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**Grand Knights Message**

Greetings My Brother Knights

Both the Easter season and Spring are now upon us. As we move along in our busy lives let's take time to reflect upon what Easter means and the incredible sacrifice that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made on our behalf. Not only did Christ die for our sins but established a model upon which we should conduct our lives. Two sentences mentioned in Scripture stand out to me during this time of year - "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me" and "Love one another as I have loved you". Here at the Hillside Knights of Columbus we have several charitable endeavors that reflect these values as we support several local and national causes. We depend on the support of our membership to either work at and/or support our dinners, drives and solicitations. During the past month we held two successful walk in dinners and will be holding another dinner on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>. The March 31<sup>st</sup> dinner will feature a choice of Fish/Linguine/Stuffed Shells. Chef Bob Kaelblein never fails to impress us with his culinary skills!

The weekend of April 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> we will be part of a nationwide drive to support the Supreme Council's Special Citizens programs as we collect outside of local supermarkets and our affiliated parishes. In addition, many brother Knights will be participating in the MS Walk on Saturday April 22 as part of TEAM DAN, which honors and supports PGK Dan Varady who continues his valiant fight to conquer this disease. Finally, we will have another Walk in Dinner on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> to help fund our Hospitality Room at the NJ State Knights of Columbus Convention in May.

May you all have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

May God continue to watch over and guide us.

Blessed Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for us.

Fraternally Your

Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

## DATES OF IMPORTANCE AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> – Fish Dinner

Saturday/Sunday April 15/16 – Special Citizens Drive

Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> – MS WALK Clark NJ – Team DAN

Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> -Walk in Dinner to support our Knights of Columbus Convention Hospitality Room.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Work will continue to go forward with more upgrades to your Council Hall. Sanitizing efforts are being performed daily. This is done to keep our Council Hall, bar area, and bathrooms sanitized. Even though restrictions have been eased we will continue to insure the health and safety of our members and guests. **Our Club is Open!**

Stop in for a visit and see the improvements to our Council Hall and building. When a member of the Club's House Committee is on site, the statue of our Blessed Mother at the corner of the building will be illuminated. Please stop in!

## COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Donations are still welcomed and encouraged toward this campaign and should be made payable to the "Knights of Columbus Council #3197" with a memo "Club Capital Improvement" and send to the Knights of Columbus Council #3197, PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ 07205. Please note that these donations are not tax-deductable

## HALL RENTAL

Please know that our hall is again available for rental within the parameters of the State and CDC guidelines. If you or an acquaintance is looking for a place to hold a birthday party, shower, graduation party, a funeral repast or memorial lunch that was delayed due to the pandemic, consider our Council Home. **The hall is being totally sanitized before and after each event and hand sanitizers are conveniently located for your use.** Contact the Club at 908-688-3197. Pictures are also available on our web site at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org>

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE March/April

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lenten Fish Fry Dinner	5:00 – 8:00 pm
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Columbian Club and Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday- Walk-in Dinner to Support K of C Convention Hospitality	1:00 to 5:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: The hall will be set up and sanitized to provide adequate social distancing and safety.

## DUES

Knight Alerts will be going out to members who have not yet paid their dues. This is the final notice before the possible suspension from our order. Please pay your dues promptly. If there are any questions concerning your invoice please contact our Financial Secretary, Robert Kaelblein at 973-663-2870 and leave a message. He will contact you to discuss and/or make corrections.

**If anyone no longer wishes to be a member please state that in writing on your invoice, sign (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the scholarship that we present to a graduating Hillside High School senior, the State and Supreme Council offer an array of scholarships. Again, I will be working with District and Supreme leadership to get more information on these scholarships, how to apply, and the criteria that need to be met, along with whatever support we can do on the local level. In this time of inflation and economic uncertainty I know the cost of education can be a challenge to families.

## FIRST COMMUNION BOOKS

Through the efforts of PDD/PGK Joe Michalik we are once again able to provide beautiful books commemorating their First Communion to those young boys and girls who are receiving the sacrament this Spring at Christ the King and St. Catherine's Parishes.

## **SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE**

For the weekend of April 15/16, we will be conducting our Special Citizens drive by collecting funds at local businesses. We will have a sign up sheet posted at the Council Hall where you can enlist for a shift or two.

## **CONGRATULATORY ROSE PROGRAM**

The Council presents congratulatory roses to mothers of children baptized at St. Catherine's and Christ the King churches. If you can help with the presentation program let Angelo Bonanno, program coordinator at St Catherine's, or Andy Skowski, program coordinator at Christ the King, know of your interest. This is a well received program and a beautiful way to let parents-parishioners know about our Council.

## **WORD ABOUT CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS:**

From time to time, many of you receive solicitations from the NJ State Knights of Columbus Council asking for donations to support their Charitable Projects. Please know that any money donated to the State Council is not shared with individual councils. We are solely dependent on what we raise on our own to make our local donations.

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Please check out our still new website at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org> . NOTE: this is a great way to be informed and updated on all Council activities. If you wish to access the Knight letters click on tab for 'newsletters' and type in password hillsidekofc3197.

## **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. Our Council continues to be under the auspices of the Bob Mc Geehan Agency, contact #732 569 1111. Also working with us is Field Agent Thomas Brennan, cell #201 637 4603, e-Mail: [thomas.brennan@kofc.com](mailto:thomas.brennan@kofc.com).

## **KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM**

Material to be submitted in the May/June issue of the KL must be received NO Later than April 15th. Contact GK Patrick at 908-884-3480 or leave it in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian at 908 688 3197.