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## ***The KnightLetter***

May - June 2021

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### **Grand Knights Message**

Brothers, Greetings:

Spring is slowly upon us, with the cold breath of COVID-19, which had put a chill on our activities, gradually being lifted. With God's help, and that of our generous and/or hard working Brothers, OUR COUNCIL AND ITS HOME THE COLUMBIAN CLUB, SURVIVED the worst the PANDEMIC induced closures and restrictions could throw at us. WE MADE IT!

The nearly year long and still ongoing renovations have made the premises more attractive to rentals. Your generous donations to THE FUND, and members hard work, made the renovations possible, thus spurring the timely rentals, which pulled the Columbian Club out of financial failure.

We can now concentrate on getting back to charitable endeavors, within the still existing, tho diminished, restrictions. In the last issue we had listed disbursement of charitable funds collected prior to the PANDEMIC.

On April 2nd we held our first event since the closure a year ago, namely a Lenten Walk in Dinner.. (See inside). Thanks to all Brothers and attendees who helped make it a success.

This year we have again donated over 50 1st COMMUNION kits to children of both our Parishes. Many thanks to FDD, PGK, Joe Michalik, Trustee, for his continuing efforts.

As our golfing Brothers stroll (or ride) the emerald greens in a sign of awakening Spring and approaching Summer, so we all pray that like the opening buds of plants and growing grasses (which will need mowing), we too shall rise again to continue our mission. We have shown that in our Council, during a time of greatest adversity, CHARITY, UNITY and FRATERNITY LIVES ON!

We are approaching the end of our Fraternal Year and my 5th term as Grand Knight, and once again I wish to thank all members for their perseverance and dedication to our Council. I am proud and honored to be a member of this great team.

Remember, elections for Officers and Directors are upon us.

May the Good Lord continue His 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. We are close to finalizing plans to repair the minor leaks in the roof and should be completed within the next few weeks as long as the weather holds up. Another repair going forward is the installation of a water heater to replace the 40 year old one used for kitchen work and cleaning. At this time we are asking for any member who would like to be a Director for the Columbian Club. Please contact Robert Kaelblein, FS at 973-663-2870 if you are interested. At this time we are presenting a slate of John DeVito, Willard Evans and Robert Kaelblein. 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

Intent to Retain letters have been mailed with copies sent to Supreme. This was the final mailing before the suspension process. At the time of this KnightLetter suspension notices for anyone with 4 or more years past dues have been mailed to Supreme for processing. There are still several members with 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, MAY - JUNE

May.	03.	BLOOD DRIVE.	3:00--8:00 pm.	Columbian Club
"	06	Columbian Club Directors Meet	6:00 pm	
"	"	Council Meet.	7:00 pm	
"	09.	Mother's Day.	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	
"	15.	STATE CONVENTION.	VIRTUAL	
June.	10.	Columbian Club Directors Meet.	6:00 pm	
"	"	Council Meet.	7:00 pm	

PLEASE NOTE: The hall will be set up and sanitized to provide adequate social distancing and safety. Masks are recommended.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

We continue to thank 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](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. (Please note that these donations are not tax-deductable)

### **LENTEN DINNER**

Our 1st return to semi-normalcy event, after more than one year, was our annual Walk In Lenten Dinner. The eat in-take out affair was a great success. It was great to see familiar faces again enjoying the ability to get out and enjoy the company of others. Thank you to all the members who came with family and friends, and we are grateful to all the local Parishioners who supported us. Many thanks go to those who organized and served.

### **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**

We will be sending a donation of \$1000 to The ARC of Union County. This is money collected from the annual drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Thank you all who collected and donated to this worthy cause.

### **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**

We are pleased to report that we have successfully negotiated with Vitalant Blood Services to hold a blood drive on Monday May 3, from 3:00--8:00 pm, inside the Columbian Club Hall, a first! All State Health mandates will be followed for the safety of participants and staff. We had an advance registration of . , which is a success. Thanks and congrats to FDD, PGK Joe Michalik, Trustee, for orchestrating this beneficial event.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We mourn the passing in April of PGK Steve Helock of Union Co, and that of Br. Craig Rucki, 57, of Tom's River, retired police officer, who passed in Myrtle Beach. NC. May God Rest Their Souls.

### **ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.**

Council and Columbian Club officers and Directors are up for election. A new Council slate must be voted on for a report to State/Supreme by June 15.

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.

### **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 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.