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## *The KnightLetter*

March – April 2025

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### Grand Knights Message

Greetings Brother Knights as well as to your families and loved ones.

As I write this Knight Letter on a cold gray February morning, I look forward to Spring with milder weather and longer sunnier days. In addition, we will soon be in Lent and subsequently we will be celebrating the joys and miracles of Easter. It is a time for reflection, repentance and a resurrection of our Faith and Values.

As we emerge from the doldrums of winter, the Council and Columbian Club will be busy with activities as we will be holding our Lenten Pasta Night (Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> . and Lenten Meatless Dinner (which features Fried or Baked Fish and Italian Specialties) on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> . In addition, we will be holding a BINGO Night at the Knights on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> to help support our charity funds. Moreover, on behalf of P.G.K. Dan Varady, we invite you to support and/or join TEAM DAN on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at WALK MS at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. At our Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> Pasta Dinner, the Council will present Dan with a check for \$1,000 as a major supporter of his and the MS Society's efforts to eradicate MS in our lifetime. Also, our Council has been invited to march along with other Brother Knights from across the area in the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Union on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> . For planning purposes our annual Family picnic will be held on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> , at Conant Park. Thank you to our Columbian of the Year, Lisa Bonanno who helped in the permit process and secured both the Pavillion area as well as the shady area adjacent to it.

Included in this Knight Letter is an application for our A.J. Devito Memorial Scholarship(s) . There will be two scholarships awarded: one to a college student and one for a Catholic High School pupil. These scholarships are a tribute to the late A. J. Devito who personified the values of charity, kindness and service to all who were blessed to have known him.

In business matters, Dues notices have again been sent out. We ask that you pay your dues in a timely manner and help prevent the mailings of additional dues notices. The cost of postage has risen considerably and on a tight budget, each dollar saved is a small blessing. As members have aged and have moved on to other locales as well as a significant change in the demographics of the area, our membership numbers have dwindled which we need to reverse to maintain our presence in Hillside. If you know of a man who you feel would be a good candidate for our order, please put them in contact with me or any officer. Please note that due to work and travel issues, the March Council & Columbian Club meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month, March 20<sup>th</sup> , rather than the second Thursday

I wish everyone a prayerful Lent and a magnificent Easter season.

Fraternally Yours

Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

908-884-3480

## 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. Updates are continuing. The long needed updates to our Ladies restroom have been completed. We wish to thank Don D'Augustine for the many hours of work he donated to make this happen. Without his guidance and the help of several others the repairs and improvements would not have been completed so economically and swiftly. Thank you Don. "Please do not walk through the hall when parties are going on" it is disruptive and inconsiderate to our guests.

## 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. Contact the Club at 908-688-3197. Pictures are also available on our web site at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org>

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE March and April

Friday March 7 th - Lenten Pasta Walk-In-Dinner (details below)

Thursday February 13 th – Columbian Club Meeting at 6:00p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday March 14 th – Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade – Join Brother Knights from across the County in this celebration of St. Patrick and Catholicism.

**Thursday March 20 th** – Columbian Club and Council Meetings at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Corn Hole Tournament 1:00 p.m.

Saturday/Monday April 5 th and 7 th NCAA Final Four – join us at the Club to watch these exciting games!

Sunday April 6 th – Walk MS 10:00 a.m. Oak Ridge Park Clark – Join us and be part of TEAM DAN

**Thursday April 10 th** - Columbian Club Meeting at 6:00p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday April 11 th – Lenten Meatless Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (details below).

Sunday April 20 th – Easter Sunday

Friday April 25 th – BINGO NIGHT @ the Knights.

## DUES

2025 Knight Alert Dues have been mailed. Those not responding to the recently mailed Knight Alert are in danger of being suspended from our Order. **The Suspension or Affiliate Member process will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will concentrate on the members who are delinquent 3 or more years first.** It is extremely important to health of our Council to pay your dues promptly. If there are any questions concerning the status of your membership please contact our Financial Secretary, Robert Kaelblein at 973-663-2870 and leave a message. It may be also be possible to help those several years delinquent. 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 or a signed note (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205**

## 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, no pets; references available. Please contact PGK Steve Whoeler at 908-230-0613.

**Lenten Pasta Dinner** – We will be hosting our Lenten Pasta Dinner on Friday March 7 th . Menu includes Penne w/Vodka Sauce/Linguini with (Red or White Sauce) Clam Sauce/Stuffed Shells/ Eggplant Rollatini with Linguini, plus dessert, coffee and tea. \$18.00per person - \$15 for seniors - \$10.00 for Children \$12 and under.

**Lenten Meatless Dinner** - Join us on Friday April 10 th for a Lenten Meatless Dinner featuring Fish baked or Fried with Coleslaw and Mac & Cheese/ Linguini with (Red or White Sauce) Clam Sauce/Stuffed Shells/ Shrimp Parmigiana with Linguini plus dessert, coffee and tea. \$18.00per person - \$15 for seniors - \$10.00 for Children \$12 and under.

**Bingo Night at the Knights** – Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night April 25 th as we introduce Bingo to our Council. Those of us who grew up in the 50's 60's and 70's often heard Bingo being referred to as the 8 th Sacrament of the Church as weekly Bingo games were part of Parish life and provided funds and helped supplement Catholic School education in our area. Admission is \$20.00 and the total prize money for the evening will be \$500.00. Proceeds will help our charitable endeavors.

**Corn Hole Tournament** – Once again we will be holding a Corn Hole tournament Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a well received event. Entrance fee \$20 with cash prizes awarded. Come join the fun.

### **Walk MS 2025**

A number of our Brother Knights and I along with their families will be participating in Walk MS 2025 which will be held on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Oak Ridge Park in Clark. We do this in support of PGK Dan Varady who continues his battle with this disease. Please google Walk MS 2025 Clark Nj to find out how to register and/or support TEAM DAN or an individual walker.

### **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.

### **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.

**Coat Drive** – Thank you to all who donated to our Coat drive that supported St. Joseph's Social Service Center and the Newark Abbey (St. Benedict's) Coat Closet. I have developed relationships with the staff members at these sites and can take gently used coats/clothing year-round. Please contact me at PJMahon@Comcast.net to arrange a donation, pick up etc.

### **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 - MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE**

Brothers,

Tax Day, April 15, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications?

Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive.

You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax planning in a range of situations.

In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 143 years ago this month. I'd love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Vivat Jesus!

### **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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