



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

Happy New Year! I hope this finds each one of you healthy as we enter 2023 and ready to start another wonderful year together. With a new year, many find it a time to start new resolutions, where they give up bad habits. I have always felt it better to “add” to your life, instead of just focusing on what you won't be doing, look at what you can be doing or will add to your life in 2023. The Knights offer such an array of service opportunities, the only thing missing is YOU. On a recent visit with Brothers Joe Walton and Dan Camia, I was speechless at the phenomenal works being done at local charities Backpack Beginnings and The Family Room. Our Council was able to donate our coats for kids to them this year and I realized there was so much more than can be done to assist charities like them, but it takes time and commitment from brothers like yourself. Make 2023 a year of additions, not subtractions. Come and spend time with your brother knights and make a difference.

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

GK Josh Myers

### THE UNRELENTING LOVE OF GOD

Let's talk about the word “unrelenting.” It means undiminished in intensity or effort, unyielding, uncompromising, incapable of being changed or persuaded by arguments.

Unrelenting, constant, sustained, never-ending — what a marvelous description of God's love! Nothing can hinder or diminish his loving pursuit of both sinners and saints. The Psalmist put it perfectly: “You have hedged me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me...Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there” (Psalm 139:5, 7-8 NKJV).

David is speaking of life's highs and lows. “Sometimes I feel so blessed and filled with joy. At other times, I feel condemned and unworthy; but no matter how I feel or where I am, Lord, you are with me. You never accept my arguments about how unworthy I am. Even when I am disobedient, you never stop loving me. Your love for me is relentless!”

Consider the testimony of the apostle Paul. Here was a man bent on destroying God's church. Paul had a fierce hatred for Christians. He breathed out threats of slaughter against everyone who followed Jesus. He even sought the high priest's authorization to hunt down believers so he could charge into their homes and drag them off to prison.

God's fervent love for Paul never wavered, even during those hate-filled years. In a letter to the Romans, Paul wrote, "But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). He was saying, "Even though I wasn't conscious of it, God was pursuing me. He kept coming until he caught up with me and literally knocked me off my high horse. That's the unrelenting love of God."

Throughout the rest of his life, Paul's confidence in God's faithfulness only grew. "For I am persuaded," he wrote, "that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

### **December IN REVIEW:**

The December O&D Meeting was cancelled. The Council held its annual Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup> at OLG and that took the place of the monthly business meeting. The coats for kids were distributed on December 13<sup>th</sup>. GK Josh Myers was joined by PGK's Joe Walton & Dan Camia who distributed nearly 100 coats to 2 fantastic charities in town: Backpack Beginnings (provides child-based services to feed, comfort and clothe children in need) & The Family Room (provides resources for foster families and children in care).

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Executive Conference Room

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Benedict Church, Parish Hall

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we begin the new year, one of our challenges is how to reach out to our newest brother Knights to encourage and include them in our programs and activities.

Another great challenge is to keep in touch with our less active and most senior members.

Here is a short YouTube video of their December monthly podcast from the Grand Knight Mike Ellis and Deacon John Harrison Program Director of Bishop Greco Council 9499 Clemmons, NC.

Please watch it to look for activity ideas for your Council.

Also, consider how many Knights their Council Officers reach with these monthly videos. This video tool was especially valuable during the pandemic.

What a great idea. Enjoy the video.

<https://youtu.be/7p2JxS8wTTY>

Happy New Year!!!

John Joyce, District Deputy 24

## **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

Happy New Year! Welcome 2023!

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.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Coordinates the "First Responders" Awards Presentation and Dinner program. Coordinates the management of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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