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***The KnightLetter***  
January - February 2022

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**Grand Knights Message**

Brothers, Greetings:

As I write this Winter issue I think of coming through a progressive recovery in health motivated operating restrictions and a near crisis for our Columbian Club, which has reversed thanks to renovations of our facility through our Member's dedication and hard work, and your generous donations.

We started our Fraternal Year on September 11 with a wonderful Annual Family Fun Picnic, held on our newly renovated parking lot ground, chaired by DGK Pat Mahon. On September 21 we were ready to have a successful Blood Drive but for provider cancelation due to staffing shortage. PGK Joe Michalik, thanks for trying! On October 17 we held our first since COVID Walk in Fundraiser Dinner, which sold 93 meals, a great success! Thanks FS PGK Bob Kaelblein.

We were able to resurrect our Annual Deceased Member's Mass, this one held on our premises, our Past Grand Knight/Knight of the Year/Columbian of the Year/Christmas Dinner, and our Annual Kid's Christmas Party.

But now, angry clouds of a new virus variant are casting a shadow and again sending us into an unknown. In spite of this, it pleases me to report that our Council has scheduled charity fundraising events February through April. On February 11th, we will hold a Charity Walk in Fund Raiser Dinner. Also, on March 4th, we will host the first Walk-in Lenten Pasta Dinner for Charity and on March 13th, a Charity Fund Raiser Corned Beef Dinner, and on April 8th the second Walk-in Lenten Fish Fry Dinner for Charity. As a mark of our Council's purpose, on Dec 29th, we conducted a Combined Degree, welcoming 4 NEW MEMBERS into our Council.

So, after surviving the stormy waters of 2020 and reaching the relative calm of '21 we may again face challenges in the New Year, but we are ready in purpose and spirit. The strength and determination of our members will continue to get us through. We look forward to a productive 2nd half of the Fraternal Year.

Again, I wish all of You and Yours a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year!

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

Fraternally Your  
Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Work will continue to go forward with upgrades to your Council Hall. Sanitizing efforts are being performed daily. This is done to keep our Council Hall, bar area, and bathrooms sanitized and safe. 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! **Our Club is Open!**

I would like to congratulate PGK Kevin McClave, winner of the Robert Jotantos Columbian of the Year award. Kevin has been an inspiration and key figure over the last two years in improving our Council building and hall. The dedication he has shown symbolizes the true nature of Columbian ideals. Thank you Kevin!

## COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

I hope you make an effort to read the KnightLetter which outlines all the improvements made to our Council building. The work has been quite extensive with many projects still planning to be done. Work in the Bar, Hall and Kitchen continue. There is also outside work to be done including brick work to the grotto and building. If any member has experience in any of these projects please contact Columbian President Bob Kaelblein at 973-663-2870. 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, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

Jan 13 Columbian Club Directors meet.	6:00 pm
" " Council meet.	7:00 pm
Feb 10 Columbian Club Directors meet.	6:00 pm
" " Council meet.	7:00 pm
" 11 (Fri) CHARITY FUNDRAISER WALK IN DINNER.	4:00 pm--7:00 pm

### ADVANCE NOTICE:

Mar 04 (Fri) CHARITY FUNDRAISER LENTEN DINNER.	4:00 pm--7:00 pm
" 13 (Sun) CHARITY FUNDRAISER CORNED BEEF DINNER.	1:00 pm--5:00 pm
Apr 08. (Fri) CHARITY FUNDRAISER LENTEN FISH FRY.	4:00 pm--7:00 pm

## DUES

Dues second notices will be mailed on January 16<sup>th</sup>. 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

## REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS MASS

Held on Nov. 08, it was the 1st in many years to be conducted at our Columbian Hall. This made availability of refreshments and socializing easier for attendees. The Mass was augmented by music and singing provided by John and Gloria Ferro and son Matt, choir of Christ the King Church. Thanks to our Chaplain and Pastor of CTK, Fr. Luke Tran, for celebrating the Mass. Thanks to DGK Pat Mahon for ably chairing this event in the absence of myself due to recovering from.(successful) surgery.

