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The KnightLetter

November/December 2023

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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 a great afternoon, and once again our Chef Bob Kaelblein, out did himself behind the grill, despite the stifling heat and humidity.

Over Columbus Day weekend we celebrated by placing a wreath at the Christopher Columbus Memorial in Hillside. Several Council officers, along with Hillside Councilwoman Lisa Bonanno were present as the wreath was laid. In this age of Cancel Culture, it was nice to see we had local governmental support.

In addition, the Columbian Club has reopened the Bar, and it is staffed Seven (7) days a week with an excellent team of bartenders. We welcome your patronage!

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 all of our Brothers, who have gone onto their Eternal Reward, most especially those who passed on in the past year. PGK Andy Wnukowski will be joining several members of the Christ the King Parish Choir to provide musical interludes and an Honor Guard from the John F Kennedy 4th Degree Assembly will also be on hand to add some grandeur to the Mass.

On Sunday November 27th we will be hosting an Indoor Cornhole Tournament Proceeds will support several of the local causes that appreciate our contributions each year.

During December we will be paying tribute to our Past Grand Knights and our Knight and Columbian of the Year on Saturday evening December 16th. The following day, Sunday December 17th, we will host our Annual Kids Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet can be found within 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.
Patrick Mahon 908-884-3480

Fraternaly Yours
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 members 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.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE November and December

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| October 29th | Pasta Dinner | 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. |
| November 6 th | Deceased Members Mass | 7:00 p.m. |
| November 9 th | Columbian Club and Council meetings | 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. |
| November 27 th | Corn-Hole Tournament | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 5 th | Blood Drive | 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| December 14 th | Columbian Club and Council meetings | 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. |
| December 16 th | Adult Christmas Party/ Knight & Columbian of the Year Recognition | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 17 th | Children's Christmas Party | 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. |

DUES

2024 Dues will be mailed the week of December 17. It is extremely important to health of our Council to pay your dues promptly. 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

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.

COAT/CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be holding a Coat and Clothing Drive that will support the work of the "Clothes Closet" at St. Mary's Church/Newark Abbey in Newark as well as the St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We are looking at Sunday November 27th as the drop-off date at the Council. We can also arrange an alternate drop off date by e-mailing Pat Mahon at PJMahon@Comcast.net

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

We will be holding our first ever Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, November 26at the Council Hall. An entrance fee of \$25.00 per player will be collected. Prizes will be based on the number of entrants.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Council is again sponsoring a blood drive in cooperation with Vitalant Blood Services on Tuesday, December 5th 2023, from 3pm – 7:30pm at the Council Hall. Brother Knights, family, friends, and members of the community are urged to assist in alleviating the ongoing shortage of blood experienced during the holiday season. All blood types are needed!

Appointments are encouraged and can be made at [Vitalant.org](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5719) at the following link:

https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5719 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, 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

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 Mrs. Patricia Morris, wife of former Columbian Club President Jim Morris Sr. Mrs. Morris was ever present at our Council events, especially our Charitable Dinners. Moreover, along with the late Father Charles Hudson and Mrs. Peggy Coloney, Mrs. Morris was a founder of Hospice Care in Union County. Many, many, patients and their families were given incredible emotional and physical support as they navigated an end-of-life journey. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, Rest in Peace Amen.

Long time member Mike Waters has passed away at the age of 76. Mike was a 35 year member who loved the Knights and supported our many functions. Please keep Mike, his wife Rose and his son, member Steve, in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

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.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Brothers our 75th anniversary is quickly approaching. We have chosen a date and location for the celebration. It will be held 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 and mailed to PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ 07205. If you have any questions, please call or Chairman PGK Kevin McClave at 908-4199-4093. Please reserve your seats as soon as possible so an accurate head count can be determined. We will also be doing an ad journal – please see enclosed rate sheet – we appreciate your support. Thanks Kevin McClave PGK75th Anniversary Chairman.

KofC INSURANCE

The Knights of Columbus offers a portfolio of products to help protect catholic families. The Rev. Thomas F. Canty Council #3197 is serviced by the Robert J. McGeehan Agency. Our assigned representative is Michael D. Garofalo, Assistant General Agent. He can be reached by phone at (732) 397-4365 or by email at michael.garofalo@kofc.org.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the September/October issue of the KL must be received NO Later than December 10th 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.

Adult Christmas Party

December 16

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

\$35.00 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 17, 2023** 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 1st

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.

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

Charter of the City of New York

The City of New York is organized into five boroughs: Manhattan, Bronx, Richmond, Queens, and Kings. Each borough is governed by a Borough President and a Borough Council. The City is also governed by a Mayor and a City Council.

The City Council is composed of 51 members, 20 from each of the five boroughs and 11 from the City at large. The Mayor is elected by the voters of the City for a term of four years. The Mayor has the power to veto any act of the City Council and to call special elections.

The City Council has the power to pass laws, to appropriate money, and to confirm or disapprove the Mayor's appointments and dismissals. The Mayor has the power to propose and to veto the City Council's budget.

City Council
120 Liberty Ave
New York, NY 10038

at New York, New York

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of January, 1978.

Mayor
John Lindsay
100 City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Attest: I, the City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Charter of the City of New York as amended to date.

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