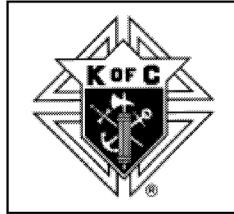


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### **Grand Knights Message**

Brothers, Greetings:.

The season of yellow, gold, orange and red leaves is upon us, adding flashes of bright color to a not so cheerful continuing health situation, in our country and in New Jersey. Our Council has been riding the swells, crests and troughs of this pandemic sea as it continues its undulations. As we continue to hope and pray for calm, our Council continues to function, but in a much diminished form.

Due to health considerations and or Government restrictions we have not been able to hold many of our Fraternal or charitable fund raising activities. However, as you've read in previous issues, with the help of your generous donations to the Capital Improvement Fund, our Brothers jumped in to perform a wonderful renovation of our Columbian Club facilities, making the premises much more pleasant to the eyes.

With recent loosening of restrictions we are now able to open the Hall for limited capacity rentals, which will help defray insurance and maintenance expenses. We have returned to in person, but only once a month Columbian Club and Council meetings. Necessary networking continues via text, e-Mail and phone.

On Oct 8th. we held our first Combined Degree Exemplification. We have planned to hold our Annual Christmas /PGK/ Colombian and Knight of the Year Dinner and Kid's Christmas Party for Dec 19 and 20 respectively. These will be limited capacity and format, based on EO Mandates from the State. See details inside.

In this time of uncertainty we wish you all and your loved ones a Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

May the Good Lord Watch Over Us All.  
Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us

Fraternally Yours  
Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

## **COLUMBIAN CLUB**

Columbian Club now normally meets at 6:00pm on the 4th Thursday of each month, with exceptions for holidays. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, the next two meetings will be on the 2d Thursday.

Work continues to go forward to upgrade our Council Hall. Continued cleaning and sanitizing efforts are being performed daily. At this time we ask for volunteers who are willing to help with our next phase of repairs. Our roof is still in need of repairs to stop leaks. That in turn leads to needed repairs of interior ceilings. If you can help provide expertise in making repairs please contact the club and leave a message. No help is too small. Thank you.

## **HALL RENTAL**

Please know that our (recently improved) hall is again available for rental within the parameters of the State and CDC guidelines for occupancy, etc. If you or an acquaintance is looking for a place to hold a birthday party, shower, a funeral repast or memorial lunch that was delayed due to the pandemic, consider our Council Home. Contact the Club at 908-688-3197

## **DUES**

Dues notices will be mailed on December 16<sup>th</sup>. It is important to the health of the Council to pay your dues promptly. There are many outstanding dues. If your invoice shows outstanding dues please contact our Financial Secretary, Robert Kaelblein at 973-663-2870 and leave a message. He will contact you to discuss and/or make corrections.

**If anyone no longer wishes to be a member please state that in writing on your invoice, sign (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205**

## **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

Nov 12. COLUMBIAN CLUB DIRECTORS meeting.	6:00 pm
" " COUNCIL MEETING.	7:00 pm
" 26. Thanksgiving. HOLIDAY	
Dec 10. COLUMBIAN CLUB DIRECTORS meeting.	6:00 pm
" " COUNCIL MEETING.	7:00 pm
" 19. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/PGK/COL-KNIGHT OF THE YEAR DINNER. time to be determined. Please consult COUNCIL WEBSITE.	
" 20. ANNUAL KID's CHRISTMAS PARTY.	1:00 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.

## **ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY - PGK / KNIGHT/COLOMBIAN of YEAR**

This party is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 19. Exact time will have to be determined by UNKNOWN HEALTH REGS, IN EXISTENCE AT THAT TIME. Please refer to Council website, <http://www.hillsidekofc.org>. Because of Executive Order Mandates it is expected that ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED DUE TO A POTENTIAL STATEWIDE CURFEW, so act accordingly!

## **ANNUAL KID's CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 20th, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is open to all children 8 or younger, of Members in good standing. Registration form is included in this Knight Letter. Pre -registration is required so Santa is aware of how many gifts to bring.

