

Newsletter March 2022

From the Grand Knight Council 6504:

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to March 2022

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

East Hanover Knights of Columbus March Highlights:

- ***We were Saddened by the Passing of Brother Dominic Cardarella.***

Dominic entered into eternal rest peacefully on Tues. Feb. 22, 2022 at Morristown Medical Center. He was 93.



- ***CALL OUT TO ALL BROTHERS:*** Saturday 2/26 at 3:00PM - EH K of C Held a Prayer Service Led by Deacon Alfred Fanelli & Joe Carvagno & Other Brother Knights. Dominic's Wife & Family were Very Appreciative!!
- ***Funeral Mass*** was Monday February 28th at 10am at St. Rose of Lima. I attended the Funeral Mass and gave my Condolences to Dominic's Wife Elizabeth also.
- *Dominic was an Active Brother Knight & Will be Missed!*
- ***St Rose Of Lima & EH Knights of Columbus Successful Ukraine Donation!!***

- *Father Matthew indicated the Sunday, March 5-6th Entire St Rose Collection would be Generously Donated to Aid the People in the Ukraine .*
- *In addition to our prayers, the **Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees**, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.*
- ***Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000.** Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please visit [here](#).*
- ***We were Very Pleased to hear that \$35,361 was Collected To-Date, during the St Rose March 6th Weekend & Sent to Supreme Knights of Columbus Charities in Connecticut on Thursday 3/10. Father Matthew Spoke to the Director of Charities & Confirmed that Our Entire St Rose Collection would be Safely Matched to a \$70,722 Donation to the People of the Ukraine. This was an Example of Prayerful & Generous Donations by Father Matthew & the People & Brothers of the St Rose Parish & Timely Coordination & Communications between St Rose & the EH K of C to the Parish, EH K of C Brothers & Supreme K of C in Connecticut, to Help the People in the Ukraine in their Time of Need. Thank You All & God Bless!!!***



- **Additional Supreme K of C Ukraine Solidarity Fund Donations Going Forward**
- **[Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization](#)**
- Knights of Columbus 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510 203-752-4000.
- **Website Link -- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html> (cut & paste)**

- Knights of Columbus all over the world stand in solidarity, ready to support the 1,800 Knights and their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine.
- ***To Date, Our Members and Friends have Donated \$6,020,922.***
- As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will be working with our Councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and communications. **100% of your donation goes directly to support humanitarian aid in Ukraine.**
- To donate outside of the United States and Canada, please [click here](#).
- To create your own fundraising team in the U.S., please [click here](#).
- If you need to reach the Office of Charitable Giving regarding this fund or making a donation, you can do so **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm Eastern at 1-800-694-5713** or info@kofccharities.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP – PRAY, GIVE, LATEST NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



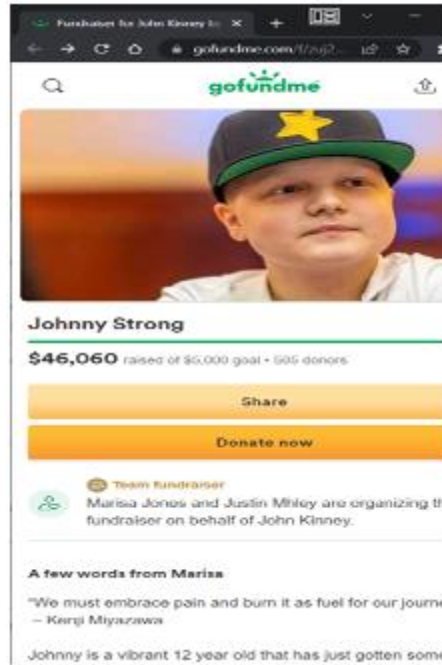
KNIGHTS DELIVER AID TO UKRAINE

Within days of the invasion of Ukraine, Knights in Poland created a housing network for refugees and delivered essential supplies to the war-torn country. Additionally, Knights set up tents — dubbed “mercy huts”— along the Poland-Ukraine border to welcome refugees escaping the conflict. Meanwhile, Knights in Ukraine have coordinated the distribution of supplies through the “Anti-Crisis Committee,” a group established by the Archdiocese of Lviv.

