

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wow where did 2019 go to. Seems like just yesterday we were shooting off fireworks out in the street.

So now that you are watching all the bowl games and wondering what to do next, how about considering some New Year resolutions that can make a difference. For example

Attend all Council Business Meetings

Volunteer to be a Program Director

Volunteer to work on a Program Committee

Or get involved in the meal preparation for our social events.

There is a lot of ways to help out

We offer an excellent hands on training program, so what are you waiting for, just jump in and get involved. Additional opportunities are listed further down in this letter.

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Chaplain's Challenge



"The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it - and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

-SK John F Kennedy, Presidential Inaugural Address, 20 January 1961

2019 IN REVIEW: KNIGHTS IN ACTION

JANUARY

RSVP Dinner/Fundraiser

Thanks to the efforts of many Brothers and the local community business' we were able to present 4 Seminarians with \$500 checks.

State Raffle

402 tickets were sold raising \$1,005 for the Council General Fund.

FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day Party

Valentine's Day Party was held at the Knights Club. Attractive decorations and a great meal made the party a huge success.

MARCH

St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Another great evening at the Knights Club. Corn beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes and even Irish Soda was served. Rocky Riccio was hit of the evening dancing to the tune of New York New York.

Annual Emergency Responders Awards Dinner (46th Year)

The awards dinner was a remarkable success due to the support of many Knights and their Ladies. Tom Thompson deserves big THANK YOU for being the event

Champion. 40 Responders representing the 4 services were in attendance. A Memorial Award was presented to the parents of an officer who lost his life in the line of duty.

Novena for Life

The Knights participated in a week-long Novena for life. It started March 21st and ended March 29th, which is the anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus. Daily reminders were email to all the Brothers, during the week.

APRIL

Annual Wheelchair Dinner/Fundraiser

A delicious meal of ham, pinto beans, corn bread was served. Through the Knights generous donations, the Council was able to purchase 6 wheelchairs.

Westridge Road Cleanup

Thank you to all the Knights and Ladies who participated in the Westridge Road Cleanup.

Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of Grace

Knights of Columbus hosted a Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of Grace parishioners and Brother Knights.

Faith in Action

The Knights participated in the Good Friday services the Veneration of the Cross service at Our Lady of Grace Church and the Good Friday service at St Benedicts.

MAY

Blood Drive at Our Lady of Grace

The Knights hosted a Red Cross blood drive at Our Lady of Grace.

Annual Communion Breakfast and Fundraiser for St Francis Springs Prayer Center

The Knights Club was arraigned and decorated attractively for the celebration of Holy Mass by Father Louis Canino. After Mass a Rite of the Candle Lighting was celebrated for those Knights who had passed during the current fraternal year. The Council was able to present Father Canino with a check for \$2,053 through generous donations from the Knights.

JUNE

Celebrated the Last Social Event at the Knights Club

Brother Knights shared some of their memories from the early days of the Club and Council in general.

A catered BBQ meal was donated by The Knights Club. (The Last Hoorah).

Hispanic Youth Group Trip

The Council was instrumental in the State Council providing assistance of \$1,500 for the youth group's pilgrimage to St. Augustine, Florida. Our Council also contributed \$200.

New Fraternal Year Officers Elected

GRAND KNIGHT -Joe Walton; DEPUTY RAND KNIGHT- Mike Bush; CHANCELLOR-Josh Myers; RECORDER-Jim Keaney Sr.; TREASURER-Don Schraeder; WARDEN-George Blaikie; 1YEAR TRUSTEE-Bob Grabasky; 2 YEAR TRUSTEE-Jerry Byrd; 3 YEAR- Dan Camia; INSIDE GUARD-Jim Keaney Jr.; OUTSIDE GUARD -Tom O'Hanlon; ADVOCATE-Peter Burke;

AUGUST

Knights Rededication to Mary

The Rededication to Mary ceremony has held immediately following the 5pm Spanish Mass. 2 of our Knights from the Hispanic community participated in the ceremony

2019 Wyndham PGA Tournament

The Knights again sponsored hole # 3 for the PGA Tournament. The Council has been volunteering for this event for over 20 years.

SEPTEMBER

Westridge Road Cleanup

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Blood Drive at Our Lady of Grace

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OCTOBER

Life Chain

The Knights again participated in the Life Chain Event on Battleground Ave. in Greensboro. The Council provided 9 Marshals to help coordinate the event.

Night of Reflection

The Regnum Christi Triad Men's Team invited all men for a reflection by Fr. Robert Ferris entitled: ***A Scriptural Basis for the Father's Role in the Family***

Room at the Inn

Triad Room at the Inn has scheduled their 20th Annual Benefit Banquet at the Sheraton Four Seasons. There was no cost to attend, but donations were requested. The keynote speaker was Pam Tebow, the mother of Tim Tebow. The Council is sponsoring 2 tables at the banquet.

Habitat for Humanity

The kick off day for the OLG sponsored Habitat house build was on Saturday Oct 19th. 7 Of the 13 people that came out to work were Knights from our council. The ladies from OLG provided a great lunch for everyone. We were also introduced to the family that the house was being built for. A Mom, Dad and 3 children.

NOVEMBER

Memorial Ceremony

The 'Right of the Candle Lighting' was held November 2nd. There were 8 Knights in attendance for this solemn ceremony that honors the Knights that the Lord has called home in the past year.

