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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother knights!

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. With the coming of the New Year, we have a great deal to look forward to and a renewed sense of brotherhood. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed our Welcome Back Christmas party. Thank you to the more than 60 Brothers and their families that attended and truly put the spirit into the season. None of it could have been done without the hard work of our fellow brothers who dedicated their entire day to cook and the brothers and their spouses who decorated. We hope to have another event in the near future and get back to our previous schedule of socials and programs. In the meantime, please continue to attend meetings and help recruit new brothers. Our organization needs new growth and more helping hands.

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

GK Josh Myers

WAITING FOR PROMISES BY FAITH

When God says to humankind, “Believe,” he demands something that's wholly beyond reason. Faith is totally illogical. Its very definition has to do with something unreasonable. Scripture tells us, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (*Hebrews 11:1, NKJV*). We're being told in short, “There is no tangible substance, no visible evidence.” Despite this, we're asked to believe.

I'm addressing this subject for an important reason. Right now, all over the world, multitudes of believers are bowed low in discouragement. The fact is that we're all going to continue facing discouragement in this life, yet I believe if we understand the illogical, unreasonable nature of faith, we'll find the help we need to get through.

Consider the faith that was demanded of Simeon. “Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ” (*Luke 2:25-26, NKJV*). The Messiah had been promised to God's people since the beginning of Genesis, and the last record of God speaking to the prophets before Jesus' birth was 400 years earlier.

Simeon was an old man by this time, and he must have struggled with whether he had heard God correctly. What God asks of you may sound unreasonable. He asks that we trust him when he gives no evidence of answering our prayer, when the situation seems hopeless, and we are sure it is all over.

Simeon held on to faith, and when he held the infant Christ in his arms, God gave him another gift: a supernatural understanding of Jesus' mission. "Lord, now You are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel" (*Luke 2:29-32*).

The Lord tells us, "Trust me." Illogical? Yes, but for centuries the Lord has proven he is always on time. God always comes through in perfect Holy Ghost timing.

DECEMBER IN REVIEW:

The Council held an O&D meeting December 6th. We held our first social in nearly 2 years on Saturday, December 18th with the Welcome Back Christmas Party at St. Benedict's. We had over 60 in attendance, with great food, beautiful Christmas decorations, joyful singing, and a fun 50/50 raffle. The December 20th Council business meeting was cancelled due to its proximity to Christmas.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

January 3rd- O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, at PLC, 2nd floor, OLG.

January 15th- NC Right to Life Prayer Breakfast & March, 9:00 am, StateView Hotel, Raleigh; 12:00 pm, Bicentennial Plaza, Raleigh, for the rally and march.

January 17th- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm. (****Location to be determined and announced via email****)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society is looking forward to resuming its Furniture Ministry which picks up gently used furniture and household items and delivers them to families in need here in Greensboro. The Society operates two (2) box trucks, both equipped with lift gates and hand trucks. We meet each Wednesday at St. Benedict's Church starting at 8:30 AM and finish in the early afternoon. Each truck normally has three (3) to four (4) volunteers to facilitate the move of furniture. We are also interested in drivers. For additional information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Larry D'Amelio at 336-294-0351 or John Corcoran at 336-288-9371

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.koc939.com

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

Advent is the best time of year, as we await our Savior's rebirth.

I hope you were getting ready for the rebirth of Christ into your lives. To prepare Jeanine and I went to Confession. Then to increase our prayer life, we said the rosary more often, and we

sent our family Luke's gospel description of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the announcement of the birth of Jesus, and Mary's prayer of thanksgiving. We are preparing the way for the rebirth of Jesus into our family.

It helped us look with Hope to our blessings at Christmas and to be thankful for another new year.

I was blessed to act as St Nicholas at our SPX Little Town of Bethlehem celebration. Talk about Hope... Meeting all those children who told me what they hoped for at Christmas, allowed me to see the hope they were taught in their own families. God bless their parents.

Our Knights Christmas party was terrific. What a wonderful celebration of our Hope for the new year.

As we participated in these great events, we were finally able to meet and be with so many people. Perhaps the length of time we have all been apart, has helped us appreciate our time together even more. Spending time with our brothers and other parishioners helped us celebrate our Brotherhood in Christ.

People are needing community and needing support of one another. May we continue to be open to all our programs and church activities as they are needed now more than ever. Recently, I read something I'd like to share. "We are the stones of faith that keep it strong, solid, and stable. Not just the Knights themselves, but our marriages, our participation in the sacraments and our commitment to live Holy lives."

Our history of being both charitable and united in action places us in a very prominent place. Whichever way you want to look at the end of the year and the coming of our Savior, either as new beginning or joyful ending, we are grateful and blessed.

Challenged, yet again, to carry on such great traditions that began by a simple parish priest on his way to sainthood.

Driven to care for those less fortunate, those forgotten ones, as this time of year helps us to look up and see Christ everywhere.

May your lives slow down so you can grow closer to one another, and then be the light you were created to be.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. John Joyce, District Deputy 24

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Happy New Year! Welcome 2022!

Of course, the new year brings us to...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often for those who feel comfortable attending Mass.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? We have a brand new tool to use to help analyze your financial needs; Profiles Professional. With this tool you can see if there are any gaps in your plan and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

And with the pandemic, many are taking stock of what they have, to protect those they love. If your company offers some insurance, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all your savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, a company investment strategy based on Catholic teaching and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses...and we can meet virtually over the computer (if that's what you prefer) ...to first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and develop a strategy to get you where you want to go.

As your field agent I'm a brother taking care of brothers and their families. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, you will be closer to your goals.

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.

L.A.M.B: Piedmont Council 939 requires a volunteer to assume the mantle of Council LAMB Director. A complete LAMB Training Manual is available for the Brother who steps forward to take charge thereby providing the necessary leadership to get our Council program rolling again.

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
Dominic Brunozzi
Dan & Nancy Camia
Fran Geoff
Jack Kealey
Kneidl Family
Tom O'Hanlon
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Jerry Byrd
Siepak Family

Brian Dubicki
Gary Chapman
Kathy Chapman
Dick Morrison
Jacki Standen
Bob Englert
Mike Kenney
Kitty Heath
Brady Family
Carol Walton

Joe and Frances Coyle
Betty D'Amello
Antionette Cerrito
Marshall Perry's Father
Eastwood Family
Lura Lyle

DECORUM:

Always wear your nametag and carry your rosary.

Always stand, if physically able, to be recognized by the grand Knight remembering to render the hand salute at the beginning and at the end of the exchange.

If a name tag is needed, contact the Financial Secretary, Brother Chris Frank, email: frankchrisj@aol.com.

VIVAT JESUS:

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