



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

I don't know about anyone else, but I really need a haircut. I'm starting to look like Willie Nelson. Seriously I pray that all our Brothers are safe and healthy. If there is a Brother, or a family member that needs assistance with Dr. appointments, picking up a prescription, groceries, or anything, PLEASE get in touch with me. Joe Walton (336) 706-6702 or email Waltboro@gmail.com.

The list of new and or returning officers for 2019 – 2020 will be coming out soon. It appears it will be necessary to conduct our Business Meetings and voting for officers online with Zoom. Hopefully we will be able to get back to normal soon.

Congratulations to our new 3rd Degree Knights. Shaun Kilgariff, Dr. Wallace Carrillo-Medina, and Christopher Ermis. They have completed the new "Online 3rd Degree Exemplification.

News from the State Convention, which was conducted via conference call on Sunday May 3rd. These are a few of the highlights.

1. The new 3rd degree Exemplification will now be every held Thursday Evening until further notice.
2. Please continue to pray the Rosary.
3. State officers were re-elected.

4. CONGRATULATIONS COUNCIL 939. Our council won the State award in the "Faith" Category, for our Communion Prayer

Breakfast, benefiting St Francis Springs Prayer Center. Great jobs guys.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Gospel for May 3, Jn 10:9-10)

We've all gone through times when it seems like we're just keeping our head above water, or moments when we feel overwhelmed by life. So what does Jesus mean when he says that he came in order that we might have life "more abundantly"? Some think that Jesus is offering a "prosperity gospel" that awards the faithful with happiness, good health and financial success. Yet Christ experienced suffering, as do his followers, so an "abundant life" must mean something else. Whether a given day brings health and success, or trials and suffering, we experience all these things with Christ. By living our lives for Christ, he shows us the way to fullness of life.

This month I challenge you to write down Psalm 27:1 — “The Lord is my light and my salvation” — put it up where you’ll see it daily (on the fridge, on your mirror, etc.), and recite it regularly. Second, I challenge you to promote the cause of life by participating in the Faith in Action Ultrasound or Pregnancy Center Support programs or by making a donation to a pregnancy center.

APRIL IN REVIEW

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 16th – Our Lady of Grace will be holding a food drive to support the Greensboro Urban Ministries. I’m sure you have heard that food banks are really struggling due to the current conditions. So, I’m asking all my Brothers to help. The collection will be held May 16th from 9am to 4pm in the Tremont St. parking lot. Please be as generous as you can. For more information go to <https://olgchurch.org>. Thank you.

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: **Strategies for Effective Team Communication During Quarantine**

Many companies operate well with distributed workforces because they understand their communication challenges. Every Knights of Columbus team is different, but there are strategies that can transform how well your Council works during COVID-19.

1. Equip your Council with tools and systems that meet your needs. With the right communication apps/software, your Council can still do great work. Recently, I worked with three different video conferencing or virtual meeting apps: **Zoom**, **Webex** and **House Party**.
2. **Zoom** made its app free and reduced time restrictions, so you can have unrestricted length to your meetings. **Zoom** also operates well with low band equipment, which many of us still have at home. **WebEx** works well with large groups, but it can be expensive to operate and uses large band width. **House Party** is free, but it’s an Apple only product.
3. Ask your Council members to give you feedback, during and after your projects. When you finish your meetings, have a post-mortem debriefing.
4. Be completely transparent with your goals and progress. It’s especially important for remote teams to share the context of your progress, since

face-to-face meetings are not possible. Making your own work transparent to your team members and making team efforts transparent to the rest of the Council is absolutely critical. It makes us all participants in each other's work, rather than being silo-ed and unaccountable.

5. Council officers and directors need to communicate via email and have virtual meetings with your members to uphold our sense of Unity and Fraternity.

If you need help setting up a **Zoom** meeting, please give me a call.
John Joyce, District Deputy 24, 336-814-5005

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

A few days ago, S&P Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your Knights of Columbus are tied for first! *

The Knights is one of six companies - out of a total of 66 - that has an AA+ rating on financial strength, and a stable outlook. S&P also lists the Knights as having a "very strong" business risk profile, and an "excellent" financial risk profile.

Financial strength and stability are on a lot of people's minds lately, and it's reassuring to know that the Knights stand tall among the competition. However, this unprecedented international crisis may be impacting your family, please know that I am here to help you review your situation and discuss how the Knights may be able to help.

And - to respect social distancing protocols - we have transitioned to virtual meetings. I can meet with you over the computer whenever you'd like. So, let's chat! Let me know some day/times that work for you, and together we can figure out how

the Knights' best-in-class financial strength can help protect you and your family.

Fraternally,
Ray Eveland

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:

Grand Knight Joe Walton (waltboro@gmail.com)
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KNIGHT'S CLUB UPDATE

Thank You to all Brothers who returned ballots regarding distribution of funds (from sale of Council building) to various entities. We will inform you in the June Council Newsletter as to the outcome of the ballots we received.

Marshall Perry, President

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
Brian Dubicki

Fran Egloff
Jack Kealey
Joe Kneidl
Tom O'Hanlon
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar

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.

Joe Walton, GK

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VIVAT JESUS: