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The KnightLetter

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

Our fraternal year got off to a successful start thanks to those Brother Knights, who helped stage our annual Family Picnic. It was good to get back to Conant Park and enjoy post Covid camaraderie. On Columbus Day we celebrated by placing a wreath at the Christopher Columbus Memorial in Hillside. Several Council officers along with Hillside Councilman Craig Epps and Councilwoman Lisa Bonnano were present as the wreath was laid. In this age of Cancel Culture, it was nice to see we had local governmental support.

As we move into the months of November and December, our Council will be active and alive with several events, that I hope you can join us for and/or volunteer to help. As you will see from the schedule below, we will be holding our Deceased Members Mass on Monday November 7th. We will honor the memory of our Brothers, who have gone onto to their Eternal Reward, most especially those who passed on in the past year. PGK Andy Wnukowski will be joining to several members of the Christ the King Parish Choir to provide musical interludes and an Honor Guard from the J. F. Kennedy 4th Degree Assembly will also be on hand to add some grandeur to the Mass.

On Sunday November 20th we will be hosting a Charity Dinner and Coat Drive from 12:00 to 5:00. Proceeds will support several of the local causes that appreciate our contributions each year.

During December we will be honoring our Past Grand Knight Andy Wnukowski who served an unprecedented 6 terms as Grand Knight and our Knight and Columbian of the Year on Saturday evening December 17th. On the following day, Sunday December 18th, we will host our Annual Kids Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet can be found further in the Knight Letter – it's important you register your child, grandchild etc, so Santa can do timely and appropriate shopping.

I want to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving along with a holy, wonderful and magical Christmas. Always remember to Keep Christ in Christmas.

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

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. 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

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, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

November 10 th	Thursday Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
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December 8 th	Thursday Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
" " "	Thursday Council meeting.	7:00 pm
November 7 th	Monday Deceased Members Mass & Remembrance-Council Hall	7:00 pm
November 20 th	Sunday -Charity Dinner and Coat Drive	12:00 to 5:00 pm
December 17	Saturday- Past Grand Knight and Knight of the Year Dinner	7:00 pm
December 18	Sunday- Children's Christmas Party	12:30 to 3:30

PLEASE NOTE: The hall will be set up and sanitized to provide adequate social distancing and safety.

DUES

Dues notices will be mailed on December 16th. It is important to the health of the Council to pay your dues promptly. There are many outstanding dues. 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

ANNUAL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Council Christmas party will be held December 18th from 7:00pm to 12:00am. Once again we will celebrate our Past Grand Knight, Knight of the Year, and Columbian of the Year. This years buffet will include Appetizers, Salad, Roast Beef, BBQ Ribs, Chicken Marsala, and Manicotti. The cost is \$30 per person. This is a big sell out so please contact PGK Bob Kaelblein at 973-663-2870 to reserve a seat.

ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Childrens Christmas Party will be held Sunday December 19th from 12:30pm – 3:30 pm. All children of members in good standing up to and including 8 years old will receive a gift from Santa. Please see the enclosed flyer, fill it out and return it no later than December 3rd.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the scholarship that we present to a graduating Hillside High School senior, the State and Supreme Council offer an array of scholarships. Again, I will be working with District and Supreme leadership to get more information on these scholarships, how to apply, the criteria that needs to be met, along with whatever support we can do on the local level. In this time of inflation and economic uncertainty I know the cost of education can be a challenge to families.

DECEASED MEMBERS MASS

This year we are again able to hold this venerable event at our K of C Hall. This will allow for the attendees, most of whom are elderly, to stay in place after the Mass to participate in refreshments. We thank our Chaplain, Rev. Luke Tran for agreeing to celebrate this Mass, which will be held at 7:00 pm on November 08. Please join us in commemorating those who passed recently and in the past.

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 extend our sympathies to the Family of Father Frederick Miller, a former chaplain of our Council, who passed away on September 28th. Father Fred was a well-respected Theologian who published over 100 scholarly articles, several of whom were published in Columbia, the magazine of the Supreme Council. Although a learned man, Father Fred never lost his "common touch" and enjoyed the Brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus.

