of the men's team which reached the NCAA Final Four in 1989-1990 season. I spent one year playing for Bayer Leverkusen's academy in Leverkusen, Germany.

We have two children.

Our son, Captain Nicholas Migli, 27, a US Army officer and Blackhawk pilot will be returning home TOMORROW after almost two years in South Korea, his second tour there. He finished first in his flight class and we now know why he worked so hard to be able to go back to Korea after flight school...he is marrying Jiyeon Lee, a South Korean national on July 11 here at Christ Our King. After Captains school Nicholas will be stationed at Ft Belvoir in Northern Virginia until summer of 2028 when he will begin his transition and schooling into becoming a Foreign Affairs Officer.

Our daughter, Olivia, 24, is a marketing specialist for the Charleston Battery where she started her work career after graduating from Duke University and later from UNC with her Masters certificate in Leadership. Olivia was a Top 25 recruit nationally and has played for the US Women's Youth national teams at the u14, u16, u18, and u20 levels. After starting all four years at Duke, due to an injury Olivia transferred for her fifth year of eligibility to UNC where she won a National Championship....beating her former teammates in the Final Four 3-0. Needless to say that did not necessarily go over very well! She recently took a job on the marketing team with the Professional Women's Hockey League and will be moving to the Big Apple in July!

Thank you all for the honor, we love being a part of the Knights and Christ Our King.

Congratulations Scott and Rachel!!!



Above are left to right Mark McCabe Family Director just read Brother Scott and his wife Rachel's bio for Family of the Quarter May 2026, and presented Brother Scott with a certificate. Right is our Worthy Grand Knight Bob Brennan who just presented Brother Scott with a Knights cup in Scott's right hand.

**Knight of the Month
May 2026
Leo Albano**

Leo Albano has been a proud Knight for about 20 years -- ever since Joe Harkins invited him to his first meeting on Sullivan's Island where he made his first degree. Leo has been a member of Nativity, St. Benedict, Christ Our King, and St. Clare over his 33 years in Charleston. He credits his wife Wendy, who was the first girl (and first Southern Baptist) he met when he came to Charleston in 1993, with bringing him back to the Catholic Church as she went through RCIA in 2001. He also credits not only his wife and kids for helping him to grow in his faith over the past 25 years, but also the local Catholic community including the local Catholic churches and schools. About 10 years ago, Leo made his second and third degrees at Christ Our King, having four children at this point and trying to help with as many KofC events as possible. Finally, Leo made his fourth-degree last year in Conway SC and has more recently become an empty-nester and a grandfather! Over these 20 years, Leo credits the Knights with helping him grow as a husband, father, and business-owner while staying true to his Catholic faith.

Leo and his wife, Wendy, currently attend St. Clare of Assisi where he serves as the KofC parish representative. He and his wife continue to work full-time jobs in healthcare and therefore he is unable to take on many leadership roles with the Knights, but he promotes, assists and participates in as many of the various Knights activities throughout the year as possible. He is grateful to this council for all the work they do in the Mount Pleasant and the greater Charleston area. Leo remains motivated to be a servant-leader for his family, his physical therapy business, and around the local community by continuing to try to emulate the qualities that the Knights have instilled in him throughout the years!

Congratulations Leo!!!



Above left Mark McCabe our Family Director just read Brother Leo Albano's bio and presented him with a certificate for Knight of the Month May 2026. Right our Worthy Grand Knight Bob Brennan just presented Leo with Knights cup.

**Guest Speaker Kathy Raven
with the
Pink and Blue Gala Volunteers
for St. Clare's Home**

Kathy Raven gave the Knights a very informational talk on what the St. Clare's Home offers: A safe loving atmosphere in a home-like setting, where pregnant mothers are offered classes on pregnancy, childbirth, and life skills such as parenting, financial management, and nutrition.

**Kathy and the other Pink and Blue Gala Volunteers
raise funds to support St. Clare's Home.**

The following are ideals of things they can use that Kathy mentioned, you can bring to our next Regular Meeting and Kathy's husband Brother Greg Raven will be glad to collect them:

1. If you have a get away beach house to donate a few days.
2. If you have a boat and would be willing to take a couple out for a ride for a couple hours.
3. If you have extra bottles of wine around the house you are willing to donate.
4. If you have bottles of booze that you are willing to donate.

The above items are things that would make good fund raising donations. Kathy thanks us in advance.



