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Grand Knights Message

Greetings My Brother Knights

As we conclude the Columbian Year and begin another, I want to express my thanks to my fellow Council officers and the Officers and Directors of the Columbian Club and all those Brothers who made this past year a successful one. As we move forward into the new year, I hope we can expand on past successes and build towards a bright and vibrant future. We need to increase membership and make our Council and the Knights of Columbus in general, an organization that will attract and retain young Men of Faith. Our Faith and the good works that the Universal Church does, needs Men of Faith and Character willing to promote the Church and our Order. Please be mindful of young men who would be good candidates for our Council. It's no secret that many of our Officers and Directors including myself are "AARP" eligible and we need young blood to keep our council active and relevant to our churches and community.

We begin the new Columbian Year with three (3) events – the first will be our Blood Drive in conjunction with the Hillside Health Dept. on August 15th, the second the AJ Devito Memorial Scholarship Fund Raising Dinner on Sunday August 20th and the third will be our Annual Family Picnic on Saturday September 9th. Each of these events allow Brothers and their families to contribute to good causes and/or celebrate fraternity. More information is detailed below.

This Columbian Year will mark the 75th Anniversary of our Council and plans are underway to help celebrate this occasion. As I conclude this Knight Letter, I would be remiss in not thanking Deputy Grand Knight Chris Lanzafama and PGK Robert Kaelblein who jumped in several times to assist and/or take my place when I faced health challenges this past year. Special thanks to Brother John DeVito who ferried me to Overlook Hospital numerous times for Surgeries, procedures and "tune-ups". John truly was God send and epitomized our virtues of Charity and Fraternity!

May you all have a Blessed, safe and happy summer

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

COUNCIL & COLUMBIAN CLUB OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2023/2024.

Chaplain – Father Luc Duc Tran
Grand Knight-Pat Mahon
Deputy Grand Knight-Chris Lanzafama]
Chancellor-Kevin McClave Jr,
Warden-David Large
Financial Secretary -PGK Robert Kaelblein
Recorder – PGK Steven Q. Whoeler
Treasurer – Steve Karwowski
Inside Guard-Paul Peyton
Outside Guard – Chris Fronzak
Advocate-PDD, PFN,PGK Joseph Michalik
Lecturer-Steve D'Amato
Trustee-PGK Kevin McClave Sr
Trustee-PGK Andy Wnukowski
Trustee-Tom Childers

Columbian Club Directors

PGK Robert Kaelblein
John DeVito
Michael Borys
PGK Kevin McClave
PGK Steven Whoeler
Steve Karwowski
Peter Kowalski
PGK Will Evans
DGK Chris Lanzafama

GK Pat Mahon Ex-Officio

AJ DeVITO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER DINNER

On Sunday August 20th our Columbian Club in conjunction with the Council will hold a Walk in Dinner at the Council Hall in Support of the AJ DeVito Scholarship fund, which is administered by the Kenilworth Fire Dept. AJ left us way too soon, but he left a legacy of kindness; service to both his Council and Community and a smile that could light up any place he was at. To honor this legacy, scholarships are awarded in his name to deserving students. As AJ was a beloved Brother Knight in our Council, we do our part to support this fund. Dinner choices will include your choice of a combination BBQ Ribs and Chicken w/baked beans and potato salad, Roast Beef w/veg. and potatoes, or Manicotti w/Sausage or meatballs. All meals include soup, salad and dessert.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Congratulations to Steve Karwowski, Mike Borys, and Director Pete Kowalski on being elected to the Board of Directors. We are close to having regular scheduled bar hours. Please check the web site for updates or just stop in to see improvements. There is someone there whenever the statue of the Blessed Mother is lit.

HALL RENTAL

Consider our Council Hall for all your upcoming celebrations.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE July and August

July 13th	Columbian Club & Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
August 10th	Columbian Club & Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
August 15 th	Council/Hillside Township Blood Drive	2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
August 20th	AJ DeVito Memorial Scholarship Walk in Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
September 9th	Council Family Picnic (Conant Park).	12:00 noon till dusk

DUES

Final dues notices have been mailed. Suspension from our order is becoming a reality for those who have not paid their dues. 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

This year our Council was able to give out a \$1,000 Scholarship to an outstanding senior at Roselle Catholic High School, Saniyah Bullock, to help her further education. (Thank you to PGK Kevin McClave, who presented the scholarship on behalf of our council). In addition, prior to our July 13th Council Meeting we will be presenting a \$1,000 scholarship to Dakota Borys who will be starting her Freshman year at Roselle Catholic this fall.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

As an update, please note and we all appreciate that Brother Knight and Trustee Roger Fernandez collected over \$1,250.00 at St. Catherine's Church over the weekend of June 24/25. Fantastic Job by Roger!

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.

Member Seeking an Apartment

Long-time member of the Council seeks a studio or 1-bedroom apartment in the area, preferably in proximity to Christ the King Church in Hillside. Non-smoker, with no pets; references available. Please contact PGK Steve Whoeler at 908-230-0613.

IN MEMORIAM

Since our last Knight Letter, we lost two Brothers from our Council: Eugene (Gene) McMahon and John Piecko. In addition, we mourn the loss of former Lady's Auxiliary President, Beverly Martucci (wife of SK Dominic Martucci, PGK). May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, Rest in Peace Amen.

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.

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".

Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 from 2pm – 7pm at the Council Hall

Members, family, friends, and members of the community are urged to assist in alleviating the ongoing shortage of blood needed by hospitals. The Council is again sponsoring a blood drive in cooperation with Vitalant Blood Services on Tuesday August 15th (the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary). **All blood types are needed!** Appointments are encouraged and can be made at Vitalant.org at the following link: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56613 or by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Please register early to get a preferred time for an appointment!! (While it is best to schedule an appointment, based on prior experience, walk-ins can generally be accommodated.) For more information or for registration/appointment assistance, contact PGK Joe Michalik at 908-354-1040 or at jam334@yahoo.com

COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

We will be holding our annual Father Canty Council Family Picnic on Saturday September 9th at Conant Park. We have secured our usual area in the Park, which has served us well over the last several years. The cost will be \$15 per person or \$25.00 per family. We will have the usual picnic fare: hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, beer and assorted other treats that our chefs will prepare. As we continue to emerge out of the post Covid era, hopefully some folks who were reluctant to be at large events will be able to join us this year.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As many of you are aware Father Thomas F Canty Council #3197 will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary in 2024. We will be celebrating this auspicious occasion throughout the calendar year. However, we look forward to having a very special celebration in April of the coming year. Chairman PGK Kevin McClave is in the midst of putting together a specific date, details, logistics, pricing etc. If you have any ideas or memorabilia that could add to the success of this joyous event, please let us know.

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. We also receive assistance from Insurance Representative Mike Garafalo who also works with the McGeehan Agency.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

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