



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

As we all know we have entered a very challenging time. We need to be mindful of the precautionary measures that have been suggested to us, so that we all can return to normal as quickly as possible, to serve the Lord. I have included an article from courtesy of Deacon Jack).

Father George Rutler, Pastor of the Church of St Michael the Archangel in NY. This is an excellent message addressing the current state of our nation and the world . (Article

## Fr. Rutler's Weekly Column

March 22, 2020

Geniuses often are thought to be absent-minded. Archimedes was so preoccupied with a mathematical diagram he was constructing during the invasion of Syracuse in Sicily in 212 BC, that he told a Roman soldier about to slay him: "Let me finish my numbers." He was not professorially absent-minded, but present-minded. His obligation to truth took precedence over life itself.

In our exceptional times, the President has declared a national emergency. This is not unprecedented, and I have an oral tradition of my own family witnessing to the influenza epidemic of 1918, when my grandparents' venerable parish rector survived the infection while

ministering to the ill, but whose two daughters died. The causalities were much higher than now, with a much smaller global population.

We pray for our leaders, and the scientists enlisted to mitigate the spread of infection. We also deplore those who would exploit this crisis for political gain. Our Lord had the greatest contempt for demagogues. It is thankworthy that months ago, our government prudently imposed barriers on immigration from China, in spite of criticism from politicians who faulted that policy for what they called “xenophobia.”

In any generation, crises provoke a reaction to the fact of human mortality. In their anxiety, those unwilling to acknowledge that tend to decry catastrophes as if they were intrusions into the obvious circumstance that life is a fragile gift. So they become paranoid about disease, demographics, climate change and other metaphors for the simple reality of impermanence.

Death is nothing new. Until now, everyone has done it. Our Lord would speak of it with a strange mixture of gravity and nonchalance. It is prelude to a permanent realm of which every anatomical breath is an intimation by virtue of its impermanence. Anxiety ignores the promise that accompanies the warning: “As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Saint Charles Borromeo led a procession in prayer to mitigate the plague in Milan in 1576, caring for upwards of seventy thousand dying and starving people. Death meant nothing to him, save an opening to Paradise. For all his mystical intuitions, he also enjoyed playing billiards, and when asked what he would do if he had only fifteen minutes more to live, he responded, “Keep playing billiards.”

One of the Church’s youngest saints, Dominic Savio, told Saint John Bosco that if the Holy Angel blew his trumpet for the end of all things while he was on the playground, he would just keep on playing. That is how we should want to play each day of our lives, in a friendship with God that will not find Heaven unfamiliar. In 1857, fourteen-year-old Dominic’s last earthly words were: “Oh, what wonderful things I see!”

A saint is one who can stand at the eternal gates and say, “Hello. I am



home.”

Faithfully yours in Christ

Father George W. Rulter

### **MARCH IN REVIEW**

We were able to get a couple of Fish Fries in before all gatherings over 10 people were banned. Thank you to all how came out for some delicious fish, and to also support the St Vincent DePaul Society. A special thanks to everyone how helped in the kitchen prep, serving and clean up. Great job.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

All social events and business meetings are on hold

### **UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT OPPORTUNITES**

**STATE COUNCIL**

ON HOLD

**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

ON HOLD

### **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:**

**Elections of Council Officers**

Section 128 of KofC Bi-Laws requires local councils to hold annual elections for council officers. If current Officers intend to remain in their positions, they need to self-nominate.

So, you should be busy accepting Officer Candidates for this coming Fraternal year. The Council positions are:

Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Warden  
Financial Secretary [Appointed by Supreme]  
Treasure  
Advocate  
Recorder  
Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
Trustee 3 Year  
Trustee 2 Year  
Trustee 1 Year

### **General Principles For Local Elections**

A candidate for local council office in the Knights of Columbus is expected to conduct himself as a Catholic gentleman. While he may promote his candidacy by highlighting his own qualifications, he may not comment negatively about any opponent. A candidate is responsible for any third parties acting on his behalf. All elections must be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

A candidate for local council office **may**:

1. Receive a nominating speech from another member of the council in which the nominating member sets forth the character and qualifications of the candidate; and
2. Make a brief statement accepting the nomination, in which he states his own qualifications.

