



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 to Brother Neil Whitman and all those knights who assisted Neil in making our annual Harbor Cruise dinner a great success to a sold-out attendance. Well done.

Appreciation to all those who participated in the month of October efforts to promote pro-life activities and offer prayer for the lives of the unborn. All four parishes participated.

Also, appreciation to Brother Bob Thetreault for participating in the Low Country Pregnancy center walk-for-life campaign.

We now turn our attention to the Christmas season and parade planning efforts.

Brother Matt Feltman is heading up the parade council, and we are challenged to stand up to our consecutive 2nd place finishes.

Brother Tom Franzone is heading up the Christmas wreath planning and production tasks.

Brother Mark McCabe is organizing our Christmas party. This event is scheduled for Friday night Dec 12th at COK Beach House.

Both activities are well worth the effort so please, if you can support these activities by volunteering your efforts.

Finally, we will be organizing our membership push for early next year. A simple task to get the word out about KofC and invite men of faith to join. After all, without people – we don't exist. Join our membership team.

Vivat Jesus

GK Bob Brennan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2025

All Saints Day	01
Pro-Life/Rosary	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
All Souls' Day	02
Daylight Saving Time Ends	02
Ultreya Meeting	04
Christ Our King in Life Center 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

Fall back

Standard time begins at 2 a.m.

Sunday. Turn clocks
back one hour.

Daylight
saving time
returns the
second
Sunday in
March.



**Our Guest Speaker
From Lowcountry Food Bank
Brenda Shaw
Chief Development Officer**

Brenda gave us a interesting talk on the area Lowcountry Food Bank covers, the numbers of people on poverty, where they get their food, and how can you help:

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Volunteer

Make a monetary donation

Help raise awareness of hunger
and food insecurity issues

Host a virtual fund and food drive in
your neighborhood/company

Make a commitment



Above left our Chancellor Mark McCabe, center guest speaker Brenda Shaw holding Knights cup that was presented by both Grand Knight Bob Brennan right and Chancellor Mark McCabe for coming out and giving us a interesting talk.



**Knight of the Month
October, 2025
Kurt Denner**

Kurt and Mary have been married for 39 years. They began their residency in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina eight years ago and have moved a total of eight times during their marriage. Their longest stay of 19 years was in Carmel, Indiana, which is where they raised their daughter, Amy.

Kurt is a Certified Financial Planner with Edward Jones Investments and Mary is a retired 1st grade and special education teacher. Before he started his current occupation 7 years ago, Kurt had a 30-year career in Corporate Finance. This expanded over seven different companies, most with International Operations. He started in accounting and progressed up to a CFO position. After they moved to Mount Pleasant, he decided to quit the corporate rat-race and joined Edward Jones so he could run his own business and help individuals, families and small businesses successfully navigate their financial planning needs.

Their daughter Amy and her husband Dan, moved from Chicago, Illinois to Mount Pleasant in January 2021. She is a CRNA and works for MUSC and Dan is the Director of Quality for Roper. Mary's mother also moved from Michigan in 2020 and is living with them. Kurt and Mary love living in the Charleston area and feel like this is home. They love to travel, explore the Lowcountry and support Christ Our King church. Kurt is the head usher at 7:30am Sunday mass and Mary is a greeter. He has served Council 9475 as Inside Guard, Chancellor, Family Director and is currently Deputy Grand Knight. He is currently serving his 2nd term as Faithful Navigator for Assembly 3243.

Congratulations Kurt!!!



Above left Mark McCabe our Family Director presented center Kurt Denner our Deputy Grand Knight with a Knight of the Month certificate and right our Grand Knight Bob Brennan just presented Kurt a Knights cup.

Our New Sir Brother Knights



Left we have the 3 new Sir Brother Knights that took the 4th Degree Exemplification in Conway, South Carolina on October 17, 2025. They are in picture from left to right, the first new Sir Knight is John Tortorici, second is Past Faithful Navigator and present State Treasurer Joe Nesbitt that attended and supported our new Sir Knights, third is our second new Sir Knight Jim Veraldi, and fourth is our third new Sir Knight Leo Albano.

Congratulations to all three Sir Knights!!!



