



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

### MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter. There is not a more beautiful time in our church and our faith. It is a time for renewals and rebirth. It is hard not to be re-energized and ready to take on new tasks! As hard as it is to believe we are in the home stretch of our fraternal year. We are still needing to build our team for the 2022-2023 fraternal year and need that new energy and support. I know there are many among you that could lend new ideas and fresh spirit to our brotherhood. The time is now! Please consider stepping up, whether it be as an officer or a program chair. No job is too small. Our new slate of officers will be presented to the full council at our May business meeting in a few weeks, so there's still time. If we want our council to succeed, it will take more than a handful of brothers to make it happen. Let's finish this year our strong and build an even stronger team for the coming fraternal year!

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

GK Josh Myers

### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022, 9:30 AM**

**FRANCISCAN CENTER**

**233 N Greene Street, Greensboro, NC 27401**

Fr. Canino & the Franciscan Center have graciously invited Council 939 to attend a Mass, followed by a Communion breakfast at the center on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM. Fr. Canino would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for all of their generosity and support over the years, so let's show him the same!

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT. SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 80 PERSONS THAT RSVP.**

**Parking downtown is free on Saturdays**

**Please RSVP by **MAY 28th** to:** GK Josh Myers (336) 698-5601 [joshuanmyers@gmail.com](mailto:joshuanmyers@gmail.com) OR

SK Dan Camia (336)292-6767 [nandancam@aol.com](mailto:nandancam@aol.com)

## POUR OUT YOUR HEART TO GOD

Many times, people say to us, "I have no one to talk to, no one to share my burden with. Nobody has time to hear my cry. I need someone I can pour my heart out to."

King David was surrounded by people. He was married with a large family and had many companions at his side, yet we hear the same cry even from David: "To whom shall I go?" It is in our very nature to want another human being to be present, listen to us and advise us.

When Job became overwhelmed by his trials, he cried out with grief, "Oh that I had one to hear me!" (Job 31:35, NKJV). He uttered this cry while sitting before his so-called friends who had no sympathy for Job's troubles. Instead, they were messengers of despair.

In his sorrow, Job turned to the Lord. "Surely even now my witness is in heaven, and my evidence is on high. My friends scorn me; my eyes pour out tears to God" (Job 16:19-20).

In the Psalms, David urged God's people to do likewise. "Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah" (Psalm 62:8) and "I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord, I make my supplication. I pour out my complaint before him; I declare before him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then you knew my path. In the way in which I walk.... I cried out to you, O Lord: I said, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living'" (Psalm 142:1-5).

I believe in my heart that this message is an invitation to you from the Holy Spirit to find a private place where you can frequently pour out your soul to the Lord. You can speak to Jesus about everything — your problems, your present trial, finances, health — and tell him how overwhelmed you are, even how discouraged you are. He will hear you with love and sympathy, and he will not despise your cry. For centuries he has answered the heart-cry of everyone who has trusted his promises. Likewise, he has promised to hear you and guide you. Indeed, he has pledged by oath to be your strength. Go to him, and you will come out renewed.

### April IN REVIEW:

The Council held an O&D meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Council business meeting canceled in lieu of Easter. The Council also hosted an Easter egg hunt on the lawn of OLG on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are happy to report that brother Walter Polchowne has volunteered to lead the Lamb program. As he gets up to speed, he will be updating the Council on volunteer opportunities and help that is needed. Thank you, Walter!

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**May 2nd-** O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, at PLC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, OLG.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>-** Financial Planning Night, 7:00 pm, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Parish Center (wives welcome)

**May 11<sup>th</sup>-** Financial Planning Night, 7:00 pm, St. Pius Catholic Church, Simmons Center, Room 2 (wives welcome)

**May 13-15<sup>th</sup>**- NC KOC State Convention, Greenville, NC

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, at St. Benedict's Parish Hall.

## **HAVE YOU RECENTLY RETIRED? OR ARE WORKING REMOTELY?**

Are you bored being stuck in the house? Perhaps you are looking for some place to volunteer? Why not think about St. Francis Springs Prayer Center. Our Council has actively volunteered since the Prayer Center was built. We volunteer ONE DAY PER MONTH, the first Monday of each month. We start about 9 am and are normally done by 1 pm. We take a break with refreshments around 10:30 am, then you will be fed an amazing lunch at 12 Noon, prepared by a staff member,

We are looking for both men and women to volunteer.

Please consider volunteering with us. Any questions regarding this can be directed to PGK Marshall Perry (336) 676-3900 or to Cynthia Perry (336) 288-6091.

## **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](http://www.koc939.com)

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. Earning a Star Award is the marker of a high-performing Knights of Columbus council and the goal to which every council should strive. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards.

Additionally, the council must submit both the [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365) and the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) by reporting programs (Form 10784) in each of the four program categories. Councils must also be fully compliant with applicable childhood safe environment requirements.

Prior to the end of the fraternal year on June 30, make sure that your council achieves the requirements to qualify for your awards. To view your quota and/or progress towards earning the Star Council Award, please log on to [Officers Online](#) regularly.

The Columbian Award recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award your council must conduct and report programs (Form 10784) in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. A completed [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7) must be received by the Supreme Council office by June 30 in order to earn this award.

Virtual/remote programs can be counted in the same way they would have been if conducted completely in person. Hybrid events can only be counted once (not as both an in person AND virtual/remote event).

There are **NO required programs**.

*Featured Programs* - The Supreme Council has designated four programs as featured programs in each of the program categories. When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements it will receive *two credits* towards that program category on their [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7). The featured programs for each category are listed below.

**Faith** - [Refund Support Vocation Program \(RSVP\)](#), [Holy Hour](#), [Spiritual Reflection](#), [Into the Breach](#)

**Family** - [Food for Families](#), [Family of the Month](#), [Family Prayer Night](#), [Family Fully Alive](#)

**Community** - [Coats for Kids](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#), [Global Wheelchair Mission](#), [Leave No Neighbor Behind](#)

**Life** - [March for Life](#), [Special Olympics](#), [Ultrasound](#), [Pregnancy Center Support](#)

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## **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

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:**

**Grand Knight Josh Myers Joshuanmyers@gmail.com 336-698-5601**

### **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  
O'Hanlon Family  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki  
Gary Chapman  
Kathy Chapman  
Dick Morrison  
Jerry Byrd

Jacki Standen  
Bob Englert  
Mike Kenney  
Kitty Heath  
Betty D'Amello  
Antionette Cerrito  
Marshall Perry's Father  
Eastwood Family  
Lura Lyle  
Lysiak Family

SK John Marsicano  
Coyle Family  
Edwards Family  
Johnny Stuart  
Harrison Korzekwinski  
Fr. David Hyman  
Sylvia Byrd  
Carol Walton

**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:**

**Josh Myers, GK**

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