- **Fundraiser for John Kinney – “Johnny Strong”- We communicated this Fundraiser to our Brothers on March 3rd!**



- ***John Kinney is 12 and they now found Cancer in his Lungs***
- ***His Parents Need Financial Help with Hospitals Bills***
- ***Please send Donations to: John & Gayle Kinney 42 Peach Tree Ave. East Hanover NJ.***
- ***Please support his GoFundMe Fundraiser below,***
- **<https://www.gofundme.com/f/zuj2xn-johnny-strong>**



- ***Father Matthew said He could Forward \$300 & \$500 Gift Cards to the Family also.***
- ***District Deputy George Coppola Generously Donated \$100 To the GoFundMe Account!***
- ***Brian Brokaw made a Motion to Donate \$500 to the Kinney Family, Larry Colasurdo Seconded the Motion. We took a Vote, & the EH K of C Brothers Voted Unanimously to Donate \$500 to the Kinney Family During the 3/14 Meeting!! THANK-YOU BROTHERS!!***
- ***Brother & Deacon Alfred Fanelli has brought Another Attack on Columbus Information to our attention. (This Communication was Sent to You Via Email on 3/12/22)***
- ***The Trenton Board of Education announces the formation of a committee to move forward on the renaming of Columbus Elementary School and Wilson Elementary School.***
- ***A change in the school calendar took place on February 28th by the Hackensack NJ Board of Education (BOE). They changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.***

1. **CALL TO ACTION:**
Calling on East Hanover Knights of Columbus Brothers to Send a Letter to:

Robert Sanchez
Superintendent of Schools
Hackensack Public Schools
Padovano Education Center
191 Second Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201)-646-8000

We attached a Form Letter for You to Review and Include Your Name to the Bottom if You agree, & Send this Letter to Robert Sanchez Superintendent of Schools Hackensack Public Schools. See address above.

2. **CALL TO ACTION:**

We as concerned Brother Nights can also attend the next **Hackensack BOE meeting On March 21st at 7 pm** at **Fanny M. Hillers School Auditorium 56 Longview Avenue Hackensack, NJ** to protest this capricious, arbitrary and uniformed decision and attach on Italian Americans by the Hackensack BOE.

EH K of C Lounge Update ****



- **EH K of C Lounge Contributors Plaque was Completed & Placed in Lounge – Thank-You Fred Donatelli!!**
- **Wall Cabinet or Bottom Shelves** – Will be Adjusted to Accommodate Height of Bottles on Top-Shelf
- **New Previous K of C Awards** Found in Closets, Need to be Organized & Put up On Walls in Lounge.
- **Need to Revamp Past Grand Knight Photos & Take Photos of Recent Past Grand Knights**
- **Need Separate Thermostat Installed in Lounge**

- **Two Wireless Blink Cameras Need to Be Purchased & Installed**

- **K of C Financial Review – Daniel McGeehan – Mike Trocchia Coordinating-Thank -You!**
 - **Review Meeting with Dan McGeehan was February 7th – Dan McGeehan, Rich Koscielak, Vinnie Piserchio, Joe Musso, Gregg Taylor, Mike Trocchia, Robert Leach, Joe Carvagno, Andy Liebhauser & Ron Angelo were Present, on the Zoom Meeting & went Over the Summarized Risk Tolerance Form the EH K of C Officers Selected & Agreed too. We Selected a “Moderate Risk Tolerance #9 which Averages ~7% Annual Return. Dan also went over the Next Steps and said that The Grand Knight, Treasurer & Financial Secretary would have to Sign the Investment Forms. He said he would need a Check from Mike to Transfer the Investment Funds.**
 - **Forms Were Signed & Sent into Dan McGeehan for Processing the Investment Transfer**
 - **RBC Wells Fargo Check was Received on 2/17/22**
 - **Check was Submitted to the K of C Boston Investment Group – Dan McGeehan**

- **EH K of C Strategic Plan Review Committee** - (Committee Members- Joe Carvagno, Frank DeMaio, Rich Koscielak, George LaVecchia, Andy Liebhauser, Bob Leach Joe Musso, & Bill Salemme)
 - (Rich Koscielak Typed & Distributed EH K of C Strategic Plan Draft to Review)
 - Rich Incorporated the New K of C Boston Investment Strategy
 - **Rich Set-up January 19th Meeting to Start this Important Task.**
 - January 19th Meeting Attendees & Email Comments by Ron, Joe, Bob & Bill included.
 - **Great Meeting Jan 19th**(Bob Leach, Andy Liebhauser, Joe Musso & Rich Koscielak attended!

