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## *The KnightLetter*

July - August 2022

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### Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

It is an honor and true privilege to address my Brother Knights and their families for the first time as Grand Knight. I joined the Hillside Council in 1979 and had been "in the chairs" in the 1980's, but Law school/career/children/life and moves along the East Coast got in the way of my succession to Grand Knight. In a remarkable twist of fate, now 35+ years later I am a Grand Knight of my beloved Hillside Council.

I would like to thank my predecessor Andy Wnukowski for the incredible service given to this council as he was our Grand Knight for 6 terms – an unprecedented amount of time. Through Andy's leadership the Council weathered Covid and came out stronger than ever! His other achievements are too numerous to mention but all of us in Canty Council # 3197 will be forever in his debt and he will always have our GRATITUDE!

As we roll through summer, which normally is a slow time for our Council, I would ask that you "Save the Date" of Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> as the Columbian Club will hold a fund raising dinner for the AJ DeVito Scholarship Fund. We lost our brother AJ in August 2019 and the Kenilworth Fire Dept on which AJ served established a scholarship in his name. This scholarship has been supported by our Council since its inception. There is more information later in this newsletter about this fundraiser.

On Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual family picnic at Conant St Park in Hillside. Again, more details to follow below.

With the new fraternal year upon us and Covid hopefully behind us, we can get back to a more normal Council life. I hope for an exciting fall as plans are laid for a great year!

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

Fraternally Your  
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

## Council Officers for the 2022/2023 Fraternal Year.

Chaplain - Rev Luke Tran  
Grand Knight - SK Pat Mahon  
Deputy Grand Knight - Chris Lanzafama  
Chancellor - SK PGK Kevin McClave  
Warden - SK David Large  
Recorder - SK PGK Steven Q Wholleher  
Financial Secretary - SK PGK Robert Kaelblein  
Treasurer - Steve Karowski  
Advocate - SK PDD PGK Joseph Michalik  
Outside Guard - Paul Peyton  
Inside Guard - Chris Fronzak  
Trustee 1 year - Roger Fernandez  
Trustee 2 year - Thomas Childers  
Trustee 3 year - SK PGK Andy Wnukowski

## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Work will continue to go forward with upgrades to your Council Hall. Stop in for a visit and see the improvements to our Club. Or schedule is currently limited however 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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

I hope you make an effort to read the Knight Letter which outlines all the improvements made to our Council building. Some recent and quite extensive work that has been completed is the repair of both the front and back flat roofs to eliminate leaks and ponding, as well as new ceiling tiles and lighting in the Council Hall. We will soon begin work in our kitchen area that will include painting and new flooring as well as new cabinets and shelving. Volunteers are needed to help move and clean the kitchen before this work can start. Please contact any Director or call Bob Kaelblein at 973-663-2870 if you can help. 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, JULY, AUGUST

July 14th.	Thursday	Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
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August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
" "	Thursday	Council meeting.	7:00 pm
August 21 (Sunday)		Walk in Dinner in Support of the AJ DeVito Scholarship Fund – sponsored by the Columbian Club	1:00 to 5:00 pm
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	(Saturday)	annual Family Picnic at Conant Park	12:00

## **WALK-IN CHARITY DINNER**

Please mark your calendar to attend our Charity Walk-in Dinner on August 21, 2022. All proceeds will go to the AJ DeVito Scholarship Fund. Menu will include choice of Roast Beef, Chicken Parmesan, Stuffed Shells w/Meatballs or Sausage or Fresh Ham. Cost will be \$18 Adults and \$15 Seniors (60 and over).

## **DUES**

If you have not already done so it's still not too late to pay your Annual dues. Please remit to Fr. Canty Council 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3197 SCHOLARSHIP**

Thanks to the efforts of Brother James Boyle and our Scholarship Committee, we were able to award a \$1,000 Scholarship to Andressa Aquino, a graduating senior from Hillside High School as well as a parishioner of St Catherine's Parish.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY PICNIC**

Our annual FAMILY Picnic will take place on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5:00 pm. We are returning to Conant Park and will be utilizing the Pavilion area to provide protection from the elements while still providing access to the outdoors. It promises to be the social event of the season and will feature the usual picnic fare (hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, chips etc.) along with what our talented and generous chefs will provide. Final details will be 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 PGK 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 Brother Knights: Kevin Morris of Clark, and Skip Fericola of Brick. We share with the families the sorrow of their loss.

## **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 Knight letters click on tab for 'newsletters' and type in password 'hillsidekofc3197'.

## **K of C 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). Additional Service can be provided by Field Agent Mike Garafalo @ 732-397-4365.

## **KNIGHT LETTER PROGRAM**

Material to be submitted in the September/October issue of the KL must be received NO Later than August 15. Contact GK Pat Mahon at 908-884-3480 or leave in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.