

# **The KnightLetter**

September - October 2020

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## **Grand Knights Message**

Brothers, Greetings:.

The summer is over, unfortunately for most of us, the most memorable in our lives. When you read this KL issue it will be September, and NJ Knights are still in virtual close down, hoping and praying that the current health situation will improve enough to permit the return to a more normal life, for us personally, for our beloved Council and The Brotherhood.

Because of this fluid situation we have not scheduled any events involving inside gatherings. We are carefully watching developments of the health situation and State Government pronouncements.

Many dedicated Council Brothers have taken this opportunity to renovate the Columbian Hall, which is now glowing with fresh paint and a new wood parquet floor which has replaced the previous well worn and stained dark red carpet. Walls in the Bar have been stripped of wallpaper, and are in the process of being painted a calming blue gray. The Bar's floor covering is also being replaced. Thanks are due to the selfless and resourceful team of "worker ants" Brothers who volunteered their services.

And we extend our sincerest gratitude to You Brothers who, through your donations to THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND have made this possible. The object of this, of course, is to enhance our ability to attract Hall rental customers. These rentals are our main method of financing the month to month expenses such as maintenance, HVAC, insurance etc. on our Columbian Club Building. FAILING THAT, WE WILL BE FORCED TO DISSOLVE THE COLUMBIAN CLUB, AND DISPOSE OF THE COLUMBIAN CLUB FACILITY and necessitating the Council to hold meetings at some church basement or at another council's facilities.

On a brighter note, this year our ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC will be held at the PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO our COLUMBIAN HALL BUILDING, 1220 Liberty Ave. Hillside, ( see inside for details), and we pray that God's Blessing and the improving health situation in NJ, will allow us to enjoy this wonderful gathering.

Come on out! Bring the family! SEE YOU THERE!

Remember, no matter what the opposition says or does, BE PROUD, YOU'RE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

May the Good Lord watch over Us All.

Blessed Mother Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us.

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Columbian Club Directors normally meet 1 hour prior to our normally scheduled Council meetings. Please check the calendar of events to see times. 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 have been used to date. The back hall has been completely renovated with new paint and vinyl plank flooring. The bar area has been repainted and new blinds installed. The old dance floor from the back hall will be utilized to repair the old flooring and a new floor for behind the floor will complete the bar area. The parking lot has had some large areas filled with concrete with more work to be done including sealing. Our next big project will be remodeling and improving our bathrooms. As donations continue to come in we will continue to fix much of the outdated and crumbling infrastructure. We will continue to keep you updated as work is completed. Please read the notice below and thank you for your anticipated generosity.

## DUES

Below is a list of delinquent member:

Hubert	Szymanski	Christopher	Siino	James	Pelletiere
Edmondo	Astone	Pascal	Tyra	Leoni	Pinheiro
Ronald	Bartell	Joseph	Vicidomini	Thomas	Schroeder
Joseph	Britton	Marc	Vicidomini	Joseph	Vicidomini
Alfredo	Da Silva	Victor	Brescia	Jeffrey	Welsh
Robert	Emmer	Eugene	Alves	Rene	Carmenaty
Craig	Evans	Marco	Correia	Nelson	Hernandez
Timothy	Hanlein-Hubble	Pal	Drejaj	Michael	Marucci
Jamie	Howell	Brian	Frammigen	John-Patrick	Mc Clave
Joseph	Huss	John	Frize	Michael	O'Neill
Mark	Kirk	Keith	Gallagher	Kerry	Rodriguez
Joseph	Moran	Matthew	Hoynowski	Joseph	Vetter
Dennis	Pepe	William	Joy	John	Wachter
Robert	Ricci	Michael	Kelly	John	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

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, JULY – AUGUST

Sept. 13	ANNUAL COUNCIL FAMILY FUN PICNIC	12 Noon--5:00 pm	PARKING LOT of Columbian Club, 1220 Liberty Ave, Hillside.
" 24	Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm	
" "	Council meeting	7:00 pm	
Oct 08	COMBINED DEGREE Exemplification	7:30 pm	
" 22	Columbian Club Directors Meeting	6:00 pm	
" "	Council Meeting	7:00 pm	

PLEASE NOTE: Due to current circumstances imposed on us, the Columbian Club and Council have agreed to modify meetings as stated above. The hall will be set up to provide adequate social distancing. Masks are recommended.

