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Grand Knights Message

Greetings Brother Knights and your families:

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Season and along with our Spring weather you are feeling both spiritually and physically renewed. With the passing of Pope Francis, the Church will be looking at new leadership as we quickly move through the 21st Century. I hope our next Pope will bring unity and vitality to our Catholic a.k.a. Universal church as well as to continue to heal all those affected by the sins and mistakes of the past. Often lost in the conversations about "The Church" is the fact the Catholic Church is the largest social service organization in the world. No other religion or organization supports, runs and/or funds schools, hospitals, homeless shelters, food pantries, community engagement and empowerment along with literally thousands of other services. We as the Father Canty Knights of Columbus Council also in our own way support our parishes, local charities and the Catholic Church..

During the winter months our Council remained active with 2 Lenten Dinners, a Cornhole Tournament, our first ever Bingo Night (thank you to PGK Bob Kaelblein, PGK Kevin McClave and his wife Tina, John DeVito plus the Q-Man -PGK Knight Steve Q. Woehler for their help making this event a reality). By the time this KnightLetter gets to you we would have had our Cinco-De Mayo Margarita extravaganza spearheaded by our Columbian club Bartender par excellence, Cat Wallace. Through the efforts of PGK Joe Michalik, we were able to present First Holy Communion keepsake books and rosaries to the Communion Class at both Christ the King and St. Catherine's Parishes. This activity was particularly well received this year, and compliments and gratitude were expressed to Council leadership. Please save the Date of August 17th for our annual AJ DeVito Scholarship Dinner. We will honor our Dear AJ, plus raise funds to keep alive his memory and legacy of kindness, compassion and the eternal goodness of his soul.

As we enter May and June we are concluding another fraternal year, my thanks to my fellow Council officers and to the Columbian Club Directors. Through the combined efforts of these two groups, our Council remains strong and active. However, we need to attract new members whether they are young or old to keep our Council on firm footing and poised to thrive for many years to come. If you know someone who would be a good candidate for our Council, or the Knights of Columbus in general please have them get in contact with me.

The annual NJ State Knights of Columbus Convention Wildwood NJ is scheduled from Thursday May 15th through Sunday the 18th. Our Council's base of operations will be the Jolly Roger Hotel in Wildwood. Please join us if you are in the area. Have a wonderful start to your summer!

Fraternally Yours
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight
908-884-3480

SLATE OF OFFICERS for the 2025/2026 Columbian Year.

Grand Knight – SK, Pat Mahon
Deputy Grand Knight – Chris Lanzafama
Chancellor – Kevin Mc Clave Jr
Recorder – SK, PGK Steven Q. Whoeler
Financial Secretary – SK, PGK Robert Kaelblein
Treasurer – SK, Steve Karwowski
Advocate – PGK John Gross
Warden – SK, David Large
Lecturer – Steve D’Amato
Inside Guard – Chris Fronzak
Outside Guard – Paul Peyton
Trustee – SK, PGK Andy Wnukowski
Trustee – SK, PGK Kevin McClave
Trustee – Thomas Childers

COLUMBIAN CLUB

It is time to post our Directors up for reelection for a three year term. We are recommending reelecting Kevin McClave, Steve Q. Whoeler, and Chris Lanzafama. If you wish to become a Director please submit your name to Robert Kaelblein at our meeting in May or June or by email to fr.canty3197@gmail.com.

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>
“Please do not walk through the hall when parties are going on” it is disruptive and inconsiderate to our guests.

DUES

The Suspension or Affiliate Member process has been submitted to our District Deputy. All members who are delinquent 3 or more years are subject to this process. If you are unsure or have any questions please contact our Financial Secretary Robert Kaelblein at 973-663-2870

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

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE March and April

Thursday May 8 – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) and Council Meetings (7:00 p.m.).
Thursday May 15th – Sunday May 18th NJ State KofC convention -Wildwood NJ
Thursday May 22 nd Scholarship and Community Appreciation/Valor Awards (7:00 p.m.)
Thursday June 12th – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) & Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Election of Officers @ this meeting.

AJ DeVito Scholarship and Valor/Community Appreciation Night – Thursday May 22nd .

Our Council will be awarding our AJ DeVito Scholarships and reinstituting our Police Officer/ Firefighter Valor awards along with a DPW Community appreciation Award. Please join us as we recognize:

AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Sklar McClave
AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Susan Peterpaul
AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Dakota Borys
AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Anais Giselle Argueta
Hillside Police Dept Valor Award Recipient – Kevin Valentin
Hillside Fire Department Valor Award Recipient – Anthony Hyatt
Hillside Department of Public Works Community Appreciation Award Winner – Anthony Russomano
Distinguished Service Award will be presented to our Council Chaplain Father Luc Duc Tran
This event will take place on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at our Council Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Walk MS 2025

Thank you to all the Brother Knights and members of their families who participated and supported TEAM DAN in the MS Walk on April 6th at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. TEAM DAN was once again one of the top three team fund raisers for this event. We will continue to support PGK Dan Varady to achieve his goal of Kicking MS's A\$\$!

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.

LENTEN DINNERS:

Once again our two Lenten dinners were successful. Thank you to all those who helped prepare, serve, and clean-up. The profits will help greatly in funding all our charities.

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'.

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Brothers,

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 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 am thinking 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? Let's set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

Vivat Jesus!

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the July – August issue of the KL must be received NO Later than June 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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