



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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#### GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Good day brother knights! As we to settle into the new fraternal year, we are excited as we begin the process of planning events for the Knights. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing more info on opportunity and events, including a “Coats for Kids” fundraiser meal, a “Welcome Back” cookout at OLG on October 9<sup>th</sup> and a Brunswick stew fundraiser in November. All these events offer a wonderful opportunity for our brothers, our families and our community to come together after such a long period of COVID. I only ask that each of you share in your time and lend a hand in making them successful. Many hands make light work!

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

#### WHEN YOUR HURT LINGERS

In one way or another, we are all hurting. Every person on earth carries his own burden of pain. When you are deeply hurt, no person on earth can shut down the inner fears and deepest agonies. Not the best of friends can understand the battle you are going through, or the wounds inflicted on you.

This is what the Psalmist was wrestling with in Psalm 6:6-7, “I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows old because of all my enemies.”

Is there a balm for a broken heart? Is there healing for those deep, inner hurts? Can the pieces be put back together and the heart be made even stronger?  
Yes! Absolutely yes. If not, then God’s Word would be a hoax, and God himself would be a liar. God didn’t promise you a painless way of life. He promised you “a way of escape.” He promised to help you bear your pain, strength to put you back on your feet when weakness makes you stagger.

Our loving Father said, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are

able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13, NKJV).

Your heavenly Father watches over you with an unwavering eye. Every move is monitored. Every tear is bottled. He identifies with your every pain. He feels every hurt. He will never allow you to drown in your tears. He will not permit your hurt to deteriorate your mind. He promises to come, right on time, to wipe away your tears and give you joy for mourning.

Paul encouraged the church, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

You have the ability to make your heart rejoice and be glad in the Lord. God's eye is on you, and he commands us to rise up and shake off all those fears causing doubt.

### **AUGUST IN REVIEW:**

The Council held an O&D meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup> and a business meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The 2021-2022 budget was presented to for the Council's review at the business meeting and will be voted on at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm- Family Night at the Hopper's Baseball field. No group tickets this year, tickets will be individual purchase.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**- Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte. For details go to [www.goEucharist.com](http://www.goEucharist.com)

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**– Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm in person at the PLC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, OLG.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Grace Men's Holy Hour. Last Monday of every month 7pm to 8pm in the Church. No signup necessary.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Greensboro Life Chain 2:30-3:30 pm, Battleground Ave.

## **LIFE CHAIN**

Life Chain is scheduled for **Sunday, October 3, 2021**, from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM on Battleground Avenue and Marshals are requested. Marshals should report to the command post by 2:15 PM to obtain a badge and learn to which block you are assigned, and at the end of the Life Chain return to the command post to return the badge and report the number of participants on your block. To volunteer, call John Polickoski at 336-855-8451 or e-mail [jpandmp1@att.net](mailto:jpandmp1@att.net) by Monday, September 27 providing your name, phone number and e-mail address.

## **ROOM AT THE INN ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET**

Room at the Inn is conducting their annual benefit banquet on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at the Sheraton Four Seasons from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Registration and cocktails start at 5:30 PM. This year's theme is Life Gives Second Chances, and the keynote speaker is Star Parker, who is the Founder and President of Cure, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, a non-profit Policy Institute in Washington DC. Dinner is complimentary, but a donation will be requested, and reservations are required. To make a reservation at a Council table call John Polickoski at 336-855-8451 or e-mail [jpandmp1@att.net](mailto:jpandmp1@att.net) providing the name of every person attending , phone number and e-mail address by Tuesday, September 21. Thanks for helping to make "Room at the Inn".

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

We now have a website thanks to Walter Kulla

**Past Newsletters and the Prayer List and Council Activity Calendar are now on the Website.**

[www.koc939.com](http://www.koc939.com) Check it out.

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

### **“Tell Our Story”**

Having the data to help someone understand what you have done is so important.

Recently a priest contacted a State Deputy to inquire about what have the Knights done to support the seminarians in his area. The reason for the ask was because this priest really did not know what was being done. The Priest had a “perception”, and it was not a good one.

Because of “reporting” information on program form 10784 and the RSVP form, the State Deputy was able to have an in-depth discussion with this priest, citing details on RSVP and local donations in support of the seminarian program.

Because of “Telling Our Story”, the perception of this priest was turned around 180 degrees.

This is what data does for our effort. However, that data is not any good if it is not shared, and we can't share it if we don't know about it. Our State officers are reviewing our 10784 reports every month. We hope to have 100% reporting on all council activities. We need your help to maximize this effort, so we can share what it is we do, and why we exist.

Please encourage and support your council members in telling their stories by having them report their Programs on Form 10784.

Vivat Jesus, John Joyce, DD24

## **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

### **Raising Awareness About Life Insurance**

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions were somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family? Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own? Maybe they did not know to whom to turn?

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary

responsibility is the care and service of your family's financial future, planning, life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help. Brother Knights helping brother Knights and their families!

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your field agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not getting together sooner.

Fraternally,

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 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  
Dominic Brunozzi  
Dan & Nancy Camia  
Joanne Gatton (Josh Myers' aunt who recently passed)  
Fran Geoff  
Jack Kealey  
Kneidl Family  
Tom O'Hanlon  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki  
Gary Chapman  
Kathy Chapman  
Dick Morrison  
Jacki Standen  
Bob Englert  
Pupello Family  
Mike Kenney  
Kitty Heath  
Joe and Frances Coyle  
Betty D'Amello  
Polickoski Family  
Cynthia Perry  
Marshall Perry's Father Gordon Perry  
O'Hanlon Family  
Jerry Byrd  
Siepak Family  
Brady Family  
Carol Walton  
Antoinette Cerrito

## **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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