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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

While this is being written, snow just finished falling, putting a thin blanket on the still big piles of white from the snowy recent past. We think of our retired and far removed Brothers who may have been in the path of the recent great winter storm which had just blown its way across wide portions of America, and we pray for you. In our home area we are keeping a weather eye on slow improvements in pandemic issues as vaccinations show a decrease in rates of infection and an improvement in governmental restrictions. Plans for charitable activities are being discussed but, can't be realized at this time. Please see inside for disbursement of the 2019/20 collections.

Our Columbian Club has managed to survive the shortfall of rental revenue, and thanks to the dedication of devoted and dedicated Brothers is heading into Spring with its head above water.

This February 11 we marked the 72d anniversary of our Council's founding. We were not able to celebrate it as it deserved due to health constraints, but hope to make up for it in many years to come.

As always we thank all of those whose contributions of ideas, sweat and funds have made this Council survive strong in a time of unprecedented crisis and hardship.

We wish You and Yours a BLESSED, HEALTHY and HAPPY EASTER!

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

Work continues to go forward to upgrade our Council Hall. Continued cleaning and sanitizing efforts are being performed daily. Repairs completed since the last Knightletter were bathrooms painted and new lighting installed. We have also purchased a disinfection fogger and supplies to keep our Council Hall, bar area, and bathrooms sanitized. As restrictions are slowly being eased this will insure the health and safety of our members and guests. Still planned are repairs to ceiling tiles upon completion of roof repairs and flooring in the bar area. Cleaning of the kitchen is also high on our agenda. We have a great Council Hall and your help in providing manpower and expertise in making repairs is always needed and appreciated. No amount of time and help is too small. Thank you.

HALL RENTAL

Please know that our 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. **The hall is being totally sanitized before and after each event and hand sanitizers are conveniently located for your use.** Contact the Club at 908-688-3197. Pictures are available on our web site at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org>

DUES

Knight Alerts have been mailed on February 16th. This is the final mailing before the suspension process begins. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid being suspended. There are still many outstanding dues at this time and the added expense of printing, stationary and postage hurts our budget. 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 payment options 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, JANUARY - FEBRUARY

March 11.	COLUMBIAN CLUB DIRECTORS meet.	6:00 pm
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PLEASE NOTE: The hall will be set up and sanitized to provide adequate social distancing and safety. Masks are recommended.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

A special "Thank You" to the additional following Brother Knights and friends who have made contributions toward the Columbian Club Capital Campaign: John Pienciak and Pedro Lopez

Thanks also to all the volunteer members who continue to spend countless hours in working to keep our Council clean and safe. Please check the Council's new website 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-deductable)

LENTEN DINNER

With the lessening of restrictions on dinners we are pleased to announce a Walk-in Lenten Dinner to be held Good Friday April 2nd from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. The menu will consist of your choice of Fried Fish with Mac&Cheese, or Eggplant Rollantini, or Penne w/Vodka Sauce. As always Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert will be included. Cost will be \$15 Adults and \$13 for Seniors and Children 12 and under. **Thanks to our new industrial disinfecting equipment the complete hall including chairs, tables, walls and floor will be sanitized for your comfort and safety.** Please keep your eye on our website, <http://www.hillsidekofc.org> for update or details.

NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE

Please check out our still new website at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org> . NOTE: this is a great way to be informed and updated on all Council activities. If you wish to access the Knightletters click on tab for 'newsletters' and type in password 'hillsidekofc3197'.

DISBURSEMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

On February 13, DGK Pat Mahon presented on behalf of our Council a \$700 check to PGK Dan Varady, for our support of "Team Varady", a project of the MS Foundation, and Dan's own continued fight against MS. Additional \$700 checks were presented to the Kennilworth Fire Dept. Anthony DeVito Scholarship Fund and the St. Joseph's Social Center. Thanks to all who continue to donate to our charity funds. In these hard times your help is greatly appreciated.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Fr. Canty Council is planning to host a blood drive in conjunction with Vitalant Blood Services. The drive is tentatively scheduled for Monday May3rd from 3PM to 8PM at the Council Hall.

To facilitate "social distancing" protocol, appointments are required and must be made in advance through the Vitalant website or their 800 number. At press time, the blood center was still in the process of confirming the date. Please check the Council website or contact PGK Joe Michalik at 908-354-1040 for updates.

Please consider participating, as there continues to be an acute shortage of blood donations!

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing, in this reporting period, of longtime Brothers Joseph S. Jackiewicz and Walter Szymanski. May God Rest Their Souls.

VANDALIZATION AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH.

During the week of Feb. 15, a vandalizing of the statue of Christ the King, in the form of paintballing its face occurred. Shortly thereafter, HFD Capt. Douglas Ferrigno and members of Tour #2 used the aerial ladder to access the statue mounted above the church entrance and to successfully clean the damage.

Capt. Ferrigno, men of Tour #2, and HFD LOCAL #35 are to be congratulated for their initiative and effort on behalf of the church community.

This is one of the two churches of our Council and where many Deceased Member's Masses and Officer installation Masses are held. We are deeply grateful for this service.

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.

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.

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