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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

Well, here in windblown and still cold N.J. we are waiting for the Spring weather and hoping for maybe a touch of Summer by June. Although the Omicron cases are rising slightly, my bellwether liquor store employees have not donned their masks since the last issue of the KL, which is a good omen.

I can proudly report that in this last 1/2 of the Fraternal Year our Council has been busy with successful charitable endeavors as follows:

Mar 04-Lenten Pasta Walk in Dinner / Mar 13-Walk In Corned Beef Dinner / April 08-Lenten Walk in Fish Fry / April 08-09- Church and Business "Handheld Can" collection.

Note: all of the above were fundraisers for Citizens With Physical and Mental Disabilities. During one dinner we presented a check for \$1000 to PGK Dan Varady for Multiple Sclerosis. We thank all those who participated and or supported. See inside for more details.

Also, on May 03, we are holding an in house Blood Drive (See inside).

And now, once again it's time for Council and Columbian Club Elections (those interested in office, please see inside).

As we approach the closing of this Fraternal Year and GK's Message we may be approaching the end of my 6 year tenure. If so, then let me say that it has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your GK. I am proud of this Council and grateful that I was able to support it, particularly through these trying years of the Pandemic.

Brothers, you have been and are a hard working, innovative, resourceful and dedicated bunch of CATHOLIC MEN WHO TYPIFY WHAT IT IS TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS! Vivat Jesus!

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. 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 and Bar is Open!** We are currently looking for Bartenders so we can have a more accurate schedule for times of operations. Please consider the possibility of dedicating some time once or twice a week. You can let any Director know if you are able to help or call Bob Kaelblein at 973-663-2870

COLUMBIAN CLUB NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Directors for the 2022-2023 are open. Members interested in serving as a Director are encouraged to contact Robert Kaelblein, or any current Director. This is a three year position. The suggested slate will be proposed at the May meeting, at which time nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Final nominations and vote will occur at the June Council meeting.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

I hope you make an effort to read the KnightLetter which outlines all the improvements made to our Council building. There are many more improvements planned. These include outside work that needs 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.

At this time I would like to thank Angelo Bonanno and Unico for their generous donation of \$3234.37. This money is earmarked for much needed improvements to our kitchen. I would also like to thank the Lions club for their donation of \$1000.00. These monies will go a long way in completing all the needed repairs.

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, MAY, JUNE

May 03 (Tue)	COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE.	In house, 1:30--7:30 pm
May 05	Columbian Club Directors meet.	6:00 pm
"	Council meet.	7:00 pm
" 13-14.	STATE CONVENTION.	Wildwood, NJ
May 26 (Thur)	Annunciation of the Lord.	Day of Oblig'n in Newark Diocese
June 16.	Columbian Club Directors meet.	6:00 pm
"	Council meet.	7:00 pm
" 19	FATHER'S DAY.	A Happy One to All!

DUES

Suspension procedures have begun for several of our members who are more than 2 years delinquent in their dues. If you have concerns 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 and sign your request (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205

REPORT ON CHURCH COLLECTION DRIVE, APRIL 9-10

The GK was joined by PGK Steve Whoeler for collections at all 4 Christ the King masses, while Trustee Roger Fernandez joined Br Angelo Bonanno at St Catherine's services. Total raised was \$493 for Disabled Citizen's FUND.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER WALK IN DINNERS

Thanks must be given to those who donated their services in making our three Charity Fundraising Dinners a success. As always, to CC Pres and PGK Bob Kaelblein, for organizing, preparing and cooking delicious meals. And to the service squad of dining room and kitchen volunteers, namely: DGK Pat Mahon, FDD PGK Joe Michalik, PGK Steve Whoeler, PGK Will Evans, Trustee Dave Large, Trustee Tom Childers, Our Famous Soup man Ben Niewinski and Brother James Silva. To Columbian Club "Sgt. Major" John DeVito for manning the front desk and 50/50's and to 14 Year old Miss Dakota Borys for the same, and general help.
TO ALL, A JOB WELL DONE!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for the slate of Council Officers for the 2022-2023 are open. Members interested in serving as an officer are encouraged to contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Advocate Joe Michalik, Financial Secretary Robert Kaelblein, and Trustees Dave Large, Tom Childers, and Roger Ferenandez. A slate of officers will be proposed at the May meeting, at which nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Final nominations and vote will occur at the June Council meeting.

BLOOD DRIVE

As of "press time," the Council was hosting a blood drive in cooperation with the New York Blood Center on Tuesday May 3rd. A report on the drive will be provided in the next KnightLetter.

BAPTISMAL ROSE PROGRAM

The Council presents congratulatory roses to mothers of children born at St. Catherine's and Christ the King churches. If you can help with the presentation program, notify Angelo Bonanno, (908 965 0415), program coordinator at St. Catherine's, or GK Andy Wnukowski, program coordinator at Christ the King. This is a well received program and a beautiful way to let parents-parishioners know about our Council.

IN MEMORIAM

In this reporting period we mourn the passing of the following:

- On 4/10, Julio Jose Fernandez, 62, of Miami, Fl., brother of our Trustee Roger Fernandez
- On 4/20, Maria Teodora Perez, of Elizabeth, NY, Mother in Law of Trustee Roger Fernandez.
- On 4/14, James Childers, of Lindenhurst, NY, brother of our Trustee, Tom Childers.
- On 4/20, Member Kevin J. Morris, 53, of Union, son of Member James "Mr." Morris.
- On 4/24, Betty Jean Sprague, 62, of Union, mother of Member Ed Sprague.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Please check out our 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, or email: 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 Bob Kaelblein 973-663-2870, or email to Fr.Canty3197@gmail.com, or leave in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.