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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers in Christ,

Thank you to all Brother Knights who came to the October Council meeting and being part of the Brotherhood we share as Knights of Columbus. We added a significant number of new Brother Knights to our Council this evening, with more to come in November.

When a Catholic man becomes a Knight of Columbus through the Exemplification of the first three degrees, he undertakes a *Promise of Commitment*. This promise is one not to be taken lightly, as we are committing to our Lord to strengthen our Faith and become leaders in our communities. Becoming a Knight of Columbus is a new way of life that requires a commitment to grow the Catholic Church in the days we have remaining on this Earth.

In Romans 12:1 Saint Paul tells us, *"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

Paul is telling as that as believers, we should freely surrender our entire everyday lives to God as a proper, rational response to His mercy and salvation in Jesus Christ. This message is essential to Knights of Columbus, as we must strive to become living examples of what Jesus is asking us to do.

Saint Luke tells us, *"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it".*

This is the level of *Commitment* to our Faith that we aspire to. As Brother Knights, we are committed to the Fraternal order, working in Unity, doing great acts of Charity.

Vivat Jesus,
Kurt Denner
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2026

Daylight Saving Time Ends 01
All Saints Day 01
All Soul's Day 02
Election Day 03
Ultreya Meeting 03
Christ Our King in Grace Hall 7:00 PM
Nocturnal Adoration 05
Stella Maris — 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM
Officers Planning Meeting 05
COK — Life Center — 6:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 06
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM
Pro-Life/Rosary 07
COK — 7:30 AM
Veterans Day 11
Council Meeting 19
St. Benedict's Parish Hall
Rosary: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Meeting: 7:15 PM
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
Feast of Christ the King 22
Thanksgiving 26
Christmas Wreaths arrive 27

Grand Knight's Report

I want to recognize and thank some of our members for their recent efforts:

- Thank you to Brother Mark Lazo for leading the Spaghetti Dinner. It was very successful and raised almost $2000 for the Council. Thank you to all the Brother Knights and their wives who volunteered to help.
- Thank you to Brothers Scott Migli and Joe Nesbitt for leading the church membership drives and all the Brother Knights who supported them.
- Thank you to Brother Mike McAuliffe for signing up as the Community Director.
- Thank you to the Exemplification Team for another great ceremony.

Please continue the good work, and I encourage all Brother Knights to step up this year and find ways to contribute to our Council.

Brother Knights, Council 9475 has several important events planned in the next couple of months:

- We will conduct a Pray for Life in Unity on October 17 at Planned Parenthood.
- The Harbor Cruise is scheduled for October 24. This is a great fraternal event held annually.
- Lastly, the annual Christmas Wreath sale will start over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I encourage all Brother Knights to participant, volunteer and enjoy these events and help make them huge successes.



Reverend Monsignor John L. McLaughlin
Knights of Columbus Council 9475
Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity
Saint Benedict's Catholic Church
October 15, 2026



In the picture above are Brother Knights, who took the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity October 15, 2026. Front line left to right John Swegle, David Mariconi, William Warner, and Joe Stein. Second line left to right David May, Rick Paczkowski, Ray Garnett, Kendall Witt, and George Noyes. All are now 3rd degree Knights.

Congratulations Brother Knights!!!

Our Guest Speaker Frank Dirks
His Bio and Request to bring Saint Joseph to the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

Frank Dirks

In 1997 Frank moved to Charleston to marry his wife Lynne, a political science professor at the College of Charleston. They raised their children in the parish of the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist. Their daughter is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, with a Masters Degree in American Material Culture from the University of Delaware/Winterthur Fellowship program and now works as the managing curator at the historic Wyck House Museum in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Their son is graduate of United States Naval Academy and an active-duty officer in the United States Marine Corps.

