



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother knights!

I wanted to first start by thanking everyone for the kind words during my recent illness and downtime. I especially want to thank PGK Joe Walton for his willingness to temporarily step back into the Grand Knight role and hold down the fort for me. We had a busy October and I greatly appreciate everyone that gave of their time to make each event a success. For our next Council meeting on November 15th, we will be meeting at St. Benedict's parish hall. The officers and directors feel we need to share our time between our two parishes and encourage more involvement with brothers from St. Benedict. We are also excited to announce that we will be holding a Welcome Back/Christmas Party for 939 on December 18th at St. Benedict's (details below). With Thanksgiving a month away, let us all take a moment to give thanks for all we have and remember those less fortunate.

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

COUNCIL 939

WELCOME BACK/CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021, 3PM

WHERE: ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARISH HALL

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WHAT DO WE KNOW OF ENDURANCE?

To endure means “to carry through despite hardships; to suffer patiently without giving up.” In short, it means to hold on or hold out, but this word means little to the present generation. Many Christians today are quitters. They quit on their spouses, their families and their God. Peter addresses this subject by saying, “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps: ‘Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth’; who, when he was reviled, did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to him who judges righteously” (1 Peter 2:19-23, NKJV).

The apostle Paul similarly commands, “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (2 Timothy 2:3). Finally, the Lord himself gives us this promise: “But he who endures to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13). What is your hardship? Is your marriage in turmoil? Is your job in crisis? Do you have a conflict with a relative, a landlord or a friend who has betrayed you? We are to take hope. Just as Paul's suffering never let up, neither did his revelation, his maturity, his deep faith and

his settled peace. He said, "If I'm going to be a spiritual man — if I really want to please my Lord — then I can't fight my circumstances. I'm going to hold on and never quit. Nothing on this earth can give me what I get from God's Spirit every day in my trial. He's making me a spiritual man.

Paul's life "breathed" with the Spirit of Christ. So it is with every truly spiritual person. The Holy Ghost pours forth out of that servant's inner being the heavenly breezes of God. This person isn't downcast; he doesn't murmur or complain about his lot. He may be going through the trial of his life, but he's still smiling because he knows God is at work in him, revealing his eternal glory.

OCTOBER IN REVIEW:

The Council held an O&D meeting October 4th and a business meeting on October 18th, at which time the budget was passed. The Council participated in the annual Life Chain on October 3rd. 939 participated in our annual "Big Sweep" street clean up on Westridge Road and in OLG's "Welcome Back" cookout on October 16th, cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. It was a very busy month.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

November 1st-O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, at PLC, 2nd floor, OLG.

November 15th– Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm at the **Parish Hall of St. Benedict's Church (NEW LOCATION)**.

November 29th – Our Lady of Grace Men's Holy Hour. Last Monday of every month 7pm to 8pm in the Church. No signup necessary.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

Healthy Councils help us build a better world one Council at a time. How do healthy Councils do that? What exactly do they do? Councils do things according to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Healthy Councils build better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers and better citizens. We do it through our shared interest, shared purpose, shared values and shared vision.

Why did you join the Knights of Columbus? I joined the Knights to become more active in our parish, to become a better Catholic and to meet other men looking for the same things. What I enjoy most about

the Knights is that we are busy pulling parish families together through Knights Rosaries, breakfasts, fish fries, helping parish youth groups, helping the less fortunate in our community, and having social events. The Knights' high levels of activity attracted me most of all.

Recently, a Council sponsored a retreat given by Brian Pusateri of Open Door Ministries. Some Brothers attended, and parishioners from different parishes attended, too. Brian's message was spiritually powerful. I can easily say I was blind before, but now I see. I hope you too can see or hear his important message someday.

In most parishes, Knights lead the ushering efforts in Church. Knights comprise more than half of the Ushers in most parishes. Knights sacrificed themselves and volunteered to work all Masses since Covid began. They kept our parishes healthy and to my knowledge prevented Covid transmissions in all of our Churches

Fourth-degree brother Knights recently attended a fraternal dinner at Phoenix Asian Cuisine. About 25 members and their wives attended. It was fun to restrengthen fraternal bonds, to break bread with friends again. If you'd like to join the Fourth Degree, please call Gary Chapman (336) 708-0650.

I could go on listing many other things Knights do, but you get the idea. We like to be busy building our fraternal relationships through community prayer, helping others and working or spending social time together.

So what's this all about? It's that time again, time for a parish membership drive. If a Council is not growing in membership, it is dying.

Every year Councils lose members. Some move away from the area, others move away from the church, others earn their eternal rest, and others lose interest because they're just not involved. Every two years we like to change Council leadership, to bring in new blood and new ideas. We really do need Council membership to grow in order to keep up. When your Grand Knight asks you to help in a membership drive, please help. It's important to remember that every new member in your Council brings new ideas, new energy and a new set of hands to share in our work. We hope to bring these new Knights closer to God, their Faith and Parish through our focus on Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

God bless you and your families, Vivat Jesus, John Joyce, District Deputy 24, 336-814-5005

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.org. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate

picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more and making a true difference in your life.

May God bless

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.

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.

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 & Nancy Camia
Fran Geoff
Jack Kealey
Kneidl Family
Tom O'Hanlon
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Brian Dubicki
Jerry Byrd
Siepak Family

Gary Chapman
Kathy Chapman
Dick Morrison
Jacki Standen
Bob Englert
Pupello Family
Mike Kenney
Kitty Heath
Joe and Frances Coyle
Brady Family
Carol Walton

Betty D'Amello
Polickoski Family
Cynthia Perry
Antionette Cerrito
Marshall Perry's Father
Gordon Perry
O'Hanlon Family
GK Josh Myers

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:

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