
The KnightLetter

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

I greet you with the earnest hope that you and your loved ones had a Blessed and Joyful Christmas, and I wish you All a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

I am pleased to report on the below listed activities of our Council for the past two months. Brothers, if you were not a participant, in any of the events, PLEASE TRY NEXT TIME!

On November 2nd we held a successful Walk-In-Fundraiser Dinner benefiting Citizens with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities which had a great attendance. Thanks to all who supported and participated, and especially to PGK Kevin Mc Clave, DGK, who organized and chaired this worthy event, and FS Robert Kaelblein PGK, who did wonders in the kitchen.

On November 7th our 2nd Degree Team, under the direction of Team Cpt. PGK, FDD Joe Michalik, provided its services to Union Council for a smoothly flowing exemplification. Thanks to FS Bob Kaelblein, PGK, Trustee John Gross, PGK, Recorder Steve Whoeler, PGK, {and myself}, for attending as part of the team.

On Sunday, November 25, the Annual Veteran's Pancake Breakfast was held at the Columbian Club; organized and hosted by the Hillside chapter of UNICO International, the Italian-American service organization, under the direction of Chapter President, our Brother Angelo Bonanno, and co-hosted by our Council. A color guard from the Hillside HS Jr ROTC presented the colors. The event was well attended by local veterans, including your Grand Knight, wife Kathy, former 1st Lt. Army Nurse Corps, disabled Vets groups from Lyons Hospital and Menlo Park Vet's Home. Thank you, Brother Bonanno and UNICO, for your patriotic, civic and charitable efforts.

On December 15th we held our Annual Awards and Christmas Dinner, at which, in addition to attendees enjoying themselves, Knight of the Year and the Robert Jotantus Columbian Of the Year awards were presented to Brother Steve D'Amato and PGK, FDD Joe Michalik, Trustee, respectively. Congratulations Brothers, and many thanks for your contributions. Well
ed! We are extremely grateful to FS Bob Kaelblein, PGK, for his exemplary efforts in

organizing for the event and preparing a magnificent feast. Thanks also to Brothers Steve D' Amato, John De Vito, Gary Williams, and Jim Silva for much appreciated help. Thanks also to Mike Petrone for picking and putting up our Christmas Tree and the wonderful decorating job by Kevin McClave DGK and Tim Fanning and all who supported by attending this great event.

On December 16 we held our annual Children's Christmas Party. We had a wonderful gathering of parents and children waiting for Santa, and then the opening of gifts and widespread playing. Thank you Santa (aka AJ De Vito), CC Treasurer Tom McHugh for Chairing, organizing and purchasing gifts, and Chris Lanzafama for Hot Dogs and Bob Kaelblein for his help.

On December 29th we had the first installment of this season's Free Throw Contest at the Hillside High School, thanks to PGK Kevin Mc Clave, DGK, and Brother Jim Boyle. Good Job, guys.

Brothers, you have paid your dues, you are members, so why not participate? Do one event, support one FUNDRAISER, lend a hand!

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski Grand Knight.

HELP WITH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

To all of you who live within reasonable distance but, for whatever reason don't come to meetings, we have short term programs, especially (but not necessarily) competitions for kids. If you're available on weekends and wish to contribute to a good cause for a tiny bit of time, we need you for such things as: basketball free throws, soccer challenge, poster contest, coloring book program, and of course, charitable collections, etc. give us a call As always we ask that if you can find the time to chair or contribute to a program or activity, please contact me, it will be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Remember, think out of the box, and pass it on. Ideas are as welcome as service.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Columbian Club Directors meet at 7:00 pm every 2nd Thursday of the month, prior to normally scheduled Council meetings. All interested Brothers are invited to participate. Remember, it's our hall, for our ceremonies, festivities and activities.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, 2019

January 01.	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !	
10.	COLUMBIAN CLUB DIRECTORS.	7:00 pm
10.	COUNCIL MEETING.	8:00 pm
24.	COUNCIL MEETING.	8:00 pm
February 01.	WALK--IN--FUNDRAISER DINNER.	5:00--8:00 pm
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14	COLUMBIAN CLUB DIRECTORS.	7:00 pm
14.	COUNCIL MEETING.	8:00 pm
28.	COUNCIL MEETING.	8:00 pm

On Friday March 8 we will hold our Annual Pasta Walk-In-Dinner. Please reserve that night for meeting your friends and fellow parishioners for great food and companionship. Details to follow.

WALK IN CHARITY FUNDRAISER DINNER

On Friday, February 1 we will hold our second fundraiser for Children With Disabilities, from 5:00--8:00 pm, at the Columbian Club.

Menu will include choice of ½ Chicken, Beef Stew, or Stuffed Shells with Meatballs. As always Soup, Salad, and Dessert included.

Donations are \$15 per person and \$13 for seniors and children under 13.

Come and support a worthy cause and your Council.

DUES NOTICE

At the Council meeting of 12/13, sitting in full quorum, a resolution to increase dues to \$50 was unanimously passed. Yearly dues invoices have been sent reflecting the increase. Look for yours. Second Notice will be sent mid January. Help save expenses for printing, envelopes, and postage by making a prompt payment.

BAPTISMAL ROSE PROGRAM.

The Council presents congratulatory roses to mothers of each child 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.

K of C BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

Once again, our DGK, PGK Kevin Mc Clave and Br Jim Boyle have graciously volunteered to run the annual Program in Hillside. This year we had 15 participants with 5 qualifying to advance to the next round. We ask that if you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday, they can use your help at a local school, please contact those 2 Brothers.

KofC Insurance

Our Council has finally received Field Agent service, Bob Mc Geehan, General Agent, Central/Southern NJ. He will be overseeing general insurance operations and steer inquiries in the proper direction. Our Council has been placed under his umbrella. Agents from his office will respond to our needs. The Agency can be reached at 732 569 6045. Any Brothers affected by unresolved questions or concerns about their policies, AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED by Supreme Council Compliance Department should REACH OUT to that department at One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Conn. 06510. Those members who HAVE ISSUES and HAVE received COMMUNICATIONS but NOT RESPONDED, please DO SO! It's important for you and your loved ones.

KofC Jackets & Shirts

PGK Charles Orgelfinger has for sale customized 3-season windbreakers and polo shirts to Council Members. Under the rules of the Order, the emblem may be worn by members who are First Degree or higher, as well as wives and minor children of members in good standing. Members interested in purchasing a jacket or shirt may contact PGK Charles at 732-381-3389 or via email at chuckbda@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM.

Material to be submitted in the March - April issue of the KL must be received No Later Than April 14. Contact GK Andy Wnukowski at 908 764 3559, or leave in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.