Above are left to right our Worthy Grand Knight Bob Brennan, Kathy Raven, and her husband Brother Greg Raven who supports Kathy in all her adventures.

Council 9475 2026 American History Essay Award Winner at Bishop England High School

The winner of the essay was Ms. Riley Young, a senior at Bishop England High School. Her essay was on the founding father James Madison as part of an essay contest in American History honoring our 250th anniversary as a Nation. The presenters at Sunday's Awards ceremony at St. Clare of Assisi, representing our Council 9475 and Assembly 3243, were Sir Knights Cass Cibelli, Vincent Pinnaro, and JP Saleeby.



In the picture above are Sir Knight Cass Cibelli who just presented our contest winner Ms. Riley Young with the essay certificate and award.



In the picture above are the Sir Knights that represented our Council 9475 and Assembly 3243 right to left Cass Cibelli, Vincent Pinnaro, and JP Saleeby.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Shane and Angle Cherry
John and Angela Demo
Mark and Diane Dickson
Lawrence and Gerrie Elberfeld
Edward and Diane Forte'
Miguel and Hannah Garralda
Michael and Mary Lou Grizzle
William and Lieve Hawkins
Bob and Ginny Holmes
Robert and Linda Humphrey
Gene and Natalie Knisley
Ben and Joanna Laaper
Michael and Cristan Lawrie
Walter and Mary Anne Maffei
Richard and Jane Mantone
William and Ruth Ann Murphy
Joe and Jody Nesbitt
Don and Kim Slowek*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Deacon Stanley Aviles
James Ball
Jerry Barnett
Shane Cherry
John Christensen
John Danko Jr.
John Demo
Philippe Dubourdieu
Bill Evens
Michael Flato
Richard Garcia
Gregory Gormley
Connor Herlihy
Timothy Keenan
Ken Kobularcik
John Maize Jr.
Adam Maurer
Rev. Daniel Papineau
Mark Smith
James Viers
Doug Wilgus
Bennett Wyse*



**Our second guest speaker
was our own insurance agent
Paul Harrington**



Paul gave us a nice presentation on the history of the Knights of Columbus. Showed a short movie on a family that the father at a young age in his 40s became ill and passed. Because he had taken out a insurance policy the family was able to stay in the home they live in and live a comfortable life. It sure made you think do I have all bases covered.

In the picture left is our Worthy Grand Knight left Bob Brennar thanked our insurance agent Paul Harrington for a interesting talk on the history of the Knights of Columbus and moving movie.

Thank You Paul!!!

The Assembly 3243 on May 27, 2026
Guest speaker Faithful Friar Robert Spencer

If you were not there you missed out on a very interesting bio of Faithful Friar Robert Spencer. From joining the United States Marines after college at age 21, to serving in countries around the world, to leaving the service to working at McDonald's, then as missionary worker, to becoming a priest and was with us at Christ Our King for a short time. Then reenlisting as a Navy Chaplain, going back to countries where there was still fighting going on and being ask to be in the field medical tents where they did surgeries with dirt floors praying for service members that had limbs missing, open chest wounds, the things he saw and did were very moving. Father had enough time in the military service to receive a pension and made is way back to Christ Our King as Pastor.

Thank you Father for the outstanding talk!!!



In the picture above are left to right Faithful Navigator Kurt Denner, Faithful Friar Robert Spencer holding a Knights cup, and Faithful Scribe Robert Thetreault.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JULY 2026

Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris—8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	02
COK—Life Center, Grace Hall 10AM. to 1PM	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM to 6 PM	
Independence Day_____	04
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK—7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	16
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_____	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	

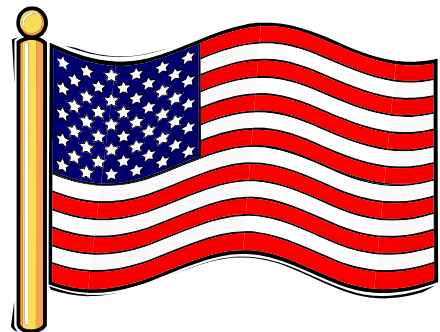
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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



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.

June 2026: Rooted in the Heart of Christ

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of June, the Church invites us into the loving Heart of Christ. In the Catholic tradition, June is especially dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, a devotion that reminds us of the infinite love, mercy, and compassion of our Savior. In a world often wounded by division, fear, and indifference, the Sacred Heart calls us to become men of faith, charity, and courageous witness.

