



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

Good day brother Knights!

Thank you all for helping in our various activities this past month. Given that November is dedicated to the Church Suffering in Purgatory, my main request is that you pray for the souls of the Knights who have departed this life in the past year. Additionally, please keep those on the prayer list in your petitions to God.

May God continue to bless each one of you.

Grand Knight Evan Smith

### DEVOTIONAL: “HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?”

In our largely Protestant (and Evangelical) culture, Catholics can sometimes be confronted with the question, “Have you been saved?!” To a cradle Catholic who has not received apologetics in this area, this may seem like an odd question. The Evangelical is basing his belief on the doctrine of “once saved, always saved”, otherwise known as eternal security. This holds that once a person genuinely accepts Christ as their personal Savior and repents of their past sins, nothing can keep him from going to heaven upon death. All sins committed after being “saved” do not affect one’s eternal destination. Even the total renunciation of Christ does not disqualify a person from eternal life, in their view. This doctrine is related to the Protestant affirmation of “grace alone”, meaning that works have nothing to do with our salvation, since we are saved by God’s grace alone.

How Biblical is this concept, though? Some verses appear to affirm eternal security, such as, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one. (John 10:27-30)” However, we must look to context and the Bible as a whole, instead of relying on proof texts given by our opponents. Here are a few counterexamples: “But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved. (Matthew 24:13)”; “For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)”; “...so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9:27)”; “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?...So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:14,17)”; etc.

In the month devoted to the souls in purgatory, it is fitting to respond to the Evangelical enquiry with, “I was saved through baptism, I’m being saved through the sacraments, and I have the hope that I will be saved in

the end.” Our religion is a relationship with the living God, and God deigns to give us free will to determine if we continue to accept Him or not.

Let us pray: Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Some content borrowed from: [Assurance of Salvation? | Catholic Answers Tract](#)

## OUR COUNCIL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 19 devoted Catholics gathered outside of Our Lady of Grace Church (in front of the Mary statue facing Market Street) to pray a public Rosary. This was done to petition an end to abominations to God, including abortion and other commonly accepted outrages. Special thanks should be given to Council 939 Brother Cesar Muedas, who coordinated this event. Thank you to all who participated and served as a witness to the wider community in these trying times.

**PUBLIC SQUARE  
ROSARY CRUSADE**

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering a societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

**JOIN US FOR THE PUBLIC  
SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE!**

## OCTOBER IN REVIEW

- October 1<sup>st</sup>: March for Life on Battleground Av., Greensboro, 2:30-3:30pm
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>: O&D meeting at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: Public Square Rosary Crusade, OLG Mary Statue on Market Street, 12:00-1:00pm
- October 15<sup>th</sup>: Council Membership Drive at 9am, 11am, and 1pm masses
- October 16<sup>th</sup>: Officer Installation Ceremony at 6:30pm at OLG Church, followed by reception with refreshments in the OLG Parish Life Center Banquet Hall (bottom floor)

## **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – All Souls Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – O&D meeting at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Benedict's Church

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Mass for the Repose of the Souls of Council 939 Knights Who Passed Away, 9 am, St. Benedict's Church

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT**

Our Catholic faith is central to the Knights of Columbus. In the days of the separate 3rd Degree Exemplification, we were asked many questions about the central tenants of our Catholic faith.

One of those important questions was, "What are the Precepts of the Catholic faith." In the past, Knights were expected to know them. Please take this opportunity to review Catholic Precepts. Here they are from Loyola Press.

As early as the fourth century, we see the Church insisting that its members behave in certain ways: They were to attend Mass on Sundays and special feasts, receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and not get married during Advent and Lent.

By the end of the Middle Ages, there was a consensus that Catholics were obliged to perform certain practices. Saint Peter Canisius, writing in 1555, listed five precepts, and his list is used in Germany and Latin America. Saint Robert Bellarmine, writing in 1589, listed six precepts, and his list is followed in France and Italy. The Baltimore Catechism used in the United States listed six precepts, and the 1992 Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five precepts.

Whatever their number, the purpose of the precepts has always been to preserve good order in the Church, to maintain discipline within the Church, and to establish a specific Catholic identity.

The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life. All Catholics are called to move beyond the minimum by growing in love of God and love of neighbor.

The Precepts are as follows:

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year
3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

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 3<sup>rd</sup> hole at the Wyndham Golf Championship, along with other Community programs. Expert training will be available.

