



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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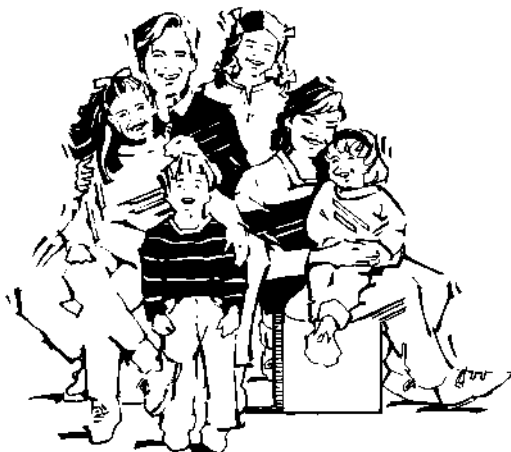
GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

I can't believe that this year is almost over. We just had our last regular council meeting of the year. Our next meeting, on June 19th will be the installation banquet. Please make plans to attend.

In the meantime, we have just completed a few more of our goals and have one that has been delayed until June 30th: the annual golf tournament at the beautiful Snee Farm Country Club which was scheduled for May 12th but was rained out. We had our first annual Knights of Columbus family life fun bingo night at the Christ Our King-Stella Maris school gym on Friday May 16th. It was lightly attended by bingo players which might have been due to a lack of publicity. We can take care of that the next time but what made me so proud was the many knights who were there to help out. In the end it was a really fun event. We also participated in the Bishop England high school awards ceremony at St Clare. Brother Knight Dr. JP Saleeby presented the awards to the essay winners.

Thanks to all for the good work you have done this year. Let's finish this great year strong. Let's have a great attendance at the installation banquet on June 19th in Grace Hall on the COK campus. Our ladies are invited. It will be a pot luck format, please bring a side or a dessert. It will be a fun knight.

Worthy Grand Knight Deacon Kev



Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2025

Fisher House Cooking	TBD
Ultreya Meeting	03
COK Grace Hall — 7:00PM	
Officer's Meeting	05
COK —Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	05
Stella Maris — 8 PM.Thur.to 8AM. Fri.	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	06
COK —After 7:00 AM Mass Fri. to 7:00 AM	
Sat. ending with Benediction. Knights,	
Gabriela Simons is asking if you are able to	
spend any midnight hours, please do.	
Pro-Life/Rosary	07
COK — 7:30 AM	
Flag Day	14
Raising of the Flag	14
On the Yorktown at Patriots Point 8:00 AM	
Gathering. Starts at 10:00 AM.	
Father's Day	15
Regular Business Meeting	19
Short meeting before Installation of Officers	
at 5:30 PM. Installation 6:30 PM @ COK	
Life Center.	
Installation of Officers Council 9475	19
Installation of Officers Assembly 3243	19
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. R.S.V.P. by	
June 15, to Brother Kurt Denner	
kcdenner@gmail.com	
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	



**Knight of the Month
May 2025
Bob Fintak**

Bob grew up in Western New York, just south of Buffalo. He married his wife Sue (high school sweetheart) in 1972 and will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary May 20, 2025.

Bob attended the University of Buffalo and earned his BS and MBA. He was a member of the US Army Reserves from 1971 – 1977. He worked as a software engineer and then transitioned to Logistics Management working for a Medical products manufacturer in Buffalo.

The family moved to Lexington SC in 1996 and then to Mt Pleasant in 2014. In Lexington he was an operations manager for a startup company then he returned to his roots doing IT quality management work for Computer Sciences Corporation.

Bob and Sue have 3 great kids, David (living in the Denver) who is a Retina Specialist, Stephen (living in Atlanta) who is an architect, and Stacey (living here in Mt Pleasant) who works for MUSC as a Physician Assistant. They have 8 grandchildren.

Bob and Sue are active members of St. Benedict parish, Bob is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at 8am mass; he has been a member of the Knights since 1999.

Congratulations Bob!!!

**Our Guest Speaker
Michael Bowman, MD
With
St. Benedict Grief Ministry**

Dr. Michael Bowman gave us a very interesting talk on how each grief journey is unique and no one travels the same path through grief. If you are interested in seeking support or volunteering see QR code below:



Left Kurt Denner our Family Director just presented Brother Bob Fintak center with the Knight of the Month May 2025 Award and right is our Worthy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell presenting Bob with a Knights cup.



Our Worthy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell left is presenting speaker Dr. Michael Bowman with a Knights cup for coming out and giving us the very interesting talk.

**Our Worthy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell
Received
The Shining Armor Award**



Our District Deputy Joe Nesbitt right awarded our Worthy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell left with the Shining Armor Award and pin, which the pin is shining on our Worthy Grand Knights right lapel.

The Shining Armor Award is for being a outstanding Knight of Council 9475.

Congratulations Worthy Grand Knight Deacon Kevin!!!

**We had our Second Fun Bingo Knight
At
Christ Our King/Stella Maris Gym
Partnered with St. Vincent de Paul
It was a great time for those that were able to come**



Above are the worker bees that came early to set up tables and chairs. To name a few in picture left is District Deputy Joe Nesbitt, guy in pink shirt, blue shirt is chairman Jon Tirpak.



Here we have the workers setting up welcoming table Doris Wright putting on table cloths, in back are Carlos Araiza, talking to Fran Franzone and Jean de Gruyl all helped with setting up snack and refreshment tables and what ever else was needed.

Fun Bingo Knight continues



There were lots of prizes across the whole stage and floor.