A Sunday school teacher for ten years, Frank currently chairs the parish finance council for the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, and leads efforts in support of Catholic Radio in the Lowcountry. He serves on the boards of Our Lady of Mercy Outreach, Lucis Via Charities, which supports the Carolina Catholic Professionals network, and Catholic Radio in South Carolina.

As an active community volunteer, Frank has served on the boards of the South Carolina Commission for National and Community Service, South Carolina Association for Nonprofit Organizations, Sustainability Institute, Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Buist Academy Foundation.

Frank is a financial advisor with Millennium Private Wealth and has more than twenty years of experience in the financial services industry. Before that, Frank enjoyed a twenty-year career working in education, government, and the nonprofit sectors. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., he earned a BA from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. He has led efforts to organize and launch state and national advocacy organizations. Prior to coming to Charleston, he served as executive director of the Michigan governor's community service commission, which supports the work of state and local nonprofit organizations.

The Saint Joseph Project



This is the image of the statue commissioned by Fr. Gregory Wilson for installation at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

Please help us bring Saint Joseph to the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

With the permission of our Bishop, Jacques Fabre-Jeune, Carolina Catholic Professionals are raising funds for the installation of a statue of Saint Joseph in our Diocesan Cathedral, Saint John the Baptist. Our goal is to raise $20,000 for the project and for installation to occur in time for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph in March 2027.

We live in a time that is crying out for Saint Joseph; the perfect model of humble strength, spousal devotion, loving fatherhood, faithful service, chaste obedience, prudent work, in short, Catholic manhood.

In this age when our families and our Holy Mother Church are under relentless assault, Our Lady shows us our Protector and Intercessor, Saint Joseph. In her memoirs, **Venerable Sister Lucia of Fatima** wrote that immediately following the Miracle of the Sun she saw, *"Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus appeared to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands."*

This is the time for Saint Joseph. **Saint Teresa of Avila** wrote that, *"knowing by experience Saint Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honor him with particular devotion."*

Catholic men in particular need Saint Joseph. **Pope Leo XIII** wrote, *"In Saint Joseph, heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care."* **Pope Benedict XVI** called on, *"fathers, (to be) like Saint Joseph, (and) respect and love your spouse; and by your love and wise presence, lead your children to God."*

Catholic men must stand as pillars to defend and support Holy Mother Church. Catholic men must strive to be beacons of virtue. Saint Joseph shows us the way. As **Saint Therese of Lisieux** wrote, *"Each day I recited the prayer, 'O Saint Joseph, father and protector of virgins.' It seemed to me that I was well protected and completely sheltered from every danger."*

The Saint Joseph we need today is universal, the Head of the Holy Family, ordained by God the Father to be the earthly protector of His only Son Jesus. Saint Joseph leads us to God. **Pope Saint John Paul II** wrote, *"It is precisely the intrepid faith of Saint Joseph that the Church needs today in order to courageously dedicate herself to the urgent task of the new evangelization."*

All Catholics will benefit from a deeper relationship with Saint Joseph. His statuary presence in our Cathedral will remind Catholics of the virtues he embodies and help concentrate their prayers through him and his earthly spouse Blessed Mother Mary to his foster son, Jesus. As **Saint Teresa of Avila** wrote, "*Those who are devoted to prayer should, in a special manner, cherish devotion to Saint Joseph."*

All funds collected for the Saint Joseph Project in excess of the installation will be used to purchase copies of **Consecration to Saint Joseph; The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father** by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. The books will be made available to parish men's groups that wish, with their pastor's permission, to facilitate the Consecration to Saint Joseph.



Please mail a check.

Carolina Catholic Professionals
856 Lowcountry Blvd.
Suite 100
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
Memo: St. Joseph Project

Please contribute following the QR code.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your families.

Saint Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us!

Family of the Month
Jeff and Debbie Pulaski
October 2026

Jeff & Debbie were married on February 15, 1992. They are members of COK which they joined in 2003 after completing the RCIA program.

