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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

We ended what could be considered the worst Fraternal Year in our history, and we landed on our feet and running! In April we hosted a successful Lenten Meatless Fundraiser Dinner. In May we hosted a successful community service indoor Blood Drive. In June we made a presentation of a scholarship award plaque and a \$1000 grant to a worthy Catholic public school student. We also hosted a Softball Tournament Fundraiser, going towards the same scholarship featuring the Council, Hillside PD, Hillside Fire Dept and Hillside School Board, another success. And, we managed to take the trophy! A year ago, as I was writing the Summer issue of the KL, our Council was still facing a great unknown, with health regulations and restrictions still upon us. But, the renovations conducted by a score of dedicated members, and funded by generous contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund resulted in a renewed, shiny and improved Council hall, Bar and bathrooms. This in turn positively influenced rentals, boosted by easing of health influenced restrictions. Brothers, WE MADE IT through financial and Pandemic storms, and WE'RE HERE TO STAY! Thanks to the retiring Officers and those staying on, YOU DID GREAT! And a hearty welcome to the newcomers! Now, as I open my 6th year as your GK I look forward with pride and confidence to our re awakening. No, wrong last wording. THIS COUNCIL NEVER WENT TO SLEEP!

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

Fraternally Your
Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain Rev. Luke Tran (appointed by archbishop), Grand Knight - Andrew Wnukowski, PGK, Deputy Grand Knight - Patrick J. Mahon, Chancellor - Kevin McClave, PGK, Warden - Christopher Lanzafama, Recorder - Stephen Q. Whoeller, PGK, Treasurer - Stephen Karwowski, Lecturer - Steven D'Amato, Advocate - Joseph Michalik, PGK, PFN, FDD, Financial Secretary - Robert Kaelblein, PGK (appointed by Supreme), Trustee 1 Year - David Large, Trustee 2 Year - Roger Fernandez, PFN (previously elected), Trustee 3 Year - Thomas Childers, Inside Guard - Christopher Fronzak
Outside Guard - Jason Howell

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Work continues to go forward to upgrade our Council Hall. Continued cleaning and sanitizing efforts are being performed daily. This is done to keep our Council Hall, bar area, and bathrooms sanitized. As restrictions have been eased this will continue to insure the health and safety of our members and guests. We are 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 major repair going forward is milling and paving of our parking lot. The installation of a new and energy efficient water heater has been completed. Thank you to Jim Morris for all his help and hard work. All these improvements would not be possible without the generous donations to our Capital Improvement Fund. Donations are still being accepted as we continue to improve your Council home. Thank you to all who supported the reelection of Robert Kaelblein, John DeVito, and Will Evans. Also, thank you to Chris Lanzafama for stepping up to fill the vacant Director spot.

Our Club is Open!

Although we are not yet ready to open the bar and have regular hours in the wake of the pandemic disruptions, the Club is open to members to socialize and enjoy our cable TV and wi-fi. Stop in for a visit and see the improvements to our Club made during the downtime of the pandemic. When a member of the Club's House Committee is on site, the statue of our Blessed Mother at the corner of the building will be illuminated. Please stop in!

COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

The Columbian Club report has been mentioning all that your contributions have accomplished. We are working on a complete report showing contributions and expenditures. 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)

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, graduation party, 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 also available on our web site at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org>

DUES

Suspension notices have been mailed to Supreme for processing. If you have questions concerning your invoice please contact FS Robert Kaelblein 973-663-2870

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, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

July. 08.	Columbian Club Directors.	6:00 pm
" "	Council Officers and Members.	7:00 pm
Aug. 12.	Columbian Club Directors.	6:00 pm
" "	Council Officers and Members.	7:00 pm
Sept. 09.	Columbian Club Directors.	6:00 pm
" "	Council Officers/Members.	7:00 pm
" 11 (Sat.)	ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC.	Noon-5:00 pm. Club parking lot
" 21.(Tue)	BLOOD DRIVE.	3:00 pm -8:00 pm. Inside Council Hall.

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Sept. 21st, 2021 from 3pm – 8pm at the Council Hall. Members, family, friends, and members of the community are urged to assist in alleviating the shortage of blood. The Council is again sponsoring this in cooperation with Vitalant Blood Services. Appointments are required and can be made at Vitalant.org or by calling Vitalant at 877-258- 4825. Please register early to get a preferred time for an appointment! (For more information, contact Joe Michalik at 908-354-1040 or jam334@yahoo.com)

ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC. (Advance Notice!)

We will be holding our annual Family Picnic on Saturday September 11th from noon to 6:00 pm. We will be offering our usual picnic menu of Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs/ Ribs/ Clams / London Broil / Beer /Soda and other special treats put together by our Master Chefs. All of this will be offered at an Admission price of \$15.00 per person and families (children up to 14) will be \$25.00.

At the moment we plan on holding the picnic at the Council utilizing the club parking lot and bathrooms etc. This also gives us access to the Hall if we face inclement weather. - However, if a venue change is needed, it will be posted on the Council Website.

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 6/08 DGK Pat Mahon and Br. James Boyle presented the Council's Catholic HS \$1000 Scholarship award to a deserving public school student moving on to a Catholic College. Presentation was done at a general scholastic awards ceremony held at Hillside HS. The actual check was presented on 6/12 by the GK accompanied by DGK Pat Mahon and Br. James Boyle at Conant Park during the Softball Tournament, which was a part of the Scholarship fundraising effort. Huge thanks to Br Boyle, the creator and manager of this project

The \$1000 check for ARC OF UNION COUNTY is awaiting for a date and place of presentation to be determined.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing on 6/2/21 of Robert E. Doyle, 82, of Cedarsville, NJ, the father of our Br Harry Doyle. Our sincere condolences to Harry and the Doyle family. May his soul rest in peace.

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 September - October issue of the KL must be received NO Later than August 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.