



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

### JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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#### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Will here we at the end of a year and about start a new one. Considering the restrictions, we faced we were able to complete several council activities. Going forward we will need to continue our ZOOM meetings for the foreseeable future. Please continue to pray the Rosery and pray for an end to the pandemic.

Please try to attend our online meetings, also read the newsletters, and look for email communications. With Gods help we will overcome the circumstance that are keeping us from a normal life. Lord hear our prayers.

#### A FAITH THAT WITHSTANDS CRISIS

Our society is desperate to find hope and peace in these troubled days. They long to know the truth of Isaiah 26:3: "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." They will be watching God's children to see a testimony of his provision and care for his own.

1. It's interesting to note that the world observes believers who face challenges. They expect us to sing a song in the midst of our hardest times. We see examples of this in the Word of God. Psalm 137 describes Israel's captivity by the Babylonians, when God's people had lost everything, including their homeland. Still, their captors wanted to hear the songs of victory that the Israelites were known for.

2. "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst of it. For those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, and those who plundered us requested mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'" (Psalm 137:1-3).

The Israelites were famous for singing songs of victory; their captors insisted, "Sing to us! We have heard about the great victory songs you offer to God so play them for us!" Some might suggest that this demand was made in mockery, but I believe the Babylonians

sincerely longed to hear a testimony. Their own religion had left them empty, dry, and hopeless.

Likewise, the world demands a song of victory from God's people today. What they really want to know is, "How are you going to react in this present crisis? We have heard that you think your God is faithful and powerful, but do you trust him in times like these? Does your faith really hold up in times of crisis?"

"He has put a new song in my mouth — praise to our God; many will see it and fear and will trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:3). Your tender, loving Father who is touched by the feelings of your infirmities gives you a song no matter what you're going through.

### **DECEMBER IN REVIEW:**

**Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.** There were 3 winners, each one will be presented with a congratulations certificate and a check for \$50.

**Nativity Scene setup at OLG Church.** Thank you Rich Stepnowski for setting this up again this year.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**Jan 4th** – Officers and Directors **ZOOM** meeting, 7:00 pm

**Jan 18th** – Council Business Meeting. **ZOOM** meeting, 7:30 pm

**Jan 25th** – 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](http://www.koc939.com) Check it out.

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

## K of C Programs

Did you know there are NO *required* programs this year? That's right. Supreme reduced this year's required Programs due to the pandemic. This enables you to reach the Star Council Award (approximately \$500 - \$1500) more easily than ever before.

Faith in Action Programs feature 4 key program categories: ***Faith, Family, Community and Life***. Supreme has recommended programs that help men live out their commitment to their Catholic faith and their desire to serve family, parish, and community.

To reach the Star Council Award you must complete at least 4 program points in each of the 4 categories. That's 16 altogether. Your Councils have Directors for each of the 4 categories. Your Directors, with the help of Council Officers, will make sure your Council completes the required 16 programs.

There are 33 Council programs recommended by Supreme. Your council is encouraged to implement any program(s) that will help make a difference in your parish and community.

Fortunately, Supreme has given you a short cut to the Star Award: 16 FEATURED Programs.

When your council conducts a FEATURED Program and satisfies the associated requirements, it receives 2 points towards that program category, cutting in half your work toward the Star Award.

The Featured Programs can be found at this link.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10746-fia-council-requirements.pdf>

Most of you will already complete several Featured Programs this Fraternal year: RSVP, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Marches for Life, Ultrasound Program, etc.

You can learn more about the Faith in Action program model, including answers to frequently asked questions, by visiting:



<https://www.kofc.org/faithinaction>

If you are interested in working on any of these programs, contact your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, or Program Directors.

John Joyce, DD#24

### **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

Council Meeting Message – January 2021..... we made it!

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 2021 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 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. 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 or if you prefer over a virtual meeting.

As a brother Knight and your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stockbroker. We'll look at your dreams, goals, and aspirations for 2021 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 OPPERTUNITIES:**

**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. Please contact the GK.**

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

Grand Knight Joe Walton [waltboro@gmail.com](mailto: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**

Roy Berninger  
Dominic Brunozzi  
Dan Camia  
Fran Egloff  
Jack Kealey  
Kneidl Family  
Tom O'Hanlon  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar

Brian Dubicki  
Ronald S Saksa (Carol Stratton's Brother)  
Gary Chapman  
Kathy Chapman  
Rocky Rico  
Jacki Standen  
Bob Englert  
Tony Pupello  
Mike Kenney  
Kitty Heath  
Joe and Frances Coyle

### **DECORUM:**

**Always wear your nametag and carry your rosary. Don't forget a mask**

**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**

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