



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers may all be well with you and yours, and may your journeys be safe.

Congratulations are for Brother Mark Lazo who successfully held our annual Spaghetti dinner held at Christ Our King Grace Hall last month. Many Knights contributed their efforts and nearly 200 people enjoyed a night of pasta.

Also, check for the upcoming Harbor Cruise Saturday evening October 25th. This event usually sells out and is an enjoyable evening cruising around Charleston harbor.

Both of these events are part of our community efforts in bringing our Knights and their families together for some good social interactions.

Also be aware that October is our continued efforts to promote pro-life activities and offer prayer for the lives of the unborn.

St. Clare of Assisi is participating in Pro-life vigils at the West Ashley clinic Oct 5th. The KofC council #9475 is also participating in the Pro-life vigil on Oct 19th. Below is a google photo of the location and set up for those who wish to pray for the unborn.

Remember October is Pro-Life month



Vivat Jesus

GK Bob Brennan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2025

Officers Meeting_____	02
COK—Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	02
Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	03
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM. ending with Benediction	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	04
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting_____	07
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM	
Columbus Day_____	13
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	
Fourth Degree Exemplification_____	17
Conway, South Carolina	
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	
Harbor Cruise_____	25
See flyer page 6 for a fun, fun event information.	
Halloween_____	31



**“If you missed our spaghetti dinner
Wednesday Sept. 17, 2025
it was a great event”**



Father Spencer saying the before dinner prayer with all the volunteers in Grace Hall kitchen.



The other half of kitchen with volunteers after the prayer.



Here we have left Jeff Pulaski our financial secretary and Jim Welsch our treasurer ready for our customers.



Above we have manning the food line are brother Knights Frank Osage front, Jerry Barnett center, and John Bride in corner after to go boxes.



Manning the salad are left Jim Veraldi mixing in bowl, Jim Cafaro center holding dressing, supervising Chuck Drouillard, and the back of Marion Wright putting salad on table. Note: Way in the back is Chris Kerrigan stirring the sauce in the pot.



Above we have brother Knight Joe Scheirman manning the refreshment table.



Now here manning the adult refreshment table are left to right brother Knights Joe Harkins Sr., Bill Shoemaker and Bill Graves.



Above was our amazing donated desserts on table.



This is what its all about serving the people, a reasonable meal for a reasonable price.



Here we have Grace Hall starting to fill up with folks enjoying their meal.



Stand –Up for Life



**Family of the Quarter
September, 2025
Marion and Doris Wright**

Marion Wright was born in Charleston South Carolina, one of nine children. Doris Wright was born in Toledo, Ohio, one of seven children. They have two children – Quenton who lives in Wando with his wife Mary and Gwen who lives in Naperville, Illinois with her husband Jim and their two children, Marion and Doris have six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Marion started attending COK in 1966, the same year he joined the Mount Pleasant Police Department. He stayed with the department until 1973 then went into the restaurant business.

In 1978 Marion went to work for Maersk Shipping Industry, Retired in 2005.

Marion became involved with the Knight of Columbus and established the first council in the 1980's. He served as district warden for 5 councils in district #9. He has been an inside guard also an outside guard. Now he is on the recruiting committee. Also, in charge of the Fish Fry Committee. In parish life he is serving on the New Comers Committee, Family Life Committee and Building and Grounds Committee.

Congratulations Marion and Doris!!!



Above left is Marion Wright and right center is his wife Doris who just received the Family of the Quarter certificate from our Family Director Mark McCabe next to Marion and our Grand Knight Bob Brennan is right of Doris.

**Knight of the Month
September, 2025
Mark Lazo**

Born and raised in Mt. Rainier, MD. Fourth of six children (Two brothers and three sisters). Graduated from University of Maryland, College Park, MD in May 1993 with a B.S. degree in Fire Protection Engineering. Worked as a fire protection engineer with Naval Facilities Engineering Command for a total of 12-1/2 years before entering the private sector to continue working as a fire protection engineer for Applied Building Sciences, Inc. where I worked for approximately 2 years before being recruited and hired by O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. Worked for 5 years at O'Brien & Gere as a Technical Director of the Mechanical, Electrical, and Fire Protection Engineering Group before being hired by my current employer, C.E.M.S. Engineering, Inc. where I am now the Principal Fire Protection Engineer. Obtained professional engineer (PE) license in January 2001.

Met my wife Debbie in 2000 and we were married December 8, 2002. We currently live in Mt. Pleasant and attend Christ Our King.

We have one son, Austin, age 27, married to Jenny who provided us our first grandchild, John who will turn 1 at the end of September. Austin is a 3rd Degree Knight with his local council.

4th Degree Knight

Joined K of C Council 9475 in February 2009.

Exemplified in the 4th Degree in February 2010.

4th Degree Honor Guard.

Past Faithful Navigator of 4th Degree Assembly #3243 and

Past Faithful Purser.

Past Grand Knight, Past Deputy Grand Knight and Past Chancellor.

Chaired the Spaghetti Dinner Committee recently and in past years.

Altar Server COK 7:30 AM. mass.

Assist with Wreath Sales and COK Bazaar, Free Throw Contest, Oyster Roast, and other activities when available.

