



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

### OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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#### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

I pray that this newsletter finds all our Knights and their families in good health and good spirits. We are still coping with the restrictions that were put in place to halt the spread of the virus. As of now our state is at a 2.5 in the reopening process. The only difference that I have noticed between a 2.0 and a 2.5 is that the playground equipment in the parks are now open.

Josh Myers, Zach Smith, and I met with the new Pastor for Our Lady of Grace, Fr. Casey Coleman. It was a very good meeting. The Father is very supportive of the Knights and is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sr. Knight. He has also gave us some good ideas on how to involve the church congregation in our activities.

We are off to a great start with the new pastor and with Our Lady of Grace Church. We told him we are here to help, so put us to work. So be prepared.

#### SEPTEMBER IN REVIEW

The Knights meet at McDonalds at the corner of Westridge Rd. and Battleground Ave. for Greensboro's Big Sweep. They cleaned both sides of

Westridge Rd. down to Hobbs Rd. 200 pounds of trash was collected from the roadway. Thank you Knights.

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Oct. 5th – Officers and Directors ZOOM meeting has been cancelled due to Labor Day Holiday.

Oct. 19th – Council Business Meeting. We will be voting on the proposed Council Budget for 2020 -2021.

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross blood drive at OLG has been confirmed. The Red Cross has safety protocols in place to protect anyone who wants to give blood.

November – A memorial Mass will held to honor our Brothers that have gone before us.

December – A rededication ceremony will be scheduled for December.

#### COUNCIL WEBSITE:

We now have a website thanks to Walter Kulla

Past Newsletters and the Prayer List and Council Activity C calendar are now on the Website. [www.koc939.com](http://www.koc939.com) Check it out.

## Fr. Rutler's Weekly Column

- In our days of widespread inarticulateness, the word “awesome” is so overused that it loses its power. It is rooted in the Old English “egefyll,” which means causing profound reverence. So, to call a good dinner or a new dress “awesome” is overkill. Only in the nineteenth century did its equivalent, “awful,” come to mean something bad. It is said that when Queen Anne first saw the completed St. Paul’s Cathedral and told Sir Christopher Wren that it was awful, the architect was moved by the compliment.

After the patriarch Jacob saw in a dream that ladder reaching to heaven, he cried out, “How awful is this place!” and he called it Bethel, the House of God. He had seen angels ascending and descending on the ladder. It is fitting that the magnificent crucifix suspended from the ceiling in our church should hang over our altar, for in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the angels and saints unite heaven and earth in worship, and Christ makes the Cross a ladder of heavenly access. By it he is able to descend to the altar, True Body and Blood, without diminishing his eternal glory. “No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man” (John 3:13).

Having celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross this past week, the Church remembers that, as Cardinal Gibbons wrote, the veneration of the Cross “is referred to Him who died upon it.” In 787, the Second Council of Nicaea distinguished veneration of the Cross from the worship (“latria”) that belongs to the Divine nature alone. The Cross, as Saint Bonaventure hymned, is the Medicine of the World (“*Crux est mundi medicina*”) because of the healing power of the crucified Good Physician.

At a prize fight, when one of the boxers made the sign of the Cross upon entering the ring, a man seated next to me asked sardonically if that meant he was going to win. As a Doctor of Sacred Theology, I felt qualified to reply that it depended on how good a boxer he was. But the awful Crucifix does have power when human intellect and will are consecrated to the Crucified.

Around 325, Saint Helena, mother of the emperor Constantine (and, before her successful marriage, what we might call a “barista”) and Bishop Macarius, found what they believed to be the True Cross buried under the rubble of a Temple of Venus that had been built by the emperor Hadrian as a profanation of the Holy City. A generation later, Saint Cyril, second successor to Macarius, wrote: “Let us not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ. . . . Make this sign as you eat and drink, when you sit down, when you go to bed, when you get up again, while you are talking, while you are walking: in brief, at your every undertaking.”

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Father George W. Rutler



## Building a Culture of Life

One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has helped thousands of women save their children is through its [Ultrasound Initiative](#).

Ultrasound exams, which are medically necessary throughout pregnancy for a variety of diagnostic reasons, use ultrasound waves to scan a woman's abdomen, creating a picture or "sonogram" of the baby. Without K of C support, most pregnancy care centers would be unable to purchase the ultrasound machines, each usually costing tens of thousands of dollars.

Providing ultrasound machines to pregnancy resource centers has enabled many thousands of pregnant women to see that their unborn child is a living human being. Ultrasound technology allows a mother to see her developing child and recognize the miracle of life within her. As a result, thousands of mothers have decided to have their babies.

In 2015 our Council, with the help of other regional Councils, purchased an ultrasound machine for the Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center. Recently, they changed their name to the Pregnancy Network because they are expanding their area of service to include Forsyth County. In early 2021, they will launch a new Care Center where the need is greatest in Winston-Salem. They will need an ultrasound machine there as well. We will be asked to support the purchase of that machine. We hope you will be generous when that program begins.

FYI... the Supreme Council shares the cost of ultrasound machines with state and local councils, like ours. Since the Knights of Columbus [Ultrasound Initiative](#) launched January 2009 on the 36th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, state and local councils have assisted qualified pregnancy centers by raising half the cost of ultrasound machines.

When a local council raises 50% of a machine's purchase price for a qualified care center, the Supreme Council matches the amount toward the purchase price of the machines, starting at about \$20,000. Supreme Contributions are drawn from the Knights of Columbus [Culture of Life fund](#), which we donate to annually.

The Knights seek nothing less than the transformation of today's culture into a new Culture of Life. And the foundation of this effort must be the bedrock of the inviolable dignity of human life at every stage, and the realization that in the great family the Lord intends for his people, we are all our brother's keeper.

It is a little over a month until our national elections. One of the best ways to transform today's culture, is by voting for Pro-Life political candidates. Make sure you all get out to vote and transform today's American culture into a new Culture of Life!

## **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:** **Attention Catholic Families!**

On **October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm** the Knights of Columbus is hosting a virtual retirement seminar that you don't want to miss! This is open to ALL who want to learn retirement strategies from Tom Hegna- an economist, author, and retirement expert. He has been an incredibly popular industry speaker for many years and is considered by many to be THE Retirement Income Expert!

### **TOM HEGNA PRESENTS: DON'T WORRY, RETIRE HAPPY!**

#### **We Will Cover:**

1. Have a PLAN for Retirement
2. Maximize Social Security Benefits
3. Consider a Hybrid Retirement
4. Protect your Savings from Inflation
5. Secure More Retirement Income
6. Have a Plan for Long Term Care
7. Use your Home Equity Wisely



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**Be sure to register ahead of time for this exclusive event at:**

**<http://bit.ly/retirehappywithmahoneyandhegna>**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm on Zoom**

Come learn how to have a happy, worry-free retirement with the Catholic organization that shares your beliefs. For more information please contact Ray Eveland 336-202-5593 or email to [ray.eveland@kofc.org](mailto:ray.eveland@kofc.org).

**celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the Franciscan Center.**

### **KNIGHTS CLUB NEWS**

**Father Louie is placing a plaque at  
the Franciscan Center in  
appreciation of all that our Council  
has done for the Center and in**

### **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.

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

Roy Berninger  
Dominic Brunozzi  
Dan Camia  
Fran Egloff  
Jack Kealey  
Joe Kneidl  
Tom O'Hanlon  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki  
Ronald S Saksa (Carol Stratton's Brother)  
Gary Chapman  
Rocky Riccio

### **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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