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September - October 2024

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Grand Knights Message

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HALL RENTAL

Please know that our hall is again available for rental within the parameters of the State and CDC guidelines and is ready for any member wishing to rent the hall for everything from Christenings, First Communion, Graduations or any family function. **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>

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AJ DeVITO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER DINNER

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The DeVito Family

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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 . 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. Please see message below from Mike to our Council members and their families. Working with Knights like you and your families every day is a blessing. I truly enjoy my work. With that said, I appreciate a long weekend as well. I hope you were all able to enjoy Labor Day and get some well-deserved rest.

Whenever we have a long weekend, it's like a little preview of what retirement might look like. If you're like me, I hope my retirement is one that's restful where I'm also able to remain productive, be an active member of the Knights, pursue my personal hobbies, and enjoy a bit of travel here and there. And to those of you who are already retired, I commend you for all the time you dedicate to our Order. But if you're like me and not quite there yet, I hope you will take the necessary steps to prepare yourself financially for your retirement. A good way to do that can be through an annuity.

Now, what is an annuity? Simply put, it's a retirement savings product. You make contributions and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream. The amount of money you'll need in retirement can be difficult to calculate. But with a properly structured retirement annuity through Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

There are many different payment and plan types you can choose from. Once established, the money within the annuity continues to earn value, before eventually being disbursed according to the options you elect. Knights of Columbus annuities come with two important guarantees.

First, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value. Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis. As you can see, annuities can be a key part of your retirement strategy.

If you'd like to learn more about how annuities can help you, please schedule an appointment with me and I would be happy to discuss your options.

Vivat Jesus!

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the November - December issue of the KL must be received NO Later than October 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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