

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

DISASTER RELIEF DONATIONS

Hats off to all the Knights who helped with the collection of disaster relief supplies for the Outer Banks victims of hurricane Dorian. We were able to contribute vinegar, hydrogen peroxide, plastic bins, adult diapers, trash bags, spray bottles, cleaning solution, small hand tools, Gatorade, multiple plastic gas cans and other misc. supplies. The Council supplied over 100 pounds of desperately needed supplies. In addition, the council voted to contribute \$200 to the Disaster Relief Effort. The Council also voted to send our "Penny a Day Fund" in early. Combined \$500 was sent in State Disaster Relief. Well done Knights. You are the best.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?"
(Gospel for Sept. 8, Lk 14:27-28)

In more than four decades as a priest and bishop, I've been involved with building a number of new churches and schools. We often start by "dreaming big." Then reality hits: What are we willing to spend? Jesus is asking each of us a similar question about our life of faith. In our lifelong journey to become saints, are we regularly sitting down to consider the cost and fully prepare ourselves to pay it? My brothers, above all other things, may we always prepare to carry our crosses and give our entire lives to Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the life of one of the martyrs and how he or she was prepared to pay any price to follow Christ. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program or read *Into the Breach* on your own with a particular eye toward how we can best prepare to carry our crosses.

Questions for Reflection:

What cross is Christ asking you to carry in your life? Are you willingly taking up the cross and seeking to follow Christ or trying to avoid the cross? In what concrete ways can you imitate the martyrs' total commitment to Christ?

AUGUST IN REVIEW:

BIG FALL SWEEP CLEANUP

Our council did the Fall Big Sweep cleanup of Westridge Rd. on Saturday, Sept. 21. A big thank you to the crew of Dan Camia, George Blakely, Chris Frank, Evan Smith, and Richard and Martha Stepnowski. They collected about 100 pounds of trash. It was a beautiful Fall morning and was proceeded by McCafe coffee at McDonalds. The next cleanup is scheduled for March 2020. Come out and join us for this Family Committee activity.

The **Italian-American** dinner was held at St. Paul's multi-purpose hall on Saturday, September 21st it was a huge success. There were 115 persons in attendance with many Brother Knights and wives

present. The authentic, five course Italian meal was delicious including cannoli pastry for dessert and wine flowing during the meal. The table decorations were very attractive and the master of ceremonies quite humorous. The raffle of both the \$100 and \$50 first and second cash prizes were both won by Brother Knights. Brother Rocky Riccio is our point of contact. I recommend we advertise this event each year in our Council Newsletter as a "don't miss" this social event. (Courtesy of PGK Dan Camia).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 28th Blood Drive at Our Lady of Grace. Your help is need for set up or teardown. As long as you are there, why not donate too.

OCTOBER 2nd Feed the homeless at Urban Ministries. Be there by 6:30pm.

OCTOBER 5th A 3rd Degree will be held in Concord, NC October 5th 2019. It will be held at St James the Greater Catholic Church, 139 Manor Ave SW, Concord NC 28025.

OCTOBER 6th Knights are again requested to marshal Life Chain on Battleground Avenue on Sunday, October 6 from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. A minimum of 15 marshals are needed to cover the chain. To volunteer as a Marshal, contact John Polickoski at 336-855-8451.

OCTOBER 17th Triad Room at the Inn has scheduled their 20th Annual Benefit Banquet on Thursday, October 17, 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Four Seasons. There is no cost to attend, but a donation will be requested. The keynote speaker is Pam Tebow, the mother of Tim Tebow. The Council is sponsoring a table at the banquet. To make a reservation, call John Polickoski at 336-855-8451 by the end of September with the name of each person attending.

OCTOBER 26th KNIGHT OF REFLECTION

The Regnum Christi Triad Men's Team invites all men for a reflection by Fr. Robert Ferris entitled:

A Scriptural Basis for the Father's Role in the Family

When: October 26th from 6-8 pm, following the 5 pm Mass offered in the church

Where: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church - Parish Life Center

What: The evening will begin at 6 pm with dinner and fellowship, followed by our speaker.

There is no cost but please register in advance.

Contact John Endredy at (336) 202-9635 or jendredy@gmail.com with questions.

This should fulfill the required program for the council. Please try to Attend.

NOVEMBER 2nd Memorial Mass - Immediately following the 5pm mass.