## **COMBINED DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION.**

Our Council Degree Team held its first In Person Combined Degree ceremony on Oct 8th, elevating 4 candidates to 3rd Degree Brotherhood. Included were 2 from our Council. Congrats to Bros.

Thanks for a job well done to Team Members PGk, FDD Joe Michalik, PGK Bob Kaelblein, DGK Pat Mahon, PGK John Gross, PGK Steve Whoeler. Yours truly was honored to be the Presenter. Present was our DD James Vari. Under the new rules, friends and family of some candidates were in attendance.

## **NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Please check out our still new website at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org> . **NOTE:** this will be especially necessary to update info on Council Christmas Dinner Party. If you wish to access the Knightletters click on tab for 'newsletters' and type in password 'hillsidekofc3197'.

## **COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

A special “Thank You” to the following Brother Knights and friends who have made cash contributions of over \$11,000 thus far toward the Columbian Club Capital Campaign:

Angelo Bonanno, Msgr. Robert M. Chabak, John A. DeVito, Steven G. Fonti, Richard T. Gallagher, David C. Gonos, Vincent J. Grillo, J. Patrick Growney, Joseph S. Jankovic, Anthony John Jankowski, Edward F. Jotantos, Robert P. Kaelblein PGK, Steven G. Karlik, Gary J. Kovacs, Christopher Lanzafama, David V. Large, Patrick J. Mahon, John F. Malone, Gregory P. Manzione, Paul A. Mayer, Joseph A. Michalik PGK, James P. Morris, Dominick W. Pagano PGK, Kevin L. Pydeski, Rev. James J. Reilly, John Rivera, David Santoriello, James C. Sasso, James J. Silva, Joseph M. Straile, Peter A. Tartaglia, William A. Varady, Daniel R. Varady PGK, Steven Q. Whoeler PGK, Gary J. Williams, Andrew L. Wnukowski GK, the Hillside Historical Society, and the Union County Corrections Officers.

Thanks also to the volunteer members who have spent countless hours in cleaning, removing peeling wall covering, repainting walls, and clearing debris off the flat roof. There is more to be done, but a major step was the replacement of the worn carpet with professionally-installed laminate flooring, which will allow us to keep the hall sanitized. Please check the Council’s new website [hillsidekofc3197.org/hall-rental](http://hillsidekofc3197.org/hall-rental) for some pictures of the refreshed hall.

Donations are still welcomed and encouraged toward the campaign, and should be made payable to the “Knights of Columbus Council #3197” with a memo “Club Capital Campaign” 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-ded

## **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

It was a wonderful and successful way to, at least partially, return from the gloom of the restricted Spring and Summer. Held on Sept 13, in our PARKING LOT (a first!), the food was wonderful, drinks plentiful, and corn hole toss fun to watch. Thanks to DGK Pat Mahon for ably spearheading the event and Br. Steve D'Amato for handling food and being master of the grill. Thanks to ALL of so many who helped with set up and for participating in a fun day!

## **DECEASED MEMBERS MEMORIAL MASS**

Because of the unusual circumstances of our current situation, the annual Memorial Mass has been postponed. Details as to whether we can have the mass later this Fraternal year will be announced as soon as possible.

Rest in Peace Brothers Michael Opsasnik and V William DiBuono. Our condolences and our prayers for the souls of our Brothers go out to the families,

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets (\$5 Donation) and Lapel Buttons (\$1 Donation) are available at the Columbian Club. Those unable to get to a meeting or visit the club are welcome to contact PGK Joe Michalik at 732-778-8978 who will have them mailed to you.

## **KofC INSURANCE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. Our Council continues to be under the auspices of the Bob Mc Geehan Agency, contact #732 569 6045. Also working with us is Field Agent Thomas Brennan, cell #201 637 4603, e-Mail: [thomas.brennan@kofc.com](mailto:thomas.brennan@kofc.com).

## **KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM**

Material to be submitted in the January – February issue of the KL must be received NO Later than December 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.