## CALL TO ACTION

Due to the Columbian Club's shutdown and resultant inactivity, many imaginative Brothers decided to band together for a clean out and renovation of the Columbian Club facilities. Deep appreciation is due to PGK, FDD Joe Michalik, Trustee, for composing and orchestrating the Capital Improvement Fund. Thanks to Columbian Club President PGK Bob Kaelblein, FS, for leading the charge and fighting in the ranks with hands, scraper, brush and anything else available. Additional thanks to PGK Kevin Mc Clave for setting the example for ripping, stripping and tossing. Thanks to Chris Fronzak, Tim Fanning, Jim Hellwig, DGK Pat Mahon, Pat Peterpaul, Mike Petrone, Steve D'Amato, Gary Williams Bob Finan, Jim Morris Sr. and Steve Karwowski (not only for his labor but also providing us with all the paint at no cost). GREAT JOB, BROTHERS, and they're still working!

## NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE

Please check out our new website, "[hillsidekofc3197.org](http://hillsidekofc3197.org)". Members should check this website frequently for updates on the return of Council and CC meetings. Check it often as picture of our Hall and Bar area will be posted soon.

## **ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC**

Our annual Council Family picnic will take place on Sunday September 13th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Our venue has changed as we will be holding the picnic in the parking lot of the Council. We will be outdoors, which will allow for social distancing but restrict our exposure to other groups that we might encounter in a park setting. We will have our usual picnic fare, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken, corn on the cob, clams and other delicacies cooked up by our crew of "Master Chefs" Price is \$15.00 per person or a family admission of \$25.00. Come join us, enjoy the outdoors, renew friendships & acquaintances, see the improvements to the Council Hall/Columbian Club and enjoy the fraternity that is Council 3197

## **DONATE**

Donations are still needed to reach our initial goal. If you haven't donated yet please consider to do so. The Capital Improvement Fund donations 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 and will not be used for regular operating expenses. 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 sent to the Knights of Columbus Council #3197, PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ 07205. (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.

## **Degree/Initiation of Members**

Council will hold an exemplification of the "Degree of Charity, Unity & Fraternity in lieu of the regular Council meeting on Thursday October 8, 2020. As you may recall from prior Knightletters and Columbia Magazine, the Supreme Council decided to replace the Order's traditional degrees with one initiation ceremony that covers all three main principles of the Order. The new initiation is open to guests in addition to Knights: wives, children, family and friends are allowed (and encouraged) to attend. The ceremony will start at 7:30 PM sharp and lasts about 40 minutes. Current 1st and 2nd degree members are asked to attend to achieve "full" 3<sup>rd</sup> degree membership and should report to the Council Hall by 7:00 PM. The degree will be held in honor of Christopher Columbus, the great Catholic explorer who's holiday we observe in October. Note: Please check the Council's website [www.hillsidekofc3197.org](http://www.hillsidekofc3197.org) for updates in case the degree needs to be rescheduled due to the pandemic/government-imposed restrictions.

## **Installation of Officers**

The public installation of officers usually held in September of each year will not be held due to pandemic-related restrictions. Officers will be installed "virtually" by the District Deputy.

## **Deceased Members Memorial Mass**

We will have an update for the memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers, held in November, in our next Knightletter.

## **First Communion Gift Sets**

This year, the Council again donated First Communion gift sets to all 101 first communicants at St. Catherine's and Christ the King Parishes. First Communions were delayed from spring to late summer at both parishes. The presentation sets include a hard-cover missal, scapular, rosary, and lapel pin. The Council obtains the sets at a reasonable cost through a K of C State program. Since the Council started participation in the program, over 500 sets with an aggregate retail value of over \$10,000 have been presented to local parish children.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. This will be Field Agent Thomas Brennan, cell 201-637-4603 [thomas.brennan@kofc.com](mailto:thomas.brennan@kofc.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.