



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Good day brother knights!

What a wonderful time of year we find ourselves in! We are so very thankful that the world is beginning to open back up as we come together to celebrate our faith and remember the true meaning of Christmas. As we enter the Christmas season, we have been busy with an array of activities, including our canned food drive, our Thanksgiving baskets/donations to OLG and St. Benedict, and the Coats for Kids program. We had a great first meeting at St. Benedict's in November and being able to socialize with snacks after the meeting made it feel like old times at the Club House again. We hope to be able to do this more in the future. We are very excited for our upcoming Welcome Back Christmas Party on **December 18th @ 3PM at St. Benedict's Parish Hall** as well. If you haven't sent in your RSVP, please do so by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th**, so the Council will have an accurate headcount for this **FREE** event. Lastly, we are hopeful that we will have an in-person degree exemplification at the December 20th Council business meeting. With COVID, the process has become all online, and many new brothers have not had the opportunity to experience the degrees live. If any brothers are aware of someone wanting to join or someone who has not yet taken their degrees, please have them reach out to me before our December meeting.

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

GK Josh Myers

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WELCOME BACK CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021, 3PM

WHERE: ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARISH HALL

RSVP: GK Josh Myers (336)698-5601 kofccouncil939@gmail.com

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th

H O W W E B E C O M E S T R O N G E R

Whenever opposition arises, God's grace thrives in us. Think about what happens to a tree when a great storm beats violently against it. The wind threatens to uproot the tree and carry it away. It breaks off branches and blows away its leaves. It loosens its roots and blows off its buds. When the storm is over, things look hopeless.

Yet, look closer; the same storm that opened crevices in the earth around the trunk of the tree has helped the roots go deeper. The tree has access to new, deeper sources of nutrition and water. It has been purged of all its dead branches. The buds may be gone, but others will grow back more fully. That tree is now stronger, growing in unseen ways. Just wait till harvest because it's going to bear much fruit.

Maybe you're in a storm right now. The wind is blowing hard, shaking you violently, and you think you're going down. Beloved, don't panic! You've got to know that in the midst of the tempest, you are putting down deep spiritual roots. God is developing in you a deepening humility, a greater mourning and sorrow for sin, a heightened hunger for his righteousness. Paul says, "Not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance" (*Romans 5:3, NKJV*).

In 2 Corinthians 4:16-17, we read, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." The word 'working' in this verse is the same as 'produces' in Romans 5:3.

God is making you a seasoned soldier of the cross, battle-scarred but battle-smart and courageous. You may get down on yourself at times, but the Lord never does. The fact is that he could have acted sovereignly at any time to pluck you out of your struggle, but he didn't because he is using to produce strength and new life in us.

NOVEMBER IN REVIEW:

The Council held an O&D meeting November 1st and a business meeting on November 15th. The Council met at St Benedict's Parish Hall and had a great turnout as well as snacks and a social hour afterwards.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

December 1st- Handel's The Messiah @ The Carolina Theater, 7PM (Free Event). Brothers and their families are also invited to Natty Greene's afterwards for a social hour. (Carolina Theater requires proof of vaccination).

December 6th- O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, at PLC, 2nd floor, OLG.

December 18th- Council 939's Welcome Back Christmas Party, 3PM, St. Benedict Parish Hall (Free event, but you must RSVP).

December 20th- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, at PLC, 2nd floor, OLG. (There will also be an exemplification that night).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society is looking forward to resuming its Furniture Ministry which picks up gently used furniture and household items and delivers them to families in need here in Greensboro. The Society operates two (2) box trucks, both equipped with lift gates and hand trucks. We meet each Wednesday at St. Benedict's Church starting at 8:30 AM and finish in the early afternoon. Each truck normally has three (3) to four (4) volunteers to facilitate the move of furniture. We are also interested in drivers. For additional information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Larry D'Amelio at 336-294-0351 or John Corcoran at 336-288-9371

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.koc939.com

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

Worthy Brothers All,

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday weekend.

It is such an important time of the year. A time for reflection, when we remember all the gifts God has given us. We give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives, the time we have with our spouses, our parents, our brothers and friends, but especially our children. The gifts of life and family that each of us have, come to us from the love of God through our parents' faith, hope and love, and their belief in the Culture of Life and Family.

Our contributions to the Winston Salem Ultrasound Initiative with the Triad Pregnancy Network this year can be a direct example to your families of how important the Culture of Life is to you. Please talk with them about its importance. You must have those conversations to pass it on. Tell them how important our life saving ultrasound machines are.

What a great Christmas gift for thousands of Triad area children who otherwise might die. That's right thousands. Brothers, we have a lot to be proud of this Christmas.

We often feel we are in competition with other area Councils, so it's important for us to recognize how the unity of many Councils is what made this year's Ultrasound Initiative possible. We should be very proud to have been part of this joint regional effort.

To shift gears just slightly, the Gift of Family, comes with many responsibilities for fathers. As we are helping these local families begin this Christmas, we need to reflect on another important duty for fathers and husbands. Each of us needs to ensure that our spouse and children are adequately cared for upon our death. Please take some time this year to carefully review your insurance needs for your family. Call Ray Eveland at (336) 202-5593. Ask Ray to help you review your insurance needs. Make sure your families are properly cared for, when it's your turn to meet God.

As each of us continue our charitable work, especially this Christmas, remember all those who are ill and have lost family, or who are alone. Let's go out of our way to include them in our Christmas celebration.

Additionally, as Christmas draws near, let us give thanks for our Faith and the hope it brings to our children and grandchildren. Let us be most thankful that Monsignor and our other Priests brings us the Eucharist at each Mass we attend.

God bless you and families this Christmas.

Vivat Jesus, John Joyce, DD24

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."
— St. Mother Teresa

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Brothers

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

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
Fran Geoff
Jack Kealey
Kneidl Family
Tom O'Hanlon
Jerry Byrd
Siepak Family

Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Brian Dubicki
Gary Chapman
Kathy Chapman
Dick Morrison
Jacki Standen
Bob Englert
Brady Family
Carol Walton

Mike Kenney
Kitty Heath
Joe and Frances Coyle
Betty D'Amello
Antionette Cerrito
Marshall Perry's Father
Eastwood Family

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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