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**From the Desk of the Grand Knight** Mike Mitchell

Greetings once again my Brother Knights. The Fish Frys are going quite well, and as of this writing we have only two remaining. Don't be left out of this fun and beneficial activity. Contact your committee Chairman and volunteer today or stop by the Parish Center prior to serving time (we start serving at 5:00 PM on Friday afternoons) and see what needs to be done. Remember that the proceeds from the fish frys go to the St. John's building fund. This is also a great way to make and strengthen friendships with other Knights in our council. I'll see you there. There are several upcoming events that everyone needs to mark on their calendars. The first of these is the Tootsie Roll Drive. This will be happening on Saturday May 3rd. Take a proactive approach and volunteer to do a stint or two before you are asked. The Tootsie Roll Drive benefits the physically and mentally challenged citizens of Oxford and Lafayette County by providing additional funds for the Scott Center in the Oxford School District. On Sunday May 11th we will honor all the mothers of St. John's Parish by presenting them with flowers at each service that weekend. If you would like to assist with presenting flowers at one of the services please contact Jacob Eftink. We are also planning a Memorial Mass/Corporate Communion for Sunday May 18th at the 8:30 AM service. Please make plans to attend and to sit with your Brother Knights. On June 22 we will have our annual (2nd or 3rd) Family Picnic and Wall-Doxey State Park. Contact Bill Reynolds for more information on this. On Saturday June 28 we will have a Corporate Communion at the 5:00 PM vigil Mass followed by our Officer Installation and awards banquet. The exact details are still being worked out but the date is solid. I would also remind each of you that the Mississippi Jurisdiction Knights of Columbus Convention will be in Vicksburg this year. It is not so far away that some of you could come down for the day on Saturday and see the business of the Knights happening before you. Once

there you will also have the chance to meet and interact with Knights from all across our great state as well as representatives from Supreme and other state jurisdictions as well. It is always fun and interesting at the state convention. Until next time, Vivat Jesus and ask another man to be a Knight;

**From Your DGK Mark Shows**

I would like to thank all who helped with this year's Lenten Fish Fries. For those who's life was too busy, there is the up coming tootsie roll fund raiser ( May 3rd). Please let David DiCarlo davidadicarlo@yahoo.com know when you can work. Please help support this worthy cause! It would be very nice if we could get at least someone to sign up to mow the lawn at the church. I have not received a single response to help with this project. We need your support, if not time, then money to pay for someone to do it for you. Also the work is ongoing at the student center. If you can help please contact myself or Dennis Ott. Vivat Jesus - Mark Shows

**Important Dates**

**Birthdays for April**

Mark Carter - 27    Benny Duncan - 22    Jeff Hallam - 8    Miquel Queyja - 1    Jerome Troxler - 29    Amzie Williams - 2

**Family of the Month** George and Alice Davis

**Knight of the Month** Joe Supple Jr.

**Remember the Rosary is prayed at 8:00am every Sunday**

**From Your Membership Director** Bob Hudson

As your Membership Director for over ten years, I have had an ongoing focus on the membership of our council and every council newsletter you hear me constantly talking about membership. As your Membership Director, that's part of my job description new members. But another part of that job description covers our current members and their support of the council.

The current membership, of any council, is the key to what happens every day within the council. Current members make up the officers, committee chairmen, and the ongoing leadership of the council. But the current members must be supportive of all council programs to help the council reach its goals.

Each council member is assigned to a committee and each committee's success or failure depends from the support that committee has from its members. A committee cannot accomplish its goals unless the whole committee is committed to the success of those goals. Your committee chairman should be conducting committee meetings and you should do your best to attend.

When current members do not participate and do not help carry the load of the council the programs and goals of the council start to slowly slip away. It is always much easier to keep a councils program running rather than to have to go back and restart every time their programs struggle to keep running.

As your Membership Director I see to often how though it can be for the councils programs and committee goals to keep on running if the council members dont participate as needed. Your committee needs your support as a committee member.

Think back to when you became a Knight you were asked to become a Knight of Columbus. And hopefully you remember my comments Dont just join the Knights of Columbus be involved, attend meetings and become a true Brother Knight.

Remember Ask a man to become a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus - Bob Hudson

### **Church Committee Report** Jacob Eftink

I wish to thank the knights who have come to the fish fries on Fridays during Lent. If you haven't eaten at these fish fries, then you were probably hungry those Friday nights. On May, our council will have a memorial mass for the deceased Knights in our council. We will also pass out flowers on mother's day to all of the mothers in the parish.

### **Spirit of Columbus Contest Report** Jacob Eftink

Cristopher Columbus is one of the key figures in the origin of our order. Council 10901 honored Columbus Day by sponsoring a "Spirit of Columbus" picture/essay contest for the youth of St. John's Catholic Church in Oxford. The theme for this contest was "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." Gift certificates from Wal-Mart were given to the first and second place winners in three age groups. Approximately thirty kids participated in this contest.

### **Community Committee Report** David DiCarlo

### **Council Committee Report** Jeff Hooper

### **THE FAMILY CORNER** Bill Reynolds

What is a family? Basically it is the most instinctive and fundamental social and mating group in humans. It is the union of man and woman through marriage and their offspring. So, the family can be considered as the original cell of social and spiritual life because relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom and security within our society. The family is that natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life (CCC 2206 and 2207).

Next, mark your calenders for these future family activities. We will start family flick nite again

May 16. Please plan to come and enjoy not only the movies but also popcorn and beverages. June 22 is the family picnic at Wal Doxey Park. Swimming and paddle boating will be available. The Knights will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and non alcoholic beverages.

Here are some hints on TV watching. There are a few program series which have good pro life overtones and are quite family oriented. Recommended adult viewing (these are not kiddy programs) are "Everyone Loves Raymond" and "Still Standing" on Monday nights, and "Judging Amy" on Tuesday nights.

**Youth Committee Report** Jeff Hallam

**From your state warden** Peter Sukanek

**From Fr. Joe**

**What being a Knight means to me** Jeff Hooper

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