Stand –Up for Life

Adoption
not
Abortion

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*John and Jane Bride
Cam & Patti Comire
Gerry and Mary Lou Corriveau
Rocco & Michelle Falcone
Michael & Mary Ferri
David and Sandra Funk
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
Dee & Martha Ring
Tom and Ruth Sloggett
Vince and Cindy Terranova
Jack & Esther Vax
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
Frank Lester
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
Vincent Ullo
Frank Walsh*



Harbor Cruise 2025 Another Great Success



Boarding the vessel are left to right Chris Kerrigan, Carolann and Jim Veraldi.



Brother Knights checking you on the vessel and issuing the 50/50 tickets are front to back 50/50 Bill Graves, standing Jeff Pulaski, and sitting checking list Jim Welsch.



Greeting Fran Franzone as she came aboard the vessel was our cruise chairman Neil Whitman.



Of course when you went inside the vessel there was two tables of delicious hors d'oeuvres, like meat, cheese, vegetables, and lots of shrimp on far end of table, as shown in picture below left.

Then at the front of the vessel was the refreshment bar to keep you hydrated.

<SMILE>



Inside the vessel out of the cool evening air



Enjoying the hors d'oeuvres and waiting departure are top left our Grand Knight Bob Brennan and his wife Catherine. Front left is Tom Kenzik and his wife Jane.



Below deck was more food, sandwich wraps, vegetables, chips, and cookies. To make sure trays didn't go empty were, with her back to us, Melinda Whitman and not in picture Susan Welsch.



Below deck more folks enjoy their meal and cruise.



Enjoying the cruise on the aft deck left to right Tommy Knisley and friend Lisa Costas, Natalie and Gene Knisley.



A lot of folks having fun dancing to YMCA on the aft deck. One easy person to pick out is our cruise chairman Neil Whitman with the cool Stetson hat.



Also having fun on the Aft you can tell by the smiles on their faces are left to right Mark and Debbie Lazo, Kathy and Greg Raven.

Cruising along in the harbor
viewing the beautiful night
scenes



Here's looking at the beautiful Ravenal Bridge from in the harbor lit up and the Wando Port Authority in the background.



Looking at a huge container ship lit up in the harbor headed out to sea.



Up close going under the Ravenal Bridge
If you didn't make it, you missed an awesome Harbor Cruise.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2025

Ultreya Meeting_____	02
COK Grace Hall 7:30 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	04
Stella Maris - 8PM to 8AM	
Officers Meeting_____	04
COK-Life Center- 6:30 PM	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament_____	05
COK — 7:30 AM. Fri. to 6:00 PM.	
Pro-Life/Rosary_____	06
COK — 7:30 AM	
Immaculate Conception_____	08
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.	
Decorate Float for Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	13
11 AM in COK grounds yard. Please donate one set of lights for the Float.	
Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade_____	14
Parade starts 5:30 PM	
Regular Business Meeting_____	18
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_____	20
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Christmas Day_____	25
Feast of the Holy Family_____	28
New Year's Eve_____	31

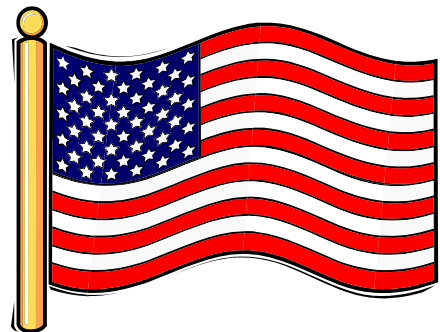
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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Monthly Meditation November, 2025

November: A Sacred Month of Remembrance and Hope

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of November, the Church calls us to turn our hearts toward eternity — to remember the faithful departed and to renew our hope in the promise of the Resurrection. Just as the earth quiets and nature sheds its leaves, we are invited to reflect on the mystery of life, death, and the eternal life that awaits us in Christ.

We begin this sacred month with two profound celebrations that beautifully express the communion of saints. **On November 1, All Saints' Day**, we honor all those who now share in the glory of heaven — the known and the unknown saints — who inspire us to live lives of holiness and virtue. **On November 2, All Souls' Day**, we lovingly remember all the faithful departed who still await the fullness of God's mercy. Through our prayers, Masses, and sacrifices, we assist them on their journey toward eternal peace. This sacred duty reminds us of the deep bond of love that unites the Church on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven.