NOVEMBER 2nd KOC Donut Sunday at OLG - Volunteers Will be Needed

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Work in Process

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

What is the "Penny A Day" fund? It costs Knights \$3.65 from each of our annual dues.

It is a Catholic Charity Fund that was established in North Carolina for the purpose of funding special emergency needs in the Dioceses in the State.

Last year a tornado hit Greensboro's Hampton Elementary School region on April 15th. The Penny A Day fund gave \$8000 to people in the Hampton community, to help them rebuild, relocate and start over.

The grant appeared to be from our four Greensboro area Councils of the Knights of Columbus. It was actually Penny A Day fund monies, directed here by our State Council. The funds were collected from our Brother Knights all over North Carolina, who participated in the Penny A Day fund collection.

It is a voluntary donation by the members of the Order in the State and is administered by each Council Financial Secretary. The voluntary donation is calculated as "A penny per day, per Knight" for a total of \$3.65 per year added to the Misc section of a member's council dues notice. The Council Financial Secretary forwards all of the resulting collections to the State Secretary for deposit in the Catholic Charities account.

Would be emergencies as a result of limited parish funds or disasters often occur. The Bishops in the Dioceses of North Carolina are made aware of the fund and the State Council works closely with the Dioceses to disperse the funds to the communities in need.

Most recently after hurricane Dorian hit the Carolina coast, you were asked, to donate relief supplies or to donate your Penny A Day fund monies to the current Carolina disaster relief effort.

A pallet of relief supplies, two generators and hundreds of Penny A Day funds were sent from Guilford County Knights to our costal Brothers for distribution.

This is a great example of how great charity works, when cultivated through Knights of Columbus fraternal unity!

Vivat Jesus, John Joyce, DD24

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life

insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Ray Eveland FICF (336-202-5593) ray.eveland@kofc.org

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 OPPERTUNITIES:

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.

COMMUNIYY 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.

RITE TO LIFE COORDINATER: 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) (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

Mike Watcher

Dan Whalen

Nancy Marek

Carol Stratton

Roy Berninger

Tom Murphy

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

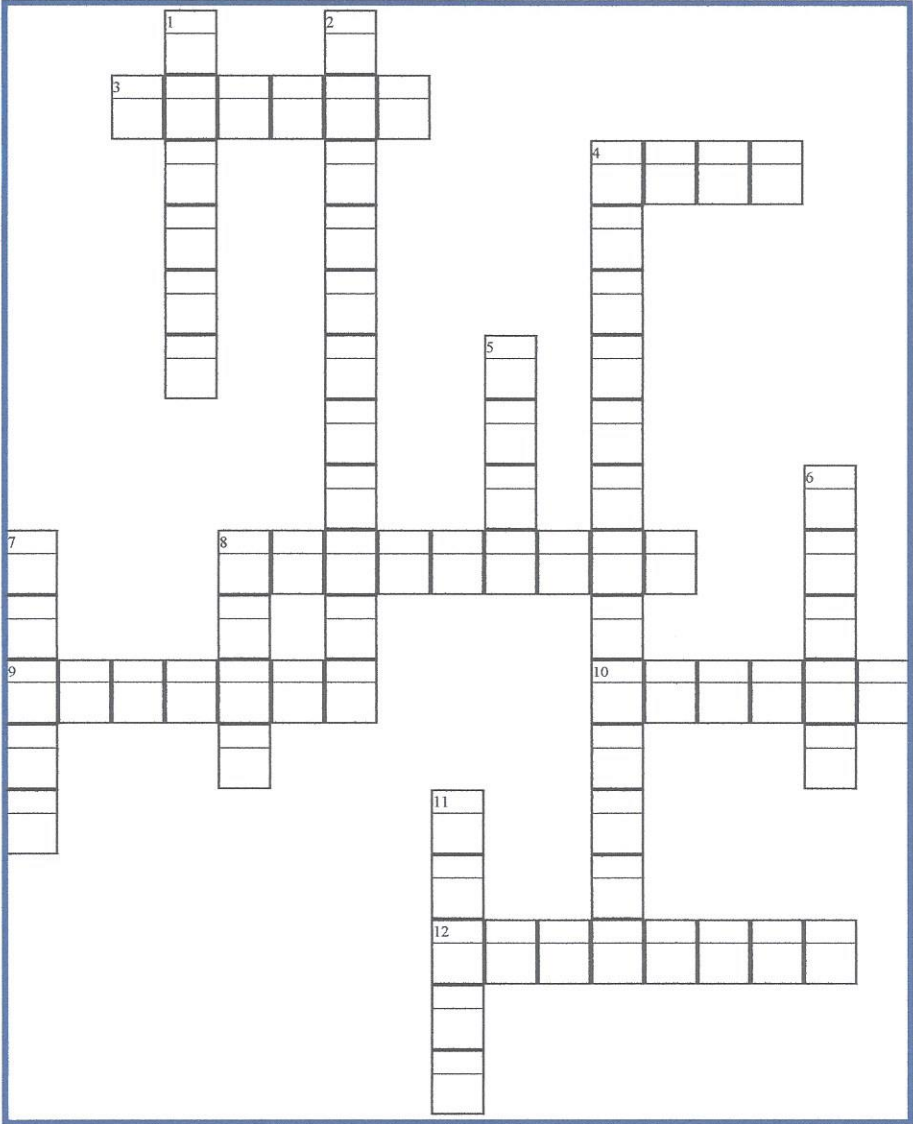
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NEW FEATURE

