



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

I want to start by wishing all brothers and their families a blessed Easter. This is a beautiful time of year, both in the scenery and in our Faith. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity and symbolizes the fulfillment of our Faith. I pray this renewal/new season also inspires the Knights to step back up into the light of our call to service and renew our own commitments to our community. We had a tremendous outpouring of support at our annual Lenten Fish Fry on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We fed over 300 parishioners! For the first time in two years, folks packed the school cafeteria to socialize and share in a delicious meal, all while supporting our seminarian brothers. Great job guys!

It is also the time of year to start thinking about our next fraternal year 2022-2023 (it's hard to believe we're almost there!). We are always looking for abled-bodied brothers to step-up and be new officers and committee chairs. This is great opportunity to become further involved and share in our mission. If interested, please reach out to myself or any of the of the other current officers in the coming weeks, as we begin to build the slate.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

GK Josh Myers

### OUR FAITH

In John 16:20-23, Jesus again reiterates that the disciples will suffer and then rejoice. He affirms that the world, deceived by Satan, celebrates at His death. Even today, it's clear that the secular world hates Christ and His Church.

The world wishes Christ to be silenced and kills Him. The death of Christ causes anguish and sorrow for the disciples, an anguish that Christ shares in the Agony in the Garden. The Cross hurts.

But Christ cannot be silenced, He refuses to be “politically correct” and go along with the will of the Jewish leadership or to compromise with Pilate. For this, He will be killed. Christ promises in veiled terms that despite the anguish that is coming, new birth will come. The Resurrection will put to rest all doubt and questions of the disciples. The Resurrection is the evidence that speaks to men throughout the ages, and for those who fully grasp it, puts an end to doubts about Christ.

**Awed by Jesus Christ** – Jesus, the *Divine Prophet*, offers a preview of the suffering that the disciples will experience at His death and the joy they will experience at the Resurrection. As *Divine Teacher*, Jesus offers a powerful metaphor of the Crucifixion and Resurrection that men (and even more so women) can understand, the pain of women in childbirth and the joy of new children.

## **Being a Heroic Catholic Man**

1) It is tempting to seek to reduce stress by being politically correct, willingly compromising on truths as taught by the Church to avoid ridicule. Ask yourself: Have I been a forceful advocate for my faith, or have I been intimidated into silence out of fear?

2) Many have attended a funeral in which the body of the deceased lies cold and without life. Contemplate the miraculous and stupendous truth of Christ's Resurrection of His body which has laid in the tomb for 3 days. He has Risen!

3) Christ instructs men to pray in the Name of Jesus Christ and He promises to grant men's prayers. Rather than accept doubt about Christ and His Church, which is always the work of Satan, pray now that Christ would answer your doubts and deliver you from evil.

## **Spiritual Practices – Include in Today's Prayers**

Sacred Mystery of Rosary – *The Sorrowful Mysteries*

Daily Devotion – *The Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Virtue of the Day – *Faith*

## **March IN REVIEW:**

The Council held an O&D meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Council business meeting was held March 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Benedict's. The Council held it's annual Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> in the OLG cafeteria. We had a tremendous turnout and fed over 300 people! With the proceeds and donations collected, the Council will be able to once again support our seminarian brothers. We also had a great turnout of our fellow brothers in the kitchen with meal prep, setup, cooking, and cleaning.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**- Financial Planning night, 7:00 pm, at St. Pius X, in the Simmons Center, room 2. Open to all Knights and their spouses. Please RSVP to DD John Joyce [johnajoycejr@gmail.com](mailto:johnajoycejr@gmail.com) or 336-814-5005

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**- O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, at PLC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, OLG.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, at PLC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, OLG.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00 am, at OLG Church, on the grass playground at the south side of the Tremont Street parking lot. (Help/Set up for the event will be 8-10 am)

## **HAVE YOU RECENTLY RETIRED? OR ARE WORKING REMOTELY?**

Are you bored being stuck in the house? Perhaps you are looking for some place to volunteer? Why not think about St. Francis Springs Prayer Center. Our Council has actively volunteered since the Prayer Center was built. We volunteer ONE DAY PER MONTH, the first Monday of each month. We start about 9 am and are normally done by 1 pm. We take a break with refreshments around 10:30 am, then you will be fed an amazing lunch at 12 Noon, prepared by a staff member,

We are looking for both men and women to volunteer.

Please consider volunteering with us. Any questions regarding this can be directed to PGK Marshall Perry (336) 676-3900 or to Cynthia Perry (336) 288-6091.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society is looking forward to resuming its Furniture Ministry which picks up gently used furniture and household items and delivers them to families in need here in Greensboro. The Society operates two (2) box trucks, both equipped with lift gates and hand trucks. We meet each Wednesday at St. Benedict's Church starting at 8:30 AM and finish in the early afternoon. Each truck normally has three (3) to four (4) volunteers to facilitate the move of furniture. We are also interested in drivers. For additional information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Larry D'Amelio at 336-294-0351 or John Corcoran at 336-288-9371

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

[www.koc939.com](http://www.koc939.com)

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

Did you know there are NO required programs this year? That's right. Supreme reduced the required Programs due to the pandemic. This enables you to reach the Star Council Award (approximately \$500-\$1500) more easily than ever before.

