



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our year is quickly beginning – there are opportunities to serve in numerous ways coming soon. Your help is needed, both actively in a boots-on-the-ground way, as well as in the background, to create those opportunities' for members. There are opportunities to help rebuild neighborhoods in western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene, but we need a man to step up and lead them. Over the next few months, we will have committed to cooking several large meals – please help with those, too!

On February 15th, we will host a valentine's day luncheon for seniors, so we have a two-sided request: If you are a senior, and especially if you are a widow of a Knight, we hope you will attend! If you are neither of those, we very much hope you can assist with the lunch and make it a wonderful experience for our guests.

Later on, we will host two fish fries – these are critical for community, but they are also major fundraisers to support vocations. Our diocese and the parishes of Greensboro have more men studying for the priesthood than ever before, and they need our financial support and prayers.

Como el año empieza hay mas y mas oportunidades servir. Necesitamos que ustedes sirven – si, con los básicos de cocinar y limpiar y todo esto, pero aún mas organizar las oportunidades por todos nosotros. En los próximos meses, hay varias cenas donde hemos prometido cocinar

El 15 de febrero hay un almuerzo por los mayores de los caballeros y nuestra señora de la gracia. Espero que todos asisten o ayudan con este regalo a ellos quien han ofrecido tantos regalos a nosotros.

Durante la cuaresma ofrecemos dos "Fish Fries" Esta cena es una gran tradición. Además de la comida y comunidad, las cenas recaudan fondos para apoyar a ellos en los seminarios. Hoy en día hay más hombres que nunca estudiando para el sacerdocio de nuestro diócesis y ciudad

Mark Stepnowski

Grand Knight

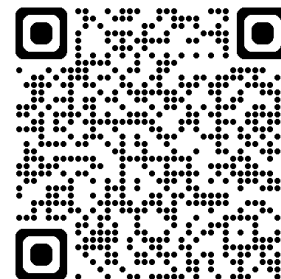
COUNCIL NEWS

You're Invited

The widows and senior members of the knights are invited to a special Valentine's Luncheon, at noon on February 15th. It will be held in the Our Lady of Grace PLC.

Please RSVP to Cesar Muedes by February 10th

(https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D45ABA62EAAFD0-54362653-valentines_muedas@me.com, or 615-309-0628 by voice or text). We plan to serve soup, salad, sandwiches, and a dessert.



Cor is a new program, developed by the Knight of Columbus, intended to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. A Cor Meeting is an intentional time and space for men's formation, prayer, and fraternity. These three key elements are used to highlight the tools for men to effectively grow as disciples of Jesus, committed to serving him and willing to boldly live and share their faith.

Cesar Muedas is organizing our first COR group – please get in touch if you would like details on upcoming meetings! (muedas@me.com, or 615-309-0628)

Josh Myers and Jerry Byrd have both served for many years as officers for our council – they are currently two of our trustees. Both men announced their intention to resign recently, due to health problems. Please keep them in your prayers. We will elect trustees to replace them at our upcoming meeting on February 17th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 – fundraiser.

February 3rd, 7 PM at OLG PLC Executive Conference room - Officer's and Director's meeting

February 15th, OLG PLC Banquet Hall – Valentine's Luncheon for Seniors. Lunch at noon, setup in the morning. RSVP required, see above

February 17th, 7:30 PM at St. Benedict's – Council Meeting

March 14th – Fish Fry at Our Lady of Grace.

March, Date TBD – opportunity to learn about Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products.

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

JANUARY IN REVIEW

During the month of January, we finished up our Keep Christ in Christmas efforts, passing poster contest winners on to the district and taking down our nativity set before storing it away. Four new men joined the council – please welcome **Richard Chickillo, Daniel Hoyng, Jaylen Abney, and Carlos Reyes!** Several men joined the national March for Life in Washington, braving the always-frigid temperature. Lastly, as the month ends, we have kicked off our COR program to grow in prayer, knowledge of faith, and fraternity!

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. TRUSTEE:** This critical position involves ensuring that we follow the procedures and policy of the Knights of Columbus
- 3. 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:

Grand Knight Mark Stepnowski mstepnowski@gmail.com 336-875-2275

WIDOWS PROGRAM:

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests. Please do not forget to RSVP to Cesar (muedas@me.com, 615-309-0628 (call or text)) if you will attend the Valentine's Luncheon.

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

Josh Myers and family	Nicolas D'Amelio & Family – birth of daughter Rosamund	Dcn. Larry Lisk
Lester James Gordon – Repose of soul	Joyce Family – wife Janine recovering from surgery	Joyce Family
Rocky Riccio	Brandon Melchiorre – father to a healthy daughter	Jim Keaney, Sr.
Grabasky Family	Jack Kealey – Repose of Soul	Lawrene Kirwan
Bob Fitzsimons	Tom Thompson – poor health, in need of calls and emails	Roy Berninger
Jerome Dixon, PGK	Morrison Family – death of Richard	Brian Dubicki
John Polickoski and family – repose of his soul.	Chapman Family – death of daughter	Bob Englert
Simpson Family – death of son, Ben	Chris Frank – father undergoing cancer treatment	Antionette Cerrito
Barbara Ovittore-Kemp – Recovery from surgery	Eastwood Family – death of Mary (widow of Bill)	Lysiak Family
Msgr. Anthony Marcaccio (former Pastor, St. Pius X Parish and former KofC State Chaplain) – repose of his soul	Jerry & Sylvia Byrd	Edwards Family
Michael Busch – Recovery from surgery	Bishop Emeritus Peter Jugis – poor health	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.