- **EH K of C Strategic Plan Sent out to Brothers for Review with March Newsletter**
- Frank DeMaio made a motion to send the EH K of C Strategic Plan out for Review with the March Newsletter, Bill Salemmme Seconded the Motion. We will Vote to Accept the EH K of C Strategic Plan at the 4/11/22 Meeting.
- **EH K of C By-Laws Review Included as Part of this Sub-Committee** – Rich Scanned the Hard Copy into a PDF had PDF Converted into a WORD Doc & Feb 2nd Draft was Updated to Include New \$35 Dues Amount & New Meeting Order and Funeral Updates Included.
- **New EH K of C BY Laws - Sent out to Brothers For Review with March Newsletter.**
- Frank DeMaio made a motion to send the EH K of C Updated By-Laws Plan out for Review with the March Newsletter, Bill Salemmme Seconded the Motion. We will Vote to Accept the EH K of C By Laws at the 4/11/22 Meeting.

2022 Membership Dues Letters Sent Out – Gregg Taylor – Thank-You!

- **Letters Included New EH K of C Membership Cards**
- **Ninety-eight 2022 Dues have been Returned To Date!!**

Cumulative Stats for 2022:

- 98 out of 141 Brothers have paid their Dues to-date. (70% of Brothers Paid Dues)
- 58 brothers also made Disability Donations (59% of Brothers paid also made a donation)
- The 2022 Dues collected to date is \$3,480 (which is 70% of \$6,770 Total Dues Billed)
- The 2022 Disability Donations collected to date is \$2,635.
- Dues Outstanding: 134 Brothers owe a total of \$3,290.

EH K of C Lower Cafeteria Closet Reorganization & Purging - Saturday 2/12/22 10:00AM-2:00PM - More Fine Tuning of Remaining Items to be Done

Brothers came out to Downsize Items from Seven EH K of C Closets into Two & into our Outdoor Shed. Many Old/Outdated Items were bagged and thrown away. Long Overdue! Thanks To All Brothers who Helped with this Project. Joe Carvagno, Joe

Carvagno Jr. Robert Leach, Andy Liebhauser, Rich Koscielak, Joe Musso, Vinnie Piserchio, Gregg Taylor & Mike Trocchia. Thank-You!



- *Two New Fans were Donated to the Food Pantry*
- *Standard Coin Sorter was Given to Jim Giordano to Help with Sunday Collections*



- **December 2020 Form 990/Form 990 EZ Tax Return was Past Due – Gregg Submitted Form 990-N for 2020 -- Filed with the IRS this Week. Form 990 was Filed for 2021 too! All Tax Filings are Now Up-to Date!! Thank-You Gregg Taylor!!**

- **Wives/Sweetheart Appreciation Mass – St Rose of Lima Church – Monday, February 14th at 6:30PM –**
- **Father Matthew & Deacon Alfred Celebrated the Mass, Deputy**
- **Grand Knight Vincent Piserchio Administered the Readings**
- **~ 30 Brother & Wives/Sweethearts Attended the Beautiful Mass Honoring Our Wives & Sweethearts**
 - **Rich & Vinnie Handed out Roses to Brothers to Give to their Wives in Church**
 - **Everyone Enjoyed Coffee, Cake, & Pastries in Lower Cafeteria afterwards**



Happy Valentines Day Cake, Pastries & Coffee were Served to the Brothers and their Wives/Sweethearts!

- **March Madness Fundraiser – Led by Joe Musso – Thank-You!**
 - Tickets (Envelopes of 10 \$10 Tickets were Distributed after the Wives Appreciation Mass
 - See Joe Musso for Additional Tickets to Sell - (862-485-0221)
 - **Tickets need to be Returned by March 15th**

- **Affiliate Membership Program – Sent March 15, 2022 to DD George Coppola**
 - *Finalize Review of EH K of C List of 26 Members in Arrears*
 - *EH K of C Grand Knight Must Send Names to District Deputy George Coppola to Transfer Names to the State Affiliate Membership List.*
 - *11 EH K of C Names were Forwarded To the Supreme Affiliate List!!*

