
The KnightLetter

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

On August 14, we had a very productive Planning Meeting, consisting of Officers and interested Brothers. As a result we have a rewarding schedule of events, including a fund raising pancake breakfast and walk in dinners, and plans for more events for the fraternal year.

After the meeting we had the pleasure to meet our newly appointed DD, PGK James Vari, with whom we had a productive acquaintance session.

As I write this, the weather is still sunny, warm, slightly humid. Classic "dog days

of August". By the time you read this, September will be on us and our Council will be celebrating the end of Summer with our tradition Family Fun Picnic, on September 07 at Conant Park (see details inside). Bring your families, your friends, and definitely a hearty appetite and thirst. Enjoy great food, refreshments and company.

On September 12 we will be celebrating our yearly Installation of Council Officers, this time in the Columbian Club. More details inside.

On Sunday, October 20, we will be holding a Fundraising Pancake Breakfast. See details inside.

On a sad note, it pains me to note that within 5 days in August our Council was struck by the deaths of 2 Brothers, and another, a non member son of a Brother. God rest their souls. More details inside

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

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.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our installation of officers Will be held September 12, at 7:30 pm in the Columbian Hall, 1220 Liberty Ave, Hillside. Officiating DD will be PGK James Vari, newly appointed to District 7. Our Chaplain, Fr. Luke will be ceremonial priest. Refreshments will be served at conclusion. Bring your friends and family, support your Council and Officers.

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.

MEETINGS AND ACCTIVITIES SCHEDULE, JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

SEPT.	07 Sat.	FAMILY FUN PICNIC	Conant Park	Noon--5:00 pm.
"	12	Columbian Club Directors Meeting		6:30 pm
"	12	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS		7:30 pm.
		Columbian Club Hall		
"	26	1st DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION.		8:00 pm.
		Columbian Club Hall		
"	26	Council Meeting		9:00 pm
OCT.	10	Columbian Club Directors Meeting.		7:00 pm
"	10	Council Meeting.		8:00 pm
"	20	WALK IN PANCAKE BREAKFAST. (Sun)		9:00--1:00 pm
"	24	Council Meeting.		8:00 pm

ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC

We cap off the end of Summer with our famous PICNIC, on Saturday, September 7, from Noon to 5:00 pm. Held at Conant Park.

As always, there will be food and drink 'a plenty! Beverages will include soda and adult beverages. Prices are \$15 per person and \$25 per family.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Brothers, the work week of August 19 thru 23 was tragically filled with sad farewells to Council Members and/or sons of members.

On Mon. 19th, we attended and participated in the Wake and Prayer Service for Br. Anthony J. DeVito, aka "AJ", son of Br. John DeVito. On the 20th we attended an imposing funeral service for AJ, featuring traditional ceremonials provided by several Fire Dept's, including the Kenilworth Volunteer FD, of which AJ was an active member. AJ was also an active, dedicated and honored member of our Council, and will be remembered for his smiling demeanor and famous portrayal of Santa at the annual Children's Christmas Party. We love you and miss you, AJ. Also, that evening, we attended the viewing and participated in the

Prayer Service conducted by our Chaplain, for Br James D Grant, 67, a longtime Council member and Hillside Township employee, who had been suffering from a long term illness. And finally, on Aug.23, we attended the viewing and Funeral Service for John Joseph Straile, son of longtime member, Brother Joseph Straile.

We send to all the Families OUR MOST PROFOUND AND SINCERE REGRETS AND CONDOLENCES.

TRUE MEANING OF BROTHERHOOD

We would like to thank all of my brothers at the Knights of Columbus. AJ loved everyone involved in the club. He looked forward in helping any way: the charity dinner, picnic, and Hideaway Hills. All we had to say was "AJ can we use your truck?" which would be followed with an "Of course." He also loved playing Santa for the kids at the annual Christmas party, even though the night before he might have been celebrating the holidays himself!

From the DeVito family, words cannot describe the love and respect we have for everyone here at the club. It was a touching tribute and words also cannot describe the love and joy AJ brought to everyone! We also are so grateful for all the donations people have given. It is truly heartfelt. Our sincerest gratitude to all the people that helped the day of the funeral: friends, wives and kids, we love you all!

AJ is gone but he will never be forgotten. Once again, thank you for everything. We love all you fine people. God bless with love forever

The DeVito Family

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. 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 may contact PGK Charles at 732-381-3389 or via email at chuckbda@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM.

Material to be submitted in the November- December issue of the KL must be received NO Later than October 15. 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.