As the month unfolds, we also celebrate moments of gratitude and service. **Veterans Day (Nov 11)** gives us the opportunity to honor those who have served our nation, protecting the freedoms we hold dear. **Thanksgiving Day (Nov 27)** invites us to pause and give thanks to God for the countless blessings we enjoy — faith, family, and community. In a world often marked by division and distraction, gratitude centers us in humility and reminds us that all good gifts come from our Heavenly Father.

Finally, we close the liturgical year with the **Solemnity of Christ the King (Nov 24)**. This great feast proclaims that Jesus Christ reigns over all creation — the Lord of our hearts, our homes, and our world. As Knights, may we renew our pledge to serve Christ the King through our works of charity, unity, and fraternity.

In this **Year of Evangelization (Via Fidelis)** proclaimed by Bishop Fabre, let us take to heart his invitation: *"Find Jesus in your brother or sister, and serve with love and joy."* May this November be a time of prayerful remembrance, grateful reflection, and renewed mission.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



Assembly 3243 Highlights for October, 2025

The Assembly is off to a great start for the year. Some of the highlights include:

- Provided a meal at the Fisher House on August 8, 2025.
- The Honor Guard participated in a Mass for Father Vincent Capodanno at COK on Sept 3, 2025 to commemorate his death on Sept. 4, 1967.
- Two Quilts of Valor presentations have been made to Veterans who are Sir Knights of Assembly 3243.
- A Missing Man Table has been acquired by Assembly 3243 and will be set-up at meetings and events.
- Financial support has been provided to the Catholic Ministry at the Citadel.

Many more patriotic events and support activities are being planned for the year.

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>.

We have a highly patriotic Assembly with many dedicated Sir Knights. I encourage all members of Assembly 3243 to come to the monthly meetings and fully participate in the events that are planned.

Faithful Navigator, Kurt Denner

Honor Guard requests for Funerals

There have been some recent questions regarding the proper procedure to request the Honor Guard at Funerals. Here are the proper steps to consider:

1. The family of the deceased **MUST** request an honor guard support. Note that is done by contacting the 4th Degree Assembly Leadership.
2. The family can request Honor Guard support for wakes, funerals and cemetery burial. All Knights are eligible for Honor Guard service.
3. The Assembly Honor Guard Commander will then coordinate with the church, priests, funeral director and local Assembly Honor Guards for adequate ceremony coverage





Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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The Assembly Honor Guard participated in a Mass for Father Vincent Capodanno at Christ Our King Church on September 3, 2025 to commemorate his death on September 4, 1967.

The mass was attended by the students and faculty of Christ Our King – Stella Maris School.

The mass was celebrated by Father West of St. Clare of Assisi. In Father West's homily, he explained to the students who Fr. Capodanno was, his heroism, sacrifice and receiving the Medal of Honor.



Honor Guard at the mass for Fr. Capodanno. SK's Kurt Denner, Bob Brenan and Joe Nesbit in the picture to the left. They are joined by SK's Tom Franzone, Joe Scheirman, Bill Shoemaker and Jim Welsch in the second picture.

Corporal James Morini, United States Marine Corps, received a Quilt of Valor at the request of Assembly 3243.

Here is a summary of his military career.

- Corporal James Morini served in the United States Marine Core from 1963 to 1968.
- While serving in the Marine Core Jim did two tours in Vietnam, where he was exposed to Agent Orange.
- His last station as a Marine was in the Dominican Republic.
- Jim received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Core in 1968.

We are very honored to have Corporal Morini as a Sir Knight in Assembly 3243.



SK James Morini displays his Quilt of Valor.

Upcoming Events

- Exemplification of the 4th degree at Saint James in Conway, SC on October 17.
- Full Assembly meeting at Beach House (COK) on October 22.
- Veteran's Day Mass at COK on Nov 12. The Color Guard will post the colors.

Capodanno Corner

- All Sir Knights of Assembly 3243 are encouraged to join The Father Capodanno Guild at www.capodannoguild.org.
- EWTN broadcasted a mass for the 58th anniversary of his death. Here is the Link to the [Memorial Mass](#).