



The Knights Lantern

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Grand Knight's Corner:

Worthy Brothers,

Parting is such sweet sorrow. I just don't know where the last two years have gone, they just came and went so quickly. But it is time for change, as nothing ever stays the same. A new slate of officers will take over in July. May we pray for these men as they navigate their new leadership roles.

I would like to welcome all my brothers that have just joined our Council 7547. You are WELCOMED AND LOVED. May the heavenly Father guide you through life as you seek your place in the order. We need you and your expertise, time and talent, to show future generations what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

I would like to express a heartfelt thanks for sharing your time, talent, service, and resources that make all we do happen. Our fish fry event May 3rd went over very well. Why? Because it was a special endeavor and everyone had their hearts in it and that is what made it special. THANKS to all for a huge success.

On May 26 our council held a fraternal benefit program presented by Field Agent Brother Miguel Flores from the State Council and his family. The program was a huge success with several men joining the Knights and expressing interest in the benefits of being a Knight.

Our youth fishing tournament will be June 8 at Fun Junktion from 9 am-12pm, rain or shine, May we have sunshine and biting fish.

A June meeting will take place at St. Katharine Drexel to unify the round table discussions with Father Alex.

Remind all high school seniors that applications for the Luke Denison scholarship are due by June 14th.

I am asking all Brother Knights to keep Brother SK Dr. Carlton Deonanan and his family in your prayers as his family navigates this difficult time of his passing.

Vivat Jesus!

Brian Williams

Grand Knight

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From our Chaplain:

Following Pentecost, the Church begins her slow descent from the great peaks of the Easter Season to the verdant pastures of Ordinary Time, the longest of the liturgical seasons. She pauses briefly, to praise the Holy Trinity — Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; and then the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. Like the lush June growth all around us, the green of the liturgical season points to the new life won for us by the Redemption of Jesus Christ, the new life of Charity. For Our Lord came to cast the fire of His love on the earth, and to that end, sent His Holy Spirit at Pentecost in the form of tongues of fire.

As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of **Corpus Christi** (June 2), the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (June 7) and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (June 8). God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth

in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men. Appropriately June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity.



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of May 2024: For migrants leaving their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

(From www.catholicculture.org)



From our Deputy Grand Knight & General Program Director:

Brother Knights,

Thanks for your support these past two years. It has been both challenging and rewarding to be a part of our many programs and activities. During that time, I have been most appreciative of the leadership of our Grand Knight Brian Williams as he took on the giant task of maintaining traditions while rebuilding our council for the future. In addition to Brian's leadership we are blessed to have great officers, program directors, and the support of Father Alex.

As May ended, a gathering of our Hispanic Community was held to share a presentation on Knights of Columbus membership, fraternal benefits, and "Faith" via KofC's

Cor program. We will follow up on this well-attended meeting with a virtual event in June. GK Brian Williams and his family knocked themselves out making this a family occasion with a wonderful buffet. Many thanks also go out to Field Agent Miguel Flores for his excellent presentation and the support of our District Deputy Leo Holland and Membership Director PGK Ron Foreman.

In June there is a youth fishing tournament on the 8th and a Red Cross blood drive on the 19th. The newly elected 2024-2025 offices take office on July 1st. My best wishes go out to Frank Elfring and James White as they take on the many responsibilities afforded to the Grand Knight and his Deputy Grand Knight. They will need the continued efforts and support of us all to help them manage the challenges ahead.

With sincere gratitude,

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Smith

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From Our Faith Director:

Deacon Ron Soriano



From our Life Director

Eighteen Democrat legislators in the NC House of Representatives have introduced HB 908, the "Decriminalize Reproductive Health Act." The bill would repeal the one-year-old pro-life legislation that decreased abortions by 31 percent in NC and put restrictions on the procedure after 12 weeks. HB 908

minimizes a father's right of action relating to the performance of abortion, criminalizes pro-life activity outside abortion clinics and facilitates bringing out of state women into NC for abortions.

Legislators have openly harassed pregnancy resource centers, including Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center and Clinic. CEO Dee Spruce was threatened with criminal prosecution if she did not divulge five years of APRCC records to the NC Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations. The legislator who requested the information was told she would get nothing from the pregnancy resource centers and was reprimanded by her legislative colleagues.

Planned Parenthood plans to spend \$10 million this year in NC campaigning to allow abortions up to nine months. This is double what the organization spent in 2022.

"The enemy has been busy trying to take us off focus here at the center," said Spruce.

APRCC needs us. Pray for them and support them financially.

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From Our Community Director:

Brother Knights,

We need a dedicated Knight to serve as Community Director. If you want to help the Council and the community, please contact Grand Knight Brian Williams.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat volunteers are finishing up building one house and getting ready to refurbish four more. Habitat can always use more helpers. Please contact Jane or **Frank Elfring** for further information, 703-801-6106 or 703-967-4572.