**FAITH DIRECTOR:** Coordinates the RSVP program (Seminarians), Holy Hours, Rosary Handouts, and various other events related to our Catholic faith and parish. Expert training will be available.

**ADVOCATE:** The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

**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.

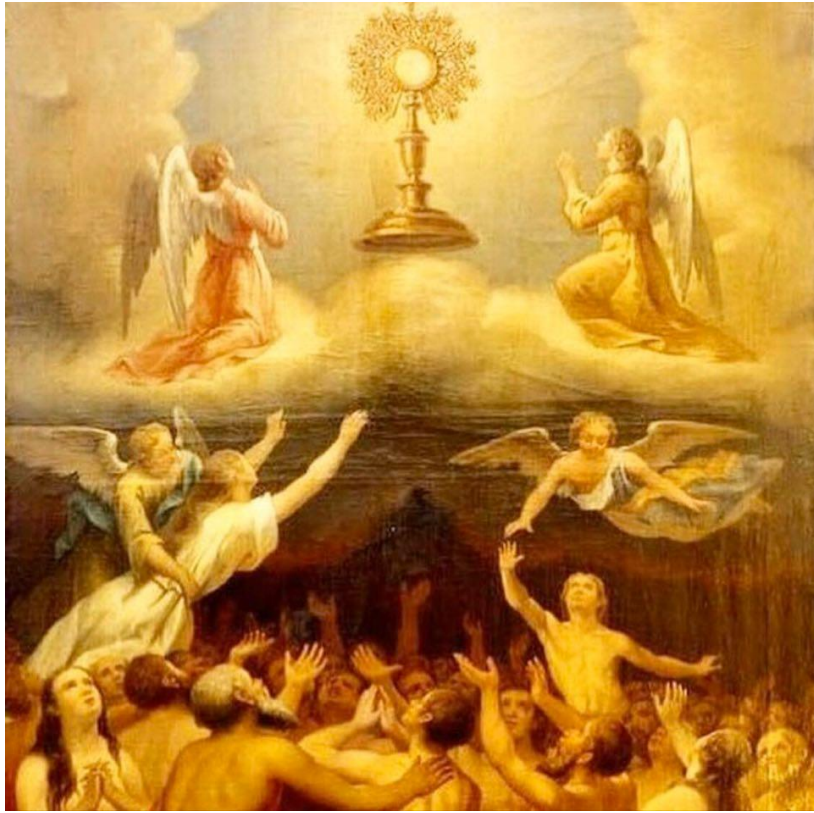
THIS LIST HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED IN A WHILE. IF ANY LISTED PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE GK TO MAKE THE LIST MORE COMPACT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

### Please keep the following in your prayers

Flanagan Family – death of Bob	Fran Geoff	Sylvia Byrd
Kenneth Markowski – knee surgery recovery	Jack Kealey	Ben Malikowski
Mary Eastwood (widow of Bill) – congestive heart failure	Ernie & Cynthia Pancsofar	Eveland Family
Jerry Byrd – recovery from surgery	Brian Dubicki	Brunozzi Family
Fr. Joseph Wasswa – death of father (Henry Wasswa)	Gary Chapman	Grabasky Family
Schmidt Family-death of Alice	Kathy Chapman	Rick Stepnowski
Bishop Jugis	Dick Morrison	Dcn. Rohan Family
Dcn. Larry Lisk	Bob Englert	Fr. Coleman Family
Polchowne Family	Kitty Heath	Peter Marzullo
Joyce Family	Antionette Cerrito	Bob Camia
Frank Family	Perry Family	Brian Garrett
Jim Keaney, Sr.	Lura Lyle	Jim Collins
Lawrene Kirwan	Lysiak Family	Parker Hahn
Roy Berninger	Edwards Family	Barbara Ovittore
Dan & Nancy Camia	Fr. David Hyman	D’Amelio Family

Names in red mean a new entry from the past month

**NOVEMBER IS DEVOTED TO THE SOULS IN PURGATORY! PRAY FOR THE  
REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED!**



**Council 939 Knights Who Have Died in the Past Year**

Peter A Couture  
Deacon Timothy Rohan  
Michael J Ferry  
Robert L Wangelin  
Paul J Cody  
John P Tamborino  
Robert Flanagan  
Leo Gottschalk