TEST YOUR APOSTLES KNOWLEDGE

Crossword Puzzle: The Apostles [\[Answers on the next page\]](#)

Instructions: Print, then complete. Note: Omit spaces and punctuation.



Across

3. "The Twin"
4. "what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" (Jn 14)
8. Son of Alphaeus (Alphaeus): ... the ...
9. Former tax-collector
10. Brother of First Pope
12. Replaced Judas

Down

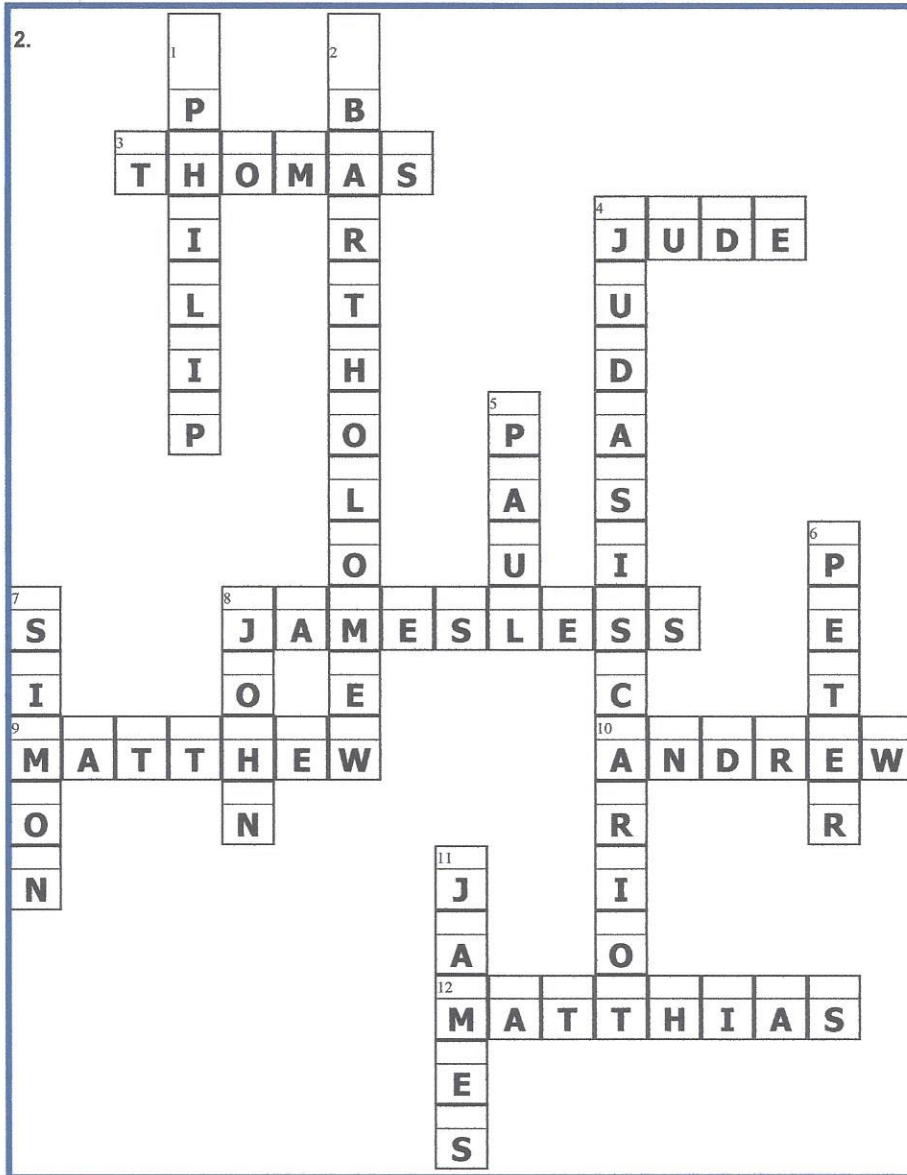
1. "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us"
2. Nathanael
4. Betrayer
5. Apostle of the Gentiles
6. First Pope
7. Zealot
8. Guardian of Jesus' Mother
11. Brother of Apostle John

