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March April 2024

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Rocco	Alseika	James	Duva	Anthony	Hellwig			Christopher	Siino
Joseph	Britton			James	Hellwig			Eduardo	Teixeira
Luis	Calle	Robert	Emmer	Matthew	Hoynowski	James	Pellettiere	Antonio	Vagueiro
Anthony	Carriero	Willard	Evans	Stephen	Kaelblein	Stephen	Peterpaul	Jose	Veloso
Joseph	Cascarelli	Joseph	Fernandes	Patrick	Kinsley	Jack	Pezzuti	Brendan	Vesey
Vincent	Charles	Christopher	Fitzsimmons	Thomas	Korzeneski	Joseph	Pobutkiewicz	Marc	Vicidomini
Ryan	Cruz	Matthew	Fogerty	Anthony	Kunaka	Robert	Ricci	Ryan	Villani
John	Cruz	Jacob	Fossett	Thomas	Langan	George	Roselle	Joseph	Zlotek
Russell	De Pack	Jeffrey	Fossett	John	Lazarick	George	Roselle	Stanley	Zydzik
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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.

TEAMDAN Walk MS

Our Council has been a long-time supporter of TEAMDAN and the efforts of PGK Dan Varady to personally beat MS, as well as to find a Cure for all those that suffer from this debilitating disease. Each year TEAMDAN participates in WALK MS at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Numerous Brothers and their families have joined TEAMDAN in this walk and many plan to do so again this year on Saturday April 20th at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join us, please go to www.walkms.org to register and/or donate – please indicate you wish to support or join TEAMDAN. Same Day Registration is also available at 9:00a m. on the Day of the Walk. Look for the TEAMDAN V.I.P. Table. During our Charity Dinner on Friday March 22 nd the Council will present a check to P.G.K. Varady and the local M.S. Society for this year's WALK. .

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.

75 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Brothers our 75 Th anniversary is quickly approaching. It will be held on Sunday April 14 th at the Costa Del Sol Restaurant in Union on Sunday April 14 th from 2-6 p.m. Prior to the Dinner a Mass for our Council Members and their families will be held at Christ the King Church (Hillside) at 12:30 It will be a buffet style dinner with open bar and a DJ for our entertainment. The price per ticket will be \$100 per person. **Payment for dinner must be made by April 9th, 2024.** Checks may be made payable to Father Canty Council #3197. If you have any questions, please call PGK Kevin McClave at 908-4199-4093. Please reserve your seats as soon as possible so an accurate head count can be determined. Thanks to Kevin McClave PGK- 75th Anniversary Chairman.

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

The Knights of Columbus offers a portfolio of products to help protect catholic families. The Rev. Thomas F. Canty Council #3197 is serviced by the Robert J. McGeehan Agency. Our assigned representative is Michael D. Garofalo, Assistant General Agent. He can be reached by phone at (732) 397-4365 or by email at michael.garofalo@kofc.org. I was recently informed that Mr. Garafalo qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table which puts him in the top 2% of Insurance professionals in the world.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the May June issue of the KL must be received NO Later than April 10th. Contact GK Patrick Mahon, 908-884-3480 or leave it in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.

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