Brian Williams PJK



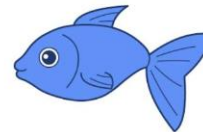
From Our Family Director:

Monthly coffee and donuts will be held after the 11:00 AM mass and 1:00 PM mass on Sunday, June 9th in the Family Life Center.

Youth Fishing Tournament

Our annual youth fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 9 til noon at Fun Junktion in Elizabeth City. Rods, reels and bait will be provided. We'll wrap up the tournament with awards and pizza. All parish children up to age 12 and families are invited.

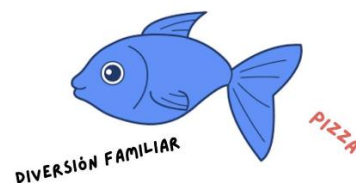
Family Fun



Pizza

Youth Fishing Tournament
Saturday, June 8th
9 AM - 12 PM
Ages 12 and Under
at
Fun Junktion
983 Simpson Ditch Rd.

Use our gear or yours.
Bait, Lunch, and Beverages provided.



Torneo Juvenil de Pesca
Sábado 8 de junio
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
en
Junco divertido
853 Simpson Ditch Rd.

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SE PROPORCIONAN CEBOS, ALMUERZO Y
BEBIDAS.



Ryan Windham



From Our LAMB Director:

Checks have been delivered to Benjamin House and Ms. Geanine Bulloch, Exceptional Needs teacher in Camden County. Thanks to GK Brian Williams and PGK Brad Gardner for their help in presenting the checks.

At the state convention the State LAMB Director set a goal for our next Fraternal Year of one million dollars. He calculated this out to be approximately \$50 per Knight per council. In our case that is approximately \$5,000. I don't think this is an impossible goal, we just need to put our heads together to come up with various ways of doing this. Many councils agreed that bringing your kids or grandkids to help with the collection was a definite revenue enhancer.

So be thinking about it and let's come up with a plan of action.

Thank you for your help

Vivat Jesu!

Frank Elfring



From Our Membership Director

Congratulations to new Brother Knights who participated in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity after the May 1st Council meeting and became members of our council:

- **Brother Martín Aguilor**
- **Brother Alex Ortiz Bartolomé**
- **Brother Osler Anuar Portillo**
- **Brother David Quintero**
- **Brother Pedro Reyes Aparicio**

Welcome also new Brother Knight **Cooper Dine**, who joined on May 5th. Several other brothers expressed interest in joining the Knights after hearing Field Agent Miguel Flores' presentation after the 1 PM mass on May 26 and did so. We plan to hold an Exemplification for

these new Knights in June to bring them fully into our council.

Talk to the men you see at mass who are not already Knights and ask them to join. Form 100s and other literature are in the Knights box outside the church office and on the table in the gathering area.

Ron Foreman PGK



Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry held on May 3rd was another grand success! Thank you to all the Knights and their families who volunteered to help. We raised over \$1300 which will be used to help the many charities we Knights support.

Mike McKeon



From Our Trustees

The proposed Slate for Fraternal Year 2024-2025 was presented by the Trustees at the May meeting. Volunteers for unfilled positions were identified and published by the Financial Secretary:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Grand Knight	Frank Elfring
Deputy Grand Knight	James White
Chancellor	Rob Wetzel PGK
Treasurer	Tom Ponte
Recorder	Doug Gardner PGK
Advocate	Rich Bovie
Warden	Carlton Himelwright
Inside Guard	Mike McKeon
Outside Guard	Jack Martin
1 st Year Trustee	Brian Williams PGK
2 nd Year Trsutee	Brad Gardner PGK
3 rd Year Trustee	Ed Power PGK

The Council will vote for next year's officers at the June 5th meeting.

The Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer positions are appointed by the Grand Knight or Supreme Council. Fr. Alex, Buzz Savage and Bob Krausa, respectively, will continue to fill these positions.

Director positions are filled by the Grand Knight. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Brother Frank Elfring.



From the Financial Secretary:

Thanks to the many faithful who donate cans; donations are always welcome. Aluminum Cans: All copper and aluminum accepted but **NO tin foil** and **NO Food Trays.**

Dues: We still have several Brother Knights who have not paid their dues for this year. We need your dues to pay our bills from Supreme and the State Council and to fund all of our activities and charities. Please contact me if you have any questions about dues.

If you change your address, phone number or email, please notify the Financial Secretary so that we can keep our and Supreme's records up to date and we can be sure that you are notified of important KofC information.

