



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Good day brother Knights!

This month wraps up a productive and positive year for our council. We have made a big impact in our church, community, and the lives of our parishioners and members. I confidently leave our council in the hands of Mark Stepnowski, a devoted and competent man with a lifetime of experience with Our Lady of Grace and the council. He, along with the elected officers for next year, will serve us diligently and make us thrive.

May God's grace be with each one of you, and may we continue to make our council a beacon of light for those around us.

Grand Knight Evan Smith

COUNCIL NEWS

- I am excited to announce the birth of Rosamund D'Amelio, the first child of Nicolas and Vivian D'Amelio! Everyone is doing well.
- In April, Robert and Diane Braden celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!
- On May 29th, Michael Martin, OFM, was installed as the new Bishop of Charlotte. Please keep him in your prayers.

MAY IN REVIEW

May 3rd – 5th – North Carolina Knights of Columbus Convention, Raleigh, NC

May 6th - Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor

May 20th - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, Banquet Hall

May 25th – Wine and Cheese Night, 6:30pm, Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, Banquet Hall

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 3rd - Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor

June 16th – Father’s Day Mass & Breakfast, 9:30am, Franciscan Center, 233 N Greene St, Greensboro

June 17th - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm, St. Benedict’s Church

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT

1979-1999 ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus furthered several initiatives in Catholic education: support of Catholic schools, scholarship funds for Catholic seminaries and universities, and the establishment of a North American campus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

In addition to celebrating the fifth centenary of the evangelization of the New World, the Order also honored contemporary models of holiness. Supreme Knight Dechant presented Mother Teresa with the inaugural Gaudium et Spes Award in 1992, and the Archdiocese of Hartford officially opened the cause for Father McGivney’s canonization, with the Knights’ support, in 1997.

1979: In cooperation with the U.S. bishops, the Order underwrites the filming of Pope John Paul II’s first pastoral visit to the United States.

1979: The Knights establishes a \$1 million Father Michael J. McGivney Fund for New Initiatives in Catholic Education to be administered by the National Catholic Educational Association. Annual proceeds are used to this day to finance programs that advance Catholic schools.

1981: The Order begins a four-year restoration of St. Mary’s Church, the birthplace of the Knights. The renovations include work on the organ, floors, pews, ceilings, statues and more. The project is capped by the placement of a 179-foot steeple atop the church.

1982: The Knights of Columbus celebrates its centennial. President Ronald Reagan attends the 100th Supreme Convention, as well as Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, sent by Pope John Paul II as his personal envoy.

1982: The Order establishes several funds to help finance studies for priests and seminarians in Rome at pontifical colleges. These funds have been increased over the years to support seminarians and priests from the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines.

1984: In recognition of the Order’s volunteer service, President Ronald Reagan awards the Knights a President’s Volunteer Action Award at a White House ceremony.

1985: The Order agrees to underwrite the restoration of the 65,000-square-foot facade of St. Peter’s Basilica, the first time it has been cleaned in more than 350 years. Several subsequent projects have taken place at St. Peter’s, including the restoration of chapels and of the Holy Year Door.

1988: Mother Teresa visits the Supreme Council office. The Order agrees to print copies of her Constitutions of the Missionaries of Charity, prayer cards and other religious items, a project that continues today.

1988: The Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family opens a North American branch in Washington, D.C., with funding from the Knights. Carl A. Anderson is the institute's first vice president and dean.

1989: The Bicentennial of the U.S. Hierarchy Fund is established in the amount of \$2 million to benefit The Catholic University of America. Earnings from the fund pay for projects at the university each year.

1992: The Knights celebrates the fifth centenary of evangelization in the Americas. Replicas of the Cross of the New World presented to Pope John Paul II on his pastoral visit to Santo Domingo in 1984 are distributed by the Knights for use in dioceses throughout the Order in prayer services highlighting the theme of evangelization.

1992: Mother Teresa is presented with the Order's first Gaudium et Spes Award at the 110th Supreme Convention in New York. The "Joy and Hope" award acknowledges her contributions to the Church and the world.

1995: The Order co-sponsors with the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., Pope John Paul II's Mass at Aqueduct Racetrack during the pope's pastoral visit to the United States.

1997: The Archdiocese of Hartford officially opens the cause for canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney with support from the Knights of Columbus. The Father McGivney Guild is established to promote his cause.

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 discern and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

- 1. LAMB DIRECTOR:** Coordinates the LAMB (Least Among My Brethren) programs. LAMB is involved with helping those with intellectual disabilities. In years past, we have raised money for the special education programs at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, but the director is free to choose any applicable cause. The director will facilitate fundraising, volunteering, and disbursement of funds for these activities.
- 2. COR DIRECTOR:** COR (Latin for "heart") is a new Knights of Columbus program which seeks to increase the faith life of participants through regular meetings containing prayer, Scripture reading, applicable video series, etc. It is not limited to Knights – anyone is welcome! The director will start, grow, and facilitate this fraternal gathering (preferably weekly or bi-weekly but at least monthly) so that more men grow in their spiritual lives.

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

Bishop Michael Martin, OFM – new bishop of our diocese	Flanagan Family – death of Bob	Antionette Cerrito
Nicolas D’Amelio & Family – birth of daughter Rosamund	Jerry Byrd – recovery from surgery	Lysiak Family
Joyce Family – wife Janine recovering from surgery	Fr. Joseph Wasswa – death of father (Henry Wasswa)	Edwards Family
Brandon Melchiore – father to a healthy daughter	Schmidt Family – death of Alice	Fr. David Hyman
John Polickoski – in hospital	Bishop Emeritus Peter Jugis – poor health	Sylvia Byrd
Tom Thompson – poor health, in need of calls and emails	Dcn. Larry Lisk	Ben Malikowski
Morrison Family – death of Richard	Joyce Family	Eveland Family
Chapman Family – death of daughter	Jim Keaney, Sr.	Grabasky Family – death of Bob
Plocki Family – death of Olga (widow of Arthur)	Lawrene Kirwan	Dcn. Rohan Family – death of Dcn. Tim
Marzullo Family – death of Peter	Roy Berninger	Fr. Coleman Family – death of father
Wachter Family – death of Mike	Jack Kealey	Brian Garrett
Eastwood Family – death of Mary (widow of Bill)	Brian Dubicki	Parker Hahn
Chris Frank – death of mother, father undergoing cancer treatment	Bob Englert	Barbara Ovittore
Lyle Family – death of Lura (widow of John)		

Names in red mean a new entry from the past month

JUNE IS DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

