

Newsletter April 2021

From the Grand Knight Council 6504:

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to April 2021

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

East Hanover Knights of Columbus April Highlights:

- *EH K of C & St Rose Agreement Reviewed & Signed - by Pastor Father Matthew & EH K of C Grand Knight Rich Koscielak Dated 3/1/2020 – 3/1/2040*
- *EH K of C Council 6504 2020 Annual Survey Form 1728 Completed by Gregg Taylor –*
 - *Charitable Disbursements \$71,018 --- Hours of Service 935 Thank-You!!*
- *Renovation of EH K of C Lounge - Major Accomplishments-To-Date & Next Steps*
 - *Rich Koscielak & Darren DelSardo Donated Couches & Love Seats & Tables*
 - *Bill Salemme Donated a 50" TV -- Bill also Pledged \$1,000 Donation for the Room.*
 - *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 Carvagno Jr. Rich Koscielak, Andy Liebhauser, Joe Musso, & Gregg Taylor.*

- Randy Rossilli came down to take Measurements for Laminate Flooring on Sat. 2/13!
- Brian Brokaw, Vinnie Piserchio, Dillon Brokaw & Jon Isselin Continued to Install the 28' of Laminate Support Beams in the Ceiling to Support the Drop Ceiling on Monday 2/15!!!
- Brian Brokaw & His Crew Spent 6 Days Working on the Removal of the Half Wall Installing the Laminate Beam to Support the Drop Ceiling & Installing the Sheetrock/Plywood & Corner where needed. In addition, Meticulously, Spackling & Sanding Several Coats, Ready for Painting. All this labor would have Cost Our Council an Estimated ~\$ 10,000 in labor that Brian Brokaw Donated. Thank You SO Much Brian Brokaw for This Generous Donation
- Rich picked-up Gray Paint at Home Depot. Both Rooms were Painted on Saturday 2/20 By Joe Carvagno, Rich Koscielak, Vinnie Piserchio, Bill Salemme, Gregg Taylor & Mike Trocchia.
- Randy Rossilli Donated Beautiful Commercial Laminate Flooring the Week of 2/22/21.
- Randy Rossilli's Installers Leveled the Cement Floor to Tile Floor on Thurs.2/25 & Fri. 2/26 and Installed the Light Brown/Gray Laminate Flooring & Cove Molding on Saturday 2/27.
- As discussed, & agreed to at previous EH K of C Meetings, Randy said he would be so Generous to Donate the Light Brown/Gray Laminate Flooring, but the EH K of C would have to Pay for the Floor Installation.
- Randy's Preliminary Estimate is for the Installations was ~\$3,500. Actual came out to \$3,760.
- As Promised, Randy Rossilli Donated ~ \$7,400 in Beautiful Laminate Flooring for Our EH K of C Lounge. Thank-You SO MUCH Brother Randy Rossilli for this MOST Generous Donation!!!
- **Current Bills-to-Date** - Brokaw Receipts - \$695, Garden State Waste Mgmt. \$445, Home Depot Paint \$220, Floor Install \$3,800. + Electrical Outlets \$49 = **\$5,209** vs **Budget \$5,000 = \$209** - Randy said Floor would have been \$11,000- **Randy Donated \$7,240.**
- **Window Blinds Repair & Cleaning** - Vinnie Piserchio & Joe Musso Repaired the Blinds Tension Rods & Clips & Cleaned the Windows & Windows Sills on Saturday 3/20/21. The Blinds literally Look New now & there is No Need to Buy New Blinds as Originally Thought!!

- **Final Lounge Cleanup** - Vinnie Vacuumed the Floor & Rich Cleaned the Floor with the New Bona Floor Cleaner. The Couches & Love Seats were Moved into Place & Cleaned, & 50" TV Bill Salemme Donated was Set-up on the Coffee Table.
- **The Lounge is Now Ready for the Game Tables to Come IN!!**





Pool Table - Joe Musso Found a Pool Table on the Facebook Marketplace in Montville for Our Lounge. It is a High Quality OIHausen Pool Table. The Potential

Purchase was discussed at the Officers Meeting on 4/8/21 and this Discussion will continue at the General Meeting on 4/12/21.

Donations were made by the Following EH K of C for the EH K of C Lounge

Furnishings: Brothers Bill Salemme \$1,000, Tony Scarpa - \$500, Andy Liebhauser - \$500 & Jim Giordano - \$300. The Total was \$2,300 for Game Tables. We then Approved the Purchase of the Pool Table found by Joe Musso. The OlHausen Pool Table will be Delivered this Thursday, 4/15/21 to the EH K of C Lounge.

Next Steps – EH K of C Neale Baxter Lounge Dedication Plaque & Knight of the Month Award Plaques - Rich Ordered New Dedication Plaque & Proofed it the from Fred Donatelli. Rich Also Ordered Knight-of-the-Month Award Plaques, as well. All Plaques are Now in and ***will be Presented on Monday, May 10th during the EH K of C Dedication/Grand Opening & Award Ceremony!!***

Neale Baxter Dedication Plaque \$25 Donation from CERT/Frank DeMaio will be applied to Cost of this Plaque.