Donut Sunday at OLG

November 3rd The Knights hosted our first donut Sunday at OLG. Twenty-five dozen donuts were handed out after the 3 Sunday Masses. Apple juice, orange juice, and coffee was also served. This was a great introduction of our council to the OLG parishioners.

Fraternal Evening

On November 14th a Fraternal Evening was held in place of our normal Business Meeting. Fourteen Knights and several of the wives were in attendance for this very informative meeting. Tom Hall gave a brief presentation

on Medicare and Medicare advantage plans. Ray Eveland was the main speaker for the evening explaining the financial benefits and planning services that are available to all Knights in good standing.

DECEMBER

Coats for Kids with Caps and Scarves Distribution

The Knights were able to provide 120 coats and over 200 handmade woolen caps and scarves to the Hispanic families at OLG. The caps and scarves were made and donated by the Ladies of St. Paul. Thank you to all the Ladies. The Knights made a lot of kids happy and warm. A lot of "thank you"s and big smiles. Some pictures will be attached to this letter.

Christmas Party

The Knights held their first Christmas Party at OLG. Maiden voyage so to speak. A delicious ham dinner with all the fixings was served. Thank you, Jerry Byrd, Bob Grabasky, Dan Whalen for another wonderful meal. Also thank you to the decorating committee and their wife's. They did a great job. The evening was capped off with signing Christmas Carols. My favorite was the Twelve Days of Christmas. Thank you all for coming out and celebrating Jesus's birth.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 6th

Officers and Directors meeting - 7:00pm at the Parish Life Center 2nd floor OLG Church

January 10th

Right to Life March in Charlotte

January 18th

Right to Life March in Raleigh

January 20th

Council Business Meeting – 7:30 at the Parish Life Center 2nd floor OLG Church

January 24th

National Right to Life March in Washington DC

January 25th

SEMINARIAN DINNER

The Seminarian Dinner and Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, which is on the 1st floor of the old school building. Cost this year is only \$10 for dinner. Ladies are requested to donate desserts. Since we no longer have a Knights Club bar, the church is permitting members and guests to bring wine and/or beer to consume at the dinner. Raffle prizes will be solicited from local vendors, and members may help by asking retail establishments they utilize to donate a prize and inform John Polickoski if you obtained a prize. To make reservations for the dinner, contact John Polickoski at 336-855-8451 or jpandmp1@att.net.

SEMINARIAN DINNER TICKET SALES

The pastors at Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict Churches have permitted us to sell tickets for the Seminarian Dinner after the Masses on the weekend before the dinner, Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19. Since both churches have 2 exits, it is best to have 2 members at each Mass selling tickets. The weekend Masses at each church are: Our Lady of Grace: Saturday - 5:00 PM, Sunday - 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 5:00PM; St. Benedict: Saturday - 5:00 PM, Sunday - 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. If you attend one of these Masses, please volunteer to sell tickets by contacting John Polickoski at 336-855-8451 or jpandmp1@att.net. The more tickets sold, the more funds for the seminarians.

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

We now have a website thanks to Walter Kulla

Past News Letters and the Prayer List and Council Activity Calendar are now on the Website

www.koc939.com Check it out.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

What are the core principles of the Knights of Columbus?

Charity: Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself".

Unity: None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually.

Fraternity: In the Knights of Columbus we watch out for and take care of each other.

Patriotism: No matter our country of origin, we are all patriotic citizens, who are proud of our devotion to God and country, and we believe in standing up for both.

Knights serve your world and your neighborhood. During 2018, our brother Knights made charitable contributions of more than \$186 million. Knights also dedicated more than 77 million hours to volunteer service. An independent analysis puts the value of each volunteer hour at \$25.43. By this measure, the Knights of Columbus gave \$1.9 billion worth of their time in the past year.

1.5 million Knights and their families are covered by our award-winning insurance.

\$43 million contributed to aid and support thousands of seminarians and postulants in their religious journey since 1980.

Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance in the Middle East.

In 2009 Knights of Columbus placed their 1000th ultrasound machine in the United States.

Ninety percent of mothers who see their unborn children, with the use of an ultrasound machine, choose Life! That makes the Knights' ultrasound machine one of the most effective tools in our fight for life. GPCC served over 1,000 clients in 2019. This is a tremendous impact. GPCC is now expanding their services to Winston Salem.

WHY BECOME A KNIGHT? Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top rated insurance program to protect your family.

The standard catch-all answer from prospective members is "I don't have enough time." We try to help them realize that just being a member is valuable. We are all at different stage in our lives; and everyone has their own comfort level. If you can set aside time to do one thing a year, that's no less important than the person who is involved day in and day out. You give what you can give.
THERE'S ALWAYS TIME TO BE A KNIGHT.

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Happy New Year! As we begin the New Year it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the New Year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many New Year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. I can give you some advice on that. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard

all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this New Year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.

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 the 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.

RITE 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)
(336-706-6702)

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
Brian Dubicki	Jerome & Lisa Dixon
Roy Berninger	Tom Murphy
The Yarbrough Family	
Mike Wachter	Frank Tamborino

Repose of the soul of Father George Kloster, former pastor of St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church and a former assistant pastor at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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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