Jeff was born in Charleston, SC and grew up in the Park Circle area of North Charleston. He graduated from the College of Charleston, while at the college he worked at night for UPS, which led to a full time position as a package car driver in 1980. He spent 35 years as a driver with the last 30 years delivering on the IOP. He was inducted into the UPS Circle of honor in 2007, which is 25 years of safe driving. He retired from UPS in 2015. He also served as the administrator for McAlister - Smith Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, he served in that role for 4 years before moving to a part time role doing funeral services.

Debbie, being in a military family was born in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After several assignments the family settled in Charleston. Debbie graduated from St. Andrews High School. Being involved in beauty pageants, Debbie is a former Miss Charleston and through the Miss America scholarship program she obtained her undergraduate degree from Southern Miss and her graduate degree from Fla. State. She spent 5 years as a professional dancer in New York. She was employed by Wild Dunes Real Estate in 1989 where she met Jeff. She later on became an HR benefits coordinator for Blackbaud and SC Federal Credit Union , also retiring in 2015.

Jeff is a usher, altar server, and sacristan at COK. He assist the clergy in baptisms, first Friday benedictions, and prepares the church for any funeral services. He joined the knights in 2009 and is the council's financial secretary, He has held that position since 2014. He is a founding member of The Capodanno Assembly 3243. He is past purser. Debbie is a past lector, usher, and Sunday school teacher, and assist at the church when needed.

Getting married later in life they have no children but have a German Shepard named Storm.

Congratulations Jeff and Debbie!!!



Above left to right our Family Director Mario Chavezl presented Jeff with the Family of the Month certificate and our Grand Knight Kurt Denner presented Jeff with Knights cup.

Knight of the Month
October 2026
James Morini

Jim was born and raised on the east end of Long Island, New York. He entered the USMC at age 17 and served during the Dominican Republic uprising, 2 tours of duty in Vietnam and a multitude of other stations. Jim as discharged in 1968 and then joined the air national guard. After discharge, he held a variety of jobs, the last of which was 31 years with Verizon. On Long Island, Jim & Eileen were avid boaters and members of Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Jim and his wife, Eileen moved from eastern LI to Mt. Pleasant in 2006; subsequently moving to Huger in 2022. They have two girls who live in Boston & Chicago.

Jim joined the Knights 11/2012 and became a 4th Degree Sir Knight 2/2015. Jim helps with our fund raisers and recently helped with our spaghetti dinner fund raiser at Christ Our king Life Center.

Congratulations Jim!!!



Here is a great picture of Jim who was out of town for presentation and will receive certificate at a later meeting.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John and Jane Bride
Gerry and Mary Lou Corriveau
Rocco & Michelle Falcone
David and Sandra Funk
Jerry & Loretta Gimbert
Brian & Kelly Taylor Headley
Anthony & Margaret Herlihy
Steve & Judy Kemp
Mark & Laura Kennedy
Ken & Diane Kobularcik
Eugene and Rita Lesinski
Gene & Elaine McLaughlin
Hugh & Stacey McLoughlin
Henry & Patricia Miller
William & Frances Peterson
Vincent & Iris Pinnaro
Vince and Cindy Terranova
Frank & Barbara Walsh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Manning Bolchoz
David Breen
Joseph Caturano
Jady Fryml
David Funk
Jeffrey Garrett
William Hawkins
Timothy Hensch
Anthony Herlihy
Kevin Kerley
Ben Laaper
Alfredo Lopez
Mark McCabe
Charles McCloy
Gene McLaughlin
Mark McMahon
Charles Momeier
Walter Mueller
John Mutter
Matthew Oswald
Donald Pagley Jr.
William Peterson
Larry Plumb
Craig Pugh
Peter Schwarz
Edward Soltis
Frank Walsh





Left is Don Campbell center receiving his Family of the Month for August 2026 certificate and Knights cup. Don and Kathy were out of town at that time, then Don was out for hip surgery. In the picture left is our Grand Knight Kurt Denner who just presented Don with the certificate and right is our Recorder Derek McCoy presented Don with Knights cup.

