

HISTORY OF THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN LAWRENCE MC LAUGHLIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9475

In the fall of 1986, Knights of Columbus Insurance Representative Jim Crow requested and Fr. Bert Connor, Pastor of Christ Our King Parish, granted permission for him to speak at our Sunday Masses about the Knights of Columbus.

Sufficient personnel became interested, not only persons who were not Knights but also other non-active members of the Knights were interested in forming a Council.

As a result of these recruitments after Mass, then Worthy District Deputy Steve Dunlap was introduced to the group. Due to Brothers Dunlap and Crow's dedication, persistence, and leadership, this Council became a viable living group of Catholic gentlemen interested in furthering the good order of the Knights of Columbus.

This Council's name was the result of the submission of many names at our organizational meetings. Brother Ruford Bolchoz suggested the name that was selected. This was very appropriate because this was the first Knights of Columbus Council in the East Cooper Area (Mt. Pleasant, Sullivans Island, and Isle of Palms) and Monsignor Mc Laughlin was the first Pastor of Christ Our King Church at a time when it was a mission church.

These organizational meetings resulted in the Chartering of the Council. Since charter night the Council has continued to grow. Under the leadership of Grand Knight Ruford Bolchoz our First Degree Team was formed in 1988 and certified.

Our first Grand Knight was Brother CM (Red) Grannon for the Fraternal Year 1986-1987. The following have served as Grand Knights:

1987-88	Maurice Artigues
1988-89	Ruford Bolchoz
1989-90	Thomas Franzone
1990-91	Dr. John Howard
1991-92	Hoyt Kiser, Jr.
1992-93	
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1999-2000	
2000-01	
2001-02	
2002-03	
2003-04	Mike Stuffle
2004-05	Joe Harkins
2005-06	Neil Whitman
2006-07	Rick Karkowsky
2007-08	John Gallagher
2008-09	Tom Kelly
2009-10	Michael Swindle
2010-11	James Pancake

Programs in which the Council has been involved:

Oyster Roast to support seminarians

Spaghetti Dinners and Pancake Breakfasts to support local charities

Operation Hope for the mentally challenged

Scholarships for Catholic students

Preparing meals at the Crisis Ministry

Security for the Youth Halloween Function

Volunteers at the East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) facility

Schedule and provide ushers for Christ Our King

Altar Servers at the 7:30 am Sunday Mass at Christ Our King

Man the food booth at the Christ Our King Bazaar to benefit the Christ Our King Stella Maris School

Select the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month

Select a Youth of the Month from the three churches

Provide a Christmas Party for Children

Book Sale to benefit local charities

Christmas Wreath Sales to benefit local charities

Retreats at Mepkin Abbey