Faith in Action Programs feature 4 key program categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Supreme has recommended programs that help men live out their commitment to their Catholic faith and their desire to serve family, parish and community.

To reach the Star Council Award you must complete at least 4 program points in each of the 4 categories. That's 16 altogether. Your Councils have Directors for each of the 4 categories. Your directors, with the help of Council Officers, will make sure your Council completes the required 16 programs.

There are 33 Council programs recommended by Supreme. Your council is encouraged to implement any program(s) that will help make a difference in your parish and community. The recommended programs can be found here:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10581-faith-in-action-faq.pdf>

Fortunately, Supreme has given you a short cut to the Star Award: 16 FEATURED Programs. When your council conducts a FEATURED Program and satisfies the associated requirements, it receives 2 points towards that program category, cutting in half your work toward the Star Award.

The Featured Programs are: RSVP, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, Holy Hour, Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Family Prayer Night, Family Fully Alive, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Leave No Neighbor Behind, March for Life, Special Olympics, Pregnancy Center Support and Ultrasound Program.

The Featured Programs can be found at this link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10746-fia-council-requirements.pdf>

Most of you will already complete several Featured Programs this Fraternal year: RSVP, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Marches for Life, Pregnancy Center Support, etc.

You can learn more about the Faith in Action program model, including answers to frequently asked questions, by visiting: <https://www.kofc.org/faithinaction>

If you are interested in working on any of these programs, contact your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight or Program Directors.

DD John Joyce, 336-814-5005 & [DD24@kofcnc.org](mailto:DD24@kofcnc.org)

## FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Please attend the Financial Information Nights scheduled as follows:

1. The First District Information Night is Scheduled on 3/31 at St Pius X @7pm Simmons Center Rm#2
2. District 11 will host 2 Financial Information Nights with Brother Ray Eveland, our Field Agent.

The First will be on April 20th at 7:00 pm

Upper Room

Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Church

1730 Link Rd

Winston Salem, NC 27103

This Benefits Night will include a Spanish Speaking interpreter.

Host Council 10504

Please be sure to let the Spanish speaking members of your parish know about this Information Night.

The Second will be May 19th

Holy Cross Catholic Church

616 S Cherry St

Kernersville, NC 27284

Host Council 8509

## Topics Include:

Wills and Trusts

Medicare and Medicare Supplement plans

Do You Know The 5 risks That Can Ruin Your Retirement?

***I can't end this message without wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter! May each of you and your families experience the joy of this Easter season!***

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Eveland

## **RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Whenever and wherever a Knights of Columbus meets a practicing Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, there is an opportunity for recruiting a new Knights of Columbus. Wear your K of C nametag proudly, never reluctantly, and advertise for the Council.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Brother Knights** Our council has open positions that need to be filled. Please investigate your hearts and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

**L.A.M.B:** Piedmont Council 939 requires a volunteer to assume the mantle of Council LAMB Director. A complete LAMB Training Manual is available for the Brother who steps forward to take charge thereby providing the necessary leadership to get our Council program rolling again.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Coordinates the "First Responders" Awards Presentation and Dinner program. Coordinates the management of the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole at the Wyndham Golf Championship. Along with other Community programs. Expert training will be available.

**ADVOCATE:** Become familiar with the councils by laws and keeps the council from going off script.

**Please contact the GK.**

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

Grand Knight Josh Myers Joshuanmyers@gmail.com 336-698-5601

## **WIDOWS PROGRAM:**

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests.

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

**IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE PASS PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE GRAND KNIGHT AT HIS NUMBERS BELOW. APOLOGIES TO ANYONE OVERLOOKED IN THIS COUNCIL 939 NEWSLETTER.**

**Please keep the following in your prayers**

Roy Berninger  
Dan & Nancy Camia  
Fran Geoff  
Jack Kealey  
O'Hanlon Family  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki  
Gary Chapman  
Kathy Chapman  
Dick Morrison  
Jerry Byrd

Jacki Standen  
Bob Englert  
Mike Kenney  
Kitty Heath  
Betty D'Amello  
Antionette Cerrito  
Marshall Perry's Father  
Eastwood Family  
Lura Lyle  
Lysiak Family

Marsicano Family  
Coyle Family  
Edwards Family  
Johnny Stuart  
Harrison Korzekwinski  
Fr. David Hyman  
Sylvia Byrd  
Carol Walton

## **DECORUM:**

**Always wear your nametag and carry your rosary.**

**Always stand, if physically able, to be recognized by the grand Knight remembering to render the hand salute at the beginning and at the end of the exchange.**

If a name tag is needed, contact the Financial Secretary, Brother Chris Frank, email: frankchrisj@aol.com.

**VIVAT JESUS:**

**Josh Myers, GK**

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