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The KnightLetter

January – February 2023

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas season, and your New Year is off to a good start. My apologies that this Knight Letter is getting to you later than planned as some personal health and mechanical issues with our copy intervened. We as a Council conducted a Charity, Unity and Fraternity degree on January 5th and welcomed three Brothers to full Knighthood. This degree ceremony was held in honor of PGK Andy Wnukowski who concluded his sixth term as Grand Knight in June. In addition, on Saturday January 14th we celebrated the 70th Birthday of SK, PGK Bob Kaelblein and honored him for a lifetime of dedication to our Council, Community and the work of the Knights of Columbus on the State and Supreme Council level. In recognition, for all he has done for our Council and most especially the Columbian Club, our Kitchen will now be forever known as "Bobby K's Kitchen". A sign was placed over the kitchen door commemorating this naming ceremony and we will all think of Bob when we pass through that door.

At our Past Grand Knight/Knight of the Year/Columbian of the Year dinner in December we saluted SK PGK Andy Wnukowski, who completed an unprecedented 6 terms as Grand Knight. His dedication to Fr. Canty Council, his Brother Knights and his fidelity to our Catholic Faith will be how his tenure will be remembered. Steve Karwowski was presented with the A.J. DeVito Memorial Knight of the Year award which recognized Steve's efforts across many areas of responsibility. His dedication of time and talent is appreciated each day. Chris "Mookie" Fronzak was honored with the Robert Jotantos award as our Columbian of the Year. Mookie was a pillar of the Columbian club during the Pandemic and was a constant presence when repairs, upgrades and enhancements were made to our building. Moreover, he did the little things that often go unnoticed such as cleanup, recycling and the hauling of old equipment and parts to a scrapyards saving the Club disposal fees while earning money for the metallic value of our outdated machinery.

January is Right to Life month and we as a council support our State and Supreme Council in their efforts to support the Sanctity of Life on all levels.

As you will see in the list of coming events, we will be back in an active mode with several Walk in dinners to support our Charitable endeavors. Please come to any of these dinners that your schedule will allow. Great Food for many Great Causes.

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

Walk in Charity Dinner

Proceeds to Benefit Various KofC Charities

Examples:

“ARC of Union County – Special Olympics – Multiple Sclerosis – Food Pantry”

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

**February 10, 2023
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Choice of Menu

**Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta
Manicotti w/wo Meat Sauce
Roast Beef w/ Potato, Vegetables**

All Meals Include:

Soup - Salad

Dessert - Coffee – Tea

Adults \$18 – Seniors \$15 – Under 12 yrs. \$10

DATES OF IMPORTANCE AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Thursday -February 9th – 6:00 p.m. Columbian Club Meeting/7:00 Council Meeting

Friday February 10th -Charity Dinner to support various causes

Friday February 24th – Pasta Dinner

Friday March 31st – Fish Dinner

Sunday April 23rd -Walk in Dinner to support our Knights of Columbus Convention Hospitality Room.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Work will continue to go forward with more 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!**

Stop in for a visit and see the improvements to our Council Hall and building. 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-deductible

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

January 9 th	Thursday Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
" "	" Thursday Council meeting & Installation of Officers Ceremony	7:00 pm
February 9 th	Thursday Columbian Club Directors meeting	6:00 pm
" "	Thursday Council meeting.	7:00 pm
February 10 th	Walk-in Charity Dinner	5:00 – 8:00 pm
February 24 th	Lenten Meatless Pasta Dinner	5:00 - 8:00 pm
March 31 st	Lenten Fish Fry Dinner	5:00 – 8:00 pm
April 23 rd	Sunday- Walk-in Dinner to Support KofC Convention Hospitality	1:00 to 5:00 pm

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

DUES

Dues second notices have been mailed. More than half of our members have yet to pay their annual dues. This puts a significant strain on our budget as over \$100 is needed to print, and mail a second notice. Please pay your dues promptly. If there are any questions concerning your invoice 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

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, and 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.

THANK YOU

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the surprise 70th birthday party that was held on January 14th in my honor. Additionally, the honor of having the kitchen named for me was a great surprise. There are many people that need to be thanked for making it such a wonderful day. First and most important is my wife Cheryl. It is said behind every successful man is a loving wife. That is certainly true for me. Secondly, and I know he played an important role in making it such a memorable day, is my best friend John DeVito. Others that need to be thanked are the officers of both the Council and Columbian Club. Also, I need to thank all the Council members, my family members, and friends that celebrated the day with me. I hope I can continue to earn the honors and trust bestowed on me that day for a long time to come.

Thank you all and God Bless

Bob Kaelblein

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 prayers to Pope Benedict who passed away December 31st. We also wish to extend our sympathies to the Family of PGK Sir Knight Dominic Pagano, who passed away on January 9th.

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'.

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 March - April issue of the KL must be received NO Later than February 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.