A candidate for local council office **may not**:

1. Use, accept, or receive council funds to support his candidacy in any manner whatsoever;



2. Distribute campaign buttons, t-shirts, pins, hats, bumper stickers, or any other souvenirs or promotional items;
3. Send mailings or e-mails, or use social media to support his candidacy;
4. Arrange or participate in debates with other candidates or their supporters;
5. Campaign or have promotional items in the chambers of any business meeting, or within close proximity to the entrance of any business meeting;
6. Campaign or have promotional items at or outside any religious ceremony;
7. Disseminate any type of derogatory information concerning another candidate; or
8. Hold a fund-raising event to finance his candidacy.

If you are interested, please contact your Grand Knight, so he can add your name to your Council's ballot. John Joyce @ 336-814-5005

### **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Tax Day, is not far off. It's a time when most of us focus on the income we've made....and how much of that we have to hand over to the government. Nobody's happy about that. And nobody's happy about all the complicated tax laws and regulations.

Seriously, now is a good time to take stock of your finances and make sure you're on the path you want to be on. The focus around this time of year is saving tax money by contributing to an IRA for retirement. And whether you're getting close or whether you're fresh into a career and working life, it's not too early to plan. But many of the folks I talk with have lots of questions.

There are many rules you don't want to run afoul of when it comes to contributing to an IRA and making the right determination about its tax deductibility.

As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help. Our annuities can be used as a Traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. A traditional one may help you save money on your taxes and the Roth has some amazing tax advantages, too. Our annuities pay a competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. They all include a **guaranteed interest rate**, so you never have to worry. One of the best features of an annuity is that it is designed to provide retirement

income you cannot outlive—guaranteed! You can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300.

So here are some facts about our annuities: Low contribution to get started; guaranteed lifetime interest rate; **an even higher competitive rate being paid now** (until 3/31); tax advantages whether or not an IRA; absolute safety of principal; an income you cannot outlive...all from the Knights of Columbus—How does that sound?

I'd be happy to meet with you in your home and at your convenience to explain the advantages of a Knights of Columbus annuity—and our other products: our highly rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and our disability income insurance.

I can't end this message without wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter! It's celebrated in the Latin Church on April 12 this year. What a wondrous time in our liturgical year! While we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and his glorious resurrection, we remember that the raising from the dead came after humiliating abuse and an agonizing death. When I pray the rosary, I try (as Fr Larry Richards recommends) to mediate on a particular decade by placing myself in the scene of that decade. How would I, a follower of Jesus, have reacted to his crucifixion? At the cross like John...or scared and hidden away with rest of the disciples? Would I have been brave enough? Then at the first Glorious Mystery, there at the tomb, stunned in awe of the mighty power of the Resurrection. What a mighty God we have! May each of you and your families experience the joy of this Easter season!

Vivat Jesus

Ray Eveland

### **RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Whenever and wherever a Knight of Columbus meets a practicing Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, there is an opportunity for recruiting a new Knight 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 look into 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. Please contact the GK.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Activities support our efforts in Building the Domestic Church. Our actions should include not only Brother Knights but also our community family making up the Domestic Church. Community Programs are a council's 'Visible Arm' to their community. These programs demonstrate to the public how your council is focused on serving the needy! Professional training will be provided by Brother Tom Thompson.

**RIGHT TO LIFE COORDINATOR:** We believe human life is sacred from its beginning to its end, and that the right to life is the most basic right and condition for all other rights. OJT will be coordinated with Brother John Polickoski.

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

Grand Knight Joe Walton ([waltboro@gmail.com](mailto:waltboro@gmail.com))  
(336-706-6702)

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 Brunozi  
The Agati Family on the death of Mary Ann  
Dan Camia  
Brian Dubicki

Fran Egloff  
Jack Kealey  
Joe Kneidl  
Tom O'Hanlon  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar

## **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](mailto:frankchrisj@aol.com).

**VIVAT JESUS:**

**Joe Walton, GK**

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