- *Thank-You EH K of C Membership Directors for Your Dedicated Work to Retain as Many Brothers as You Did. **GREAT JOB!!***

East Hanover Easter Bunny Egg Hunt in Lurker Park April 9th – 10:00AM-11:30AM Set-up 9:15AM Coffee/Cookies - Sponsored by EH K of C & Recreation Center – Led by Andy Liebhauser & Linda Lurz – Volunteers Needed & \$100 Check
EH K of C Shirts and “Life is Messy” Books – Available – See Bob Leach

EH K of C 2022 People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive Led by Director/Chairman Robert Cosentino – Thank-You!

- Director Robert Cosentino Has Graciously Volunteered to Lead This Important Fundraising Effort Again this Year!
- Kickoff Will be Now Be in April to Accommodate Warmer Weather.
- Robert would like to Collect Palm Sunday & Mother’s Day. Robert & Vinnie Needs to Confirm with Cathy Seborowski
- Robert Recommended Removing: Autism Research NJ Medical School Rutgers University, and International Rett Syndrome Association from Our List of Local Non-Profit Organizations we Donate to because they Never respond to Our Calls or Emails when we try to Contact them. Robert Cosentino made a Motion to remove them & Joe Carvagno Seconded the Motion. We Took a Vote and we Unanimously Voted to Remove them & Increase the Donations to the Remining Seven Non-Profit Organizations we Donate too.
- Collections Must be Completed by Mid-June, so that Checks can be Sent/Returned back from the K of C State by Our Summer BBQ/Clambake.

- **EH K of C Dinner St Patrick’s/St Joseph’s Dinner Dance Comedy Night will be Postponed Until the Fall, Because the Italian American Club is Hosting a Comedy Night in April!**

- **Fourth 4th Degree Exemplification - Sunday April 24TH** - Time 1:00PM
Check-in 11:30AM – Location The “New” LaNeve’s Restaurant 276 Belmont Avenue Haledan, NJ - **Cost for Candidates \$70 Person & \$60 For Guests. No Reservations after April 4th.**

- EH K of C 4th Degree Exemplification Invitation - from Joe Carvagno went out to All EH K of C 3rd Degree Knights on Wednesday 2/23/22. Due before 4/4/22.

- Confirmed EH K of C Brothers attending! Ad Book Ad Sent in/Check Sent In!

- Joseph Carvagno Jr. & Darren DelSardo - Attending

- **Promotion of New Dynamic Color Corpsman Needed**

- **New Beautiful Classy Uniforms Cost is \$524 (If Veteran Less \$250 = \$274 Net**
- **(Navigator Sword \$179) -- (Black Sword \$150)**
- **Assemblies may Give \$100-\$200 & Councils Can Help Offset Cost of Uniforms too**



- **It is a Distinct Honor to Join this Elite Group of K of C Color Corpsman**

K of C Officially Declared November Veterans Month – Civil War 135 Years Ago, World War I, World War II, Whereas by Wearing the Uniform of the Fourth Degree, the Degree of Patriotism by Wearing the Baldric we recognize our Bond with Our Country & the American Flag Red, White & Blue....

- **Fourth Degree 8 Grade/High School Scholarship** - Due 5/18/22 - The Msgr. John J. Sheerin Assembly #673 will award a one-time \$500.00 Scholarship to an Eighth-Grade student entering a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2022. The Student must submit an original Essay of between 500 and 750 words on a theme to be designated by the Assembly #673. The Applicant must be currently enrolled in the Eighth Grade, planning to attend a Catholic High School, and must be a Sibling, Child, Grandchild or Great-Grandchild of a Msgr. Sheerin Member **OR** of a Member of any 3rd Degree Council affiliated with Msgr. Sheerin Assembly#673, as designated by the Master of the First New Jersey District, in good standing (current with dues), **OR**, if the Member is deceased, was in good standing at the time of his death. Upon verification of membership status, an official Application and instructions will be sent to the Student.
- **K of C - Paterson Federation - High School Scholarship – Due 5/15/22** –
To: Leon D Doty PGK 402 Monroe St. Boonton, NJ 07005

- **K of C - Paterson Federation - College Scholarship – Due 5/21/22** – To:
Frank J Wos PGK 8 William Rd Landing, NJ 07850

- **Knights of Columbus State Convention** - May 13-15, 2022 Wildwood NJ –
Reservation Forms Due! - Rich & Vinnie sent in their Forms & Checks for
\$117.