Now it's Bingo time! Everyone was having a good time, even Father Spencer. Way in the back is Angie Tirpak pulling the numbers and Jon Tirpak calling the numbers keeping everyone straight. It's not showing here but Father Spencer won a cake and he's still smiling thinking about it.



Looks like Fran Franzone picked out a dish and Jean de Gruyl is still looking.



Just having fun playing BINGO!!



Here was the final grand prize three winners left to right Jean de Gruyl, Harper, and Diana Barnett prize presented by our chairman Jon Tirpak a Million Dollar Bill which is movie prop money.
Lots of fun!!!!

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
Richard and Jane Mantone
William and Ruth Ann Murphy
Joe and Jody Nesbitt
Paul and Patti Reale
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
Daniel Papineau
Mark Smith
James Viers
Doug Wilgus
Bennett Wyse*



Stand –Up for Life

**Adoption
not
Abortion**

Inaugural American History Award for graduating Bishop England High School

The Knights of Columbus Council 9475 supported Brother Knight Dr. Saleeby's efforts to award a graduating HS student excelling in American History.

Sarah Dressel the History Department head at Bishop England High School (BEHS) picked four top students to submit an essay.

These essays were judged and the winner this year is **Lily Runkle**.



Left is Dr. JP Saleeby just presented Lily Runkle with the winning award certificate of the essay.



Here we have Lily's classmates standing with Dr. JP Saleeby
Left to right are Lillian Greenwell, Dr. JP Saleeby, Lily Runkle, Joshua Freeman, and Dylan Cedeno our runner ups.

History award continues:

Sir Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell, Sir Knight Cass Casimiro and Sir Knight Dr. JP Saleeby were present to give the awards (certificate plus a monetary award for college); the three runners up students also received a check for their efforts and to help with college expenses.

This award is an effort to promote patriotism by understanding and studying history (especially American History). Without a knowledge of history, it is hard to be a patriot. Patriotism is a chief principle for 4th degree Knights of the Knights of Columbus.

This is my way of paying it forward, as 43 years ago I was the recipient of my HS (Stockbridge High School) History Award presented by the Woodmen of the World organization. This remains one of my most cherished awards I ever received and prompted me to be a lifelong student of history and a historian.

Close up of Lily Runkle's Award

Congratulation Lily!!!



Monthly Meditation June 2025

A Time of Transition and Gratitude

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of June, we find ourselves in a season of transition—**closing one chapter and beginning another**. Nature itself mirrors this shift as spring gives way to the warmth of summer. For our Council, June also marks a significant time of change as we conclude the fraternal year, **thank our outgoing leadership**, and **welcome a new team** to guide us forward.

First, I wish to express heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing officers. Your **dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment** to the mission of the Knights of Columbus have been a true blessing. You have served with integrity and purpose, modeling the virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity. Your efforts have **strengthened our Council, deepened our spiritual life, and enriched the lives of those we serve**. On behalf of all your brother Knights and the parish community, **thank you** for your generous service.

To our newly elected officers—**welcome!** You now take up the mantle of leadership at a time filled with both **opportunity and responsibility**. Let your service be **rooted in prayer, inspired by our founder Blessed Michael McGivney**, and guided by the **example of Christ**, the servant leader. Remember that your role is **not only administrative but spiritual**—you are called to help form a Council that reflects the love of God and builds up His Kingdom through concrete acts of charity and fraternity.

The month of June is also dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, a powerful symbol of Christ's boundless love for humanity. Let this devotion inspire us all **to lead with compassion and humility**. May our hearts, like His, be open to the needs of others—especially the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten.

As Knights, let us embrace this time of transition with renewed enthusiasm. Whether you are continuing in service or stepping into new roles, remember that our shared mission remains the same: **to be men of faith and men of action**. Let us **support** one another, **pray** together, and **commit** ourselves anew to our calling as Knights of Columbus.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus guide and bless our work in the months ahead. And may Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of our Order, watch over us always.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church

Golf Tournament Rescheduled to June 30, 2025

There are openings if you are interested in playing.

Contact: Bob Fintak — bfintak@yahoo.com

Below are a few pictures before it was called off.



Above we have the sign in table with chairman Bob Fintak right, Brother Jim Welsch center and Sue Fintak handling the bogey tickets.



Here we have in golf cart back Past Grand Knight Don Campbell and our Grand Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell. They were our putting contest coordinators and now ready to play golf.



Here we have chairman Bob Fintak giving last minute instructions before the Noon shotgun send off.



This is the shotgun send off before the monsoon came.

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

**2025
Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Benefit Golf Tournament for
St Clare's Home Charleston**

**Snee Farm Country Club
Monday June 30, 2025
Four player Scramble**

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

Entry Fee: \$175 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.

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Officers Meeting_____	03
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Independence Day_____	04
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament_____	04
COK —After 7:00 AM Mass Fri. to 7:00 AM	
Sat. ending with Benediction.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	05
COK—7:30 AM	
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	
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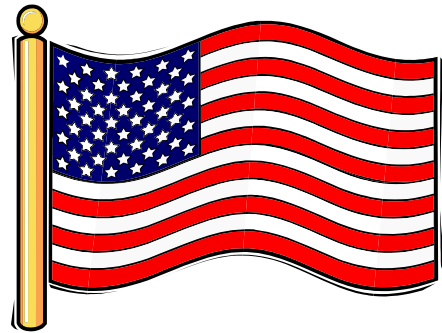
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