
The KnightLetter

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

And once again, some of the sports playoffs have ended, baseball camps are warming up in Fla. and golfing Brothers are heading for (so far) snow free greens. We are into the last half of our Fraternal Year. Let's continue striving to make it successful and productive.

On Jan. 31 we had our Annual Walk In Fundraiser Dinner to benefit our many Charities.

On Feb. 28 we held our Lenten Pasta Walk In Dinner. Although successful, we are still being supported by the same devoted attendees from Church and Council. Where are YOU, the local Brothers reading this KnightLetter? Brothers, WE NEED YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR SUPPORT. You know THE FOOD IS GREAT, including coffee, dessert, and, we even have take home containers if you can't finish. So on those events, don't stay at home, and, instead of supporting your local diner. COME SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL!

On Sat-Sun, April 18-19, we will be holding our Annual COLLECTION DRIVE FOR CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. As always, WE CAN USE YOUR HELP, OR DONATION. Give us ONE or TWO HOURS of your time, put on a yellow vest, grab a plastic can or bottle (all supplied by us) and go forth to one of our two churches, or a commercial establishment, ie Seabra's, Shoprite, etc. Consider that YOUR LENTEN GOOD DEED! VOLUNTEERS CALL OR COME TO THE CLUB BAR, AND GET YOUR NAME ON OUR ROSTER SHEET.

Brothers, you have paid your dues (I hope). You are members, so why not participate? DO ONE EVENT, SUPPORT ONE FUNDRAISER, LEND A HAND!

Upcoming dates of other events to remember are listed inside.

May You and Yours enjoy A BLESSED and HAPPY EASTER!

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.

DUES

2020 Second notices have gone out and soon to be Final Notices. Please submit your dues early as this helps greatly with budget planning and expenses.

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 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

MARCH 12	Columbian Club Directors	7:00 pm
" "	Council Meeting	8:00 pm
" 15 Sun.	WALK IN CORNED BEEF DINNER	12 noon--5:00 pm
" 17 Tue	HAPPY St PATRICK's DAY!	
" 21 Sat	Basketball FREE THROW CONTEST, FINALS	12 noon Paramus Catholic HS, 425 Paramus Rd
" 26	Council Meeting	8:00 pm
APRIL 03 Fri	WALK IN LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER	5:00 --8:00 pm
" 09	Columbian Club Directors Meet	7:00 pm
" "	NO COUNCIL Meet, HOLY THURSDAY	
" 12	HAPPY EASTER	
" 18	COLLECTION FOR DISABLED CITIZENS	All Day CTK and St Cath. Churches and Commercial locations
" 19	" " " "	" " " " " "
" 23	Council Meeting	8:00 pm

WALK IN CORNED BEEF DINNER

On Sunday, March 15, 12:00 - 4:00 pm we will help celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Walk-in Corned Beef dinner. Our \$10 Menu includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, and Potato's, and Irish Soda Bread. Two tickets for free glasses of draft beer or soda included. Or for \$7 you can have Corned Beef on rye with Potato Salad. Two tickets for free glasses of draft beer or soda included.

WALK IN LENTEN FUNDRAISER DINNER

Our Annual Lenten dinner continues. Please put on your calendar April 3 for our Annual Walk-In Fish Dinner. As always all meals include Salad, Soup, Main Course, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Cost is \$15 Adults, \$13 Seniors, and Children (12 and Under) Please reserve that night for meeting your friends and fellow parishioners for great food and companionship.

K of C BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

The second phase of this event took place at Union Boys and Girls Club on Feb.16, with 4 contestants participating. We had some stiff competition and we now have one winner in the 14 yr old category going to the finals at Paramus Catholic HS on Sat. mar. 21, at noon. Br Jim Boyle, the program chair and myself will be attending.

BAPTISMAL ROSE PROGRAM

The Council presents congratulatory roses to mothers of children 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.

NEWS AND UPDATE ON DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS.

Our Council conducted a 1st Degree exemplification on Feb.13.with 4 candidates participating, 2 of whom were from our Council. We are happy to welcome new Brothers John Paul "JP" and Gaetano "Guy" Varady.

