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GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter and survived tax season! I am so very happy that the Council has been able to elect such great leadership for the coming fraternal year and look forward to the new ideas and renewed energy they will bring. I ask that all brothers give our new slate of officers the support that you gave the last and be sure to attend the meetings and lend a hand! I also want to thank DGK Evan Smith for his willingness to step up and fill in for me at the last Council meeting. Lastly, as we come into Spring, I want to challenge you fellow brothers with the words of Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori *“This month, I challenge you to pray every day as an individual or as a family, asking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney to live in a more prayerful home. Questions for Reflection: Do you maintain good and regular habits of prayer in your home? Where is there room for improvement in your family prayer life? What is one specific thing you could do to deepen your own prayer life?”*

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

GK Josh Myers

GIVING THANKS ALWAYS

“Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20 NKJV).

We are all pressed down by problems and distress, but Paul has given us the answer when he tells us to “do it unto the Father.” The great preacher John Calvin said that singing and giving thanks always is all feigning and hypocrisy unless we are fully persuaded that God is our Father.

Often we don’t feel like giving thanks, and we can’t sing. Dire circumstances shatter our spirits. There are times the heart cries, “Lord, do you really expect me to sing and make melody when I hurt so badly? I am so burdened down with cares that I can barely lift my head. It’s hard to praise and speak hymns in my heart. There is too much fear, grief and doubt.”

God is not severe with us when we hurt. We are his children, and these words are given us to find solace and relief in such times. We become so focused on our difficulties that we lose more than our song. We drift further and further away from God’s eternal promises. In spite of all we face, our Lord says, “Give thanks always.”

It is easy to become ungrateful for all he has done in the past. We get swallowed up in praying only for ourselves, our needs and our families. We cannot lift up our eyes and see those who are suffering much more than we are. I am convicted when I think about this. I want to face tomorrow determined to sing to

the Lord and give thanks each day for all things and in all things. It may be a weak, inaudible song, but there is a divine, supernatural power in doing it.

God has heard your cry, and he is working out the solution even now! Continue giving thanks always and never stop singing love songs to our precious Lord and Savior.

April IN REVIEW:

The April O&D Meeting was held on April 3rd. The Council's business meeting was held at OLG on Monday, April 17th. The NC State KOC Convention was held in Winston-Salem from April 28 to April 30th and Council 939 was awarded the Faith Award and Unity Council.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

May 1st- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor, Executive Conference Room

May 15th- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Benedict Church, Parish Hall.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

The Knights of Columbus newest Faith based initiative is the Cor Meeting. It is an initiative to form and strengthen Knights and Catholic men of the parish in faith and virtue.

Each Cor Meeting does this by strengthening relationships with Jesus Christ and one another, through three Key Elements of **Prayer, Formation & Fraternity**.

The word 'cor' is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity all begin with the heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other in true charity.

The goals of each Cor Meeting are to provide the opportunity for Catholic men:

- to encounter Christ
- to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood
- to share their faith, as brothers, and bring souls to Jesus Christ.

Every council is invited to hold a Cor Meeting at least monthly, in addition to the monthly council meeting.

Who can attend a Cor Meeting? The Cor Meeting is for any man in the parish.

How often should we meet? Cor Meetings should be held at least monthly, but they can be held more often, such as weekly. Adoption of the Cor Meeting is optional for every council.

How long should a Cor Meeting be? Each Cor Meeting should last ideally 60 - 90 minutes.

What do you do? Each Cor Meeting consists of the following Key Elements: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. Cor Meetings should be simple. (See Cor Meeting examples)

Should my pastor/chaplain be involved? Any formation provided at the parish needs the pastors approval. The pastor/chaplain should be involved in planning and be invited to each meeting.

Three Key Elements

Prayer: Prayer is the “lifting of our minds and hearts to God.” Through prayer we strengthen our relationship with God as disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge of Him. Shared time in prayer will help men focus their minds and hearts on God, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and keep God at the center of all they are and do.

Examples: Rosary, Lectio Divina, Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Formation: The aim of Catholic formation is to be like Christ, taking on his character and virtue, life of prayer, and his mission. The Cor Meeting brings men together to sharpen each other in friendship and fraternity. This formation should include time hearing, studying, and applying the truths of the Catholic faith to daily life.

Examples: Faith-inspired talks by clergy or others, reading a spiritual reflection, Into the Breach Video Series, Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge, Bible Study, small group discussion.

Fraternity: The Cor Meeting brings men together as a band of brothers to strengthen each other in friendship and fraternity. The aim of fraternal time should be to create an enjoyable environment that strengthens true friendships.

Examples: Social events, BBQ, bonfire, intentional conversation, and shared meals i.e. donuts and coffee or pizza and beverages.

If you are interested in learning more or taking part in a Cor Meeting at your parish, please email your Grand Knight or John Joyce (dd24@kofcnc.org).

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.

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	Betty D'Amello	Grabasky Family
Dan & Nancy Camia	Antionette Cerrito	Rich Stepnowski
Fran Geoff	Marshall Perry's Father	Rohan Family
Jack Kealey	Lura Lyle	Fr. Coleman & Family
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar	Lysiak Family	Peter Marzullo
Brian Dubicki	Edwards Family	Bob Camia
Gary Chapman	Fr. David Hyman	Brian Garrett
Kathy Chapman	Sylvia Byrd	Jim Collins
Dick Morrison	Ben Malikowski	Parker Hahn
Bob Englert	Eveland Family	Barbara Ovittore
Kitty Heath	Brunozzi Family	Alice Schmidt
Jerry Byrd		

Piedmont Council 939 Newly Elected Slate of Officers For Fraternal Year 2023 – 2024

Grand Knight	Evan Smith
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Stepnowski
Chancellor	Robert Braden
Recorder	Jim Keaney, Sr.
Treasurer	Joe Walton
Warden	
Trustee for 1 Year	Jerry Byrd
Trustee for 2 Years	Dan Camia
Trustee for 3 Years	Josh Myers
Inside Guard	Jim Keaney, Jr.
Outside Guard	Michael Busch
Chaplain	Fr. Casey Coleman