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Grand Knights Message

Greetings Brother Knights and members of your families,

I am writing this message shortly after another highly successful AJ DeVito Memorial Scholarship Dinner. It was great to see so many people from our Council, Parishes and Community come out and support this worthwhile endeavor. Through the scholarships we present in AJ's name, his legacy of fraternity and kindness as well as his eternal goodness will live on! Thanks to our wonderful Chef PGK Bob Kaelblein and his kitchen crew of PGK Steve "Q" Whoeler, David Large, & Peter Kowalsky who prepared and served over 110 dinners, as well as our Bar set up and Bartending team of PGK Kevin McClave, Mike Borys and Chris "Mookie" Fronzak who worked nonstop from early afternoon into the evening. In addition, thanks to Steve Karwowski, and Rich Whitting who helped set up and clean up after the event. PGK Gary Williams was the ultimate utility man, as he jumped in everywhere help was needed. A shout out to Brothers, Peter Corvelli and J.P. Varady who helped spread the word throughout the area. As always, a huge thank you to the heart and soul of our Council, John DeVito (AJ's Dad) who manned the entrance way greeting Brother Knights, friends and family, selling dinner tickets, and doling out 50/50 chances. In addition, there were several people who made donations to the Council in support of the AJ Scholarship. Thank you, once again, to everyone who participated in this incredible event.

With the AJ DeVito Scholarship dinner for this Columbian year behind us, there are a number of activities that will be taking place in the next couple of months as we have our annual Family Picnic (September 6th), a Football Tail Gate Party (Sunday September 28), Bagels and Football (Sunday October 12th) and Fall Bingo Night (Friday October 24th).

At our first Council Meeting of the "new year" in July, I had the pleasure of meeting and introducing our new District Deputy, Brother Michael Collings, who brings energy and commitment to this role. We as a council look forward to working with Mr. Collings as we plan to increase our Council membership, work collaboratively with other councils in our area, and take our rightful place as one of the most active and best councils in the State of New Jersey. On this topic, a sincere thank you to Brother Michael Peter a local District Deputy, who helped fill the void last year, when our previous District Deputy was unavailable.

Recently I had a daughter of one of our Brother Knights contact me to say her dad was confined to a Nursing Home and would love to have a visit from some fellow Knights. Hopefully we can visit this Brother and in addition, I thought this would be a good program to initiate within our Council. If you would be interested in piloting this program within our Council please let me know. Conversely if you or if you know a Brother Knight who would like a visit from our Council Brothers also reach out to me: PJMahan@Comcast.net.

In my Forty-five plus years as a Knight it never ceases to amaze me that our Brother Knights especially those men in Father Canty Council #3197 rise to the occasion when a fellow Knight needs assistance. Recently one of Brothers needed last minute help in moving furniture etc. to his new dwelling, so on a hot sweltering Sunday afternoon, Brothers Ben DeVito, and Kevin

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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

BINGO NIGHT at the KNIGHTS

Due to the success of our Bingo Knight in April and now back due to popular demand the Council will be holding our Fall Bingo Night on Friday October 24th. Admission is \$20.00 for two cards and \$5.00 for each additional card. You will be treated to the dulcet tones of Bingo Caller extraordinaire PGK Kevin McClave as well as some surprise callers. Please join us to support our Council endeavors via the "Eight Sacrament" of the Catholic Church.

IN MEMORIAM

Since our last Knight Letter, we lost Brother Joseph Moran. In addition to being a Brother Knight, Joe was a highly accomplished and well-respected Hillside Fireman. May Brother Moran Rest in Eternal Peace and Happiness. Our Deceased Members Mass is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 10th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Council Hall.

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 at St Catherine's, or Christ the King, let me know.

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.

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Brothers,

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need? Maybe you wonder about this occasionally, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

According to the most recent Insurance Study performed by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association ("LIMRA"), 40 percent of American adults say they need life insurance or need to obtain more life insurance coverage.1 That's a lot of people wondering, "What if?" What if you need more? What if you're not prepared for the unexpected? Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap.

Young adults; if you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.

Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone. Life insurance can help provide security for the unknown.

Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensure your business will operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs. Don't wait — ensuring you and your family are protected can be quicker and easier than you may imagine. Set up time to meet with me and we will start the process together.

Vivat Jesus!

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the November/ December issue of the KL must be received NO Later than September 10th. Contact GK Patrick Mahon, 908-884-3480. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.

McClave jr. volunteered and got this man settled into his new home. May this spirit of Generosity and fraternity always be a hallmark of our Council.

In the last Knight Letter, I mentioned that our Council and Columbian Club leadership as well as many of our members were on the older side of the curve of life, and thus we needed to recruit new Brothers to ensure the continuity and long-term viability of our Council. This remains very true, but as Brother Bob Varady reminded me, (in so many words), that the golden agers among us are still a feisty bunch and will still contribute greatly to our council. However, if you know someone who would be a good candidate to join our Order, please reach out to myself or any Brother of our Council.

Please enjoy the waning days of summer and remember to appreciate the splendor of God's creation with the upcoming Fall Foliage

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

Fraternally Yours
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

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.

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. 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. Contact the Club at 908-688-3197. Pictures are available on our web site at www.hillsidekofc.org

AJ SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the AJ Scholarship Fund. To all those who came to the dinner August 17th brought a raffle ticket and or made a donation, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Once again a special thanks to Bob Kaelblein who without him this wouldn't be possible. The food was delicious, as always and the time he donated is priceless. With Love and Sincere Thanks, the entire DeVito Family.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE September & October 2025

Saturday September 6th -Annual Family Picnic @ the Council Parking Lot 12 noon till Sunset
Thursday September 11 – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) and Council Meetings (7:00 p.m.).
Sunday September 28th Football Tail Gate Party @ the Club 1:00 p.m. to 7:00
Thursday October 9th– Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) and Council Meetings (7:00 p.m.).
Sunday October 12th - Bagels and Football 9:30 a.m. as the NY Jets face the Denver Broncos in Merry Old England.
Friday October 24 – Fall Bingo Night 7:00 p.m. at the Council.

FAMILY PICNIC

Our Annual Family Picnic will be held on Saturday September 6th from noon to Sunset. For the ease of logistics as well as providing access to clean bathrooms and a possible respite from inclement or uncomfortable weather, the picnic will be held in the Council Parking Lot. The menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, a London Broil or two along with a few surprises that our Chefs will prepare. Cold beverages will also be available that you and your guests can enjoy. Cost will remain \$30.00 per family and individual tickets will be \$15.00. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, frivolity and Brotherhood.

IT IS FOOTBALL SEASON AT THE KNIGHTS

As the Professional football season is upon us, please join us for two football related events in September and October. On Sunday September 28th, the Council will be holding a tail gate party, where we will be bar-b-queuing in the Council Parking lot while you can enjoy an afternoon, watching games in our bar. On Sunday October 12th join us @ 9:30 a.m. for bagels, beer and football as the ever-hapless (I'm a Jet fan so I can say that) New York Jets take on the Denver Broncos in London.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Please check out our 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".

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