



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

I pray that all our Knights and their families are staying safe. Hopefully, this will all come to an end soon so we can get back to our charitable activities.

We do have a great opportunity to help Our Lady of Grace School and to show the new pastor at OLG that council 939 is here to serve. Read on.

OLG received a “Painting a Brighter Future” Grant from True Value Hardware. They received 25 gallons of paint and \$50 in painting supplies to refresh areas of the school.

Catherine, the school principal, is proposing Tuesday August 4th and Wednesday 5th OR Saturday August 8th as days to paint. If people who volunteer have paint supplies, she is asking for them to bring - brushes, rollers, pans, ladders etc. as it would be helpful and appreciated. If you can put in even a few hours, that would be great.

Let Chris Ermis know if you can make it.
Chris.ermis@gmail.com 336-669-8962.

Congratulations to our new Program Directors. Thank you for stepping up and leading the charge. With your help we are going to have a great year. Meet your new program directors.

FAITH DIRECTOR	Zach Smith
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR	Chris Ermis
LIFE DIRECTOR	Rob Bromund

A big hearty THANK YOU to our retiring program directors who have given so much to make our council successful. We appreciate everything you have done. They will be working side by side with the new directors during the transition.

Retiring Directors
Bob Grabasky
Tom Thompson
John Polickoski

Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

JULY IN REVIEW

We were able to conduct a Zoom Officer Installation Ceremony, formalizing our Council officers for the 2020 – 2021 fraternal year.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August 3rd – Offices and Directors ZOOM meeting 7:00pm. Meeting details coming soon.

August 17th – Council Business Meeting. We will be voting on the new slate of officers for 2020 2021

Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori's Monthly Challenge

“No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.” (Gospel for July 5, Mt 11:27)

Have you ever known a man who was just like his father; who not only looked like him, but also acted, spoke, and thought like him? Jesus is the very image of his Father and reveals the Father to us. By striving to know God the Son more intimately — through prayer, the Mass, the sacraments, and Scripture — we also come to know God the Father more intimately. May we better understand the Father's love for us and model our own fatherhood after his.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to commit to at least one hour each week in prayer before Jesus in the tabernacle, spending some of this time meditating on God the Father. Second, I challenge you to work with your brother Knights to implement the Faith in Action Holy Hour program in order to help others grow closer to Christ.

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

We now have a website.. Past newsletters and the Prayer List and Council Activity Calendar are now on the website:

www.koc939.com

WIDOWS PROGRAM

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT: Faith in Action - Family Programs

The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night.

High unemployment rates and rising food prices have left many in our communities unable to provide nutritious meals for their families. Too many children are going to bed hungry or getting ill.

How you can help? It all starts at home. Something as simple as going through your own pantry for non-perishable food items or picking up a few things at your local grocery store will make a difference.

“You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That’s how prayer works.”

— Pope Francis

Facts

- 49 million Americans struggle to put food on the table.
- 1 in 6 children in the U.S. does not know where they will get their next meal.
- Summer is a peak season for children to go hungry – a time when many do not have access to the good nutrition provided by school meal programs. Food banks become one of the main sources for food during these times.

Higher Purpose

Help end hunger in communities across North America. Many people in our communities are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food to their families. Food for Families ensures that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. (*A featured program, **Food for Families** counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.*)

Overview

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

Background

The Knights of Columbus launched the Food for Families program to encourage members and their communities to work together to ensure that no one goes hungry. Since the program launched in 2012, councils have donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food to local parish food pantries, soup kitchens and food banks throughout the United States.

Contact your council Family Director to find out more about our local needs and how you can help through food donations and/or financial contributions.

KNIGHTS CLUB UPDATE

We have received some additional "Thank You" notes from the disbursement of funds in May.

Marshall Perry, President

St. Benedict's Catholic Church

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Council for your gift of \$15,000 donated to St. Benedict's Catholic Church on May 20, 2020.

Your generous sharing of financial resources is greatly appreciated. Many of the good things that are happening in our parish community would not be possible without the good stewardship of so many people such as you.

Please be assured of our gratitude and remembrance in our prayers. With every best wish I am,

Father James Duong, Pastor

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Our church and all of our facilities require continual maintenance as we continue the growth of our parish. This is only possible because of the gifts of time, talent and treasure given so generously by people like you.

