



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

June 2020 NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Memorial Day is a time for reflect and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can have freedoms that we treasure today. **“Greater love has no one than this, than some laydown his life for his friends.” John 15:13.**

Thank you and Thank You to the Gold Star families.

We will be voting on our new and or returning officers the upcoming fraternal year 2020 – 2021, during our “Zoom” Council Business meeting on June 15th. **SEE PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS ON PAGE 5)** Please join us.

Hopefully, we will get back to normal very soon where we can gather for social events and fund raisers. Until then, stay safe.

MAY IN REVIEW

Unfortunately, due to the Cov19 Virus were unable to hold our annual wheelchair diner/fund raising event

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 1st – Offices and Directors ZOOM meeting 7:00pm. Meeting details coming soon.

June 15th – Council Business Meeting. We will be voting on the new slate of officers for 2020 2021.

Wyndham Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for Aug 1st thru the 4th. Having spectators is questionable at this point.

1st Responders awards dinner has been cancelled for this year. We will be presenting the 2019 awards along with the 2020 awards at the dinner in March of 2021.

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

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

www.koc939.com Check it out.

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.

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For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

Fr. Rutler's Weekly Column

May 24, 2020

In these days of closures, which must soon end, I am able to offer Mass quietly for the intentions of parishioners and others, and I often take the opportunity to use the Extraordinary Form whose beautiful cadences end with the "Last Gospel." This Johannine Prologue in hymnodic verse concluded the Liturgy from the earliest days of the Faith, as a reminder that "the Word was made flesh" and, by being received into the flesh of communicants, makes them living tabernacles commissioned to take Christ into the world. He is the Light that shines in the darkness, and "the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

The present pandemic has spread a cultural darkness that contrasts with the growing brightness of late spring days. Any amateur artist, if untutored, must learn by experiment that the brightest colors in his paint box are brilliant on canvass not by themselves but by contrast with dark tones. There is remnant evidence that this application in art goes back about 2,500 years to the Athenian muralist Apollodorus. It may seem obvious, but it was not so until it was tried, and in fact it was gradually forgotten until rediscovered in the Renaissance. The contrast of light and dark, *chiaroscuro*, was mastered by the likes of Leonardo, Caravaggio and then Rembrandt and Vermeer. It conveys brooding as well as rejoicing, and "film noir" of modern cinematography made as much use of darkness as earlier art made of light.

It remains to be seen if what we call normalcy will be restored. It is certain that "things will never be the same" because things present by definition can never be what they used to be. Whether this be good or bad depends on what is learned from having passed from darkness into light (cf. Isaiah 9:2). This is the Gospel essence that the first Christians gave to a world that had accustomed itself to a life of shadows. "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

During these long weeks, the absence of votive lights in a darkened church has contrasted with the candles that used to burn here, and I hope that soon there will be even more lit than before. But all this time, a lamp has burned before the Blessed Sacrament. One recalls that passage from Waugh's novel *Brideshead Revisited* describing the sanctuary lamp in a desolate chapel during the darkness of a World War:

... the flame which the old knights saw from their tombs, which they saw put out; that flame burns again for other soldiers, far from home, farther, in heart, than Acre or Jerusalem. It could not have been lit but for the builders and the tragedians, and there I found it this morning, burning anew among the old stones.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Father George W. Rutler

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

May 25th is Memorial Day, a day when America honors its war dead. The US has several days when it recognizes members of its armed forces, past and present. America's veterans come from six services: The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. About 1% of our population has served in the military. Therefore, a larger percentage of the US population has connections with serving military or veterans than most other nations.

Active duty military personnel are recognized on Armed Forces Day, on the third Saturday of May. Former service members are commemorated on Veterans Day, November 11th. The most significant time, when America pauses to reflect on our fallen veterans is Memorial Day.

