



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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### GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

It’s time to get into gear brothers! With the new year well underway and our budget work started, we need new ideas for the Council, including fundraisers, socials and programs. We are working on an upcoming meal for the Wheelchair mission and a possible cookout to help collect canned goods for the food pantries. No idea is too small! We want to be able to add our socials back to the calendar, as in days past and now with the OLG banquet hall finally refinished, we can hold events again there. Also don’t forget to sign up to help with Operation Lamb, as it has returned and will be handing out tootsie rolls at the Lawndale Harris Teeter on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Let’s make every effort to get back out in front of the community and be seen again. Bring a friend and help grow our council!

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

GK Josh Myers

### BEING STRENGTHENED IN FAITH

God had promised Abraham that he would have a son, one who would become the seed of many nations. Remarkably, Abraham didn’t flinch at this promise, even though he was well past the age of siring children. The essence of true faith is found in this single verse. “And not being weak in faith, he [Abraham] did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb” (Romans 4:19, NKJV).

To the natural mind, it was impossible for this promise to be fulfilled; but Abraham didn’t dwell on the hopelessness. According to Paul, the patriarch gave no thought to how God would keep his promise. He didn’t reason with God, “But, Lord, I have no seed to plant. Sarah has no life in her womb to conceive. My wife is past the ability to bear children. How will you do it, Lord?” Instead of entertaining such questions, Abraham simply did not consider it.

When God is at work producing a faith that is better than gold, he first puts a sentence of death on all human resources. He closes the door to all human reasoning, bypassing every means of a rational deliverance.

The faith that pleases God is born in a place of deadness. I’m speaking here of the deadness of all human possibilities. It is a place where man-made plans flourish at first then die. It is a place where human hopes bring temporary relief but soon crash, adding to a sense of helplessness.

Have you been at this place of deadness? Has it seemed like you have no options left? The heavens are like brass when you pray.

I declare to you that this is God at work. His Spirit is working to get you to stop considering the impossibilities. Stop looking to human ways and means, trying to think your way out of your situation. The Holy Ghost is urging you, "Quit hunting for help from some man. Quit focusing on how hopeless you think your situation is. Those are hindrances to your faith."

May the same words be said of us that were said of Abraham, "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to perform" (Romans 4:20-21).

### **August IN REVIEW:**

The August O&D Meeting was cancelled due to multiple officers facing issues with COVID. The Council's monthly business meeting was held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedicts.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Executive Conference Room

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**- Lamb Fundraising Event- 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Lawndale Harris Teeter

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, Banquet 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.

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

The Knights of Columbus offer lots of online training Webinars and Videos. The webinars are interactive video workshops that take place on a particular date and time. If you are registered you are able to participate live in those workshops, or you can watch the workshop after the time and date have passed, as long as you were registered.

During these webinars, the Fraternal Mission Department discuss many relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members.

In September there are three separate webinars some are offered twice. here's what's available. If you're Interested, tap on the link to register. Give me a call if you have any questions.

### **Council Growth**

9/5/22 & 9/27/22

This presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it. Leaders should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastors, field agents, and DDs to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonials, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives.

Monday 9/5/22 at 8pm EDT

Tuesday 9/27/22 at 7pm EDT

### **Enhancing Member Experience**

9/18/22

We will cover in this training what's meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related. Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement. Understand that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership. Learn the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again. Discover tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your council's engagement score. Understand that retention issues result when a council has failed to engage a member and show the value of his membership. These issues can be overcome by discovering where this breakdown occurred.

Sunday 9/18/22 at 7pm EDT

### **You are your programs**

9/24/22

We will cover in this training the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members. Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life. Identify the council's flagship program(s). Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendar. Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above. Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

Saturday 9/24/22 at 9am EDT

Anyone whose interested may register and attend or watch. Please call me if you have any questions.

John Joyce, DD24 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 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  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki  
Gary Chapman  
Kathy Chapman  
Dick Morrison  
Jerry Byrd

Bob Englert  
Kitty Heath  
Betty D'Amello  
Antionette Cerrito  
Marshall Perry's Father  
Eastwood Family  
Lura Lyle  
Lysiak Family  
Edwards Family

Johnny Stuart  
Harrison Korzekwinski  
Fr. David Hyman  
Sylvia Byrd  
Marsicano Family  
Ben Malikowski  
Ray Eveland's Father  
Dominic Brunozzi  
Bob Grabasky