
The KnightLetter

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

When I was preparing this issue one year ago I never imagined what circumstances the world, our country, and our Council would be under at this writing. Obviously, as mandated by the Government and ultimately by Supreme and State councils, we have suspended Council and Columbian Club operations. Our last in person CC and Council meeting took place on March 12, both dedicated mostly to the logistics of suspending operations and closing down our Columbian Club, Bar and Building. A decision was reached to go ahead and hold the previously scheduled March 15th Corned Beef Dinner fundraiser for the Columbian Club. Although well attended by Council Brothers, it was not supported by our traditional Parish attendees. We were on the cusp of a storm and people were seeking shelter. On that day we were proud to present a "Team Varady" check for \$1,000 to the MS foundation reps accompanying PGK Dan Varady and his family members. Other scheduled events cancelled were: March 21, Basketball Free Throw Contest - we were heading for the State finals with one very good player. April 3, Walk in Lenten Fish Fry Dinner - a fundraiser. April 18, 19, collection Drive for Citizens with Disabilities - our signature charity fundraising event. May 15, 16, 17 - State Convention and Church events in Wildwood cancelled in lieu of a Virtual Convention to be held on Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am, with your GK and Recorder, PGK Steve Whoeler as on line delegates.

I wish to assure you that, in spite of the temporary "coma" we have been forced into, blood still flows through the Council's veins. Your GK, DGK, Council FS/CC President and Directors, Council Trustees, and Council and CC Treasurers have been conferring via phone, text and Zoom. GK has been on Zoom conference with our DD and District GK's. Please read carefully IMPORTANT further details of various emergency measures and procedures, outlined inside. I am in Group Text contact with only about 30 +/- out of 470+ members. Many of you are very out of touch. If you have any concerns, questions or ideas, MY PHONE IS LISTED on top of the KL front page. No calls after midnight, please!

I trust that You and Your Families had as nice and Blessed Easter as possible under current conditions and circumstances. I ask you that, as a Brotherhood of Faith, you join me in praying for relief from this Pandemic, for the souls of our departed and or family members, and in thanks for those who survived.

Blessed Mother, Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

Brothers, in this time of uncertainty and disturbance of normal life, our Council must go on, with continuity of its functions essential to its existence Elections must be held in spite of current conditions. I have sent out texts to our officers and active members requesting their plans for office in the next Fraternal Year. Responses are coming in. Any readers outside the aforementioned group who are interested in office holding will need to contact myself or another officer with your intentions. Logistics of election holding will be determined by status of health restrictions as time moves on.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Columbian Club Directors meet at 7:00 pm every 2nd Thursday of the month, prior to our normally scheduled Council meetings. All interested Brothers are invited to participate.

You have heard about our Capital Improvement drive. I think it is important to let you know how your donations will be used. Plans include, updating the council hall with new paint, flooring and ceiling including lighting. As the major source of income this update is necessary to keep us a leading candidate for hall rentals. Other work includes repairs to our parking lot, ceiling tiles and flooring in the bar area, flooring in the kitchen, updating our bathrooms and many smaller general repairs. We will continue to keep you updated as work is completed. Please read the notice below and thank you for your anticipated generosity.

The Columbian Club will be holding its Election of Officers. Incumbents Mike Borys, Gary Williams, and Steve Whoeler are up for reelection. If there are any interested candidates please contact Bob Kaelblein by email at kb.hopatcong@gmail.com

DUES

Below is a list of delinquent member:

