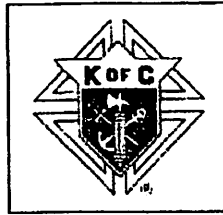


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### Grand Knights Message

Greetings My Brother Knights

As we transition from Winter to Spring with the joys and Blessings of Easter, we move closer to the end of our Fraternal Year, and we begin making plans for a new council year. We will be having nominations /elections for both Council chairs and Directors for the Columbian Club. If you are interested in being part of our leadership team(s), please reach out to a Council or Columbian Club officer. During the Month of April, I joined a number of Brother Knights and their families who participated in WALK MS in Clark in support of TEAM DAN, named in honor of PGK Dan Varady who continues to kick MS's butt. Thanks to Brothers Pete Corvelli, Steve D'Amato, Mookie Fronzak, Vincent Grillo, John Pernas, Bob Varady, Guy Varady, J.P. Varady and Team Captain, PGK Dan Varady for making the trek around Oak Ridge Park. Also on the charitable front, several brothers helped collect funds at Christ the King and Shop-Rite of Hillside to support the State K of C Citizens with Disabilities Drive. Due to logistical problems, money was not collected at St Catherines but through the help of Trustee Roger Fernandez we have been granted permission to collect for this cause on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. If you can lend a hand on that day, please let me know.

Thank you to all who came out and supported our Lenten Fish Dinner as well as our Walk in Dinner that supported our Charitable funds and our Convention expenditures respectively. Chef Bob Kaelblein once again outdid himself!

The New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention will be held over the weekend of May 19 to the 21<sup>st</sup> in Wildwood. Our Council will be staying at the Jolly Roger Motel - if you are in the area please stop by!

As we observe Memorial Day on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, we take pause to honor & remember those brave Men & Women who gave their lives in the service of our great Nation. To that end, our Council has been invited to join our Brother Knights from the Union Council and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree JFK Assembly to march in the Union Township Memorial Day Parade. The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. and we are asked to gather at 9:00 a.m.

In January of 2024, our Council will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we are in the early days of planning to celebrate and commemorate this auspicious occasion. If you have any ideas and suggestions for this event, please reach out to the Council/Columbian Club leadership.

St. Catherine's Church will have the honor of receiving and hosting the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima over the weekend of May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the St Catherine's website [StCatherinesHillside.com](http://StCatherinesHillside.com) for more details.

For planning purposes, we will be having a Walk In Dinner on **Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>** to support the AJ DeVito Memorial Scholarship Fund which is administered by the Kenilworth Fire Dept. Also, our Council Family Picnic will be held on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> @ Conant Park.

May you all have a Blessed, safe and happy summer!

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

## 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!**

We're happy to announce our Bar will be open June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are coming up to election time for Columbian Club Directors. Anyone interested should contact Bob Kaelblein at 973-663-2870

## 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>

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

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE May & June

May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Columbian Club and Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00
May 19 <sup>th</sup> to May 21 <sup>st</sup>	NJ Knights of Columbus State Convention.	Dawn till Dusk
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Union Township Memorial Day Parade.	10:00 a.m.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Columbian Club and Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00

## DUES

There are still many members who have not paid their dues. We will be sending a final notice to these members later this month. If you receive a notice and have 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

As mentioned in the opening message, over the weekend of April 15/16, we participated in the NJ State Council Citizens with Disabilities drive by collecting funds at a local business and church. A special shout out to PGK Steve Whoeler who did a tremendous job at his home parish of Christ the King! We will be at St Catherine's Church on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> to augment our collection total. If you can help out that day, please let me know.

## BAPTISMAL 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 Wnukowski, 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.

## **Member Seeking an Apartment**

Long-time member of the Council seeks a studio or 1-bedroom apartment in the area, preferably in proximity to Christ the King Church in Hillside. Non-smoker, with no pets; references available. Please contact PGK Steve Whoeler at 908-230-0613.

## **A 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.

## **KofC INSURANCE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. Our Council continues to be under the auspices of the Bob Mc Geehan Agency, contact #732 569 6045. Also working with us is Field Agent Thomas Brennan, cell #201 637 4603, e-Mail: [thomas.brennan@kofc.com](mailto:thomas.brennan@kofc.com). - The message below is from our alternate Insurance Representative Mike Garafalo:

Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets... or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are... checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old-fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving, I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse, we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look "under the hood," and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

## **KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM**

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