



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

As we enter this wonderful time of year, let us all reflect on our many blessings and the true meaning of the season. All of us are guilty of becoming too busy or being wrapped up in the material side of the holidays and often forget the mission of Christ and helping our neighbors in need. Take a moment to be a force for good with your friends or even those you don't know. Volunteer or donate. We look forward to having all our brothers under one roof yet again this Christmas on the 17th at OLG and hope all will bring their families as we celebrate our fraternal bond and faith. Be sure to come out and bring your favorite dish or dessert and tune up your voice as we sing our favorite Christmas carols!

Merry Christmas!

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

GK Josh Myers

****FREE****

COUNCIL 939 & ASSEMBLY 779

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021, 3PM

WHERE: OLG CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARISH LIFE CENTER, BANQUET HALL

COVERED DISHED: BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND DESSERT

G O D W H O R E D E E M S O U R P A S T

Whatever the circumstances of your life, God is able to change them for his glory. This biblical principle is not just a theory for me. I have met many people who were transformed by God despite horrors in their past. I know a young man from the streets of Des Moines, Iowa particularly well who experienced this magnificent and radical transformation.

His father abandoned him as a new born baby and showed all the symptoms of bipolar disorder. As a teenager, however, he became what he had always hated. Alcohol, drugs, anger, delinquency, lies and violence were his lot. Until he was sixteen, he was completely out of

control, disappointing and hurting everyone who came into contact with him. How many mornings had he woken up in a jail cell after a robbery, stealing a car, selling drugs, fighting, possession of a deadly weapon and so much more.

One evening, a policeman told his mother, “Don’t worry, Madame. One day you won’t have him on your hands anymore. Cases like him end up in prison or the cemetery.”

I was that boy. My circumstances predisposed me to reproduce the evil that had made me suffer so much. However, God in his grace came to find me. He took my heart, broken by beatings and rage, and changed it into his image. Our God transforms lives!

Years later, I still consider myself very imperfect, but scripture promises, “I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6, ESV). God made me a faithful husband, a committed dad, a love-struck grandpa and a man of God devoted to his service. God transforms circumstances and hearts.

Do not limit yourself to what you once were. Do not limit your children to who they are today. God is greater than all of that. Your family has no pain that the Lord cannot heal. Declare this truth in your heart for your spouse, your family, your children and your future. If it is true that all our traumas are relational, then so are our healings. In our relationship with God and his people, let us be renewed. What might have been for our harm, God can and will ultimately turn into good.

November IN REVIEW:

The November O&D Meeting was held on November 7th. The Council’s monthly business meeting was held on November 21st and the budget for the fraternal year was passed. The Council held a fundraiser for Coats for Kids on November 12th and raised over \$800. We have 8 boxes of coats (96 coats) that will be delivered this month to charities within the city.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

December 5th- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor, Executive Conference Room

December 17th- KOC 3rd & 4th Degree Joint Christmas Party, 3-5PM, OLG Parish Life Center, Banquet Hall

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

With Christmas right around the corner, we are halfway through our fraternal year. What does that mean for our Councils?

By now, we need to have met half of our membership goals for the year. One of our Councils had all of their annual membership quota completed by August.

How did they do it? Every Officer there works on bringing in new members. They even have a Membership Director, who keeps them focused on their membership goals, and holds routine Church membership drives.

Each Council has to complete two Fraternal Benefits Nights each year. So, by now, you should have completed at least one Fraternal Benefits Nights, and submitted the proper Form 11077. If you haven't, please contact Ray Eveland ASAP, and set one up.

Half way through the year, our GKs must submit their Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, Form 1728, by Christmas. All of our District Councils have numerous qualified program activity going on all year long. That's a great thing for our parishes and our communities. But the toughest challenge is getting those programs documented, so the GK can report them to Supreme.

How are we supposed to document program activity? Each program Leader/Director must complete Forms 10784. If your Council members are not doing those, then the GK's job will be impossible. Please get your leaders to fill out these Forms 10784, especially before the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, that needs to be completed by Christmas.

Grand Knights must encourage other members in the Council to take leadership positions. If the Council members witnesses the Grand Knight attempting to do all of the administrative work himself, no one else will ever want to be an Officer. Please show them good example through leadership by delegation to the rest of the Council members. As their leader, you must insist in their involvement.

If you need help with any of these issues, please call me ASAP. Please don't attempt to do all of your administrative work during the second half of the year. Let's make an effort to keep our Councils on track by completing our work throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and happy new year!!!
John Joyce, District Deputy 24

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.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Coordinates the “First Responders” Awards Presentation and Dinner program. Coordinates the management of the 3rd 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:

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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

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
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Brian Dubicki
Gary Chapman
Kathy Chapman
Dick Morrison
Jerry Byrd

Bob Englert
Kitty Heath
Betty D’Amello
Antionette Cerrito
Marshall Perry’s Father
Lura Lyle
Lysiak Family
Edwards Family
Fr. David Hyman

Sylvia Byrd
Ben Malikowski
Ray Eveland’s Father
Brunozzi Family
Grabasky Family
Rich Stepnowski
Rohan Family