Next Steps – New Supreme Patrick Kelly Photo – Bob Leach is trying to get New Photo of Patrick Kelly to Update Existing Supreme Carl Anderson Photo in Frame.

Next Steps – Discuss/Formulate Furnishings Budget for the Lounge to Include: Shuffle-Board Table, Pool Table, Ping-Pong Table, Card Tables, & Small Rolling Bar!! ***The Officers Discussed the Budget at the Officers Meeting on 4/8/21 and Agreed that the EH Lounge Furnishings Budget should not Exceed \$5,000 at this time. This Discussion Continued at the EH K of c General Meeting on 4/12/21 and was Agreed to and will be Voted on at a Special Zoom Meeting on Monday 4/26/21. Mike Trocchia will Send the Zoom Meeting Invite out shortly.***

Next Steps – Rich Shopped on Wayfair for Shuffle-Board Table - \$3,975, Pool Table- \$1,040, Ping-Pong Table-\$399, Also Need Rolling Bar?? To get an Idea of How Much they would Cost?? Bill Salemme also found a Used 26' Shuffle-Board Table on Facebook Marketplace for \$2,700 TBD. But the 26' Shuffle-Board Table is too Long for the 28' Wall.

Next Steps – Need to Call Locksmith for Door Key-Pad Locks Soon! – Rich contacted Cy Drake in Morristown & spoke to Manny, who said a Basic Schlage Key-Pad Lock would run at least \$410 before Tax for One Lock. Rich will check-out Home Depot for Cost of Key-Pad Lock Next.

Next Steps - Relocate Photos from: Cafeteria, Lorraine-Lynch Conference Room & Closet & Organize & Hang them in EH K of C Lounge - Joe Carvagno - Took Down All Photos - Next Step Is to Organize & Hang them in the Lounge.

Next Steps - Plan for Dedication/Grand Opening of EH K of C Lounge on Monday May 10th. Main Game Tables Need to be Here for Dedication/Grand Opening. Chris

Virginio Agreed to Provide Sandwiches, Beer Wine & Soda/Coffee! Rich Will Coordinate Awards & Presentations!!!!

Thank You All - For All Your Knights Teamwork to Get So Much Technical & Hard Lifting Done In Lightning Speed! You are All Truly Amazing!!!

Discuss Upgrading TeleConference Phone &/Or WIFI for Zoom Meetings in Cafeteria

We will also look into New Phone for Call-in Calls for Better Sound Quality as well, since Covid is not going away any time soon.

Gregg Taylor Update - John Dixon confirmed the Fiber was tested on 3/31/21, and it seems OK. This is the GOOD news. The Bad news is he needs to replace the Routers at each end of the Fiber run. The Plan is to replace the Routers AND install two (2) WAPS (Wireless Access Points) one (1) in the Cafeteria and one (1) in our EH K of C Lounge area. He ORDERED the new Gear 4/1/21. This may take another Week to a Week and a Half to have the new HW installed. John also shared with me that the Main Internet Connection in the Office Area was just Upgraded to a faster more Reliable Connection - NEW Hardware. This is Great News because the new WAPS they are installing in the EH K of C Lounge and Kitchen Area will run through the new upgraded Internet Connection (faster speeds). This will give us all the Bandwidth we need for a couple of TV's in EH K of C Lounge Area as well as the TV in the Cafeteria. We may not have this upgrade installed in-time for the K of C Officers Meeting, but it may be ready for the Next K of C Monthly Meeting on Monday, April 12th. Gregg Will Keep Rich Posted!

EH K of C "People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive Planning – Director – Robert Cosentino

- **Kickoff was Saturday March 20th** - Robert Cosentino is Doing an Excellent Job to Coordinate this Fund Drive This Year. Michael Trocchia is Doing an Excellent Job Collecting & Handling the Accounting. Father Matthew allowed the K of C to Collect after Mass April 10th & 11th. Robert Passed-Out Additional Sign-Up Sheets at April 12th General Meeting.
- **Collections Update Thru Easter Weekend was \$10,500 – Excellent Progress-To- Date!!!**

- *Business Letters Donations - Follow-up Will Continue!*



- **John Menengola & Eddie O'Connor Successfully Collecting for People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive with a Smile in Front of Sorrento's 3/31/21**



Rich Koscielak collecting at Dunkin on Rt 10 West

3/20/21.

