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GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

For all of you how are not aware, we must say goodbye to one of our faithful and devoted Knights. Tom and Betty Thompson will be leaving North Carolina and moving to Kansas City Mo. in September, to be closer to their family.

Tom has been very active with the Knights since he completed his First degree in December of 1960. He even started up a council when he lived in California. Tom has lived in Texas and Kansas City, Mo before coming to North Carolina, and always very active with the Knights.

Here with our council Tom has two projects that are his pride and joy. The first is the “First Responders Awards Dinner. We all know what a great success it has been to honor the men and women who put their lives on the line very day.

The second is the Wyndham Golf Tournament. Under Tom’s guidance, the Knights have been able to sponsor the third hole, at the tournament. There is even a plaque at the tournament for the Knight of Columbus thanking them for their many years of participation.

I could go on and on about Tom’s accomplishments with the Knights but to me his greatest accomplishment is what a great friend and inspiration he has been to me and all the council.

Thank you, Tom, for everything you have done for our council. You will greatly be missed.

May God continue to bless you and Betty on this new adventure.

To everyone who participated Habitat for Humanity house project, thank you for all your many hours of work. The home has been completed and the family has moved in. See the attachment for a couple of pictures and a short write-up.

AUGUST IN REVIEW

A copy of the proposed 2020 – 2021 council budget was emailed out for review and comments

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sept 7th – Officers and Directors ZOOM meeting has been **cancelled** due to Labor Day Holiday.

Sept 21st – Council Business Meeting. We will be voting on the proposed Council Budget for 2020 -2021.

Oct 10th – Red Cross blood drive at OLG has been confirmed.

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.

WIDOWS PROGRAM:

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests.

Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori's Monthly Challenge

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Gospel for Sept. 6, Mt 18:20)

There is power in numbers. It's often how we get things done. When men are united by a clear mission, they become a “band of brothers” whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And when that mission is given to us by Jesus, we are united in Christ, who directs and strengthens us to accomplish great things. May we, my brothers, form strong bonds of fraternity founded on Christ as we labor to build up the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the “Brotherhood” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to “stand in the breach” with your brother Knights and fellow Catholics to serve Christ and defend the faith? Are you a good “brother” to others, forming male friendships marked by shared faith, honesty and accountability to fight the spiritual battle? How can a “band of brothers” ensure that they are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ?

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

Leave No Neighbor Behind

Knights of Columbus are called to step into the breach and leave no neighbor behind – especially in this time of crisis.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Supreme has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to "deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity."

Knights of Columbus are encouraged to serve and sacrifice for those around us. Many, in our own council and parish are isolated and alone in quarantine. Food banks, blood centers, and other essential services have been depleted of their vital supplies. There are many people and places that require urgent help.

Knights are encouraged to engage in five types of service activities (hyperlinks):

- [1. Support Your Brother Knights](#)
- [2. Support Your Parish](#)
- [3. Support Your Community](#)
- [4. Feed the Hungry](#)
- [5. Participate in Blood Drives](#)

In the hyperlink pages, you will find details for each of the categories. Where you see opportunities to do more, you are encouraged to do so, always mindful of guidelines and suggested procedures from health experts. Abide by social distancing, self-quarantine, and shelter-in-place orders, where applicable. Do not put yourself or others at risk of infection.

Above all else, remember your duty as a Knight of Columbus. When crisis strikes, we respond with care, compassion and charity. It is time for all of us to answer the call – and leave no neighbor behind.

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

This month our founder Father Michael J McGivney celebrated his 168th birthday! As you may have been aware, Pope Francis has recently recognized a miracle attributed to Father McGivney. With the decree from Pope Francis, Father McGivney will be declared "Blessed," the final step prior to sainthood.

You can learn more about Father McGivney's path to Sainthood here:

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/for-the-media/michael-mcgivney-closer-to-sainthood.html>

I've always been so inspired by Father McGivney's life and vision for our order. After experiencing the tragic loss of his own father and the financial burden left to his family, and seeing similar situations occur in his parish, Father McGivney developed our fraternal benefits program. His life experiences are [why we offer insurance](#).

During these uncertain times, I'd like to share how the Knights of Columbus can help guarantee the financial wellness of your family. Please let me know when you are available to speak.

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:

Grand Knight Joe Walton waltboro@gmail.com
336-706-6702

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:

Joe Walton, GK

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

PARISH NEWS



Our Lady of Grace Habitat House Dedicated!

On Friday, August 7, 2020, at 9:30 am, the Our Lady of Grace Habitat House was dedicated virtually on Facebook live!

Funding for the house was provided by **Don & Mary Gay Brady**, who partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro and Our Lady of Grace volunteers, to build the 4-bedroom, 2 bath house. Salaheldin & Sanna, their daughter and 2 sons, along with Habitat staff, Don & Mary Gay, Fr. Michael Carlson, and leader of the Islamic Center of Greensboro, Sheikh Yaser Ahmed, were in attendance. Fr. Michael offered a beautiful Irish blessing during the dedication. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, our volunteers were not able continue working on the house; it was completed by Habitat staff and their weekday work crew. Our sincere apologies for not letting you know about the dedication. If you would like to watch it, we are working to obtain a copy to share. Please stay tuned! Once again, our heartfelt thanks to Don and Mary Gay for this beautiful gift, and to the parish volunteers who shared their time and talent with this project. We had a challenging build schedule, coupled with the coronavirus pandemic, but, in the end a beautiful house for a deserving family was built!

