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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

It is with great honor that I begin my tenure as your new Grand Knight. When I converted to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church in 2017, I sought a community of faithful Catholic men to join. In 2019, with a new bride, new job right out of college, and our first baby on the way, I found what I was looking for: Knights of Columbus Council 939. I have received nothing but kindness and spiritual fulfillment since joining this council and Our Lady of Grace Church.

I have been preceded by admirable and capable Grand Knights, specifically Joe Walton and Josh Myers, along with a host of other outstanding men. I truly say that, in taking on this role, I am standing on the shoulders of giants. To the utmost of my ability, I will build on the achievements of the men who came before me and lead the council towards greater prosperity.

This moves us to arguably our most important objective as a council: the recruitment of new members and retention of existing ones. We are only as successful as the men who make up our council and volunteer for our events. To that end, please don't be shy when asking men to become Knights.

Please also welcome Mark Stepnowski as the new Deputy Grand Knight. As many of you know, he has been a part of the council through his father Rich since childhood. We both look forward to working with you all to make our council even better.

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

GK Evan Smith

DEVOTIONAL: GOD'S GOAL FOR US IS PEACE

God's ultimate goal for all his children is abundant life. He never intended for us to go through life focused on our sins and failures. The good news is that we serve a God of absolute love and mercy who desires to bring his children into a place high above all turmoil. However, we cannot take our place with Christ in the heavenlies until we are fully identified with his death and resurrection.

There can be no breakthrough into ascension life without experiencing death at the cross. The Holy Spirit has put within us a knowledge that we can never truly live until we truly die. We seem to know we have a date with death, a destiny relating to the cross of Christ.

Take a good look at where we are with all our fears, emptiness, loneliness, failures and compromise with sin. Consider how little of the Lord's promised peace we really possess. We have fallen far short of what we know an overcoming Christian should be, yet we know God's Word speaks clearly of victory, peace and freedom from sin's dominion. We have seen some who have broken through to that beautiful life of assurance. We would like to ask, "How did you arrive at such victory? How can I break through?"

The Holy Spirit must bring us to the cross and make us face the reality of dying to the world and sin. The moment we begin to seek the Lord diligently with a desire to be under his lordship in all things, we will be irresistibly drawn by the Spirit. We will be brought to the end of ourselves, stripped, weakened and without confidence in our flesh.

I am convinced the Holy Spirit is bringing his church back to the glorious truths of identification with Christ in death, resurrection and ascension life.

Death can be frightening, especially if you cannot see the glory on the other side of it. The Lord assures us, though, of his everlasting love in spite of our failures, and gives us peace and the joy and hope of his resurrection life.

JUNE IN REVIEW:

The June O&D Meeting was held on Monday, June 5th. The Council's business meeting was held at Our Lady of Grace on Monday, June 19th. We voted in one transfer, Jack Fitton. We are excited to welcome our new brother into the council and look forward to working with them!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

July 10th- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor, Executive Conference Room
(NOTE: NOT July 3rd due to Independence Day holiday)

July 17th- Installation of Officers Ceremony, 6:00 pm, OLG Church, followed by reception with refreshments in the OLG Parish Life Center Banquet Hall (downstairs). All Knights and family are invited to attend.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

Who are the Knights of Columbus? We are men on a mission. A Catholic brotherhood changing the world. We live our faith through our financial decisions. We build our families on solid ground. We lead with our faith. We live a life of faith in action, a life of boldness and brotherhood, a life worth living. We are 2 million Catholic men on a mission.

Are you building your family on solid ground? It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask – and answer. God calls you to love your wife, raise your children and provide for your family in good times and bad. To lead with faith in all you do.

The Knights of Columbus offer Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be – and your family needs.

The Knights offer a free download of A Scriptural Rosary for the Family to help you and your family grow in your devotion to the Holy Rosary.

The Knights will help you lead with faith and step "Into The Breach". A live program offered locally, or online. Check with Brian Harvey for more information on this local inspirational program.

We will help you guard and protect your family's financial future. Check with Ray Eveland on our many financial opportunities.

We will give you many chances to serve others, to put your faith in action.

We will defend your values and stand with you to fight for what you believe in.

Knights of Columbus around the world are committed to serving their families, parishes and communities especially when it matters most.

Examples:

Our local **ASAP**, or Aid and Support After Pregnancy programs are: Room At The Inn, The Pregnancy Network, and our own Pickup Andropoff (named after Picov Andropov of CarTalk fame). Ask Jim Furman how you can help.

As Catholic men, we are called to lead our families to the Eucharist. Our Lady of Guadalupe helps us become more aware of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Watch **“Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Woman of the Eucharist”** with your family to learn more about how Our Lady guides us to her Son. You can find this at kofc.org

Saint Joseph Documentary

While the gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded throughout the ages. Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God, fatherhood and trust in Divine Providence. You can find this at kofc.org

Knightcast

An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better, husband, fathers, citizens, and Catholics. You can find this at kofc.org

RSVP or Refund Support Vocations Program

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians. As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future Priests. You can learn more about this at kofc.org

These are just a few of our many ways to serve and lead. Decide which interest you most, and get involved.

Questions? Ask any Council Officer.

John Joyce (dd24@kofcnc.org).

FIELD AGENT REPORT

Worthy Brother Knights,

This is going to be a different kind of Council newsletter. This will be my last council newsletter as your Field Agent.

I have treated my position as part ministry and part career. This is why I feel I have lasted 9.5 great years as your Field Agent. Yes, time flies and everyone at some point needs to move on. So, as I move forward, I am dropping the career and title part and just going back to being a Knight. I have always tried to be a brother Knight, so the ministry part will never change.

Anyway, I would like to thank all those brother Knights who have met with me over the years. I am proud to say that I tried my best to help you and your family succeed. I can truthfully say that I've loved my job as well as the many friendships that have come from it.

My schedule for the next 30 days is to finish up any new or pending business. So, if you need anything, please let me know before July 28th .

I will not be moving, just looking forward to spending more time at the beach and with grandchildren. I

have a long list of projects to keep me busy and I have never been the type of person to sit still for very long.

Brother Knights – THANK YOU – May God bless you and your families.

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.

FAITH DIRECTOR: Coordinates the RSVP program (Seminarians), Holy Hours, Rosary Handouts, and various other events related to our Catholic faith and parish. Expert training will be available.

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

Bishop Jugis
Dcn. Larry Lisk
Polchowne Family
Joyce Family
Frank Family
Walton Family
Smith Family

Roy Berninger
Dan & Nancy Camia
Fran Geoff
Jack Kealey
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Brian Dubicki
Gary Chapman

Kathy Chapman
Jerry Byrd
Dick Morrison
Bob Englert
Kitty Heath
Antionette Cerrito
Marshall Perry's Father

Lura Lyle
Lysiak Family
Edwards Family
Fr. David Hyman
Sylvia Byrd
Ben Malikowski
Eveland Family

Brunozzi Family
Grabasky Family
Rich Stepnowski
Rohan Family
Fr. Coleman & Family
Peter Marzullo
Bob Camia

Brian Garrett
Jim Collins
Parker Hahn
Barbara Ovittore
Alice Schmidt
D'Amelio Family