

# Newsletter February 2021

*From the Grand Knight Council 6504:*

*Dear Brothers,*

*Welcome to February 2021*

*I Hope that All of You and Your Families Continue to be Healthy & Safe!*

## **East Hanover Knights of Columbus February Highlights:**

- **Neale Baxter Wake & Funeral - Thank-You to All Brothers who Participated**
- **2021 EH K of C Membership List Updated & Dues Letters Sent to Members. Due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks Gregg Taylor**
- **March Madness Fundraiser** - Tickets \$10 & 10 Per Envelope. Tickets were handed out at 2/8 Meeting. Please see Joe Musso at his Office for Additional Tickets or Call Bob Leach at (908)-447-7785. Deadline March 17th!  
– **Thanks, Joe & Bob**
- **EH K of C Fundraiser Bags** – Status – EH K of C Future Fundraiser & Offer to District – Bob Leach reached out to District Deputy George Coppola to see if Other Councils would be interested in buying Bags from us. Still waiting to hear back.
- **Discuss Upgrading TeleConference Phone and/or WIFI for Zoom Meetings in Cafeteria** - *for Improved EH K of C Virtual Meetings – Noticed there is WIFI in Center Classroom – Gregg said he spoke to Father Matthew the Current Phone System is Leased & they are in the process of moving to a New Phone System. We should also look into the WIFI Hookup for Zoom Meetings & TV's in our Lounge at the same time for Efficiency. Covid is not going away any time soon. Joe Carvagno also noticed Deacon Ron uses Zoom Meetings in Cafeteria and we will look into how we can utilize this for our K of C Meetings going forward. Gregg & Joe to Follow-Up!!*
- **K of C Safe Environment Training Course Certification** - Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, & Community Director are Required to take Course. Rich, Andy, Mike & Vinnie All Completed the Certification. Rich forwarded Form 365 into Safe Environment Program Administrator. Background Checks were ordered.

- **New Open EH K of C Candidates (3) - Carmine Bronzino, Steve Gargiulo, Trevor O'Reilly – Paul Matey - Membership Director** will Follow-Up to be sure they are Trained
- **Next Potential ("CUF") Degree Date?** – CUF Team, Rich Will Check with Chris 1<sup>st</sup>, On-Line CUF Degrees are Always an Option. Mike Trocchia's Son Took the On-Line CUF Degree.
- **EH Membership Drive Tactics** – Tactics were Shared from NJ State-of-the State Meeting on 1/16/21 – Rich Shared Council 5401 Best Practices -- Paul - Affinity vs Known Current EH K of C Initiatives, Retention Also needs to be Implemented. Mentoring Program Needs to Be Re-Implemented. **Paul Matey Drafting EH K of C Membership Drive Plan of Action to be Presented to Council 6504 shortly!**
- **EH K of C Membership Drive Sign/Poster Update** Sent to Mario Accumanno on 1/16/21 – Rich
- **EH K of C Website Updates** – Andy Liebhauser will follow-up.
- **NJ K of C Fourth Degree Volunteer Request to Represent EH K of C - for Virtual Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7:30PM – Contact Rich 973-632-6407**
- **Renovation of EH K of C Lounge - Major Accomplishments To Date**
  - Rich Koscielak & Darren DelSardo Donated Couches & Love Seats & Tables
  - Brothers Knights Made a Motion & Voted to Dedicate the Lounge in Honor of Neale Baxter!
  - Brian Brokaw Led the Technical Evaluation & Technical/Careful Removal of the Center Wall
  - Brian Brokaw & Vinnie Piserchio Cut Sheetrock Across Center Wall on 2/6/21 & Removed Insulation to Locate Metal Studs & Metal Support Beams
  - Brian Brokaw, Dillon Brokaw, & Jon Isselin Removed Sheetrock & Metal Studs the Week of 2/8/21. Major Technical Work Completed!
  - Vinnie Piserchio Coordinated the Removal of Sheetrock, Studs & Carpeting on Saturday 2/13 with Brothers Joe Carvagno, Joe Cavagno Jr. Rich Koscielak, Andy Liebhauser, Joe Musso, & Gregg Taylor.
  - Randy Rossilli came down to take Measurements for Laminate Flooring on Sat. 2/13!

- **Thank You All** - For All Your Knights Teamwork to Get So Much Technical & Hard Lifting Done! **You are All Truly Amazing!!!**
- **Next Steps** – Will be to Paint Both Rooms a Light Gray Before the Medium Gray Laminate Flooring is Installed by Randy Roslli's Installers!!!

**Joe Carvagno, Vinnie Piserchio, Andy Liebhauser**



**Vinnie Piserchio, Andy Liebhauser, Joe Musso, Gregg Taylor Joe Carvagno Jr.**



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**Rich Koscielak**



Joe Musso & Vinnie Piserchio



Vinnie Piserchio & Rich Koscielak







## Master Carpenter Brian Brokaw In Action



Dillon Brokaw, Brian Brokaw & Jon Isselin (Awesome Team!)

