



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Flowers have already started to bloom, but it is still lent – Let us continue to keep up our Lenten disciplines and unite ourselves to Christ's suffering! Soon, the joy of Easter will be united to what we see in nature.

We have completed one fish fry, but have another April 11th – please come out to help support it! There are four men I know of from Greensboro currently in seminary, each of whom needs not only our material support, but our prayers too.

Do not forget other events listed below – there are wonderful pro-life events, requests to help with an event at Our Lady of Grace, and our street clean-up. This month's meeting will be special too, with an exemplification for men who want to join the knights.

Las flores ya están floreciendo, pero todavía es cuaresma, por eso es importante continuar con las disciplinas que nos unen al sufrimiento de Cristo. Pronto, la alegría de la pascua estará unida a lo que vemos en la naturaleza

Se ha completado un frito de pescado, pero hay otro el 11 de abril. por favor, apóyalo! Hay cuatro hombres de Greensboro en el seminario – cada uno necesita no solamente nuestro apoyo material, sino también oraciones.

No se olvide de los demás eventos de este mes. Hay maravillosos eventos provida, ayuda con una fiesta en OLG, y limpieza de callas.

Mark Stepnowski

Grand Knight

COUNCIL NEWS

Death of Msgr. Showfety

Monsignor Showfety died after a long life of service to the church last week. Visitation is Tuesday, April 1st, from 1-9 PM at Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home on Elm Street, with his funeral the following day at 11:00, at his home of St. Benedict's. Please join in praying for our brother.

Fish Fry

Our 2nd fish fry is on April 11th at Our Lady of Grace, in the Parish Life Center. We need your help cooking, serving, and cleaning, or at a minimum, eating! Share with your friends that plates are \$12, including fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, a choice of French fries or baked potato, and dessert. Payment is cash, check, or by venmo.

Life News

Please continue to support the Walk for life, the 40 Days for life! See below for details

The Annual Greensboro Walk for Life is Saturday April 12th at LeBauer Park! Registration begins at 9 AM and the walk starts at 10 AM. Join hundreds of your Christian neighbors to prayerfully demonstrate in this public witness to life! St. Paul's Council 13236 will be grilling hotdogs for the walkers. Come with an apron or come with your walking shoes, but come all to shine light through the darkness that has claimed so many innocent lives. See the link for more information: ([GSO Walk for Life](#))

Join in the 40 days for life vigil. This Semiannual, 40 Day Prayer Vigil at hundreds of abortion facilities across the US, of which 161 have closed since 2004 as a direct result of our movement. There will be four vigils in the Diocese of Charlotte this Spring including at

"A Woman's Choice"

on

2425 Randleman Road in Greensboro

from

March 5 - April 13

(Mon - Sat, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

For 40 days a dedicated team of Christian advocates will gather here during operating hours to pray, picket and provide loving outreach to vulnerable mothers in crisis. I invite my Brother Knights to join me in faithful witness each Saturday morning around 9:00 AM, the busiest time of the week, to offer a group rosary. Attached is the link to Greensboro's 40DFL website. Please contact me for details regarding parking, procedures and coordination.

Charles Geier

Council 939 Life Director

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<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greensboro>

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31st , 7 PM at OLG PLC Executive Conference room -
Officer's and Director's meeting

April 11th – Second Fish Fry at Our Lady of Grace.

April 12th – Walk for Life, 9 am at Lebauer Park

April 21st 7:30 PM at St. Benedict's – Council Meeting; we will hold a third degree exemplification at the beginning, and enjoy refreshments following. Don't forget to bring your membership card!

April 26th – Street Cleanup. Meet at McDonald's, 3301 Battleground Ave, at 8:30

April 27th, Our Lady of Grace – Spring International Festival at Our Lady of Grace. We have promised to help set up for and clean up after this day of festivities.