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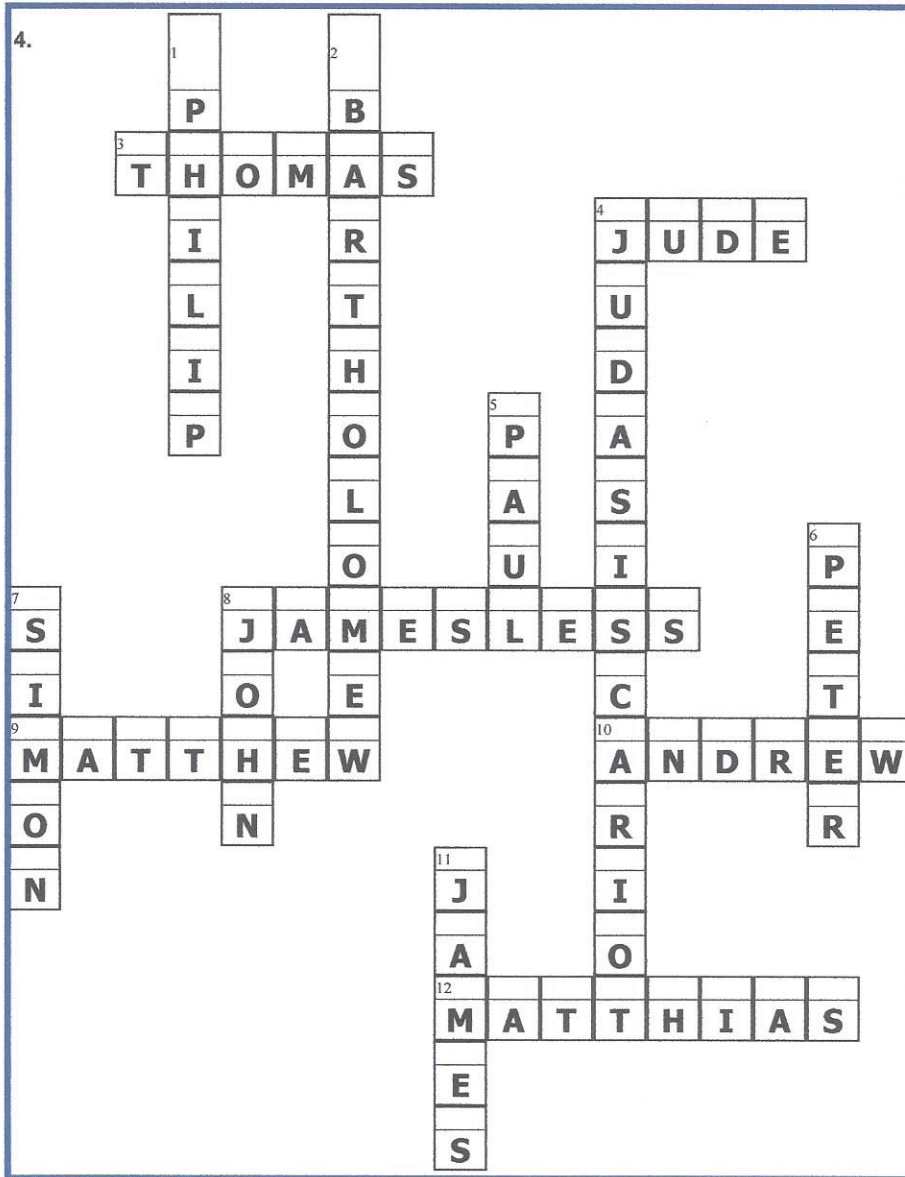
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