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***EH K of C Wives Appreciation Mass – Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Father Kerwin Celebrated a Beautiful Mass for the Wives/Better Halves, Father Matthew provided The Organist & Andrea which made the Evening Extra Special & The Knights gave their Sweethearts the Beautiful Roses Safely & the Mass was Live Streamed as Always. See Photos.***



Andrea & Father Kerwin



Eddie O'Connor & Judy, Jeannie & Gregg Taylor, Debbie & Vinnie Piserchio





Joe & Maureen Carvagno, Fred & Carol Donatelli, Randy & Pat Rossilli



Susan & John Bongo, Gina & Andy Liebhauser, Ben & Debra Cosentino



Michelle & Brian Brokaw and Joyce & Frank DeMaio

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***EH K of C Family of The Month Award was Given to The Carvagno Family Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the 12:15PM Mass For Outstanding & Dedicated Service to the Parish & Community***



Joe Carvagno Jr., Joe Carvagno & Rich Koscielak

- **EH K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance – Cancelled- Rich**
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- **EH K of C "People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive Planning – Director – Robert Cosentino We Discussed How we can Safely Collect in Front of Stores the Way St Rose Successfully Collected for the Car Raffle this Year – Rich**
- **Terri Lynn Nut/Candy Fundraising Program – Mike Trocchia Volunteered to Get Samples**
- **Warden Officer Needed - All**
- **Recorder Officer Needed - All**
- **Mike Ditta GoFundMe Site – <https://gofund.me/46bdf320> - Fred sent out a Sympathy Card. Mike Sent \$ 200 Donation Directly To Mike Ditta**
- **Reviewed & Approved New EH K of C "Guidelines for Donations to Knights & Family Members Who Need Assistance with Funeral Expenses" Drafted By Ron Angelo- Thank-You!**
- **Donation to Bishop Sweeney Charity - \$100 Bishop Sweeney Donated to Seminarians.**
- **Donation to Ad Book for Our District for Vincent Tavormina - \$25**
- **Reviewed Mail & Donation Requests**

- **NJ Wildwood Convention – May 14-16 2021 Fri/Sat Minimum. Room Rates ~\$85 Per Night. No Refunds after 4/1/21. – Rich & Vinnie Will attend if it goes off.**
- **NJ Covid Vaccine Sign-up Link – [covidvaccine.nj.gov](https://covidvaccine.nj.gov)**
- **EH K of C Signs Update- Wait Till Spring To Put Them Up \* Mike Trocchia Leading this Effort**
- **House Manager - Need Assistant to Chris, Reinstitute Refreshments at Meetings! Pizza or Sandwiches? Brothers said they Prefer Sandwiches!**
- **More Event Volunteers Needed**
- **Ushers Needed Going Forward? – Joe said he had Enough Ushers for Now!**
  
- **EH K of C Brothers Helping Brothers – Ron Angelo asked to be Removed**
- **General Meeting Start Time Change From 8:00 PM to 7:30 PM – Did Not require Change in By-Laws. We will try this for the Remainder of this Year to see if this helps/hinders the attendance at Meetings.**
- **Next General Meeting March 8th at 7:30PM St Rose of Lima Church - Lower Cafeteria**
- **Virtual Call-In (602)-580-9216 and Access Code 2237738#**
- **More Event Volunteers Needed – We know that the current Covid-19 situation may have some of our Brothers uneasy about attending the General Meetings, but, we have limited our General Meetings to once a month for now, and we all are REQUIRED to wear Masks, and we sit far apart to ensure safety at all times at our Meetings. We would welcome you to come back and share your ideas and to volunteer for events when you feel comfortable doing so. Please RSVP to Andy Liebhauser at (201) - 317-6507 to Volunteer for Events or Recorder or Warden Positions.**
- **New EH K of C Field Agent - Steven Kennedy – Insurance & Retirement Specialist attended the October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Introduced himself. He went over his experience as a Senior Vice President in the Insurance Industry. He has exceptional experience with Retirement Planning and Welcomes the opportunity to work with our Council. **Please Call Steven at 973-934-8955 or email him at-- [steven.kennedy@kofc.org](mailto:steven.kennedy@kofc.org)****
- **EH K of C Strategic Plan Committee - (Andy Liebhauser, Frank DeMaio, Bill Salemme & Rich Koscielak) (Previous June 2015 Copy from Rich Koscielak was Distributed after the Meeting).**
- **Review of EH K of C By-Laws & Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Meeting TBD.**

- Food Pantry – (Open 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Each Month from 10:00AM-11:00AM) Father Matthew Indicated that Food Cards are Now Preferred, so Parishioners in Need Can Go & Buy what they need.
- 18. Other - Brothers in Need of Prayers - Fred Donatelli, - Carmine Davino, Kathy Liebhauser - Andy's Mom, Please Pray for Our Dear Brothers & Their Families!!!

- Please Remember To Check on Your Neighbors
- Please Keep Our Brothers & Others mentioned below, in Our Prayer & Intentions:

- Deacon Vin & Peggy Leo
- Frank Nolan
- Rick Musso & Brother
- Fred Vaccaro
- Randy Rossilli
- John Kinney
- Fred Donatelli
- Carmine Davino
- Kathy Liebhauser
- Alan Politi
- George LaVecchia
- Kathie Koscielak

- Special Intentions For: All People Who are Sick Or Died from Covid-19
- Please see Morris County Link for New Public Testing below:

	<p><a href="#">Morris County Launches New Public Testing Statewide   Morris County, NJ</a>  determine whether to order a nasal or a saliva process of scheduling at-home delivery of test be required to provide their insurance informa Medicaid data, or indicate that they are uninsu  <a href="http://morriscountynj.gov">morriscountynj.gov</a></p>
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- <https://morriscountynj.gov/2020/11/morris-county-launches-new-public-testing-as-covid-19-rate-spikes->

[statewide/#:~:text=The%20Morris%20County%20Board%20of,spike%20in%20the%20virus%20statewide.](#)

- *First Responders (Police, Fire & EMT)*
- *Military*
- *People & Families Struggling with Addictions*
- *Wishing All Our Brothers with Birthdays a Healthy & Happy Year!*

***Thank-You, and Please Stay Healthy & Safe!***

***God Bless You All!***

***Your Brother in Christ,***

***Rich Koscielak***

***Grand Knight***

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