Also, on Nov. 6, our Degree team conducted a 2nd Degree Exemplification at Union Council, which included 2 of our most recent members of last year. Congratulations to Brothers Anthony Kunaka and Alex Aghanwa.

Once again, thanks for a job well done to our Exemplification Team Capt. PGK, FDD and current Trustee, Joseph Michalik, and to members of both teams, DGK Pat Mahon, PGK and FS Robert Kaelblein, PGK and Trustee John Gross, PGK and Recorder Steve Whoeler, Inside Gd. Jason Howell, and myself, the GK.

As the Grand Knight and departing Sound Man of both 1st and 2nd Degree teams, I wish to thank all for their exemplary service in these events and to say that it was truly a pleasure and an honor to work with you.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION FORMAT/ PROCEDURAL

Attention all Brothers who have not previous access to this info. Supreme has recently decided on a NEW FORMAT FOR DEGREES, effective now, but MANDATORY July 01. The new procedural will encompass Charity, Unity and Fraternity, representing ALL 3 Degrees in ONE Ceremonial, utilizing 4 speaking parts, a spokesman and one speaker each for the three Principles. This event lasts approximately 35 minutes, and IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. There is NO MORE SECRECY of proceedings. Robes will no longer be worn by the Exemplification administrators, replaced instead by white over yellow shoulder sashes. After participating in this one ceremony, a Candidate is considered a 3rd Degree Brother.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

In addition to those mentioned in previous paragraphs I wish to recognize the efforts of the many who assist in our fundraising meals without which the Council and Columbian Club could not function, but because we just had two, and are heading for 3 more in the near future, I would like to reserve individual mention for the next KnightLetter, after completion of our "feeding" season.

I do wish to thank PGK, FDD Joe Michalik for the "Ice In His Veins" as he continued his tradition of participating in the Annual Polar Plunge, and representing the Council in helping benefit the Special Olympics on Feb. 22nd. THANK YOU ALL!

KofC INSURANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. Our Council received a visit from an Insurance Agent who can represent us. Many of you have met him at our recently held 1st Degree. This will be Field Agent Thomas Brennan, cell 201 637 4603
thomas.brennan@kofc.com.

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

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the May – June issue of the KL must be received NO Later than April 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.

Capital Campaign to Benefit Club Capital Improvements

Recently, a long-time member sent a generous donation in the amount of \$1000.00 to be used for the Club and/or Council Charities. At a recent officers' meeting, the generosity of this member inspired the Officers to recommend that the donation be used to kick off a capital campaign to help refurbish our Council Home. As many of you know, the Council Chambers is in need of refurbished flooring and refreshed paint, the kitchen floor is original from the early 1960's, and our parking lot is crumbling – just to name a few of the things that need attention.

The Knights are the ONLY remaining civic organization with a clubhouse that has neither folded nor abandoned Hillside. Our hope is to continue serving the community for many more years. While many of our members no longer live locally, most of our members had roots in Hillside, so we seek the support of all members in this effort. As we approach the 75th anniversary of our Council in 2024, having a presentable hall is essential for hosting the many community and charitable events that are hosted in our facilities.

The Council and Columbian Club Officers have targeted a goal of \$20,000.00 for this capital campaign. In addition to the aforementioned donation, we already have a pledge of another \$1000.00 donation, so we immediately at 10% of the goal! Funds will be held by the Council in a segregated sub-account in the Council treasury and will be overseen by the Council financial officers and trustees until the Club repairs are made.

We invite all members (and other supporters) to help this effort. Please consider a donation in your name, or memorial donation to remember a departed loved one. As we have in similar efforts in the past, a plaque will be installed in the Club to commemorate the generosity of the donors. The plaque will commemorate donors at the following levels:

Platinum	\$1000 + up
Gold	\$500 - \$999
Silver	\$250 - \$499
Bronze	\$100 - \$249

Donations should be made payable to the "Knights of Columbus Council #3197" with a memo "Club Improvements" and send to the Knights of Columbus Council #3197, PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ 07205 if you are unable to come to a meeting. (Please note that these donations are not tax-deductible.) For more information about this effort, contact Trustee Joe Michalik, PGK, FDD at 732-778-8978. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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