



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

### JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Good day brother Knights!

The time has come for me to say goodbye and thank you. My time as your Grand Knight has come to an end and I cannot begin to thank you for your support and encouragement over the past two years. We have had our ups and downs, navigating through COVID and an ever-changing world, but throughout it all, I always knew I could count on the brothers of 939. I especially want to thank my officers and directors for their commitment and willingness to serve along side me during my time and leadership. Their mentorship and guidance were vital to our success. As we enter the new fraternal year with our new Grand Knight Evan Smith in July, I ask that all brothers step up and support him and the rest of the officers as you did me. Let’s continue the great tradition of 939 for years to come!

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

GK Josh Myers

### PRAISING GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS

“They shall utter the memory of your great goodness and shall sing of your righteousness” (Psalm 145:7 NKJV).

We cannot deny God’s call to praise him in all his excellencies, but we are especially called to praise him for his goodness.

Note that the Psalmist insisted on an abundance of praise in memory of the Father’s goodness; they sang the Hebrew for abundant utterances, “to gush out like water rushing from a fountain.”

In Psalm 107:8-9, David wrote, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness.”

This truth of praising God for his past goodness struck a chord in my heart, and I have been moved to do as David did. We are called upon to celebrate his goodness.

David examines the beauty of this goodness. Notice that God is inclined to use mercy because he sympathizes with our affliction and miseries; mercy is his default sentiment toward us. David borrowed from Exodus 34:6, where God spoke to Moses: “And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.’”

Brothers, look back over the past and remember how good the Lord has been to you. Remember his compassions that have never failed to bring you through. I am finding pleasure in praising God for all

things but especially for his goodness. I rejoice not only for past goodness but for those I see daily all around me.

Are you feeling “less than” today? Do you feel like mercy and grace are not for you, out of your reach? Take heart! God loves you. He stands next to you, ready to pour out his infinite blessings upon you.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” (Psalm 23:6).

## **MAY IN REVIEW:**

The May O&D Meeting was held on May 1st. The Council’s business meeting was held at St Benedict’s on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and voted in two new members, Buck Braden & Brandon Melchiorre and a new transfer, Zach Greve. We are excited to welcome our new brothers into the council and look forward to working with them! On May 28<sup>th</sup> GK Josh Myers, PGK Dan Camia & PGK Joe Walton represented Council 939 and Assembly 779 in presenting a wreath in honor of veterans for Memorial Day at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**- Council O&D Meeting, 7:00 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Executive Conference Room

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**- Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, OLG Parish Life Center, Banquet Hall (downstairs)

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:**

Here is the Knights of Columbus Local Councils Insurance Program Commercial General Liability Coverage Summary. Make sure you understand your coverage of each of your Council events.

State Contact Person: **State Advocate**, Joseph McCarthy, 508-244-9924, [stateadvocate@kofcnc.org](mailto:stateadvocate@kofcnc.org) for all insurance information and requests.

Additional information is available on the State Website -<https://kofcnc.org/insurance-liability-coverage/>.

State Liability Insurance Provider: **Lockton Affinity**

### **General Guidelines**

Policy: The insurance policy is a 2nd party general liability policy. It is meant to protect the Council and facilities utilized for Council activities.

Policy does not cover Knights individually, your own personal insurance policy is your coverage at events, etc. Exception: LAMB has its own insurance policy, contact LAMB Treasurer for further information. The policy covers guests at activities sponsored by a Knights of Columbus Council.

Policy is not collision insurance but liability insurance.

General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate  
Products-Completed Operations: Included in General Aggregate Limit  
Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1,000,000

Damage to Premises Rented to You: \$1,000,000  
Medical Expense- any one person: \$20,000  
Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence  
Sexual Abuse and Molestation: \$500,000 per occurrence, \$500,000 aggregate

**Acceptable Events/Activities** - Local Council Meetings, Marching in Parades, Local Council Parties for Members and Guests, Communion Breakfasts, Basketball Free-Throw Contests, Soccer Challenge, Poster Contests, Prayer Services, Scholarships, Luncheons/Picnics, Food & Clothing Drives, Family Trips, Honors for Police, Fire Fighters, Veterans and other Appreciation Events, Car Washes, Church Work: Ushers, Lectors, Choir, Youth Ministry, Bingo, Supporting poor and needy, Home/school association support, Tootsie roll & Candy sale, Tournaments: Golf, Bowling, Billiards, Baseball, Softball, Youth awards Senior citizen support: visit and equipment donations, Local council promotional activities, Keep Christ in Christmas: Billboards, mangers, cards, Adoption Education Programs, Funeral Service Rituals, Casino nights, Easter Seals, Voter Registration.

**Key Exclusions** – Athletic Or Sports Participants - this insurance does not apply to “bodily injury”; to any person while practicing for or participating in any sports or athletic contest or exhibition that you sponsor. This exclusion does not apply to:

Basketball Free Throw  
Soccer Challenge  
Golf Tournament and  
Softball/Baseball Games.

