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Grand Knight's Corner:

Worthy Brothers,

My, how time flies; it comes and is done so quickly. I want to let Council 7547 know that I have a genuine, heartfelt Thanks to all of you for the time and talents you have shared; it cannot be meager by any means.

A special Thank you goes out to Brother Jerry Oliver, whose restoration of the statue of the Blessed Mother is truly remarkable. His dedication and skill have brought this piece of our faith back to life. I would like to have the words to describe his workmanship, but they would fail me miserably, but don't take my word for it, seeing is believing. Our Deputy Grand Knight and I are working on having it blessed by Father Alex and finding a home for her. Please come to our May 1st business meeting where she will be on display.

I know you have May 3 set aside to come out and help with the Fish Fry! Set up will start at 1:30 p.m. So, pass the word that plates can be purchased on that day from 4 to 7 p.m. Let us exercise Brotherhood and Friendship.

Also, I would like to ask all my Brother Knights that are delinquent in their dues, please take care of this matter as soon as possible. Your timely payment is crucial for the smooth functioning of our organization. Men, I need your help in this matter. I know some you have just forgotten and need a gentle reminder, Others may need help; if this is the case for you please give me a call at 1-252-771-5321.

Vivat Jesus!

Brian Williams

Grand Knight

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From our Chaplain:

A Time of Grace

The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations of May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit — the Breath of God — was the "mighty wind [that] swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (feast of the Visitation, May 31). Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever!

The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of May 2024: For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

(From www.catholicculture.org)



From our Deputy Grand Knight & General Program Director:

Brother Knights,

Thanks for your continued support of our Knight programs and activities. GK Brian and I are nearing the end of our two-year terms of office and it seems, thanks to your efforts, that progress has been made in attracting new members as well as increasing KofC interest within our Hispanic community. Keeping these efforts high on the priority list will be important to the longevity of our council and our ability to make significant contributions to our parish and community.

The next Fish Fry date is Friday, May 3rd from 4-7 PM – currently our only money maker. Please come out and help with setup, working drive-thru, and/or cleanup. Enough tickets have been sold to pay Captain Bob's and the remaining sales will be our profit. Setup starts at 1:30 PM. Normally, cleanup and teardown begin a little while before 7 PM.

Later this month our council is sponsoring a Fraternal Benefits night for Hispanic parishioners on Sunday, May 26th, after the 1 PM Spanish mass. Field Agent Miguel Flores is making a KofC benefits presentation, and he can also sign up new members at this important meeting. It will include food and drink in anticipation of a good turnout. Special thanks to District Director Leo Holland, PGK and Membership Director Ronald Foreman, and Hispanic Ministry Coordinator Joseline Quiroz for their contributions.

Coming up in June is a mass for our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney on Sunday, June 2nd. The 4th Degree Knights will be wearing their tuxedos for this mass. The annual kids fishing tournament is scheduled for

Saturday, June 8th, and there will be a Blood Drive on June 19th.

You may have noticed a recent insert in our church bulletin pointing out the Building and Grounds Maintenance accomplishments and needs. We have discussed most of these things at our regular meetings and it is good that these issues are being brought more broadly to light. Some of the things listed are underway, such as mulching and planning for the purchase of an additional storage building. Contributions can be made in the monthly Building and Grounds Maintenance envelope.

Thank you for all you do in support of our council and parish.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Smith

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From Our Faith Director:

Deacon Ron Soriano



From our Life Director

The Albemarle Hopeline Run for Hope 5K held on April 20th attracted 35 runners, but more importantly, raised \$5,000 for meeting the needs of Hopeline families. It was a busy morning: runners went one way off Parkview Drive while bicyclists in the Tarwheel Century rode the other way.

Did you know that you can donate clean clothing and small household appliances to Hopeline's Clothesline Store on Weeksville Road? Families often arrive at Hopeline with only the clothing on their backs. Clothesline can outfit them to get their lives under control. Don't forget the Knights' box in the gathering area at Church. Keep filling it with clothing and household items for Hopeline's Clothesline.

The Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center and Clinic had a booth on the campus of ECSU for Spring Fling in April. This marked a return to the college campus for Hopeline after it was uninvited in autumn 2022.

Chief Federal District Court Judge Catherine Eagles will hear a challenge to two provisions of NC's 2023 abortion law on May 6.

