



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Good day brother knights! I was so honored to be able to stand in front of so many of you at our last council meeting and be installed along with my fellow brothers as we begin this new fraternal year. It was refreshing to see each of you after months of seclusion. Fellowship among brothers does wonders for the spirit and has rejuvenated my drive for the Knights to be back out in front, where we belong.

But how do we do that? How do we serve again, after so many months of closings and limited gatherings? Where will we hold functions and for who will we raise funds? All of these questions can be answered in each of you, my brothers. Now, more than ever, we need you to step up and help us organize. Whether you can help set up, clean up, serve, hand out flyers, sell tickets, or simply speak up with a new idea, WE NEED YOU.

As the mission of the Knights of Columbus says “Together, we’re empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.” Let Council 939 follow this mission as in years past and be a model for the greater community we serve!

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

A LIFE FULLY RELYING ON GOD

There is no single formula for living wholly dependent upon the Lord. All I can offer you is what God has been teaching me in this area. He has shown me two ways where I must give him full control.

First, I must be convinced that the Lord is anxious and willing to make his will known to me, even in the smaller details of my life. I must believe that the Spirit who abides in me knows God’s will for me, and that he will guide me and speak to me. “When he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth.... He will glorify me: for he will take of what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16:13-14, NKJV).

Maybe right now you are in the midst of some affliction, perhaps one that has been caused by a hasty decision. Even so, the Lord promises you, “Your inner ear will hear my Spirit speaking to you, ‘Go that way. Do this. And don’t do that...’”

Secondly, we have to pray with unwavering faith for power to obey God's direction. Scripture says, "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord" (James 1:6-7). When God tells us to do something, we need power to stay the course and obey him fully.

Many of us pray, "Lord, I know what you told me, but I'm still not sure that was your voice speaking. I'm not sure I'm spiritual enough even to recognize your voice. Please just open or close the door for me on this matter."

That is not the faith response he's looking for from his children. You can pray for hours or even days at a time, but if you don't pray with faith that the Holy Spirit will guide you as Jesus has promised, you will never have the mind of God conveyed to you. He waits until he sees you're committed to accepting whatever he says, and to obeying it without question.

Trust that God speaks to his children, and then obey his direction as soon as you receive it. This is how we live in full reliance on God.

JUNE IN REVIEW:

Held our Officers and Directors meeting along with the Council Business Meeting in July. At our July 19th Council Business meeting, we installed our new officers and directors for the upcoming fraternal year. Congratulations to everyone for their willingness to serve and for our former officers and directors for their leadership over the past year.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

August 2nd – Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00 pm in person at PLC, 2nd floor, OLG.

August 11th-15th- Wyndham Tournament.

August 16th– Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm in person at the PLC, 2nd floor, OLG. Installation of new Council Officers.

August 22nd – Family Night at the Hopper's Baseball field. No group tickets this year, tickets will be individual purchase.

August 30th – Our Lady of Grace Men's Holy Hour. Last Monday of every month 7pm to 8pm in the Church. No signup necessary.

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 Check it out.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

What is the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- The Knights of Columbus has no higher priority than the safety and well-being of the young people served through its programs and activities.
- The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is designed to protect young people served through Knights of Columbus programs and activities, including the Columbian Squires Program, from all forms of abuse.
- Councils participating in official Supreme Council programs and activities are required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.
- Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program requirements are in addition to all of the safe environment/youth protection requirements established by local dioceses and parishes.

Why does the Knights of Columbus maintain a safe environment program?

- As the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus has a responsibility to maintain its own safe environment program across all of the dioceses in which it is active around the world. This means that the Knights of Columbus has a duty to ensure compliance with its own safe environment program policies and procedures, including training and background check requirements.
- The Knights of Columbus maintains the highest standards for the protection of young people across all of its programs and activities within all dioceses in which the Knights of Columbus is active.
- The program helps assure families, dioceses and communities that the Knights of Columbus has done everything within its power to safeguard the young people served through its programs and activities.
- The program helps protect the good name and reputation of the Knights of Columbus.

