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Grand Knights Message

Greetings Brother Knights and members of your families,

As we conclude the Easter season and hopefully get some continuous good weather our Council remains active. During April we had another successful BINGO Night and that was followed by our salute to Hillside Seniors. At this event we were able to partner with our Brother Knight and Union County Sheriff Peter Corvelli to provide a delicious lunch followed by an afternoon of Bingo. Sheriff Corvelli was kind and gracious enough to sponsor the lunch portion. Thanks to PGK's Bob Kaelblein, Kevin McClave, and Steve "Q" Wohler, as well as Warden David Large, Tina McClave, Nancy DeAugustine and Johnny "D" DeVito for making the afternoon a success. The Council will host another Bingo Night on Friday June 5th. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the BINGO balls will start to be spun at 7:00 p.m.

Through the efforts of PGK Joe Michalik, we were able to present First Holy Communion keepsake books and rosaries to the Communion Classes 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 16th for our annual AJ DeVito Scholarship Dinner. We will honor our Dear Departed Brother 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 cooperative 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 or any Council Officer.

The annual NJ State Knights of Columbus Convention Wildwood NJ is scheduled from Thursday May 14th through Sunday the 17th. Our Council's base of operations will be the Jolly Roger Hotel in Wildwood. Please join us if you are in the area. **Please note that due to the Convention starting on Thursday May 14th (our normal Meeting Night) our May Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 13th.**

As there is a continuing need for new Priests please recite the following prayer for Vocations: Heavenly Father, your harvest needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for all the Dioceses in New Jersey, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen. Have a great start to your summer. May God continue to watch over and guide us and Mary Queen of the Knights pray for us.

Fraternally Yours
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

AJ DeVito Scholarship and Valor/Community Appreciation Night

Thursday May 21st. Our Council will be awarding our AJ DeVito Scholarships and reinstating our Police Officer/ Firefighter Valor awards along with a DPW Community appreciation Award. Please join us as we recognize:

- * AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Skylar McClave
- * AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Susan Peterpaul
- * AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – James Patrick Kirk
- * AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Alexander J. Niewinski
- * AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Amaya Presley
- * AJ DeVito Scholarship Award Winner – Dakota Borys
- * Hillside Police Dept Community Appreciation Award– T.B.D.
- * Hillside Fire Department Community Appreciation Award Recipient – T.B.D.
- * Hillside Department of Public Works Community Appreciation Award Winner – Greg Basara

This event will take place on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at our Council Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

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. It is Election Time for Columbian Directors. We are nominating Michael Borys, Steve Karwowski, and Pete Kowalski for reelection. This is a three year term. Any member who wishes to become a Director, please come to our meetings and present yourself, for consideration. All members are welcome.

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

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE MAY & JUNE 2026

Wednesday May 13th – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) and Council Meetings (7:00 p.m.).

Thursday May 14th – Sunday May 17th NJ State KofC convention - Wildwood NJ

Thursday May 21st Scholarship and Community Appreciation/Valor Awards (7:00 p.m.)

Friday June 5th BINGO Night at the Knights

Thursday June 11th – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) & Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Election of Officers @ this meeting.

SLATE OF OFFICERS for the 2026/2027 Columbian Year.

At our May Meeting the following slate of Officers will be presented for the 2026/2027 Columbian Year. As always nominations are accepted from off the floor. Elections will be held at our Council Meeting on Thursday June 11, Grand Knight – SK, Pat Mahon Deputy Grand Knight – Chris Lanzafama Chancellor – Richard Whiting 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

DUES

Suspensions and the Affiliate Membership process have begun for members who are three-or more-years delinquent. 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. **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**

Walk MS 2026

Thank you to all the Brother Knights and members of their families who participated and supported TEAM DAN in the MS Walk on April 18th 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 and the MS Society in their quest to find a cure for this disease.

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. We do need additional help at St. Catherines, please contact GK Pat Mahon if you can help.

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".

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.

KofC INSURANCE

Brothers

A consistent income brings financial stability and well-being to your family. If it were to vanish unexpectedly — whether because of death or disability — consider what might happen next:

Would your loved ones need to sell or downsize their home? Would your children need to change schools? Would it impact retirement savings? Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions. Depending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs.

If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or protecting what you've built.

If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away. Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years. Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan.

Not sure what coverage is right for you? Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs. I'm here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

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9995. Products may vary by state. Insurance solutions are available to eligible KFC members in the US and Canada.

Vivat Jesus!

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

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