Democrats plan to plow \$10 million into supporting fellow Democrat candidates in the November general election, anticipating that abortion will be a hot issue.

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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 GK



From Our Family Director:

Monthly coffee and donuts will be held after the 11:00 mass on Sunday, May 12 in the Family Life Center. If we have volunteers we will continue to serve after the Spanish mass at 2:00 PM.

On Sunday May 12th the Knights will also be handing out carnations to all ladies of the parish.

Ryan Windham



From Our LAMB Director:

Two checks have been received from State LAMB Director, one for Benjamin House and one for Ms. Geanine Bulloch, a special needs teacher in Camden County. GK Brian Williams and one additional Knight will present a \$1900 check to Mr. Lennie Hughes of Benjamin House soon. Arrangements are being made to deliver the \$195 check to Ms. Bulloch as soon as possible.

Look for collection opportunities in the near future.

Vivat Jesu!

Frank Elfring



From Our Membership Director

Congratulations to Brother Knight **Brian Williams, Jr.**, who completed the Exemplification at Holy Redeemer Church in Kill Devil Hills and became a 3rd Degree Knight on April 8th. All 1st and 2nd Degree Knights can advance to 3rd Degree merely by watching the 30 minute Exemplification video on the Supreme website. Check it out at kofc.org.

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 PJK



Fish Fry

Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for May 3rd from 4 to 7 PM. We have sold all 200 tickets but have ordered 300 meals so drive ups are welcome. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. Show up at 1:30 to help. Thank you.

Mike McKeon



From Our Trustees

Nominations are open for officers and directors for Fraternal Year 2024-2025. If you are interested in serving in any of these important positions please contact the Grand Knight or one of the Trustees. The Trustees will present their slate to the Council in May and the Council will vote for next year's officers and directors at the June meeting.



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: Dues second notices for 2024 were sent out in mid- January. Please pay your dues promptly. We still have 21 Brothers who have not yet paid their dues. Those who are 18 months or more behind in dues will be recommended for affiliate status and removed from the council roster.

Fund Raisers

The Council cleared \$750.00 from the State raffle ticket sales, more than ever before! Next up is the Fish Fry May 3rd. Fish fries have been our largest fund raiser the past three years. Help Brother Mike McKeon by showing up to help set up and clean up.

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

The Assembly will hold a business meeting at St. Ann Catholic Church in Edenton at noon on Thursday, May 2nd. A light lunch will be provided; please bring your own drinks. RSVP to SK Tom Ponte at 252-426-7145 or pontet@embarqmail.com. We will be voting on the officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year so we need as many Sir Knights as possible to attend.

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, Carlton Deonanan, 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:

April Knight of the Month – Jerry Oliver

April Family of the Month – James and Teresa White



Coming Events:

- May 12 Ascension Sunday;
Mother's Day; Carnations; Coffee & Donuts
- May 13 Our Lady of Fatima
- May 19 Pentacost
- May 20 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- May 26 Trinity Sunday; Hispanic Fraternal Benefits Event
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT MEETINGS:

- May 01 Council Meeting, 7 PM, Social Hall
- May 02 4th Degree business meeting, Noon, St. Ann Church, Edenton
- May 15 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 PM, Social Hall



May Member Birthdays:

- 02 Brian Williams
- 13 Jerry Oliver
- 14 Robert Grimes
- 23 Peter Morrissey
- 31 Robert Dorsey
- 31 Charles Hardy



May Wives Birthdays:

- 03 Mary Soria
- 27 Kathy Daudel



May Anniversaries:

- 17 Joe and Kimberley Spittler
- 29 Bradley & Laura Gardner
- 29 John & Paulette Mc Laughlin

Council Officers:

- GK: PGK Brian Williams
- Chaplain: Fr Alex González
- DGK: Ron Smith
- Chancellor: PGK Rob Wetzel
- Financial Secretary: Buzz Savage
- Treasurer: Tom Ponte
- Recorder: PGK Doug Gardner
- Advocate: PGK John Purcell
- Warden: Carlton Himelwright
- Lecturer: Bob Krausa
- Inside Guard: Mike McKeon
- Outside Guard: Jack Martin
- 1st Year Trustee: PGK Ed Power
- 2nd Year Trustee: PGK Brad Gardner
- 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.**

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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.

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PHOTOS:
No photos this month.