



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

March is now upon us and with it comes Spring and a time for new beginnings. We are also in the middle of the Lenten season, a time for reflection and growth and drawing stronger in our faith. As part of this season, we have been tasked by Supreme to grow in our outreach and find new brothers. A perfect opportunity to both serve our parish and recruit new brothers is our upcoming fish fry at OLG on Friday, March 3rd in the school cafeteria. Please consider coming out and spending a few hours of your time and bring a friend. Let's set a goal before our fraternal year ends, that we recruit a new member (or more!) to the council.

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

GK Josh Myers

FINISHING THE RACE

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’” (Luke 14:28-30 NKJV)?

Jesus spoke these words near the close of his ministry on earth to warn followers that good intentions wouldn't be enough to see them through hard times. Many would not have what it took to finish the race!

I believe the most tragic condition possible is starting out fully intending to lay hold of Christ and grow into a mature disciple, and instead slowly drifting away and becoming cold and indifferent to him.

God, help us understand that we are always changing; we are either changing daily into Christ's image or we are changing back into our old, carnal ways. Paul said to those who have determined to lay hold of Christ at any cost, “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

What a joy to meet those who are finishing the race. They are growing in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ, becoming more distant from this world and its pleasures, and becoming more heavenly-minded. Their spiritual senses are highly exercised, and their discernment of

what is of God and what is of the flesh is ever-increasing. They are cutting away all earthly attachments. With growing intensity, they long to be with him.

You can be sure that when Christ returns, he will have a glorious church. It will be made up of those who have become so unattached to this world that moving from the corruptible to the incorruptible will be but one last love step into his presence.

You may have fallen down in the Christian race, but you can get up and run again. Jesus will not fail you. He will not let you lie down by the track, exhausted and broken. He will lift your weakened knees and give you his supernatural strength. He will be there at the finish line to say, "Well done!"

February IN REVIEW:

The January O&D Meeting was held on February 6th. The Council's business meeting was held at OLG on Monday, February 20th. The Knights hosted donut Sunday at OLG following the 9AM and 11AM Masses on Sunday, February 5th with a great turnout from the parish.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

March 3rd- Council Annual Lenten Fish Fry, 4:30-7:00 pm, OLG School Cafeteria

March 6th- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor, Executive Conference Room

March 20th- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Benedict's, Parish Hall

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

District Deputy #24, March 2023 Newsletter

As of mid February, District 24 has 81% of our annual Membership goal. Here are our goals and progress for this Fraternal Year:

| Council | Goal | Net |
|---------|------|-----|
| 939 | 12 | 0 |
| 8684 | 6 | 3 |
| 11101 | 12 | 7 |
| 13236 | 7 | 11 |

In order to obtain Star Council Award, we must hit our Membership goal, and complete the SP7, and two Fraternal Benefit Nights.

If you push, you may get the Star Council Award this year. Member losses are no longer counted against you. Membership goals reset on July 1st. So, you get a fresh start in the new Fraternal Year.

For your Council to grow in Membership, it is easy in Parishes that have the support of the Pastor. He may even allow you to have a membership drive some weekend this Spring. Ask him soon to fit it into his schedule.

Of course, the best way for Councils to grow, is for each member to talk it up. Each of us has that responsibility. Don't be a wimp, ask your family and friends to join your Council. Call your Membership Director or your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or me. We will get your friends signed up for a new Knighthood Degree and into our Fraternity.

It is time to elect new Officers and reorganize. If you'd like to be considered for election, please let your Grand Knight know.

Spring brings on our annual State Convention on April 28, 29 & 30, being held this year in Winston Salem. Two Delegates from each Council will vote on Resolutions and new State Officers. Any members wish, can attend the state convention. All must register and pay appropriate fees:

<https://kofcnc.org/convention/>

It is time the State Council asks for your annual Colombian Award applications (SP-7). Grand Knights, please, submit your drafts by April 15.

Program Directors each submit program details (Form 10784) to your Grand Knight. He and your Deputy Grand Knight will decide which of your programs to submit for the Colombian Award.

There are so many great featured programs this year. Please review them here:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10746-fia-council-requirements.pdf>

Your Council Audits all passed. Your Council Grand Knight and Trustees Audited Council financial & membership books and records. It's really a six month audit of the work of the Financial Secretary & Treasurer. Everything was in order in each Council.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call me anytime.

God bless you and have a safe productive spring.

Vivat Jesus,
John Joyce,
District Deputy #24, 336-814-5005

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.

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
Bob Englert
Jerry Byrd

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
Fr. Coleman & Family
Peter Marzullo
Bob Camia
Brian Garrett
Jim Collins

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Piedmont Council 939

Annual Lenten Fish Fry!

March 3, 2023

**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Cafeteria
4:30 – 7:00 PM**



**Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Baked
Potato, Green Beans, Slaw and
Dessert**

Adult Plate: \$10.00 Child Plate: \$5.00 Dine-in or

Take Out!