



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.

We are now entering the interaction phase of the calendar. The upcoming events will be both entertaining and challenging to our Catholic community.

We were able to schedule the following:

- Spaghetti Dinner Sept 17th (Wed Evening)
- Harbor Cruise Oct 25th (Sat Evening)
- KofC Christmas party Dec 12th (Fri Evening)

We are now in the yearly budget phase (to be completed shortly), and we are looking very stable for the coming years.

However, nothing ever stays the same. We will focus on improving our message to be more of a community interactive organization.

Our four pillars of foundation

- Life
- Family
- Community
- Faith

will be promoted to not only attract members but maintain community interaction through participation and achievement. By working together, we can all develop a better faith and understanding of our Catholic community.

As one of our previous gospel readings identified (Luke 13:22-30), The Lord professed us to strive through the narrow gates". We will always want more resources, but we will achieve with the resources we have.

Vivat Jesus

GK Bob Brennan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2025

Labor Day	01
Ultreya Meeting	02
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration	04
Stella Maris — 8PM Thu. to 8AM. Fri.	
Officers Meeting	04
COK—Life Center—6:30 PM	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	05
COK — 7:30 AM . Fri. to 6:00 PM. ending with Benediction	
Pro-Life/Rosary	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Spaghetti Dinner	17
COK Grace Hall 5 to 7:30 PM See flyer page 6.	
Regular Business Meeting	18
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:15 PM	
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	



Knight of the Month
August 2025
Carlos Araiza

Carlos Araiza was born and raised in Tempe, Arizona where he lived for 65 years before retiring and relocating to Mt Pleasant. SC.

Carlos worked in Law Enforcement for 35 years spending most of his career with Police K-9s. Carlos trained both the dogs and the handler officers for drug detection, search and apprehension.

Carlos had worked several K-9s during his career. They became part of the family and the last one, Eris retired with Carlos.

Carlos' wife, Trish of 35 years was a transfer from Long Island and they met while both working at the Tempe Police Department where Trish worked as an officer as well. Together they had eight children. Two are deceased and the other six are in Arizona, Indiana, and Massachusetts.

After retirement, Trish wanted to move back to the East Coast as she missed the water. Trish's brother, Jim resides in Mt Pleasant and after several visits, Carlos and Trish decided to relocate and make Mt Pleasant their home.

Carlos and Trish totally enjoy all that this area has to offer. They found their Church at St Benedicts where Carlos is now a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus member.

Carlos volunteers with St Benedicts and St Vincent de Paul Society where he picks up donated furniture several times a week and delivers the furniture to the Warehouse in North Charleston at St John's Catholic Church.

On Saturdays, Carlos volunteers at the Warehouse to distribute the furniture to clients in need of assistance. Carlos is also on hand to translate for those clients who speak Spanish only.

Carlos also volunteers as a "Bell Ringer" for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season and has volunteered for several years at ECCO.

Carlos has found his "nitch" here in Mt Pleasant and feels truly blessed with all those he has come in contact with.



Center is Carlos Araiza just received the Knight of the Month certificate from Chancellor Mark McCabe right and left our Grand Knight Bob Brennan present Carlos with Knights cup.

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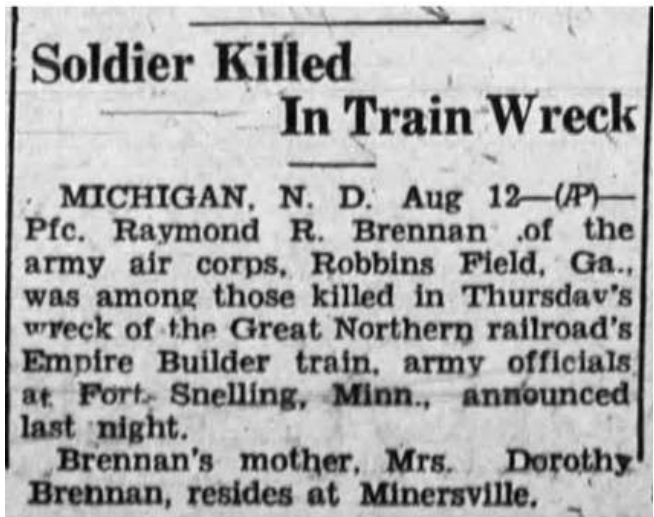
Grand Knight Bob Brennan told the story of how he took a collection of old family photos which had been sitting around untouched for over a half a century and come close to obscure and lost history.

At first, the pictures drew a blank until his childhood memories reminded him that a family member had per-



birth of GK Bob Brennan.

ished during WW-II. With modern technology (Internet) he was able to identify his relation to the soldier who lost his life while being transferred from the European to Pacific theater in the Great Northern Train Wreck in Michigan North Dakota 1945 (with 33 fatalities including 23 servicemen) 10 years prior to the



While it was a sad event when it occurred, it was mostly obscure to the world since it occurred on the same day WW-II ended April 9th, 1945.

Finally, Raymon and all the servicemen can be recognized.

May they rest in Peace.

Quilt of Honor Presentation to Joe Scheirman



Lucy Webber of the Valor ladies group that sew the quilts of honor standing right holding the quilt is making the presentation to Joe Scheirman standing in front with gray jacket. The quilts are awarded to service members with a honorable service discharge papers.



It is customary for the ladies of valor to wrap the recipient in the quilt to show warmth and love. Above is Lucy Webber left of Joe Scheirman center and Angie Tirpak also a member of the ladies of valor group wrapping Joe. From the smiles on their faces you can see it was a enjoyable time.



