



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

We have come to the end of another Fraternal year. I would like to thank all the Council members of 939 for the privilege of being your Grand Knight. We have been through some challenging times in the last 2 years. We sold the club house and relocated our base to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, but we were able to adjust and move forward. God blessed us with a new pastor who is very supportive of our Council and our programs. We have been able to increase our exposure to the Parishioners by posting our events in the weekly Church bulletin and inviting them to attend. The Fish Fry, Men's Holy Hour, and Into the Breach programs, Red Cross Blood Drive, OLG School "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, are a few examples.

Next came Covid 19. What can I say? Zoom meetings to the rescue. A big SHOT OUT to Chris Ermis for driving all the Zoom meetings that were held. Those Zoom meetings were the lifeline that held us together during the tough time. Going forward, ALL our meetings will be live at OLG's Parish Life Center, Officer and Director Meeting 1st Monday of the month and Council Business Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month.

New Year, New Officers, New Opportunities to Serve the Lord. I'm fired up how about you??

Again, thank you for putting our trust in me. It has truly been an honor to serve this Council as your Grand Knight.

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

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM JOHN POLICKOSKI:

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers for my wife, Marianne Polickoski, and your expression of sympathy during our family's time of grief. Your attendance at the prayer service at her wake, her funeral at the church, the phone calls, e-mails, cards, and other expressions of support showed your love for her and provided our family great solace that she is truly with our Lord. Thank you so very much.

John Polickoski

DON'T SETTLE FOR CRUMBS

The gospel of Matthew tells a story that might disturb some believers: The Gentile woman with the demon-possessed daughter.

This woman seeks Jesus so persistently the disciples say, "Lord, send her away. Get rid of her. She won't stop bothering us." Note Jesus' response to the woman's pleas: "He answered her not a word" (Matthew 15:23, NKJV). Evidently, Christ ignored the whole situation. Why would he do this? Jesus knew this woman's story would be told to every future generation, and he wanted to reveal a truth to all who would read it. So, he tested the woman's faith by saying, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). Christ was saying, "I came for the salvation of the Jews. Why should I waste their gospel on a Gentile?"

Now this statement would have sent most of us on our way, but this woman didn't budge. I ask you; how often do you give up on prayer? How many times have you grown weary and reasoned, "I've sought the Lord. I prayed and asked. I just don't get any results"?

Consider how this woman responded. She didn't reply with a complaint or an accusing finger, saying, "Why are you denying me, Jesus?" No, scripture says just the opposite. "Then she came and worshipped Him, saying, 'Lord, help me'" (Matthew 15:25).

What follows next is hard to read. Once again, Jesus rebuffed the woman. Only this time his reply was even harsher. He told her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs" (Matthew 15:26). Once again, he was testing her.

Now the mother answered him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table" (Matthew 15:27). What an incredible reply. This determined woman was not going to relent in her pursuit of Jesus, and the Lord commended her for it. Jesus said to her, "'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed from that very hour" (Matthew 15:28).

Beloved, we are not to settle for crumbs. We have been promised all the grace and mercy we need for our crises. That includes every crisis involving our families, saved or unsaved. We've been invited to come boldly to Christ's throne with confidence.

From (The Return)

MAY IN REVIEW:

Held LIVE in person Officers and Directors meeting along with the Council Business

Meeting in May. At the Business Meeting our new slate of Officers was voted on and posted.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

June 7th – Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00 pm in person at PLC, 2nd floor, OLG

June 7th – Into the Breach A program to reinforce true masculinity, virtue sorely needed.

June 21st– Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm in person at the PLC, 2nd floor, OLG We will be voting on the Slate of Officers for Fraternal Year 2021-2022. Come out and support your new officers.

June 28th – Our Lady of Grace Men's Holy Hour. Last Monday of every month 7pm to 8pm in the Church. No signup necessary.

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Look!

Past Newsletters and the Prayer List and Council Activity Calendar are now on the Website.

www.koc939.com Check it out.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

One of the Building Domestic Church series programs is the Scriptural Rosary for the Family.

If you are looking for a way to recenter your family through your faith, consider using this great Knights of Columbus resource.

In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae (2002), Pope John Paul II exhorted us to pray the Rosary for peace and for the family. His words are significant for us to reflect upon here: A number of historical circumstances also make a revival of the Rosary quite timely. First of all, the

need to implore from God the gift of peace. The Rosary has many times been proposed by my predecessors and myself as a prayer for peace. At the start of a millennium which began with the terrifying attacks of 11 September 2001, a millennium which witnesses every day in numerous parts of the world fresh scenes of bloodshed and violence, to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who "is our peace", since he made "the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility" (Ephesians 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian.

A similar need for commitment and prayer arises in relation to another critical contemporary issue: the family, the primary cell of society, increasingly menaced by forces of disintegration on both the ideological and practical planes, so as to make us fear for the future of this fundamental and indispensable institution and, with it, for the future of society as a whole. The revival of the Rosary in Christian families, within the context of a broader pastoral ministry to the family, will be an effective aid to countering the devastating effects of this crisis typical of our age.

A custom for those praying the Rosary is to meditate on each of the Mysteries in silence, either before or while they recite the prayers of each decade. This booklet contains collections of verses from the sacred Scriptures, with ten verses given for each decade of the Rosary. It is suggested that these verses be recited aloud, one before each "Hail Mary." The verses given for each decade correspond to the Mystery being recalled, and stress the fidelity and strength of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

The Scriptural Rosary for the Family.
<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis319.pdf>

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Spring is here, I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let me make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. I can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it I can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. I can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has vested in this software to help us agents help our members. This

financial need analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

I feel I have a special bond of brotherhood with all my members, and I am committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with me and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

May God bless

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.

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 Camia
Fran Egloff
Jack Kealey
Kneidl Family
Tom O'Hanlon
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar

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.

Brian Dubicki
Ronald S Saksa (Carol Stratton's Brother)
Gary Chapman
Kathy Chapman
Dick Morrison
Jacki Standen
Bob Englert
Pupello Family
Mike Kennedy
Kitty Heath
Joe and Frances Coyle
Betty D'Amello
Polickoski Family
Bob Nutt's Mother In-Law, Pauline, who recently passed away.
Marshall Perry's Father Gordon Perry
O'Hanlon Family
Jerry Byrd

DECORUM:

Always wear your nametag and carry your rosary. Don't forget a mask!

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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