Good to have you back and well Don!!!

Knights of Columbus Council 9475 Present

36th Annual Oyster Roast and Benefit

Saturday January 16, 2027

Includes All You Can Eat Oysters, Fish Stew,
Hot Dogs, Beer, Wine and Beverages



Raffles and Silent Auctions
Proceeds from our Basket Raffles and Silent Auction benefit the KofC Charities.

Saturday January 16, 2027, 6:30pm
Gold Bug Island (at the foot of Ben Sawyer Bridge)
1560 Ben Sawyer Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

$40 Advance, $45 at Door
Ages 12 & Older
$10
Children Under 12

Contact Tom Franzone for tickets tzone1941@aol.com
Or purchase online here or scan QR Code

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2026

Ultreya Meeting 01
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM

Nocturnal Adoration 03
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM

Officers Meeting 03
COK-Life Center– 6:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 04
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM.

Pro-Life/Rosary 05
COK — 7:30 AM

Immaculate Conception 08

Decorate float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade 12
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party 12
Christ Our King - Beach House,
1122 Russell Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.
6:30 PM -10:00PM. Bring a side dish or dessert.

Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade 13
Parade starts 5:30 PM

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
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407

Christmas Day 25

Feast of the Holy Family 27

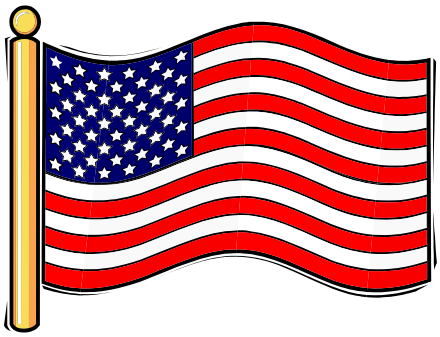
New Year's Eve 31

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Knights of Columbus

A catholic fraternal organization dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Monthly Meditation November, 2026

Called to Holiness, Grateful in Heart, and Committed to the Common Good

November is a special month in the life of the Church. Traditionally, it is dedicated to **praying for the faithful departed** and reflecting on the communion of saints, the mystery of death, and the hope of eternal life. It is also a fitting time to reflect on how our Catholic faith calls us to serve others and promote the common good.

We begin the month with **All Saints' Day on November 1**, celebrating all those who have attained the glory of heaven. The saints remind us that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people. It is a calling for every Christian, lived through faithfulness, sacrifice, love, and service. As Knights of Columbus, we are invited to follow their example by bringing Christ's love into our families, parishes, workplaces, and communities.

On **All Souls' Day, November 2**, we remember and pray for the faithful departed. This traditional devotion reminds us of our responsibility to pray for those who have died, especially our family members, friends, and brother Knights. Our prayers express our hope in Christ's promise of eternal life and strengthen our awareness that our earthly lives are a preparation for eternity.

November also invites us to reflect on the **common good**, a central principle of Catholic social teaching. The common good means creating the conditions that help **every person and family flourish with dignity**. Our commitment to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism calls us to stand beside the vulnerable, support families, defend human life, and respond generously to those in need. Our service is not simply about completing charitable projects. It is about recognizing Christ in every person and building a community where no one is forgotten.

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. Christ our King teaches us that true greatness is found in humble service. His kingdom is one of truth, justice, love, and peace. As Knights, we are called to make these values visible through our words, decisions, and actions.

Finally, **Thanksgiving** offers us an opportunity to recognize God's blessings and express our gratitude. A grateful heart does not take blessings for granted but shares them generously with others. Let us give thanks not only through our prayers but also through our willingness to serve.

Dear Brother Knights, may this November renew our hope in eternal life, deepen our gratitude, and strengthen our commitment to the common good. May we honor the saints, pray for the departed, follow Christ our King, and serve our neighbors with generous hearts.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church