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Grand Knights Message

Greetings My Brother Knights

I can't believe the way the summer has flown by, and we have already had two successful Council Activities as our new Colombian year has started. PGK Joe Michalik in partnership with Robin Kaufman of the Hillside Health Dept. staged a Blood Drive that collected 14.5 pints of much needed blood for the greater NY/NJ area. Thank you to Mayor Dahlia Vertreese of Hillside who led by example as she was one of our donors.

The Council in conjunction with the Colombian Club ran a Walk in Dinner to support the AJ DeVito Memorial Scholarship fund which is administered by the Kenilworth Fire Dept of which AJ was a member prior to his untimely passing. It was great to see many familiar faces as well as others who came to patronize this dinner in memory of our beloved Brother Knight. Thanks as always to our Chef extraordinaire. PGK Bob Kaelblein who prepared close to 100 dinners. He was assisted by Dave Large, Pete Kowalsky, Chris Lanzafama, PGK Gary Williams, Jim Silva and John DeVito. More about this dinner will be found later in this Knight Letter

We will be having our annual FAMILY PICNIC on Saturday September 9 from noon to 6:00 p.m. at our usual venue at Conant Park in Hillside. We hope to see many of you there for this great celebration.

Speaking of celebrations, our Council will be celebrating our 75th anniversary in the coming calendar year. PGK Kevin McClave is working diligently on a date, time, etc. Further information will be found in the body of this letter.

After several years of Covid shutdowns, much needed repairs and updates, and staffing concerns we are happy to announce that our Colombian Club Bar will be opened on a regular basis starting on Tuesday, September 5th. We have a new jukebox, refurbished pool table and new coolers. Thanks to all of those who contributed to our Capital Fund, participated in cleanups, helped with painting and refurbishments, and otherwise helped to put us in position to relaunch the Bar. Again, further information can be found under a separate heading in this publication.

Although the support of our Church and Faith is the number one priority of our Order, I am also so proud of the charitable works done by the Knights of Columbus both on the Worldwide level as well as what individual councils contribute to their communities. We here at Canty Council will continue to support local charities, causes and students (through scholarships) through our various fund-raising efforts. Walk in Dinners, raffles, & clothing drives will be conducted to provide funding

for these endeavors as well as solicit tangible donations. Please follow the Knight Letter as well as the Council Web site for updates.

As we head into the Fall season, I hope you all will feel refreshed as the temperatures and humidity drop. I pray that you and your families remain healthy and safe. Never pass up a chance to tell your family and friends that they are loved as tomorrow is promised to noone.

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.

As mentioned by our Grand Knight in his message we are happy to announce the reopening of our bar on Tuesday September 5th. I want to thank Kevin McClave our bar chairman for finding responsible member to step up to bartend. That was a major stumbling block in being able to open again. Stop in for some refreshments and see the improvements made to our Council hall and bar.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for supporting the AJ DeVito Memorial Fund. Those who came to dinner on August 20, 2023 and for those who sent donations. Our hearts are filled with love and appreciation to one and all. Special thanks to Bob Kaelblein for all the delicious food and his time, you hold a special place in our hearts. With sincere thanks,
The DeVito Family

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE July and August

September 7th	Council Officers Meeting (Plan for 2023/2024 Columbian Year.)	6:00 p.m.
September 9 th	Council Family Picnic (Conant Park).	12:00 noon till dusk
September 14 th	Columbian Club & Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
October 12th	Columbian Club & Council Meetings	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
November 6th	Deceased Members Mass	7:00 p.m.

DUES

As of this KnightLetter there are 39 members who have not paid their dues. The process for suspension from our order will begin for several of them. If there are any questions concerning the status of your membership 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 or a signed note (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205

OFFICERS MEETING

We will be holding an officer's meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday September 7th to discuss plans for the upcoming Columbian Year. Hopefully people will be back from vacation etc. For those who are not officers please feel free to contact myself or any officer with ideas for events etc,

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

As we go to press, plans are in the making for our Softball Tournament where our Knights team takes on the Hillside Police, Teachers, and Firemen in a round robin format to determine the Best of the Best in Hillside. The tentative date is Saturday September 23rd at Conant Park. Please check the council website as well as social media sites for information as the time draws near. Proceeds will benefit our Council Scholarship fund.

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 mourn the loss of another brother from our Council: Robert Macrina. May his soul 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.

COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

We will be holding our annual Father Canty Council # 3197 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

Brothers our 75th anniversary is quickly approaching. We have chosen a date and location for the celebration. It will be held on Sunday April 14th at the Costa Del Sol Restaurant in Union on Sunday April 14th from 2-6 p.m. Prior to the Dinner a Mass for our Council Members and their families will be held at Christ the King Church (Hillside) at 12:30 It will be a buffet style dinner with open bar and a DJ for our entertainment. The price per ticket will be \$100 per person. However, if our fund-raising efforts are successful, we will work to bring that price down. Checks may be made payable to Father Canty Council #3197. If you have any questions, please call PGK Kevin McClave at 908-4199-4093. Please reserve your seats as soon as possible so an accurate head count can be determined. Thanks Kevin McClave PGK- 75th Anniversary Chairman.

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.