



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We recently welcomed a number of new members, both those new to the Knights of Columbus and men joining from other parishes. Please give each of these men a hearty welcome! After a busy autumn, the coming month will be quieter, at least so far as activities we will organize as a council. We will join Assembly 779 and Council 13236 for a joint Christmas party this year; details or on the second page of this newsletter.

This period of quietness, of less intense activity as Christmas approaches, is entirely appropriate. It gives us an opportunity to join with Mary in her prayer and anticipation of the coming of our Savior. Advent begins along with secular Advent calendars on December first. and is an excellent opportunity to consider if we are ready for Jesus to come again. Fr. Elliott Suttle has recently emphasized that advent is a penitential season where we can detach ourselves from this world to grow closer to God. Consider giving up some type of media, diversion, food, or drink during this time to concentration on preparation for our Lord.

Quero ofrecer bienvenidos a nuestros nuevos miembros otra vez. Debido a la cantidad de actividades parroquiales y familiares en este tiempo, no tendremos reunión, ni muchas actividades. Si quiere, hay una fiesta con otros Caballeros de Greensboro el 4 de diciembre.

Este mes es el tiempo de adviento, de preparación por el Señor Jesus. Además de las fiestas es importante tener silencio para tener un a oportunidad para crecer en la fe. Así, estará preparado por el Señor, cuando él llega en su poder al fin de tiempo.

*Mark Stepnowski*

*Grand Knight*

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Please welcome Jesse Dickerson, Jerman Duran, Charles Geier, Felipe de Jesus Bravo, Mario Mitkov, Enrique Toledo-Arredando, and Ignatius Yawlui, who joined the Knights of Columbus on November 18<sup>th</sup>!



## UPCOMING Events

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM:** Officers and Director's Meeting, Our Lady of Grace Church PLC.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM** Joint Christmas Party:

Please RSVP to Joe Vodenichar if you plan to attend, his contact information is [joev2512@yahoo.com](mailto:joev2512@yahoo.com) and 336-389-2136. It will be held at Golden Corral, 4404 Landview Dr, Greensboro. There is an optional gift exchange, with a limit of \$15.

*Owing to the holidays and numerous parish events we will participate in, we will not hold a business meeting in December.*

## NOVEMBER IN REVIEW

November continued our busy Autumn. November 9<sup>th</sup> a number of Knights joined Father Casey Coleman for a day



of reflection. Simultaneously, others pitched in with a renovation of St. Joseph's house on Our Lady of Grace's campus. As part of that renovation, our memorial to the unborn will be moved to a prominent location at that parishes' terrace. Contributions to our local churches continued November 16<sup>th</sup>, with the completion of efforts to plant new bushes around Our Lady of Grace – take a look at some of the hard workers!

As mentioned above, we held an exmplificaiton on November 18<sup>th</sup> instead of our regular meeting. Should you see him, please thank our field agent, Miguel Flores, the men of his degree team, Walter Kula who joined as a representative from the state council, and Richard Stepnowski, who prepared a celebratory meal afterwards. Three candidates were unable to attend; we will be sure to hold another event in the spring.

. November 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Grace held a Fall Festival.

Knights pitched in throughout cheerfully serving in the background, as we do, but one man stood out: I hope you had the opportunity to hear Frank Fraton perform. With Thanksgiving this month, many of us helped to feed the hungry with campaigns at parishes throughout Greensboro, and on Thanksgiving day it was wonderful to see members new and old at our memorial mass at ST. Benedicts. As the month ends, our "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign is underway – a nativity set is in its traditional location at Our Lady of Grace.



## 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. LIFE DIRECTOR:** Organize events, fundraisers, and prayer to promote the cause of life, with particular attention to the unborn.

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

Bob Fitzsimons	Brandon Melchiore – father to a healthy daughter	Jerry & Sylvia Byrd
Jerome Dixon, PGK	Jack Kealey – Repose of Soul	Bishop Emeritus Peter Jugis – poor health
John Polickoski and family – repose of his soul.	Tom Thompson – poor health, in need of calls and emails	Dcn. Larry Lisk
Simpson Family – death of son, Ben	Morrison Family – death of Richard	Joyce Family
Barbara Ovittore-Kemp – Recovery from surgery	Chapman Family – death of daughter	Jim Keaney, Sr.
Msgr. Anthony Marcaccio (former Pastor, St. Pius X Parish and former KofC State Chaplain) – repose of his soul	Plocki Family – death of Olga (widow of Arthur)	Lawrene Kirwan
Michael Busch – Recovery from surgery	Marzullo Family – death of Peter	Roy Berninger
Cynthia Perry – Recovery from surgery	Wachter Family – death of Mike	Brian Dubicki
Nicolas D’Amelio & Family – birth of daughter Rosamund	Chris Frank – father undergoing cancer treatment	Bob Englert
Joyce Family – wife Janine recovering from surgery	Eastwood Family – death of Mary (widow of Bill)	Antionette Cerrito
	Lyle Family – death of Lura (widow of John)	Lysiak Family
	Flanagan Family – death of Bob	Edwards Family
		Fr. David Hyman
		Ben Malikowski
		Eveland Family
		Brian Garrett
		Parker Hahn

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.