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## *The KnightLetter*

May - June 2024

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### Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

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May God continue to watch over and guide us.  
Blessed Mary, Queen of the knights, Pray for Us.

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## **COLUMBIAN CLUB**

We are pleased to see the great response to our reopening of the bar. The improvements have paid off. Stop in if you are in the neighborhood. I recommend you take some time to enjoy a little refreshment and some time with your brother Knights. We still have a few minor updates planned, primarily with our bathrooms. One of our projects has been completed having the hall newly painted. Concerning the hall it is important to state "Please do not walk through the hall when parties are going on" it is disruptive and inconsiderate to our guests.

### **Slate for Columbian Director ( 3 Year Term ):**

Directors up for reelection are: John DeVito, Robert Kaelblein, and Will Evans. We currently have a slate of 4 candidates. They include John DeVito, Robert Kaelblein, Will Evans and Dave Large. Voting will be May 9<sup>th</sup> at meeting.

## **HALL RENTAL**

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## **DUES**

Suspensions and the Affiliate Membership process has begun for members who are three and four years delinquent.

**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**

## **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.

## **TEAMDAN Walk MS**

Thank you to all the Brother Knights and members of their families who participated and supported TEAM DAN in the MS Walk on April 20 th at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. TEAM DAN was the top fund raiser for this event. We will continue to support PGK Dan Varady to achieve his goal of Kicking MS's A\$\$!

## **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**

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](mailto: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 July August issue of the KL must be received NO Later than August 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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