Bishop England recipient of our Council 9475 scholarship fund thank you letter



June 5, 2025
Dear Knights of Council 9475
I thank you for awarding
me the thousand dollar
scholarship to attend
Bishop England High
School. I will work hard
to make sure your money
is well spent.
Sincerely,
Henry J. Walker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Jerry & Diana Barnett
David & Marilyn Breen
Joe & Kathy Bustos
Philip & Janice DiBlasi
Edward & Barbra Fitzpatrick
Kristopher & Kerry Gholson
Joseph & Peggy Harkins
Matthew & Stacy Kiefer
Todd & Sarah Kravchuk
John & Heidi Mahoney
Matthew & Susan McCoy
Derek & Carolyn McCoy
Mike & Beth McGinty
Thomas & Cathy McKenna
Mark & Jennifer McMahon
Larry & Elaine Miller
Kevin & Kathleen O'Donnell
Craig & Denise Pugh
Jon & Angie Tirpak
Jim & Carolann Veraldi*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Rev. Libin Augustine
Francis Budds
Joe Bustos
Kenneth Clair
Gerry Corriveau
David Creaturo
Alexei DeCastro
John Devaney III
Guido Evangelista
Francis Fallon
Michael Ferri
Michael Fischer
Thomas M. Franzone
Justin Gaeta
Miguel Garralda
Kristopher Gholson
Tate Hamilton
Joseph Harkins
Joseph Harkins Jr.
Robert Holmes
Vincent Hoover III
Joshua Hulen
Wayne Hutzel
Mark Kennedy
Samuel Limbaker
Matthew McCoy
William Murphy
Edward Murray
Jeff Pulaski
Greg Raven
Stephen Raynor
Joe Scheirman
George Seese III
Frederick Sieber
William Simons
Don Slowek
John Vax*



Our Council 9475 Cooked for the Fisher House

Thank you to a great group of Chefs left who cooked a marvelous dinner for Veteran families at the Fisher House Thursday evening 8/28. It was a rewarding effort and appreciated by the families whose loved ones are in VA hospital. Thank you to Brother Knights in picture left to right Frank Greis, Jim Seney, Manning Bolchoz, Steve Fallon, Mike McDermott, JP Saleeby and Don Campbell for volunteering.

Job well done!!!

**The Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Assembly 3243
has purchased the below display and will be displayed at all functions.**



Below is what the above chart left reads explaining the Missing Man Table setup.

Missing Man Table

The table that stands before you is a place of honor.

In setting this table, we acknowledge those missing from our celebrations and we remember them.

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose, in a vase, is there as a reminder of the lives of each of the missing.

The red ribbon tied around the vase shows our continued determination to account for the missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured.

A pinch of salt represents the tears shed for the fallen and those who mourn their loss.

The flame of the candle represents the hope that we have for their safe return home
or for the repose of their souls.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to those lost from our country,
which was founded as "One Nation Under God." A phrase to which our great Order successfully
lobbied President Dwight D. Eisenhower to add to our Pledge of Allegiance in 1954.

An inverted glass symbolizes their inability to share in the day's toast.

The chair stands empty to express their absence.

WE honor those missing and those who await their return. We honor those who have fallen
and those who mourn their loss. We honor those who served our Order and our great Nations.

Knights of Columbus Present:

Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti, Meatballs/Sausage,
Salad, Bread, Beverage
and Dessert



DINE IN
or
TAKE OUT

*Tickets are available from a Knight
or at the door.*

WHERE: Christ Our King Church
Grace Hall, Mt. Pleasant

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 5 to 7:30 pm

PRICE: Children under 6 are FREE
6 – 11 years old is \$5
Adult Ticket is \$8

((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

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Halloween_____	31

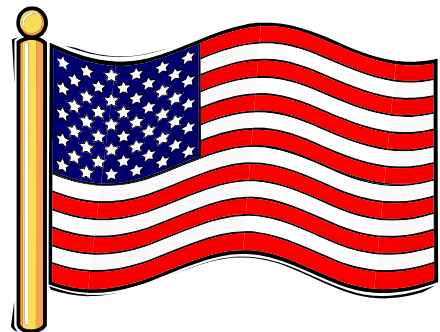
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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Monthly Meditation September 2025

A Month of Hope, Triumph, and Heavenly Companionship

Brother Knights,

As we enter September, we find ourselves surrounded by powerful feasts that invite us to renew our faith, reflect on God's saving work, and seek the help of heaven in our daily lives.

On **September 8**, we celebrate the *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Her birth marks the dawn of salvation. Through Mary, God prepared a pure vessel for the coming of Christ. As Knights, we look to her not only as our Mother and Queen but as a model of humility, obedience, and grace. Let us entrust our families, our councils, and our service to her loving care. Consider praying the Rosary more fervently this month as a sign of your dedication to her and her Son.

Just a few days later, on **September 14**, we observe the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. This feast calls us to glory not in worldly power or achievements, but in the Cross—the ultimate sign of God's love and victory over sin and death. As Catholic men, we are not strangers to sacrifice. We carry our own crosses—family burdens, moral challenges, personal trials—and we do so with the courage of Christ. May this feast renew our strength to bear our crosses with faith, trusting that resurrection always follows the cross.

Finally, on **September 29**, the Church honors the *Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael*. These heavenly messengers remind us that we are never alone in our spiritual battles. St. Michael defends us from evil, St. Gabriel brings us messages of hope, and St. Raphael offers healing. Invoke their intercession in your work, your prayer, and your families. As Knights committed to protecting the vulnerable and standing for truth, we should find in these archangels both inspiration and spiritual assistance.

In this month of shifting seasons, may we embrace the spiritual rhythm of the Church—celebrating life in Mary's birth, embracing the redemptive suffering of the Cross, and walking with courage under the protection of the Archangels. Let us continue to be men of prayer, service, and integrity, bringing light to the world around us.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Knights, intercede for us.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church