

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity

These are the principles that the Knights of Columbus were found on. We always think about raising funds for Coats for Kids, or raising funds to purchase Wheelchairs, or supporting our Seminarians. These are good and worthy causes, but what about our own Brothers and our Brothers Widows?? What can we do to help our own? Brother Knights and our Widows if there is ANYTHING that we can do to help you, PLEASE let us know.

Maybe it's a ride to a doctor's appointment or pick up a prescription. Maybe there is a need to build a wheelchair ramp at your home. Maybe it is small repairs around your home. Maybe it's a visit to just talk or pray together. Maybe you or someone you know has a need to be added to our prayer list. No request is too small. Please reach out to us.

We are all FAMILY, we here to help each other.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We have learned of another wedding anniversary that needs to be recognized. In September, Dominic and Estelle Brunoizzi celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations and may there many more to come.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:9-12)

Whenever I meet a refugee, immigrant or traveler, I am reminded of things I take for granted. Those who come great distances to find something often draw our attention to the blessings we enjoy. Most of us are fortunate to have Jesus nearby, truly present in the tabernacle of our local church, but we take his close presence for granted all too easily. The Wise Men embarked on a difficult journey to encounter Jesus, but a five-minute drive can seem too far for us. May our daily familiarity with Jesus never result in indifference. May we instead, like the Wise Men, enter the Lord's house to do him homage.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to take to heart the example of the Wise Men and go out of your way occasionally to visit the Blessed Sacrament in a local church. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action March for Life or Novena for Life programs or to personally support a local pro-life initiative.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 3rd

FEED THE HOMELESS

Come help feed the homeless at Urban Ministries. Downtown Greensboro at 6:30pm

February 15th

Valentine's Day Dinner

Valentine's Day Dinner at OLG Parish Life Center. More details will be coming soon.

February 26th

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 21st

There will be a FOURTH DEGREE Exemplification in Wilmington NC See link for more information.

<https://kofcnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Exemplification-Letter-March-2020.pdf>

April 25th

St Paul will host the new Exemplification degree ceremony. This is the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees combined. More details coming soon.

UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT OPPORTUNITES

STATE COUNCIL

State Council will be sponsoring a statewide tournament. For more information contact Distract Deputy John Joyce (336) 814 5005 email dd24@kofcnc.org

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

The Ancient Order of Hibernians has invited golfers from our council to participate in a golf tournament. Contact Bob Jackson (770) 330-7539.

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:

Supreme Council introduced a new degree at the Mid-Year Meeting of District Deputies this year.

This is being done to attract more and younger faith-filled Catholic men at a time when the Church needs them the most. The Knights of Columbus is changing with the times to meet the needs of our Church.

The new degree is currently called the ***Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity***. Most significantly, it allows candidates to reach full Knighthood in a single ceremony.

This degree also eliminates the need for secrecy. Hopefully your wives and families will be pleased to know that the new degree includes plans for inviting the Candidate's family and friends as Observers. In fact, we will make arrangements for all interested Members' wives and families to attend as Observers.

Our NC State Deputy, Dan Lange, asked us to convert our First Degree Teams over to the new degree by March 21. After that, all NC degrees given will follow the new format of:

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity.

If you'd like to watch, here is a link to a draft version of the new degree:

<https://vimeo.com/378569924>

Personally, I like the new degree. I think it will be a great improvement to our local Council activity and our charitable work effort.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Degree Team, please give me a call.

Vivat Jesus - John Joyce, District Deputy 24, M 336-814-5005

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

February has a theme all about Valentine's and all about Love...:

- ✚ We do much more than think about loved ones; we give flowers, chocolates, and send greeting cards. Why all the fuss??? To show our **LOVE**, of course!
- ✚ At its core, that is what Insurance is all about. We buy insurance because of LOVE. I bought life insurance because I love my wife and children. I don't want them to experience hardship if I'm not here to provide for them. I want to make sure they can stay in the same home we love; I want to make sure that my children had a college education they will need; At the end of the day, this form of LOVE really brings Peace of Mind and Security. My policies even have living benefits that I can utilize if needed.

Let me suggest to you to buy that box of chocolates, get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses and include a card...

But then sit down with me and with your wife and let me review your plans, and assist in how you Insure Your Love.

Also, if you are not an insurance member of our order, you owe it to yourself and your family to sit down with your dedicated field agent to review your plans, update / complete a financial profile (at no obligation or cost to you), one of the greatest benefits of being a Knight, but probably one of the least used tools... A great way to see where your plan is at this stage of your life

May God bless

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:

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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

Nancy Marek	Tom O'Hanlon
Carol Stratton	Brian Dubicki
Roy Berninger	Bill Schlosser
Tom Murphy	Yarbrough Family
Mick Wachter	Jerome and Lisa Dixon

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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