



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As August begins, I always think of new beginnings, and suspect I always will. More than the calendar changing over, the beginning of school with its fresh start, new goals, and activities has been pressed upon me. The same is true for our council. In the coming days, the officers will gather to plan activities for the coming year you can expect some formal activities to invite new men to join the order, service projects, and events to help us to grow in faith and fraternity.

Speaking of school, it is appropriate to keep all students and educators in your prayers. Two members will be starting at new schools shortly, and many of our family members shall be returning to the classroom as well.

In this time of new beginnings, consider reflecting on the first principle of the Knights of Columbus – Charity. As you examine your conscience one evening, think about a way in which you can grow in charity – in love for one particular neighbor for another, in hope, through financial gifts, in self-sacrifice to our families. Through charity, we will unite ourselves to Jesus.

Vivat Jesus!

*Mark Stepnowski*

*Grand Knight*

### COUNCIL NEWS

July 15<sup>th</sup> we welcomed our District Deputy and District Warden for the officers installation. Please offer your support to each of the officers who have stepped up this year.

Thank you to Robert and Diane Braden who provided wonderful flowers for the wives who support each of us, and to Rich Stepnowski, who prepared a lovely reception following the installation.

It's also appropriate to recognize Jim Keane, Sr. Following more than a decade of service as the Recorder, he can take a much-deserved break. Thank you for your dedication for so many years!



## JULY IN REVIEW

We started the month with a bang! Thank you to everyone who pitched and helped Fr. Wasswa move to his new parish the morning of July 6<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful way to show him our affection and collaborate with other councils in support of the church.



On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Mark Stepnowski, Robert Braden, Matthew Wood and Chris Frank, our Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and Financial Secretary respectively, attended state council leader training. We come back better knowing the procedures we must follow, along with ideas for how we can better serve the order. We were also awarded the state Faith Award for last year!

On July 28<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Grace Parish held a going away party for two young people pursuing religious vocations. Please remember Br. Anthony Briones in your prayers; he enters St. Joseph's College Seminary in Mt. Holly shortly. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the reception and attended to show Tony your support!



## August ACTIVITIES

**August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM: Officer's and Director's meeting.** Our Lady of Grace PLC Executive Conference Room

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM: Organ Concert at OLG.** A.J. Lyons, a parishioner studying for his Master's degree in Sacred Music at the University of Notre Dame, will present a recital.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM: Council Meeting, at St. Benedict's**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM: Baseball Game.** We'll join Our Lady of Grace Parish for a baseball game at the Greensboro Grasshoppers. Register at [OLG Night at Greensboro Grasshoppers | Flocknote](#).

## 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. COR DIRECTOR:** COR (Latin for “heart”) is a new Knights of Columbus program which seeks to increase the faith life of participants through regular meetings containing prayer, Scripture reading, applicable video series, etc. It is not limited to Knights – anyone is welcome! The director will start, grow, and facilitate this fraternal gathering (preferably weekly or bi-weekly but at least monthly) so that more men grow in their spiritual lives.

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

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| <p><b>Msgr. Anthony Marcaccio</b><br/>(former Pastor, St. Pius X Parish<br/>and former KofC State Chaplain)<br/>– repose of his soul</p> | <p>Plocki Family – death of Olga<br/>(widow of Arthur)</p>                       | <p>Jim Keaney, Sr.</p>                           |
| <p>Michael Busch – Recovery from<br/>surgery</p>   | <p>Marzullo Family – death of Peter</p>  | <p>Lawrene Kirwan</p>                            |
| <p>Cynthia Perry – Recovery from<br/>surgery</p>   | <p>Wachter Family – death of Mike</p>  | <p>Roy Berninger</p>                             |
| <p>Bishop Michael Martin, OFM –<br/>new bishop of our diocese</p>  | <p>Chris Frank – death of mother,<br/>father undergoing cancer<br/>treatment</p> | <p>Jack Kealey</p>                               |
| <p>Nicolas D’Amelio &amp; Family –<br/>birth of daughter Rosamund</p>  | <p>Eastwood Family – death of<br/>Mary (widow of Bill)</p>                       | <p>Brian Dubicki</p>                             |
| <p>Joyce Family – wife Janine<br/>recovering from surgery</p>  | <p>Lyle Family – death of Lura<br/>(widow of John)</p>                           | <p>Bob Englert</p>                               |
| <p>Brandon Melchiorre – father to a<br/>healthy daughter</p>   | <p>Flanagan Family – death of Bob</p>  | <p>Antionette Cerrito</p>                        |
| <p>John Polickoski – in hospital</p>   | <p>Jerry Byrd – recovery from<br/>surgery</p>                                    | <p>Lysiak Family</p>                             |
| <p>Tom Thompson – poor health, in<br/>need of calls and emails</p>   | <p>Fr. Joseph Wasswa – death of<br/>father (Henry Wasswa)</p>                    | <p>Edwards Family</p>                            |
| <p>Morrison Family – death of<br/>Richard</p>  | <p>Schmidt Family – death of Alice</p>   | <p>Fr. David Hyman</p>                           |
| <p>Chapman Family – death of<br/>daughter</p>  | <p>Bishop Emeritus Peter Jugis –<br/>poor health</p>                             | <p>Sylvia Byrd</p>                               |
|  | <p>Dcn. Larry Lisk</p>   | <p>Ben Malikowski</p>                            |
|  | <p>Joyce Family</p>  | <p>Eveland Family</p>                            |
|  |  | <p>Grabasky Family – death of Bob</p>            |
|  |  | <p>Dcn. Rohan Family – death of<br/>Dcn. Tim</p> |
|  |  | <p>Brian Garrett</p>                             |
|  |  | <p>Parker Hahn</p>                               |
|  |  | <p>Barbara Ovittore</p>                          |

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.