Exclusion – Designated Ongoing Operations – “bodily injury”; or “property damage”; arising out of the ongoing operations involving activities described below is excluded:

Firearms  
Altercations with Demonstrations at Right to Life Events  
Sponsorship of Carnivals, Circuses and Fairs.  
Rock Concerts  
Activities involving Amusement Devices such as Rides, Inflatables, or similar devices.

Exclusion – Liquor Liability This insurance does not apply to “bodily injury”; or “property damage”; for which any insured may be held liable by reason of:

1. Causing or contributing to the intoxication of any person, including causing or contributing to the intoxication of any person because alcoholic beverages were permitted to be brought to your premises, for consumption on your premises.
2. The furnishing of alcoholic beverages to a person under the legal drinking age or under the influence of alcohol; or
3. Any statute, ordinance or regulation relating to the sale, gift, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages.

This exclusion applies only if:

You are in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages; or

For any event with liquor provided by the Insured if a license is required for such activity

Exclusion – Athletic Or Sports Participants - this Policy does not apply to Claim made against any Insured based upon, arising out of, relating to, directly or indirectly resulting from or in consequence of, or in any way involving “Brain Injuries” actually, allegedly or potentially sustained by a “Participant” in any sports or athletic game, contest, event, exhibition or practice. The term “Participant” shall mean any past, present or future member of a team.

The Knights of Columbus Local Councils Insurance Program Directors and Officers \$250,000 Per Council, \$2,000,000 Aggregate

#### **How is it Financed:**

Each Council is assessed \$2.00 per active member per year for this insurance on August 15th based on August 1 roster billed on their August State Insurance Bill Council hosts a fish fry and a Knight accidentally receives a hot oil burn. Not covered by this policy.

Council hosts a fish fry and a guest accidentally receives a hot oil burn. Covered.

Host a Bingo – guest falls and gets injured. Covered.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions: (FAQ)**

Q: What is a Certificate of Insurance?

A: A certificate issued by the insurance company that verifies a valid policy is in effect for the Knights of Columbus

Q: When do I need a Certificate of Insurance?

A: When the owner of the property you are planning on conducting an event requests one. This could be Church property, public property, i.e. park, etc.

Q: What if the Parish requests a Certificate of Insurance to cover all Knights of Columbus activities on Church property for the year.

A: A Certificate of Insurance will be issued upon request.

Q: How do I get a Certificate of Insurance?

A: Contact the State Advocate (e-mail or telephone).

Q: What about alcohol sales at an event?

A: A Certificate of Insurance is not a permit to sell alcoholic beverages. A one-time event permit should be secured from the North Carolina ABC commission.

John Joyce ([dd24@kofcnc.org](mailto:dd24@kofcnc.org)).

### **FIELD AGENT REPORT**

When June rolls around a couple of things come to my mind: grilling and graduations. Now these two things don't seem to have much in common. In fact, some may say they have nothing at all in common. It simply illustrates how amusingly my mind works.

How's that for a segue? From grilling to graduations! The end of the school year means graduation. Some, from the lowest educational levels...all the way to the highest. At whatever level you may fall, or your child may fall, I offer hearty congratulations! Graduating may mean moving up one more grade level or for some

who are at the end of the educational journey, it might mean a step into a new career. Or maybe advancing in an already established career. Graduating has as a natural consequence, a moving on, taking the next step. Carefully preparing for a career, taking stock of talents and newfound knowledge, thinking of the impact your career may have on your family and the greater community; the graduate is ready!

I think of the work I do with my members and their families in the same way: getting you to graduate at the top of your class; well-prepared, knowledgeable, setting a course with impact for your family. Sitting down with me for a consultation starts the preparation. We can take stock of where you are and any recent changes in your situation with our state-of-the-art financial needs analysis program. The end result is to help make sure you and your family are prepared: Prepared for the expected and the unexpected. The expected might be a comfortable retirement with adequate income to do the things you've always wanted to do. Being prepared for the unexpected is important, too: an untimely loss, an extended care event, a disability. Understanding the impact of having a strategy now is the first step in preparation.

I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together a make sure you're set to graduate at the top of your class!

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Eveland

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> hole at the Wyndham Golf Championship. Along with other Community programs. Expert training will be available.

**Please contact the GK.**

**For further information or to volunteer please contact me:**

**Grand Knight Josh Myers Joshuanmyers@gmail.com 336-698-5601**

### **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  
Dan & Nancy Camia  
Fran Geoff  
Jack Kealey  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki  
Gary Chapman  
Kathy Chapman  
Dick Morrison  
Bob Englert  
Kitty Heath  
Jerry Byrd

Antionette Cerrito  
Marshall Perry's Father  
Lura Lyle  
Lysiak Family  
Edwards Family  
Fr. David Hyman  
Sylvia Byrd  
Ben Malikowski  
Eveland Family  
Brunozzi Family  
Grabasky Family

Rich Stepnowski  
Rohan Family  
Fr. Coleman & Family  
Peter Marzullo  
Bob Camia  
Brian Garrett  
Jim Collins  
Parker Hahn  
Barbara Ovittore  
Alice Schmidt  
D'Amelio Family