Initially, widespread recognition of American war dead occurred on Decoration Day, initiated in 1868, after the Civil War. The graves of the 600,000 who fell in the Civil War were decorated with flags, flowers and wreaths. In turn, this evolved from unofficial ceremonies that had sprung up in many states, during and after the Civil War, including observance in the Confederacy.

Decoration Day was formally inaugurated by President James Garfield, who served as a Major General in the Civil War. He explained why the commemoration was so important. "We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke, but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue." Following Garfield's speech, 5,000 participants helped decorate the graves of more than 20,000 soldiers buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

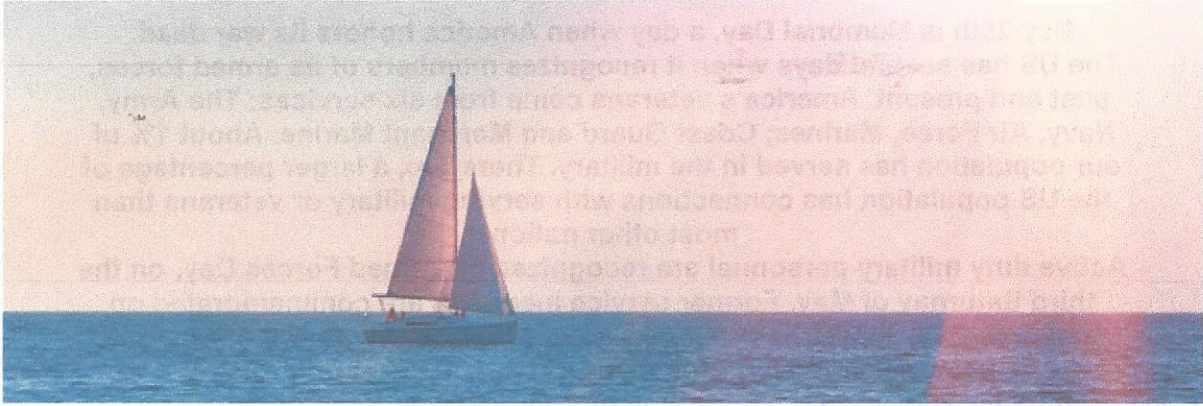
Decoration Day became Memorial Day in 1882. Then the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968, moved the date from May 20th to the last Monday in May, making it a national holiday and a three-day weekend. Confederate Memorial Day is still observed on variable dates each April or May.

US Memorial Day traditions vary, but typically include the American flag being hung at half-mast until noon, and then raised to the top of the pole. The President usually leads the nation in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

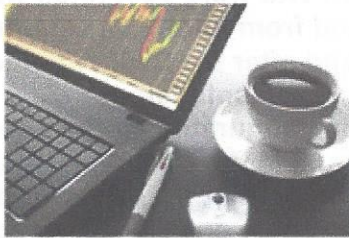
Every year Rolling Thunder veterans drive into DC on motorcycles, past the war memorials to draw attention to US Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action.

Nationally, all Americans are encouraged to pause for a Moment of Remembrance at 3pm. Most towns and cities across the US have Memorial Day parades, where bands, veterans and serving personnel march. Many Americans visit cemeteries and memorials, to see thousands of American flags, carefully planted on each grave and to pay homage to our deceased Veterans. God bless America and our fallen Veterans.

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:



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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.

The Board of Directors of the Knights Club met and counted the 125 (out of 238 mailed) ballots returned. There were 115 in favor (92%) of the proposed distribution of funds; there were 9 were opposed and one invalid ballot. Funds have been distributed to all parties.

We appreciate all those who took the time to return their ballots. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Marshall Perry, President

KNIGHTS CLUB UPDATE

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 Brunozi
Dan Camia
Fran Egloff
Jack Kealey
Joe Kneidl
Tom O'Hanlon
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Brian Dubicki

Dan Whalen

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.

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Inside Guard

Jim Keaney, Jr.

Outside Guard

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Piedmont Council 939

Proposed Slate of Officers

For Fraternal Year 2020 – 2021