



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Good day brother Knights!

I want to express my sincere “thank you” to all of you who helped with the plethora of activities we did in September. It was the busiest month we’ve had in a while, but we came through for every one of them. We helped a neighbor in need, our home parish (Our Lady of Grace), and its school (Our Lady of Grace Catholic School). Through each we built bridges and bonds of affection which will help us achieve our ultimate purpose, to build up the Church on earth and love our neighbor as ourselves.

May God continue to bless each one of you.

Grand Knight Evan Smith

DEVOTIONAL: WHO IS THE GREATEST?

In Luke 22:24-27, we read, “A dispute also arose among them [the apostles] as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he [Jesus] said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.’”

Something to note about this passage is that it occurred in the middle of the Last Supper. During the first Eucharistic celebration in history, the apostles of Jesus argued over which of them was the best. While sounding like a typical fight between brothers, it has a much broader significance. When we are called to suffer for Jesus or partake in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity (Eucharist), will Jesus find us bickering amongst ourselves over which of us is best in the eyes of the world? Jesus turns the tables on this discussion by revealing that real greatness comes through service, not through domination. Those who seek leadership positions to be higher esteemed, instill fear in their subjects, or gain worldly possessions are not true leaders but tyrants. The true Christian leader, like the true Christian father, must be the servant of those under him. While he can dispense justice and make decisions in accordance with the role he holds, he must above all sacrifice himself for others.

To be the “greatest” in the eyes of God is to become the least in the eyes of the world. Remember that Jesus, the Son of God and the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, still died for us and came to serve. We should keep that in mind before we esteem ourselves too highly.

OUR COUNCIL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On September 15th, many Knights of Council 939 could be found cooking and serving hot dogs and kebabs outside Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. The school asked us to help them facilitate a fundraiser for their security system, and we answered the call. Nine Knights (and a few non-Knights recruited by our council for the occasion) cooked enough food to serve over 200 people. Our council was repeatedly and unanimously praised by the attendees, including Fr. Coleman, the school principal, and the PTO. I would like to personally thank all those who came to help, some with very short notice. Occasions such as these help show the world what it means to be a Knight of Columbus and serve the parish and community.



SEPTEMBER IN REVIEW

- September 2nd: Council 939 helped clean up the backyard of the Giurato family in preparation for a service dog for their disabled daughter. The work we performed blew away the Giuratos.
- The September O&D Meeting was cancelled due to Labor Day and lack of topics to discuss.
- September 10th: we facilitated Donut Sunday at Our Lady of Grace for the 7am, 9am, and 11am masses with resounding success and appreciation.
- September 15th: our council cooked hot dogs and kebabs at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School for over 200 people. This was a fundraiser for the school's security system and Council 939 was praised by Fr. Coleman, the OLG School Principal, and the PTO.
- September 18th: The Council's business meeting was held at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center.
- September 21st: Room at the Inn held in Greensboro with our council attending.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

October 1st – March for Life on Battleground Av., GSO, 2:30-3:30pm

October 2nd – O&D meeting at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 2nd Floor

October 15th – Council Membership Drive at 9am, 11am, and 1pm masses

October 16th – Officer Installation Ceremony at 6:30pm at OLG Church, followed by reception with refreshments in the OLG Parish Life Center Banquet Hall (bottom floor)

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT

At this year's Room at the Inn Banquet, Dr. Ben Carson explained how abortion became so popular in America. He believes communism is reshaping our country.

Dr. Carson explained this has been going on for a long time. In 1963, under unanimous consent, the US House of Representatives went on record and listed "Current Communist Goals." [From "The Naked Communist," by Cleon Skousen]

COMMUNIST GOALS:

- U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.
- Grant recognition of Red China and admission of Red China to the U.N.
- Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces.
- Capture one or both political parties in the US.
- Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming these activities violate civil rights.
- Gain control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' unions. Put the party line in textbooks.

- Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-reviews, editorial writing, and policymaking positions.
- Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures...

Does any of this sound familiar today? Of course it does. 60 years ago this was the quiet threat. Today these are openly accepted by many. Continue COMMUNIST GOALS:

- Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.
- Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy."
- Infiltrate the churches and replace religion with "social" religion (social justice, inclusion, diversity). Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch."
- Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."
- Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, and a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
- Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."
- Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.
- Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
- Infiltrate and gain control of big business.
- Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
- Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retardation of children to suppressive influence of parents.
- Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition and that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use united force to solve economic, political or social problems.
- Give the World Court jurisdiction over nations and individuals alike.

Dr. Carson went on to remind us how our forefathers fought against the tyranny of their time. It was up to each Patriot of their day to remove that evil. Regrettably, that is as true now as it was then. Unless we vigorously defend our country today, it will be lost to this tyranny forever.

John Joyce (dd24@kofcnc.org).

RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES:

Whenever and wherever a Knights of Columbus meets a practicing Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, there is an opportunity for recruiting a new Knights 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 investigate your hearts and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Coordinates the "First Responders" Awards Presentation and Dinner program. Coordinates the management of the 3rd hole at the Wyndham Golf Championship, along with other Community programs. Expert training will be available.

FAITH DIRECTOR: Coordinates the RSVP program (Seminarians), Holy Hours, Rosary Handouts, and various other events related to our Catholic faith and parish. Expert training will be available.

WARDEN: The warden is the "watchdog" for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder

ADVOCATE: The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

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.

THIS LIST HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED IN A WHILE. IF ANY LISTED PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE GK TO MAKE THE LIST MORE COMPACT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Please keep the following in your prayers

Fr. Joseph Wasswa – father in bad health	Brian Dubicki	Ben Malikowski
Schmidt Family-death of Alice	Gary Chapman	Eveland Family
Bishop Jugis	Kathy Chapman	Brunozzi Family
Dcn. Larry Lisk	Jerry Byrd	Grabasky Family
Polchowne Family	Dick Morrison	Rick Stepnowski
Joyce Family	Bob Englert	Dcn. Rohan Family
Frank Family	Kitty Heath	Fr. Coleman Family
Jim Keaney, Sr.	Antionette Cerrito	Peter Marzullo
Lawrene Kirwan	Perry Family	Bob Camia
Roy Berninger	Lura Lyle	Brian Garrett
Dan & Nancy Camia	Lysiak Family	Jim Collins
Fran Geoff	Edwards Family	Parker Hahn
Jack Kealey	Fr. David Hyman	Barbara Ovittore
Ernie & Cynthia Pancsofar	Sylvia Byrd	D’Amelio Family

Names in red mean a new entry from the past month

OCTOBER IS DEVOTED TO THE HOLY ROSARY! PRAY YOUR ROSARY!