Attend Christ Our King usually 5:00 PM on Saturday when not altar serving at the 7:30 AM Sunday mass. Have volunteered with landscaping.

Enjoy cooking, fishing, shrimping, tennis, skiing, biking, hiking/camping, landscaping, and handyman stuff.

Congratulations Mark!!!

(See picture page 7)

Our Guest Speaker Karen Durand,
Principal Saint John's Catholic School



The Knights of Columbus Council #9475 enjoyed hearing the firsthand experiences from Principal Karen Durand and the joys and challenges of St. John's Catholic grade school locally in North Charleston.

For 76 years St. John Catholic School in North Charleston has provided a faith-based education to its students. Currently, the school serves a diverse population of learners coming from 12 zip codes, with over half of their Saints-in-Training In need of significant financial assistance. St. John utilizes a STREAM philosophy centered in problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity with a real-world application. The classroom teachers work hard to ensure every learner is nurtured and loved. Middle school students participate in weekly Holy Hour, and younger grades learn through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

If you would like to get more involved (either by funding Donations or personal involvement), you can contact her at the below numbers.

God bless,

Karen Durand, Principal
Saint John Catholic School
3921 Saint John's Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
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<https://www.saintjohnschoolsc.org/>



Above left is Principal Karen Durand receiving a Knights cup from our Grand Knight Bob Brennan as a thank you for speaking.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*David & Darlene Creaturo
John and Maryann Czarnecki
Ron and Debra Davis
Stephen and Joan Fallon
Gregory and Stasi Gormley
John Jr. and Siobhan Maize
Mark and Beth McCabe
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Clarence and Mary Murphy
Edward and Kathleen Murry
John and Monica Mutter
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Robert and Denise Thetreault
John and Lynn Tortorici
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Deacon Kevin Campbell
Richard Clark
Daniel Corcoran Jr.
Carl Counasse
Steve Evangelista
John Gilsenan
Edward Graham
William Graves
Lloyd Hahn
Paul Harrington
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John Mahoney
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Clarence Murphy
Mark Stadtmueller*



In the picture left is our Family Director Mark McCabe who just presented Mark Lazo center with the Knight of the Month certificate and right our Grand Knight Bob Brennan present Mark with Knights cup.



((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

Neil Whitman

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843-270-9834 - please leave a message on my voicemail

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2025

All Saints Day_____	01
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
All Soul's Day_____	02
Daylight Saving Time Ends_____	02
Ultreya Meeting_____	04
Christ Our King in Grace Hall 7:00 PM	
Election Day_____	04
Nocturnal Adoration_____	06
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM	
Officers Meeting_____	06
COK — Life Center — 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	07
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM.	
Veterans Day_____	11
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting_____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Feast of Christ Our King_____	23
Thanksgiving_____	27
Christmas Wreaths arrive_____	28

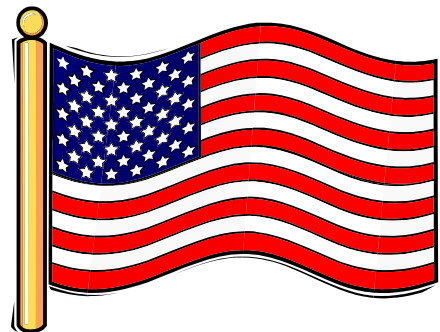
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Monthly Meditation October, 2025

Be Channels of Peace

As we enter the month of October, our hearts are drawn to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, celebrated on October 4th. St. Francis, the humble servant of God, is remembered as a peacemaker, a man who radiated Christ's love in both word and deed. His famous prayer, "**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,**" continues to echo in our world today, a world in desperate need of reconciliation, understanding, and healing.

As Knights of Columbus, we too are called to be channels of peace—within our families, our parishes, and our communities. True peace does not mean the absence of conflict but the presence of Christ. When we forgive, when we serve, and when we choose love over division, we allow the peace of Christ to take root. In a society so often marked by noise and discord, our witness of gentleness, patience, and fraternity becomes a living Gospel.

This month also invites us to focus on prayer in a particular way. Each month, Bishop Jacques has encouraged the faithful to live out the Year of Evangelization through specific activities. For October, he invites us to **pray the rosary and ask for Mary's intercession upon our evangelization efforts**. The rosary is not only a prayer of devotion but also a powerful tool for evangelization. As we meditate on its mysteries, we enter deeply into the life of Christ through the eyes and heart of His Mother.

I encourage you, dear brothers, to pray the rosary daily—alone, with your families, or within your councils. Ask Mary to strengthen our efforts to share her Son with others, just as she shared Him with the world. The mysteries of the rosary also offer us a starting point for conversations about Jesus. In speaking of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries, we are, in fact, telling the story of salvation. This is evangelization at its heart: sharing Christ simply, faithfully, and joyfully.

As we pray and as we serve, let us imitate St. Francis in his simplicity, humility, and dedication to peace. May our actions reflect the love of Christ, bringing hope to the weary and light to those in darkness. Together, may we be instruments of peace, guided by Our Lady of the Rosary, as we continue to build up the Kingdom of God.

Amen!



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church