We expect to hold a fraternal benefits night in early summer



MARCH IN REVIEW

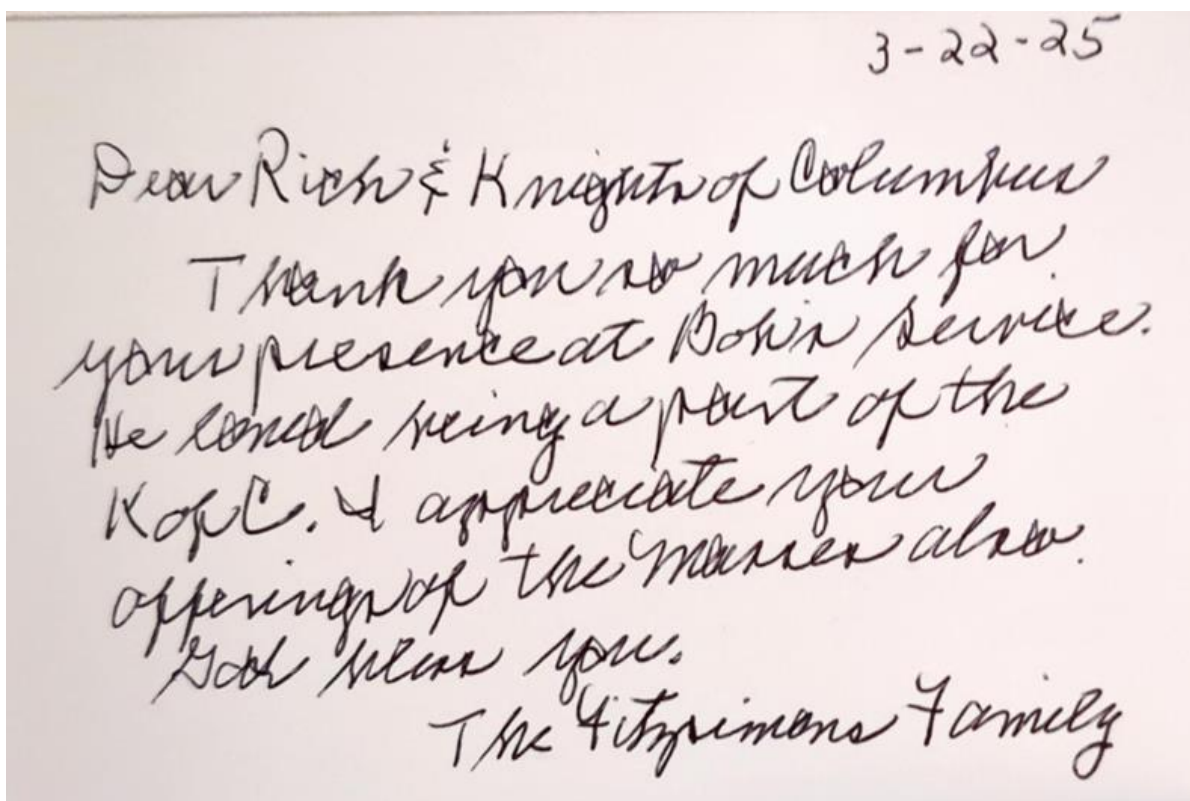
Our first fish fry was held March 14th. There was wonderful turnout, and Tony Briones was even able to join us while on his spring break from St. Joseph's College Seminary. As we work so hard to raise money for seminarians, it was wonderful to spend time with one of those men offering their time to the church.

If only there were a picture! – for St. Patrick's Day, we skipped our meeting in favor of attending a party. Our chaplain, Fr. Casey Coleman, showed he is a man of many skills, and poured Black and Tans for parishioners.



On March 29th, we split our efforts – some members were able to attend a retreat at Our Lady of Grace. Others traveled to Charlotte for a 4th degree Exemplification. They had wonderful things to share about what they learned about integrating faith and citizenship. Please congratulate Beau Braden, Buck Braden, Jay Guzauskas, Jaylen Abney, Tony Briones, and Charles Geier when you next see them!

We received a lovely note from the Fitzsimmons family, thanking us for our support after Bob died.



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 discern and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

- 1. LAMB DIRECTOR:** Coordinates the LAMB (Least Among My Brethren) programs. LAMB is involved with helping those with intellectual disabilities. In years past, we have raised money for the special education programs at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, but the director is free to choose any applicable cause. The director will facilitate fundraising, volunteering, and disbursement of funds for these activities.
- 2. Other positions:** If you are interested in organizing a particular program, or enhancing our communication, please contact the grand knight.

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

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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

Please share prayer requests with the Grand Knight at 336-875-2275. We apologize to anyone overlooked in this newsletter. If anyone has recovered from illness, please inform the Grand Knight so that the good news can be shared with the council. Thank you for your help!

Please keep the following in your prayers

Msgr. Joseph Showfety – repose of soul	Simpson Family – death of son, Ben	Dcn. Larry Lisk Joyce Family
Bob Fitzsimons – repose of soul	Barbara Ovittore-Kemp – Recovery from surgery	Jim Keaney, Sr. Lawrene Kirwan
Dixon family – death of Onita, mother of Jerome	Msgr. Anthony Marcaccio (former Pastor, St. Pius X Parish and former KofC State Chaplain) – repose of his soul	Roy Berninger Brian Dubicki
Frank family – death of Chris’s father	Michael Busch – Recovery from surgery	Bob Englert Antionette Cerrito
Rocco Chickillo – recently hospitalized	Nicolas D’Amelio & Family – birth of daughter Rosamund	Lysiak Family Edwards Family
Perry Family – death of Gordon, Marshall’s father	Joyce Family – wife Janine recovering from surgery	Fr. David Hyman Ben Malikowski
Josh Myers and family	Brandon Melchiore – father to a healthy daughter	Eveland Family Brian Garrett
Lester James Gordon – Repose of soul	Jack Kealey – Repose of Soul	Parker Hahn
Rocky Riccio	Tom Thompson – poor health, in need of calls and emails	
Grabasky Family	Jerry & Sylvia Byrd	
Bob Fitzsimons	Bishop Emeritus Peter Jugis – poor health	
Jerome Dixon, PGK		
John Polickoski and family – repose of his soul.		

Names in red indicate a new entry from the past month; we remember the death of our brothers and family members for one year in this list.