Buzz Savage
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Fourth Degree Activities

Assembly 2379 approved its slate for officers for Fraternal year 2024-2025 at their May meeting. Congratulations to the new and returning officers:

Faithful Navigator	SK Ron Foreman
Faithful Friar	Father Alex González
Faithful Captain	SK Tom Ponte PFN
Faithful Pilot	SK Bob Krausa
Faithful Comptroller	SK Rich Bovie
Faithful Purser	SK Mike McKeon
Faithful Admiral	SK Steve Kelly PFN
Faithful Scribe	SK Buzz Savage PFN
Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Andre Chepan
Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Bob Symuleski
Faithful 3rd Yr. Trustee	SK Phil Shullo PFN
Faithful 2nd Yr. Trustee	SK Tom Ponte PFN
Faithful 1st Yr. Trustee	SK Buzz Savage PFN

The Assembly will hold a luncheon with wives at the 252 Grill in Hertford at noon on June 6th. RSVP to SK Tom Ponte at 252-426-7145 or pontet@embarqmail.com.

If you are a 3rd Degree Knight and want to join the Patriotic Degree and become a Sir Knight, contact **FN Ron Foreman** at 252-339-1976 or ronald.d.foreman@gmail.com or ask any Sir Knight.

Ron Foreman, FN



Please Pray for:

PLEASE KEEP ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:

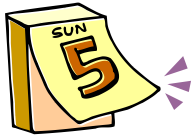
Seth Soria, Joanne Dorsey, Pam Lucas, Laura Rentkewicz, John Carpenter, Nancy Doherty, Patricia Kurz, Mike McKeon, Dan and Esther Hutchinson, Pauline Torchia, Mike Torchia, Pete Schwartz, Don Cormicle, Joanna Woodard, Darlene Allgauer, Deborah Krausa, Joe Markle, Brian Williams and Fr. Nick Cottrill.

SEMINARIANS: Keep our Seminarian, **Keegan Moloney**, in your prayers. Keegan is studying at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, 10701 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL 33436.

Congratulations:

May Knight of the Month – David Quintero

May Family of the Month – Buzz and Barbara Savage



Coming Events:

June 02	Corpus Christi; mass for Blessed Michael McGivney
June 07	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 08	Immaculate heart of Mary; Youth Fishing Tournament
June 14	Flag Day; Deadline to submit applications for Luke Denison scholarship
June 19	Blood Drive
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 27	Fr. Alex's First Anniversary as pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul

NEXT MEETINGS:

June 05	Council Meeting, 7 PM, Social Hall
June 06	4 th Degree lunch meeting, Noon, 252 Grill in Hertford
June 19	Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 PM, Social Hall



June Member Birthdays:

06/02	Michael Torchia PGK
06/06	Osler A. Portillo
06/07	Pedro Aparicio Reyes
06/11	Charles McDonald
06/13	Jack Ireland PGK
06/19	Corey Stallings
06/20	Andre Chepan
06/22	Pete Ferland
06/24	Emmanuel Ngwainmbi
06/24	Ryan Windham
06/25	Joseph Markle III
06/30	Robert Krausa, Jr



June Wives Birthdays:

06/04	Marianne Schwartz
06/05	Luvita Hale
06/10	Jo Ann Scott
06/13	Gloria Corbo
06/16	Mary Jeanne Foreman
06/25	Joanne Di Bello
06/30	Mary Breheny



June Anniversaries:

06/02	VERY REV. JAMES BUCHHOLZ (Ordination)
06/02	Rich & Pat Bovie
06/02	Dan & Julie Kendrick
06/04	Robert & Linda Grimes
06/05	James & Sally Hunter
06/17	Thomas & Dee Ponte
06/18	Sid & Loretta Boyce
06/19	Charles & Joanne DiBello
06/23	Dr Regis & Janice Dandar
06/24	Andy & Karin Montero
06/30	Ryan & Kristen Windham

Council Officers:

GK:	PGK Brian Williams
Chaplain:	Fr Alex González
DGK:	Ron Smith
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3rd Year Trustee:	PGK Jack Ireland

Directors:

Faith:	Deacon Ron Soriano
Family:	Ryan Windham
Community:	GK Brian Williams
Life:	PGK Doug Gardner
LAMB Director:	Frank Elfring
Membership:	Ron Foreman
Spaghetti dinners:	Vacant
Fish Fry	Mike McKeon



From Our Field Agent:

Assistant General Agent Michael McDonough has retired. If you have questions or want to discuss the Knights of Columbus insurance programs, please contact Chris Mahoney's assistant **Joe Carcaterra at 919-719-2715** or Field Agent **Miguel Flores at 336-744-4757**. Miguel is fluent in Español.

All Knights are welcome to contribute to the monthly LANTERN. Please submit articles/photos to editor Buzz Savage (buzzbarb@aol.com) by the 20th of each month.

Also, any Knight who would like to take on the duties of LANTERN newsletter editor can contact Buzz.

PHOTOS (all byDGK Ron Smith):



GK Brian Williams and PGK Brad Gardner presenting LAMB check to Lennie Hughes, Executive Director of Benjamin House and residents May 2, 2024



GK Brian Williams presenting May Knight of the Month award to Jerry Oliver. The statue of Mother Mary that Jerry restored is in the background.



GK Brian Williams presenting April Family of the Month award to Nancy and Jake Brown