This month we celebrate the great feast of **Corpus Christi**, where we honor the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. As Knights, our strength flows from the altar. The Eucharist nourishes us to serve our families, our parish, and those most in need. When we receive Christ with faith, we are also sent to become Christ for others through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service.

We also celebrate the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The hearts of Jesus and Mary remind us that holiness begins with love rooted in sacrifice and trust in God. In our homes, we are called to reflect those same hearts through patience, prayer, and compassion.

June also brings the witness of great saints. On June 24, we celebrate **Saint John the Baptist**, who humbly prepared the way for the Lord. His words, “He must increase, I must decrease,” challenge us to place Christ at the center of our lives. At the end of the month, we honor **Saints Peter and Paul**, pillars of the Church whose courage and faith transformed the world. Their example reminds us that ordinary men, surrendered to God, can accomplish extraordinary things.

This month, let us also **pray** in a special way **for vocations to the priesthood and religious life**. We especially remember with gratitude the **four diocesan transitional deacons who will be ordained priests this June**. May the Lord strengthen them as they begin their sacred ministry. As Knights, we must continue encouraging young people to listen courageously to God’s call.

In this **Year of Catechesis, Via Fidelis Year Two: Deepening Our Faith, Strengthening Our Witness**, Bishop Fabre encourages us in June to buy a Catechism if we do not already have one and explore a topic we have always wondered about. This simple practice can deepen our understanding of the faith and help us answer questions within our families and communities with confidence and clarity. A Knight who knows his faith becomes a stronger leader, husband, father, and servant of the Church.

Finally, we **welcome our new officers** and **thank our outgoing leaders** for their faithful service. May this transition be marked by unity, fraternity, and renewed zeal for our mission.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus guide and strengthen us always.



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 May, 2026

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

- The Honor Guard served at the Confirmation Mass at St. Benedicts on May 12. Bishop Jacques presided.
- Members of the Honor Guard served at the Anniversary Mass for Bishop Jacques on May 13 at the Cathedral of Saint John The Baptist.
- Assembly 3243 hosted a Memorial weekend cookout for the Veterans staying at the Lowcountry Veterans Home on May 23.
- The last Assembly meeting of the fraternal year was conducted on May 27 with a cookout. Fr. Robert Spencer, Pastor at Christ Our King was the guest speaker.

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>.

Memorial Weekend Cookout for Veterans staying at the LCVH – was held on May 23, 2026. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Ribs, Mac and Cheese plus other side dishes, desserts and drinks were prepared for the 16 Veterans staying at the home. Each of the Veterans were also given a commemorative 250th USA Anniversary hat. It was a great event and enjoyed by all. A big shout-out to the Sir Knights who participated in making this Memorial Day special for some Veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms. God Bless Them!





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Confirmation at Saint Benedicts

On May 12, 2026, the Assembly 3243 Honor Guard, escorted Bishop Jacques, Father Good and the candidates for confirmation to the Alter at St. Benedicts. The Honor Guard also escorted the gift bearers. This was a very visible sign of the work we do as 4th degree Sir Knights for our parishes.



Father Robert Spencer

Fr. Spencer was the guest speaker at the Assembly's May meeting. He gave a wonderful talk about his life experiences, which we have turned into a trivia quiz.

Which of these statements are true about Fr. Spencer?

1. Fr. Spencer was a "Jarhead" and served with the US Marines and traveled the world.
2. He had a job at a fast-food joint, flipping hamburgers.
3. Fr. Spencer served a total of 28 yrs in the US Navy.
4. His brother, F. Richard Spencer is the Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.
5. He was a social worker for AIDS patients.
6. Fr. Spencer served as a Navy Chaplain for 15 years.
7. He was the Military Chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery.
8. He became the pastor at Christ Our King in 2017.
9. All of the above statements are true.

Of course, the correct answer is #9. Thank you, Father Spencer for all that you do for so many.



Upcoming Events

- Flag Day ceremony on the USS Yorktown on June 14, 2026. Arrive by 9:00am with ceremony commencing at 11:00am. Honor Guards needed.
- Installation of the new fraternal year Assembly Officers on June 25, 2026, starting at 6:30pm. Will be held at Grace Hall at Christ Our King. Will follow the installation of Council 9475 Officers with dinner to follow.

Capodanno Corner

- Father Capodanno High School officially opened its doors on a new campus, just outside the town of Vass, NC in May 2026. 65 students are currently enrolled.
- All Sir Knights are encouraged to join The Father Capodanno Guild at www.capodannoguild.org.