

The KnightLetter

September - October 2021

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

Once again we come to the ending of another Summer, this one marked by above average heat and wetness, and unfortunately some destructive weather, which mostly missed our Council's immediate area. We hope and pray that those of our "expatriate" Hillside Brothers in far flung areas managed with God's blessings.

Our continuing and productive Council and Columbian Club meetings have been looking ahead, and have resulted in plans for the approaching Fall, many enabled by your generous contributions to the Columbian Club Capital Improvement Fund.

On Sept 6, we are having our pothole marked Club parking lot repaved, just in time to dry up for our Annual Family Fun Picnic, to take place on that new pavement on Saturday, Sept 11. Prior to that, on September 9, devoted volunteers will be reporting for a general clean-up of the Club premises.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, we will be proudly hosting our 2nd Blood Drive, to be held inside the Columbian Hall.

On Sunday, October 17, we will be cooking up a storm for a Walk-In Fundraiser Dinner to benefit citizens with developmental disabilities.

In the past year, because of health restrictions, we were unable to hold an Officer Installation, Deceased Members Mass or our Annual Christmas Dinner and Children's Christmas Party. These at last have been scheduled for December 18 and 19, respectively. Installation of Officers and Deceased Members Mass are in planning stages.

For details on all of the above, please check the inside of this issue as well as our Council Website.

As you can see from this schedule, we are springing forward into the approaching Fall. Our prayers have been answered and, because of the pleasing and inviting appearance of the Club premises, (made possible by your contributions) the Columbian Club is being blessed with rentals, and is holding its own.

Hope to see many of you at the Family Fun Picnic and the Walk In Fundraiser. Remember, that Sunday, don't go to your local diner or restaurant. COME TO YOUR COUNCIL AND SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE!

May the Good Lord continue His Watch Over Us All.

Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us.

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Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Work will continue to go forward with upgrades to your Council Hall. A cleaning date of September 9th is scheduled to spruce up the outside and perform an extensive cleaning of our kitchen facilities. Sanitizing efforts are being performed daily. This is done to keep our Council Hall, bar area, and bathrooms sanitized. Even though restrictions have been eased we will continue to insure the health and safety of our members and guests. **Our Club is Open!**

Although we do not at this time have regular hours the bar and 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

Here is a detailed report on what has been accomplished mostly with your kind contributions. Total money in Donations was: \$14,510. Projects: Vinyl Flooring in Council Hall - \$5107.75, Installation - \$2000.00, Lighting and improvements to Ladies Bathroom - \$160.00, Fogger and disinfectant - \$335.00, Hot Water heater - \$568.23, Cleaning and Sealing of Front Roof and AC Ductwork - \$2750.00, Cleaning and Paving of Parking Lot - \$6550.00 for a total of \$17,470.98. As you can see this left us with a negative -\$2960.98 which has been made up from the Columbian Club savings. One other important non-financial donation was paint. Enough paint was donated to allow us to paint the Hall, the Bar, and both Bathrooms. Finally all this work could not have been completed without the many hours and often days of time and labor by several of our members. There is more work to be done so please consider a donation. Donations are still welcomed and encouraged toward this campaign, and should be made payable to the "Knights of Columbus Council #3197" with a memo "Club Capital Improvement" and send to the Knights of Columbus Council #3197, PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ 07205. 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. 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>

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

Sept 06/7	PARKING LOT PAVING	Early daytime
" 09	CLEANUP OF CC PREMISES	9:00 AM
" "	Columbian Club Directors meet	6:00 pm
" "	Council Meet	7:00 pm
" 11	(Sat) ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC	Noon--5:00 pm COL CLUB PARKING LOT
" 21	(Tue) BLOOD DRIVE	3:00 pm--8:00 pm COL, CLUB HALL
Oct 14	Columbian Club Directors meet	6:00 pm
" "	Council meet	7:00 pm
" 17	WALK IN CHARITY FUNDRAISER DINNER	1:00--5:00 pm

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 ongoing shortage of blood needed by hospitals. The Council is again sponsoring a blood drive in cooperation with Vitalant Blood Services. All blood types are needed!

Appointments are encouraged and can be made at [Vitalant.org](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/53890) at the following link:

https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/53890 or by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Please register early to get a preferred time for an appointment!! (While it is best to schedule an appointment, based on prior experience, walk-ins can generally be accommodated.)

For more information or for registration/appointment assistance, contact Joe Michalik at 908-354-1040 or at jam334@yahoo.com

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'.

ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC

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.

The Picnic will be held on the grounds of the Columbian Club PARKING LOT, This will allow for easy access for set up, bathrooms inside and easy move to Hall in case of inclement weather. Brothers, bring yourselves, your family and your friends. Come join us for good food, good drinks, good fun and friendship.

WALK IN CHARITY DINNER

October 17th we will be holding a Walk-In Charity Dinner to support Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. Menu will consist of your choice: Chicken Francaise w/pasta, Manicotti w/sausage, Roast Beef w/potato and vegetable, or Penne w/Vodka Sauce. Price will be \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors and \$8 for children under 12 Yrs.

This is our First Charity Fundraiser in some time. Please come out and support this worthy Charity

SAVE THE DATE

Don't forget to put on your calendar December 18th for our Annual Christmas Party for Adults and December 19th for Children. More information to be in the November - December KnightLetter

DISBURSEMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

The \$1000 check for ARC OF UNION COUNTY has been delivered to their representative and was 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.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing on 7/9 of long time (52 yr) member HAROLD "Joe" DRISCOLL, 86, of Springfield, formerly of Hillside, NJ. Our sincerest condolences to the 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 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.

Walk in Charity Dinner

All Proceeds Benefit Citizens with Disabilities

**Knights of Columbus
1220 Liberty Ave
Hillside, NJ**

**October 17, 2021
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Choice of Menu

**Chicken Francaise w/Pasta
Manicotti w/Sausage
Roast Beef w/ Potato, Vegetables
Penne w/Vodka Sauce**

**All Meals Include:
Soup - Salad
Dessert - Coffee – Tea**

Adults \$15 – Seniors \$12 – Under 12 yrs. \$8