A WORD ABOUT CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS:

From time to time, many of you receive solicitations from the NJ State Knights of Columbus Council asking for donations to support their Charitable Projects. Please know that any money donated to the State Council is not shared with individual Councils. We are solely dependent on what we raise on our own to make our local donations.

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'.

K of C COAT DRIVE

The Council will be holding a Coat Drive during our November 20th Charity Dinner. Winter Coats are in great demand during the winter season. This is a good time to clean out that closet and help those less fortunate stay warm throughout the winter and Christmas season. Please spread the word to neighbors and friends and support this worthwhile drive. Thank you.

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 January - February issue of the KL must be received NO Later than December 15. Contact GK Patrick Mahon, 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.

Adult Christmas Party

December 17

5:00 – 10:00

Come Celebrate

Christmas

Past Grand Knight

Knight of the Year

Columbian of the Year

Includes

Appetizers – Salad – Open Bar

Dinner

Dessert – Coffee – Tea

\$30.00 per person

Tickets and information contact

Bob Kaelblein 973-663-2870

Children's Christmas Party

This year's party will be at held at the Council Hall on **Sunday, December 18, 2022** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hot Dogs, Soda and Cupcakes for the Kids.

All **Children of Members in Good Standing** up to and including the age of "8" will receive a gift from Santa. Children over the age of "8" are also invited. **However, if you wish them to receive a gift from Santa, you must bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it.**

If your child is 8 years of age or younger – please fill out the slip below with the child's name and age and send it to:

Fr. Canty Council
Childrens Christmas Party
1220 Liberty Ave.
Hillside, NJ 07205

or leave it at the Club

Deadline for these slips is December 3rd

No slips will be accepted after this date.

Questions, call the Club at 908-688-3197

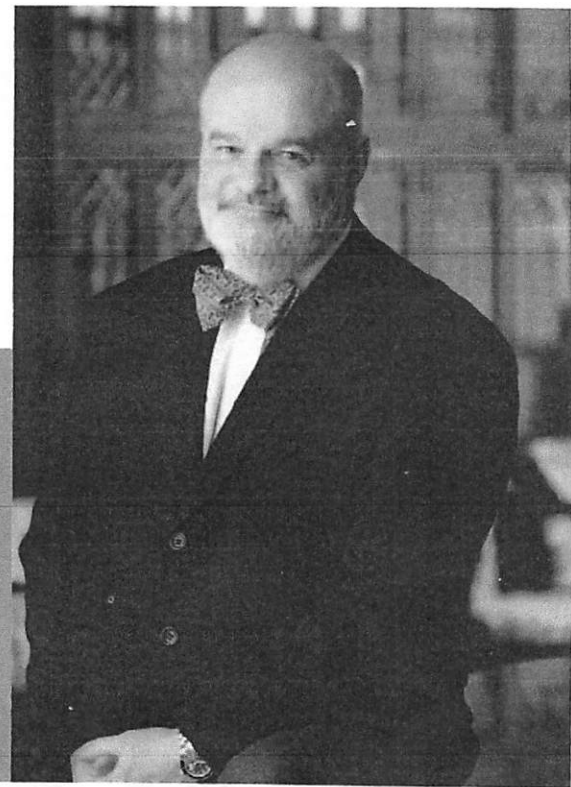
Any Mom or Dad that could help in baking cupcakes or cookies – please call Robert Kaelblein at 973-663-2870.

Child's Name (s) _____	Age _____
_____	Age _____
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Members Name _____

Joe Jordan Presents

Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies



Join us for an informative online presentation by award-winning author, financial thought leader, and brother Knight Joe Jordan.

Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retirement without losing sight of your faith and values. His message has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strategies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal with ROL (Return on Life).

In “Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies” Joe will discuss the two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement: 1) How will you spend your time? 2) How are you going to pay for it?

You're cordially invited to join our new webinar where Joe will be your guide to devising a meaningful and secure retirement strategy!

Register today to reserve your spot.

Time: 7:30 PM

Registration link:

<https://bit.ly/3extPYHKNIGHTSPURPOSEDRIVENRETIREMENTOCT282022>

Date: October 28, 2022

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