Hubert	Szymanski	Mark	S	Kirk	Matthew	F	Hoynowski
Edmondo	Astone	Joseph	M	Moran	William	D	Joy
Ronald	N Bartell	Dennis	M	Pepe	Michael	J	Kelly
Joseph	W Britton	Michael	J	Petrone	James	E	Pelletiere
Benito	A Carandang	Robert		Ricci	Leoni	M	Pinheiro
Vincent	P Charles	Christopher		Siino	Thomas	P	Schroeder
Alfredo	M Da Silva	Pascal	J	Tyra	Joseph		Vicidomini
Harry	B Doyle	Joseph		Vicidomini	Jeffrey	H	Welsh
Robert	A Emmer	Marc		Vicidomini	Rene	A	Carmenaty
Craig	P Evans	Victor	N	Brescia	Nelson	J	Hernandez
Matthew	A Fogerty	Eugene		Alves	Michael	A	Marucci
Christopher	B Fronzak	Marco	M	Correia	John-Patrick		Mc Clave
Timothy	L Hanlein-Hubble	Pal		Drejaj	Michael	J	O'Neill
James	Hellwig	Steven	S	Fernicola	Kerry	A	Rodriguez
Jamie	J Howell	Brian		Framnigen	Joseph	M	Vetter
Joseph	E Huss	John	J	Frize	John	M	Wachter
Stephen	J Kaelblein	Keith	J	Gallagher	John	F	Young

If you sponsored or know any of these brothers please contact them and remind them to pay their dues. If anyone no longer wishes to be a member please state that in writing, sign (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197 , PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205

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, 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.

NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE

Kudo's to our Treasurer Steve Karwowski for coordinating the launch of our new website, www.hillsidekofc3197.org. Members should check this website for updates on the return of Council and CC meetings and events, and updates regarding Club hours, especially upon return to normalcy.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, MAY, JUNE

MAY	04.	PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER. Suspended till November, DTBD	
"	07.	Columbian Club Directors Meet.	7:00 pm
"	"	Council Meet	8:00 pm
"	14-16	STATE CONVENTION Cancelled in Wildwood.	
"	17	Virtual CONVENTION on line. Two Delegates only.	11:30 am
"	21	Holy Day of Obligation, Ascension of the Lord.	
"	28	Council Meet	8:00 pm
JUNE	11	Columbian Club Directors Meet	7:00 pm
"	"	Council Meet	8:00 pm
"	25	Council Meet	8:00 pm

Please NOTE: Council and CC meetings are reference postings only, especially in May, and not expected to be in person events. Regular meeting attendees will be notified, via text, of special or regular meetings being held on Zoom or other medium. Also SEE BELOW.

OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUPREME / STATE AND DD.

As you are well aware, our lives at this time are in a state of fluidity, ebb and tide, and unprecedented uncertainty. With the need to keep some semblance of order and continuity Supreme Council has issued directives and recommendations. Below listed is a compilation of what I deem the most important and practical for our Council. These were culled from E-mail memorandums and Zoom conferences with the DD.

Participate in On Line church services for Holy Days and Sundays.

Leave No Knight Behind. Call your members especially the aging, disabled. Watch out for needy Brothers.

Donate Blood, when possible.

Initiate On Line meetings and conduct by use of script. Invite Chaplain and hold up the Cross during prayers.

Conduct Elections. E-mail the slate and conduct a regular meeting using Zoom, or other medium.

Conduct Exemptions On-Line. Use your own First Degree video or New Combined video from Supreme.

Qualification quota has been reduced on programs for Council awards.

Conduct a Delta Church Drive when normalcy returns.

CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

As announced in the last KL, Council and Columbian Club Officers have targeted a goal of \$20,000 for capital to refurbish our Council Home. 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 accomplished. Like everything and everyone else, the Club has suffered financial setbacks during this COVID Pandemic. Despite the national emergency and personal financial setbacks, our members have been generous and we are at a fifth of our goal with almost \$4,000 collected. We invite all members (and other supporters) to help this effort. Please consider a donation in your name, or a memorial donation to remember a departed loved one. Donations should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Council 3197 with a memo "Club Improvements", and send to Knights of Columbus Council 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205.

IN MEMORIAM, REST IN PEACE

We ask that you pray for the souls of the following recent Departed:

Member **James Welsh**, father of member Jeffrey Welsh. **Judy Fanning**, mother of member Tim Fanning, and widow of departed member Dick Fanning. **Sylvia Winters**, widow of member Thomas R. Winters and member of Hillside Council Ladies Auxiliary. **Phil "the Barber" Cardaci**. Not a member, but he was the beloved hair cutter to many of our Brothers, some from their childhood.

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.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the July - August issue of the KL must be received NO Later than June 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.