



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

January seems to have flown by and before we know it, Lent will be here. With the Lenten season comes a time for renewal and new opportunities. As I have long mentioned, it is not a time to give things up, but a time to add to your life. The Knights will be hosting donut Sunday on February 5th at Our Lady of Grace following the 9am and 11am Masses. Consider coming out and helping and possibly making that connection that opens the door to a potential new brother. At the end of the month (March 3rd) is one of our most enjoyable annual events, the fish fry at OLG, which allows the Knights to sponsor 4 seminarian brothers in their journey to priesthood. I hope each of you will find the time to join your brother Knights and “add to your life.”

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

GK Josh Myers

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR HELPLESSNESS

One of the most important verses in scripture is in the apostle Peter's first letter. He speaks of the necessity of having our faith tested. “That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,” (1 Peter 1:7 NKJV).

This passage suggests that God is saying, “Your faith is more precious to me than all the wealth of this world, which will one day disappear. When the enemy sends all manner of evil against you, I want you to be able to stand strong with unshakable faith. I will keep you through every dark day. Your part is to simply have faith in me. I will keep you by my power.”

God wants to help us stand strong, but he also wants us to move ahead. The apostle Paul writes, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). Why would he be interested in keeping us mired in temptation and affliction? He doesn't get any glory from testing his children. His glory comes from the results.

The children of Israel were brought to the Red Sea for a reason. God had led them to the very brink of destruction. They were surrounded by mountains on two sides, a sea on the third, and an approaching enemy on the fourth. Why? Because he wanted his people to acknowledge

their helplessness. He wanted to hear them say, "We remember how God delivered us from the plagues, and how he brought us out of terrible affliction where we made bricks without straw and had no rest. God delivered us then, and he will do it again!"

Our Lord wants to hear the same from us. He will protect us from every enemy that comes against us. When we are trapped and helpless, let's rejoice in his faithfulness. He is God, and he will keep his promises!

January IN REVIEW:

The January O&D Meeting was held on January 3rd. The Council's business meeting was held at St. Benedict's on Tuesday, January 17th.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

February 5th- Donut Sunday, OLG Church, After 9AM & 11AM Masses

February 6th- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor, Executive Conference Room

February 20th- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, Banquet Hall

March 3rd- Council's Annual Lenten Family Fish Fry, 4:30 pm- 7:00 pm, OLG School Cafeteria

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

Why Did You Become A Knight? Becoming a Knight can transform your life. As a Knight you have the opportunity to support your parish and give back to your community.

We are a band of brothers. A network of men dedicated to performing charity in the service of God and our neighbors. Knights are men who get things done. Volunteering our time and talents to serve our parish and community.

How can you help a relative, coworker or neighbor become a better Catholic? By being their sponsor, invite them to join the Knights Of Columbus.

Ask him to call me (John Joyce 336-814-5005). I'll setup a local Exemplification.

Or tell him about the FREE Online Membership for one (1) year, for any new Brother who joins Online by June 30.



Or, here's the link:

www.kofc.org/join

Must use promo code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After you get the new Online Brother into our Council, invite him to take his Exemplification with our Council Degree Team.

Or, he can take the On-Demand Exemplification. Invite him to use this link to view the Exemplification.

<https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification>

Make sure your candidate reports this video exemplification viewing to me. This will get him transferred from being an Online member into our Council.

Does your Council have existing Online Brothers waiting for you to ask them to join your Council? For help finding them, contact DD John Joyce at DD24@kofcnc.org

If you have any questions, please call DD John Joyce at 336-814-5005.

John Joyce, District Deputy 24

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

February's most noted observance is Valentine's Day. It is a day where we focus on the ones we love, perhaps by gifting a girlfriend, fiancé, or wife with flowers (roses always seem to be the most popular) or candy or just a simple card.

While candy or flowers or greeting cards may say you care, these are all just tokens of affection. And while it is certainly important to let the ones you love know that you care for them, the candy gets eaten, the flowers wilt and the greeting card might eventually get thrown in the trash.

Here is something that will last:

It can take less than an hour to meet with you, either in person or over the computer, and find out what is important to you and your family. For instance: How will you provide for your family if you aren't here? How will you provide if you are sick or hurt and cannot work? What do you want to happen if you are unable to care for yourself? What does retirement look like for you? Answering these questions and putting a plan in place is a gift that will last.

I know it can be difficult to think about these questions. But I also know that answering them and preparing for the future can bring a sense of peace and serenity to a couple. This is a gift that keeps giving.

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.

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:

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
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
Fr. Coleman & Family
Peter Marzullo

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Annual Lenten Fish Fry!

March 3, 2023

**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Cafeteria
4:30 – 7:00 PM**



**Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Baked
Potato, Green Beans, Slaw and
Dessert**

Adult Plate: \$10.00 Child Plate: \$5.00 Dine-in or

Take Out!