## REPORT ON ANNUAL PGK/KNIGHT AND COLUMBIAN OF THE YEAR/CHRISTMAS DINNER

This was held on Dec. 18, after skipping 2020 due to health restrictions. It was decided to give the A.J. DeVito Memorial Knight of the Year Award to two worthy Brothers for diverse and noteworthy contributions. Congratulations to DGK Pat Mahon for outstanding service during the Pandemic period and Br. James Boyle for important initiatives in prior years. Winner of Robert Jotantos Columbian of the Year was PGK Kevin Mc Clave, Chancellor. Well deserved! The GK (oops, that's me) was honored for his many years of serving in that position, but not quite being "Past" GK. FS Bob Kaelblein presented him (me) with a Gift Certificate, which will be used to purchase Knight gear. Thank you!

## **REPORT ON ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Although we had low numbers due to COVID concerns our Children's Party was a success. Thank you to FS PGK Bob Kaelblein-chef, Treasurer Steve Karwowski-Santa, and Chancellor PGK Kevin Mc Clave who assisted Santa in making off site deliveries for children who planned to, but could not attend. And thank you DGK Pat Mahon for organizing and overseeing this event.

## **COMBINED DEGREE, 4 NEW MEMBERS**

On December 29 our Council held a Combined Degree for 4 Candidates welcoming Ben DeVito, Kevin McClave Jr, Chris Fanelli, and Ryan Villani. Many thanks to FS, PGK Bob Kaelblein, DGK Pat Mahon, Recorder, PGK Steve Whoeler, and Chancellor PGK Kevin Mc Clave, acting as organizers and team members.

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISER WALK IN DINNER, FEB. 11**

Our first of the year walk-in Charity Dinner will be held February 11 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Cost will be \$18 Adults and \$15 for Seniors and Children(under 12). Menu will include Soup, Salad, choice of Chicken Parmesan, Manicottiw/Sausage, Roast Beef or Penne with Vodka Sauce, Dessert, coffee, tea

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISER LENTEN PASTA WALK IN DINNER, MAR. 04**

Our annual Lenten Pasta dinner will be held March 4 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Cost will be \$18 Adults and \$15 for Seniors and Children(under 12). Proceeds will go into our Charity Fund. Please mark your calendar. Check March, April Knightletter for additional information

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISER WALK IN CORNED BEEF DINNER, MAR 13**

Come celebrate Saint Patrick's day a little early and share some Blarney with friends and neighbors. This Charity dinner will be held March 13, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Cost will be \$18 Adults and \$15 for Seniors and Children(under 12). Check March, April Knightletter for additional information (**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD**)

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISER LENTEN WALK IN FISH FRY, APR 08**

Our annual Lenten Fish Fry will be held March 4 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Cost will be \$18 Adults and \$15 for Seniors and Children(under 12). Proceeds will go into our Charity Fund. Please mark your calendar. Check March, April Knightletter for additional information.

## **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 Andy Wnukowski, program know of your interest. This is a well received program and a beautiful way to let parents-parishioners know about our Council.

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

As you visit the Council please note our new Keep Christ in Christmas sign on the building. This and other signs have been generously donated by Richard Witting of Hillside. Keep in mind Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets (\$5 Donation) and Lapel Buttons (\$1 Donation) are available at the Columbian Club. You can also contact PGK Joe Michalik at 732-778-8978 to have them mailed to you.

## **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.

## **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 March – April issue of the KL must be received NO Later than February 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**

## **Proceeds to Benefit Various KofC Charities**

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

**February 11, 2022  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Choice of Menu**

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

**All Meals Include:**

**Soup - Salad**

**Dessert - Coffee - Tea**

**Adults \$18 - Seniors \$15**

**Children (under 12) \$10**