- **Memorial Day Parade - Monday 5/30/22**
 - Rich Contacted Brother & Councilman Brian Brokaw to Determine if
East Hanover will move forward with the Memorial Day Parade this Year
 - Memorial Day Ceremony at Columbus Park Only! No Parade at this
Point! As Per Brother Brian!

- **Assemblies Communion Breakfast - The Hanover Manor - June 5th, 2022**
 - All of the Councils in our Assembly are encouraged to attend.

 - We will Celebrate Mass Followed by a Communion Breakfast & Awards
Ceremony.
 - Nominations for Senior Knight of the Year, & Patriot of the Year are Needed by
Our Council.
 - Dress Code Tux or Preferably a Blue Suit or any Suit. Cost is \$30 Per Person

- **Texas Holdem Tournament – St Rose Labrecque Hall (Lower Cafeteria)**
Friday, June 10th – Led by Bob Leach – Thank-You!
- **EH PBA Scheduled Texas Holdem on 4/1/22 in the St Rose Fahey Hall with**
Our Contact Mike

- **Future EH K of C Outings**
 - **J & R Cigar Night Outing – Bob Leach Called Cost was \$40-\$50 Per**
Person

- **Thunder Mountain Skeet Shooting Outing - 1 Mansion Rd Ringwood, NJ (973-962-6377)– \$35 Per Person Includes: Gun, Ear Plugs, & 25 Targets, Only Need to (Tip the Instructor \$3.00 per 5 Guys) Bring Sun Glasses. Open Saturday (9:00AM-5:30PM) Let Rich know if you are Interested (973-632-6407)**
- **Lake Hopatcong & Hudson River Dinner Cruises Coming!**

- **Safe Environment Program Compliance – EH K of C Fully Compliant! (Only 31% of All NJ Councils Compliant)**
 - **Grand Knight - Richard Koscielak**
 - **Program Director - Andrew Liebhauser (Andy Completed 3 Year Training Update)**
 - **Family Director - Michael Trocchia**
 - **Community Director - Vincent Piserchio**

- **K of C State Form 1728 Completed & Submitted to State Website** – Thank-You Gregg & Brothers who Provided Gregg with Input! Ensure All Other Forms are Submitted -On-Line (www.NJKOFC.COM). **Ensure All Forms were Sent in Online- (Forms -185 Officers, 365, 1728, Council 1295 Audits, Form #STSP, and Family of the Month Forms)**

- **EH K of C Assist Your Brothers Team" / Brothers Helping Brothers** – Led By Fred Donatelli – Call Fred if You would like to Help – (201)-602-1167

- **Next EH K of C Meetings –**
 - **March 28th – EH K of C Lounge**

- *April 6th EH K of C Officers Meeting*
 - *April 11th EH K of C General Meeting*
 - *April 25th EH K of C Lounge*
- **EH K of C Insurance Agent – Kevin Cox** – (Office - 973-785-8567)
email- kevin.cox@kofc.org

OTHER! –

- Joe Carvagno reached out to Potential Candidate Richard Tomczak but has not heard back
 - Vinnie Needs to Check with Father Matthew regarding Potential Planning for “June Parish Picnic in the Lot” which is usually sponsored by the EH K of C.
- **Please Keep Our Brothers, Their Families & First Responders mentioned below, in Our Prayer & Intentions:**
 - *District Deputy George Coppola*
 - *John Kinney*
 - *Deacon Vin & Peggy Leo*
 - *Fred Vaccaro*
 - *Fred Donatelli*
 - *Ben Cosentino*
 - *Alan Politi*
 - *Robert Alfano*
 - *Mark Ippolito*
 - *Carmine Davino*
 - *Gloria Insano (Chris’ Mother in Law)*

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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.>

Attached for your review are two files that will be voted on at the next meeting. Please review.

- EH K of C - Strategic Plan
- EH K of C - By-Laws
- So the Brothers Can Review Both Before the 4/11/2 Meeting To Vote to Accept/Approve them.

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Wishing you All a Happy, Safe & Healthy Lenten Season!

God Bless You All!
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