The donation of \$5,000 made by the Knights of Columbus, Council 939 on May 12, 2020 for the Capital Fund at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church is much appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Thank you as well to all the St. Paul Knights who have done so much for the parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Joseph Mack,

St. Pius the Tenth Catholic Church

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for the very generous gift of \$5,000 to St. Pius the Tenth Catholic Church from the Knights of Columbus, Council 939.

The faith and fraternalism witnessed by the Knights of Columbus is an example of the New Evangelization needed by our church and our world. You preach the Gospel through your works as well as words. For standing in solidarity with our priests, for your consistent commitment to life, and for your outreach to the poor, I am most grateful. Your kind gift is welcome assistance to promoting our mission here at St. Pius the Tenth.

Again, be assured of our prayers and gratitude. With sentiments of esteem and every best wish I am,

Faternally yours in Christ,

Monsignor Anthony Marcaccio, V.F. Pastor

BOY SCOUT TROOP 160

On behalf of our Boy Scouts and our Scout Leaders, I wish to thank the Council for the generous donation of \$500. We will use these funds where needed.

Thanks again,

Marshall Perry, Scoutmaster

SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT de PAUL

On behalf of all at the Society of St. Vincent de Pau I would like to sincerely thank you for your kind and most generous donation of \$10,000 to our society. I cannot begin to express how important your donation is to us, especially in this difficult time for all.

As you know, the needs of the poor of Greensboro are many especially in these trying times. Even though we do our best to assist them, our finances are limited. Your most

generous donation will go a long way in helping these needy families.

Our prayers are with you always.

With sincere appreciation and love in Christ,

Larry D'Amelio, President

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Please see attached for our Worthy Field Agents Comments.

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.

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

Grand Knight Joe Walton waltboro@gmail.com
336-706-6702

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

Dan Whalen

Please remember the following who passed away in July.

Peggy Chadderton, widow of PGK Art Chadderton

Brother Jim Guzzio

Brother Charles Tennyson

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:

Joe Walton, GK

336-706-6702; EMAIL: waltboro@gmail.com

PRAYERS REQUESTED

The Widow's Plight

Husband & Wife Alive "ALL SET"

\$2,000 his monthly pension*
\$2,000 his social security
\$1,000 her Social Security
\$5,000 monthly income
MARRIED ANNUAL INCOME \$60,000

* *most people don't have a pension.*

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Wife now a widow "NOT ALL SET"

\$1,000 monthly pension (half, sometimes \$0)
\$2,000 survivor's social security
\$0 her Social Security stops
\$3,000 monthly income

WIDOW'S ANNUAL INCOME ~~\$36,000~~

LOST INCOME OF \$24,000 a year

Typical situation for a widow.

stration on Aging - U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services,

The largest group of elderly persons with incomes below the poverty level are women. But what is perhaps even more significant is that more than half of elderly widows now living in poverty were not poor before the death of their husbands.

Why do so many widows live in poverty? *THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL*

1. **LOST INCOME** - Losing a Social Security check & possibly a pension check is the beginning of the problem.
2. **INHERITING DEBT** - The widow inherits credit card & mortgage debt plus future debt such as her husband's funeral expenses & long term nursing care costs. Long term care at \$7,000 a month wipes out most people's nest eggs. A massive drain on assets the widow needs to live on.
3. **WITHDRAWING TOO FAST** - Since other income sources are reduced or lost such as pension and Social Security, the widow now has to turn to the remaining taxable assets she inherits such as IRA's and 401k's that have never been taxed up to this point.
4. **TAXABLE ASSETS** - The push from the "married jointly" to "single" tax bracket further compounds her plight. Maintaining her standard of living comes with a much higher tax bill.
5. **HIGHER TAXES IN THE FUTURE** - Many believe that income taxes will be higher in the future due to the deficit and entitlement programs. More bad news for the widow.
6. **WORST ASSET** - The IRA is the worst asset to leave your spouse from a tax point of view.
7. **FALSE ASSETS** - Finally, the only asset that would have saved the future widow from poverty, life insurance, which would have arrived at the precise moment needed & paid her income tax free, expired years earlier because it was "term" or "work" life insurance.

Don't let your wife end up in poverty!

With proper planning, this can be avoided well in advance.

Make an appointment with your field agent ray.eveland@KofC.org 336-202-5593