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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

I hope you all have had a happy, successful and relaxing summer. As many of you know, the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade which now puts the legality and availability of Abortions back in the hands of the individual state. Being Pro-Life, this was a decision that the Knights of Columbus as a national/international organization supported with prayers, dollars and the annual March for Life each January. However, many people, including some fellow Knights, criticized the Pro-Life movement saying that they did not care about babies and mothers after the birth of the child. I would like to alert our Knight's family that the Supreme Council has a program called ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy) which helps new mothers and their babies. More information about this program as well as many more charitable endeavors initiated and/or supported by the Supreme Council can be found at KofC.org.

On the local level, on Sunday August 21, 2022, the Columbian Club with the aid and assistance of the Council, hosted a charity dinner to support the AJ DeVito Memorial Scholarship fund which is sponsored by the Kenilworth NJ Fire Dept. For a summer Sunday afternoon, attendance was very good and my thanks to all those who supported this endeavor. Special thanks to all those who could not make the dinner but sent checks, Zelle transactions, and cash to enhance our overall donation to the Kenilworth FD. To continue AJ's legacy

Please join us on Saturday September 10th for our annual Council Family picnic which returns in this post Covid era to Conant Park. More information can be found below. To be part of the set up/clean up teams and/or assist with other tasks associated with the Picnic please contact DGK Chris Lanzafama

The Leadership teams of the Council and Columbian Club will be meeting shortly to plan and confirm dates for our annual events including our Deceased Brother's Mass, Kids Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party/PGK Dinner, our Charity Dinners, Citizen's with Disabilities Drive, Scholarship Committee activities and Blood Drives. Information will be posted immediately to our Council Web Site HillsideKofC.org and will be added to ensuing Knight Letters. If there any other activities or events, you would like to see happen in our council please let us know! I can be reached via Email at PJMahon@Comcast.net.

As I close this portion of the Knight Letter, I ask that you remember in your prayers several Brother Knights or members of their families who are facing on going health concerns, surgeries, procedures etc. To respect their privacy I will not mention names but a general prayer for these members of our Knights Family would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
May God continue to watch over and guide us.
Blessed Mary, Queen of the knights, Pray for Us.

Fraternally Your
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Please read the capital improvement report which details our continuing work going forward. Please stop in for a visit and see the improvements to our Club. Our 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

Since our last report we have completed a lot of work to our Council Hall and Kitchen. In the Hall ceiling fans have been installed to improve circulation and in the Kitchen we refurbished our stove, painted the walls and ceiling, installed new flooring and replaced kitchen cabinets. Additional improvements include new windows in both bathrooms as well as the ice machine room and windows along our back wall which were severely rotted. The back storage space has been cleaned and the flooring replaced. One important repair was completed by Brother Pal Drejaj to our grotto. Words are hard to explain the work performed. All new stonework has been done as well as painting of the statue and base. It needs to be seen so please stop by. We will put a picture on our web site as well for those unable to see it up close. New refrigeration is coming for our back bar this month. We currently have three coolers that do not work and require extensive repairs or replacement. All this work would not have been possible without the generous financial support as well as time and labor from our active members. We are still accepting donations so please consider helping. Checks can be made out to Fr. Canty Council 3197 and mailed to P.O. Box 207, Hillside, NJ. Thank you.

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

September 8th Thursday	Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
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October 13th Thursday	Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
" "	Thursday Council meeting.	7:00 pm
September 10 th (Saturday)	annual Family Picnic under -Conant Park	12:00 to 5:00 pm

AJ DeVITO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thanks to everyone who came to AJ's charity dinner, also to the many people who donated to his memorial fund. With the money raised we will be able to continue to keep AJ's legacy of giving. We hope to make this an annual event. The Hillside Knights have always been a big part of the DeVito family's lives so seeing so many friends come out to support means the world to us. Special thanks to all who volunteered especially Bob for the delicious food. John, Kerry, Ben, Jacqueline, Anthony and Mason

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY PICNIC

Our annual FAMILY Picnic will take place on Saturday September 10th from Noon to 5:00 pm. We are returning to Conant Park after staging the event in the Council parking lot the last few years lot to Covid concerns and restrictions. So this year we hope to welcome back those who could not attend in 2020/2021. It promises to be the social event of the season and will feature the usual picnic fare (hamburgers, hot dogs, clams, beer, chips etc.) along with whatever delicacies our talented and generous chefs will provide. Cost will be &15.00 per person or a family ticket for \$25.00

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

We extend our condolences to Knight Alan Russotto on the loss of his brother Jim Russotto.

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 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. Additional Service can be provided by Field Agent Mike Garafalo @ 732-397-4365

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security. Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining. While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today. To make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation. The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security. Vivat Jesus! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

KNIGHT LETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the November/December issue of the KL must be received NO Later than October 15th. 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. As mentioned above, please know that thanks to our Council Treasurer Steve Karowski our web site has been revamped and is updated frequently. This is another great source of information, in addition to the Knight letter, on Council & Columbian Club activities.