Who administers the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program? Who may I call with questions and concerns about the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is administered by the Fraternal Services Department of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with Praesidium, an international leader in youth protection.
- All inquiries regarding the program should be directed to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Line at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org

What are the essential components of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program consists of three key components.
- The first component is Praesidium's Armatus© child abuse awareness and prevention training.
- This training includes three required training modules for members serving in youth leader and officer roles: "Meet Sam," which addresses the issue of sexual abuse awareness; "Duty to Report," which presents legal reporting obligations; and "Know Your Policies," which covers the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program policies and procedures.
- These training modules cover best practices for child abuse prevention and detection.
- The second component is a thorough youth leader screening process, which includes mandatory background checks.
- The following youth leader positions require a background check: state Squires chairman, state youth director, youth director, Columbian Squires chairman, Squires chief counselor and Squires committee counselor.
- The third component is a robust reporting requirement.
- All members of the Knights of Columbus have an obligation to report any and all issues relating to youth protection and safe environments to local law enforcement if they have a reasonable basis to believe that there may be abuse taking place.
- All members serving in Board-designated youth leader or officer roles (state deputies, grand knights, faithful navigators, state Squires chairmen, state youth directors, youth directors, Columbian Squires chairmen, Squires chief counselors and Squires committee counselors) are mandatory reporters under the policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.
- Mandatory reporters are obligated under the policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program to report suspected abuse to law enforcement if they have a reasonable basis to believe that abuse is taking place.
- The policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program advise that, depending on particular facts and circumstances of a given case, members in designated youth leadership positions notify local pastors and diocesan safe environment directors of potential or actual misconduct.

How can someone report a violation of the policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, or suspected abuse, to the Knights of Columbus?

- Policy and procedure violations and suspected abuse should be reported to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Hotline at 1-844-563-2723.

Who must comply with the policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- Every person serving in a Knights of Columbus sponsored youth program or activity is required to comply with the program.
- Councils participating in official Supreme Council programs and activities are required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

How do I access the online training?

- Members in designated leadership positions requiring Praesidium's Armatus© online youth protection training will receive a username and password via email or regular mail.
- Training may also be accessed at <http://www.kofc.org/safe> (click "Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program") or <http://website.praesidiuminc.com/LoginNow>.

What should you do if you believe that you are required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training but have not received a username and password?

- Please submit your request for a username and password to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Line at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org.

What if you are not required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training but are interested in doing so?

- Please express your interest in taking Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training by using the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Line at 203-800-4940 or by writing to youthleader@kofc.org.

Do I ever need to renew my training and background check?

- Yes, every two years. All members serving in designated leadership positions requiring Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training and a background check are required to renew both their training and background check every two years for as long as the member continues to occupy the designated leadership position.

What happens if a member in a designated officer position (grand knight, faithful navigator, etc.) fails to comply with the policies and procedures set forth in the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, including the successful completion of the training requirements?

- The member serving in the designated officer position will receive an official letter from the Supreme Office notifying the member that both he and his council are not in compliance with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program and will strongly advise him to complete the training requirement as soon as possible.

<http://kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program-details.html>

To help ensure that your council is compliant for Fraternal Year End, be sure to have all safe environment appointments made no later than May 1, 2021, as ALL safe environment requirements must be completed within 30 days of appointment.

Email addresses unique to each member will be mandatory for members to retain access, and be counted towards, a council's safe environment compliance for Fraternal Year End 2021-22. PLEASE NOTE: generic emails will no longer work, e.g., gkcouncil1@gmail.com will no longer work; personal emails are required as user IDs to ensure that members retain full credit for completing their training and background checks.

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Each August we look forward to the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. This year is no different. Although this message has been prepared prior to the convention, here are some predictions:

The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities.

The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered.

We already know that our insurance program had another record year ending in December 2020; 21 consecutive years of growth! (And congratulations to the many of you who protected your families last year and helped set that record!)

We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarius Christi fund.

Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We will add to our surplus, which means our strength to pay claims and weather poor economic times will improve.

I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Donated more money to disaster

relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons. Placed more ultrasound machines in service to save lives. Given more support for religious freedom.

This organization, started by a simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

But here's the reality: For the Catholic folks in this council and in these parishes here—you, my brother knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families and reaching Star Council this next fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

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 3rd 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:

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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.

Please keep the following in your prayers

Roy Berninger
Dominic Brunozzi
Dan & Nancy Camia
Joanne Gatton (Josh Myers' aunt who has Stage IV ovarian cancer)
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
Bob Nutt's Mother In-Law, Pauline, who recently passed away.
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:

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