- **EH Membership Drive Tactics – Membership Director - Paul Matey** Developed New Dynamic 2021 EH K of C Strategies & Tactics to Kickoff this Year's Membership Drive Efforts.
 - Paul will Tentatively Present them at the Officers Meeting on April 7th. They Encompass some Tactics mentioned at the NJ 1/16 Meeting Rich Attended & the Tactics Council 5410 Shared, Plus Paul's Great Ideas as well!
 - **Create New Activity Program to Include New Trips to Draw New Members Like:** J& R Cigar Night, Turtle Back Zoo, Golf Outings, Circle Line River Cruises, Clay-Skeet Shooting etc...
- **EH K of C Membership Drive Sign/Poster Update - Mario Accumanno** Work-in-Progress
- **New Open EH K of C Candidates (4) - Carmine Bronzino, Steve Gargiulo, Trevor O'Reilly – Paul Follow- up For CUF Training. New Member – Paul Magala Presented by Daren Del Sardo**

- **Next Potential ('CUF') Degree Date-Open** – CUF Team is waiting for these Candidates to be Available.
- **2021 EH K of C Membership List Updated & Dues Letters to Members Updated & Went Out.** Gregg has provided 4 Updates already!! **101/139** Paid **\$5,275/\$6,485** or 73% Paid and **67/101** Donated to the People with Intellectual Disability Drive this Year
- **March Madness Fundraiser** - \$10 Tickets & 10 Per Envelope. Tickets were Handed out at 2/8 Meeting. Deadline was March 17th! – **March Madness \$20 Winners are:** 1.) Bob Leach Jr.2.) John Trezza, 3.) Joe Musso, 4.) Debbie Blolawski R - **Joe & Bob Update!! Net Proceeds were \$910. Excellent Results Thanks to Joe & Bob Again this Year**
- **EH K of C Fundraiser Bags** – **EH K of C Future Fundraiser** –
 - Bob Leach sent email to District Deputy George Coppola who shared it with his four Councils They Declined to purchase bags from us.
 - Bob said we are purchasing **Navy-Blue Color Bags!! with EH K of C Council# 6504 on them! These are in & Ready to GO!**
- **Warden Officer Needed** – **Bob Leach Has Graciously Accepted this Position: Thanks SO MUCH Bob!!**
- **Raffle Fundraiser Discussion** – **Bob Leach Lead Discussion – Timing TBD**
- **Recorder Officer Needed** – Rich will Continue to Document Detailed Notes Through: Officer Meeting Agenda's, General Meeting Agendas, & Monthly Newsletters, until a Volunteer Steps Forward!
- **District Deputy George Coppola Requested EH K of C Fourth Degree Knights to Represent EH** - **Joe Carvagno Has Graciously Accepted to Represent the EH K of C 4th Knights at the Fourth Degree Meetings Virtually for now.** Officers Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the Month & the General Meetings are on the 1st Wednesdays of the Month, both at 7:30 PM, **Thanks So Much Joe** for Representing the EH K of C Fourth Degrees. **Very Much Appreciated!!!**
- **EH K of C Website Updates** – **Andy Update**
- **EH K of C Strategic Plan Review 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 Sub-Committee** - **Fall Meeting TBD.**
- **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 - Monday May 10th at 7:30PM – EH K of C Lounge Dedication to Neale Baxter & Grand Opening – Refreshments Will Be Safely Served - Sandwiches, Beer, Wine, Soda & Coffee, Masks Required, Social Distancing will be Observed – St. Rose of Lima Church - Lower Cafeteria Virtual Call-In (602)-580-9216 & Access Code 2237738# for BriefMeeting Afterwards**
- **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 – Kevin Cox** – Insurance & Retirement Specialist attended the October 12th 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 973-785-8587 or email him at-- kevin.cox@kofc.org**
- **Paterson Federation H.S. & College Scholarships Due 5/15 & 5/21 Respectively, - Child, Foster Child, GrandChild, Adopted Child of Current or Deceased Member of the Council in Good Standing!!**
- **NJ K of C Photography Contest Due - 5/31/21 To: John A Gazis GK 249 Leswing Dr. Brick NJ 08723 8X 10 or, 11' X 14"**
- **Terri Lynn Nut/Candy Fundraising Program – Mike Trocchia Volunteered to Get Samples to Evaluate.**
- **Randy Rossilli said we need to be careful Not to Compete with Town School Fundraisers**
- **Mike Ditta GoFundMe Site – <https://gofund.me/46bdf320> - Fred sent out a Sympathy Card.**
 - Mike Sent \$ 200 Donation Directly to Mike Ditta
- **NJ Wildwood Convention – May 14-16 2021 Cancelled Virtual Meeting Now!! Rich & Vinnie will attend the Virtual Meeting.**
- **Pride in Priests - Monday, May 24th 2021 Location TBD**
- **NJ Covid Vaccine Sign-up Link – 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?? Ask Brothers Which They Prefer, If they Will Stay After Meetings to Enjoy them?
- 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

- Food Pantry – (Open 2nd & 4th 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.
- 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
 - John Kinney (Additional Prayers Needed)
 - Fred Donatelli
 - Carmine Davino
 - Ben Cosentino
 - Kathy Liebhauser
 - Alan Politi

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

	Morris County Launches New Public Testing Statewide Morris County, NJ determine whether to order a nasal or a saliva process of scheduling at-home delivery of test
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	be required to provide their insurance informa Medicaid data, or indicate that they are uninsu morriscountynj.gov
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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,

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