

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Congratulation and welcome to our 2 new Knights. Their names are [Matthew Newland and Chris Ermis](#). Both men have just recently completed their 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony and are looking forward to taking their 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

We also have a Knight that just completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Congratulations to [Dr. Wallace Carrillo](#). Next step is 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

## THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS...SAMUEL ADAMS

"It is therefore recommended to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor." Jesus, we thank you for all the blessing that you have bestowed upon us.

## CELEBRATING WEDDING ANVERSERIES WITH 50, 60 and 70 PLUS YEARS IN 2019

I hope there is a special place in heaven for couples like you to spend eternity together.

### **50 Plus Years**

James and Marlene Schmid, Carlos and Alicia Hernandez, Tom and Bonnie O'Hanlon, Benedict and Susan Malikowski, Joseph and Mary Ann

Kneidl, John and Helen Kealey, Michael and Jeannie Grubb, Dr. Ronald and Sharon Sural, Tom and Betty Thompson, John and Janie Maimfelt, Daniel and Janice Maxham, James and Pat Keaney, Thoman and Lorraine Skelton, Robert and Maryann Grabasky, Joseph and Carol Walton, Donald and Georgette Schraeder

### **60 Plus Years**

Joseph and Francis Coyle, Rocky and Georgie Riccio, Joseph and Mary Lanham, Nicholas and Eileen Macchia, John and Marianne Polickoski, Deacon Timothy and Eileen Rohan, Anthony and Eileen Pupello, Mitchell and Julia Siepak

### **70 Plus Years**

Earnest and Cynthia Pancsofar

*This list was compiled from the wedding dates in Member Management. My apologies if I have missed someone.*

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Then [one of the criminals] said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Gospel for Nov. 24, Lk.23:42-43)

We've read these words so many times that it's easy to miss their power. Here is Jesus using his last minutes of earthly life to show mercy to a dying criminal and to promise him life in heaven that very day. We may not like to admit it, but we have a tendency to insulate ourselves from entire groups of people — perhaps the poor, the homeless or the sick. Yet these are precisely the people with whom Jesus spent so much time. While the religious "upper class" often ignored or mocked Jesus, the poor acknowledged him as Lord and were transformed. May the unlikely words of a criminal — "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom" — become our own urgent prayer.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to ask God’s pardon and mercy by making a thorough examination of conscience and going to confession. I also challenge you to serve those in need individually or with your council through Faith in Action programs such as Coats for Kids or Food for Families.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Are there habits in your daily routine which exclude or ignore those on the margins of our society? What are some ways, large or small, that you can increase your efforts to help the poor and the needy? How does going to confession help us to imitate the penitent thief, and what can we learn from his prayer?

**NOVEMBER IN REVIEW:**

**Memorial Ceremony**

The “Rite of the Candle Lighting” was held November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 8 Knights in attendance for this solemn ceremony that honors the Knights that the Lord has called home in the past year.

**Donut Sunday at OLG**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> The Knights hosted our first donut Sunday at OLG. Twenty-five dozen donuts were handed out after the 3 Sunday Masses. Apple juice, orange juice, and coffee was also served. This was a great introduction of our council to the OLG parishioners.

**Fraternal Evening**

On November 14<sup>th</sup> a Fraternal Evening was held in place of our normal Business Meeting. Fourteen Knights and several of the wives were in attendance for this very informative meeting. Tom Hall gave a brief presentation on Medicare and Medicare advantage plans. Ray Eveland was the main speaker for the evening explaining the financial benefits and planning services that are available to all Knights in good standing.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**DECEMBER 14th**

We will be having our annual Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Grace Dinning Hall located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Parish Life Center. We will be serving a ham dinner complete with all the fixings. The price will be \$8.00 per person. Dinner begins at 6:30pm. Please bring a desert to share.

Space is limited so make your reservation as soon as you can. The last day for reservation is Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

RSVP to Jerry Byrd (336) 676-1562 email [wbyrd3@triad.rr.com](mailto:wbyrd3@triad.rr.com)

**COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

We now have a website thanks to Walter Kulla

Past News Letters and the Prayer List are now on the Website

[www.koc939.com](http://www.koc939.com) Check it out.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

1<sup>st</sup> Degree at St Mary’s 7pm Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at St Pius 9am Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 9:00am

**FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

We seem to say it ever year, “It’s almost Christmas, where has the year gone?” As we look back, we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we’ve received from him. God’s gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmas time. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren’t so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember “Say it with flowers,” the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.

As I look back at 2019, I can’t help but think of all the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in his address at the Supreme Convention just a few months ago we are “Knights of Charity.” And we prove this every day

with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke about the disaster relief provided by our Knights of Charity; \$4.2 million supporting hurricane victims alone. The one thousandth ultrasound machine has been placed in service to help save more unborn children. He talked about our mission of charity to the Middle East and the Christian community there that faces extinction. More than \$20 million has provided food, shelter, clothing and a new 140-unit apartment building for Christians and those of other religions who need our help. Knights of Charity helped provide coats for more than 105,000 kids who will now stay warm this winter.

Knights are known for their generosity. We are indeed, Knights of Charity.

All these important initiatives help many others, but don't forget about your own family...and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

### **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 the 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](mailto:waltboro@gmail.com))  
(336-706-6702)

### **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**

<b>Nancy Marek</b>	<b>Tom O'Hanlon</b>
<b>Kathy Chapman</b>	<b>Brian Dubicki</b>
<b>Roy Berninger</b>	<b>Tom Murphy</b>

**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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