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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

As 2023 comes to an end, I want to congratulate our Knight of the Year David Large and our Columbian of the Year winner Rich Witting. Both of these winning Brother Knights donated countless hours of their time and talent to our Council and Club. They always volunteered at Charity Dinners and other Council activities, often doing the unglamorous jobs such as washing dishes and scrubbing pots and pans. Moreover, Rich teamed up with Steve Karwowski to do much needed painting and carpentry work. In addition, we also honored PGK Bob Kaelblein with a Columbian of the Year recognition as well. Bob as always, wanted to humbly defer the award, but it was important to recognize all that Bob did to get our bar back open post Covid, as well as managing all the repairs and upgrades, made possible by our Capital Improvement Campaign.

With 2024 upon us and we begin the second half of this Columbian Year, we will be hosting several Walk in Dinners that will support our charitable endeavors and Council needs. Our next Dinner will be held on Friday February 18 th, the first Friday of Lent. It will feature pasta specialties prepared by Chef Bob.

January is Right to Life Month, a cause near and dear to the Supreme Council and the universal Catholic Church. The National Right life March takes place on Friday January 19 th in Washington D.C. If you are interested in participating in this march, the Westfield KofC Council is sponsoring a bus- more information can be found later in this KnightLetter.

Our 75 th Anniversary Celebration is quickly approaching, and further information is found several paragraphs down in this letter. Thanks to Kevin McClave, who is chairman of this event for all he has done and continues to do to mark this special milestone in the history of our council.

I wish all Brother Knights and their families good health, good luck, and much prosperity in the 2024
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 Yours
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight

COLUMBIAN CLUB.

We are pleased to see the great response to our reopening of the bar. The improvements have paid off. If you're in the neighborhood I recommend you take some time to enjoy a little refreshment and some time with your brother Knights. We still have a few minor updates planned, primarily with our bathrooms and are working on changing the old wallpaper in our hall. Concerning the hall it is important to state "Please do not walk through the hall when parties are going on" it is disruptive and inconsiderate to our guests.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE November and December

January 11 th , Thursday Columbian Club Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 19 th Friday, March for Life- Washington D.C.
February 8 th Thursday Columbian Club Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 11 th Sunday Super Bowl Sunday – watch the game and support our Club and Bar
February 16 th Friday Pasta Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Right to Life March – Washington D.C.

January is RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH and the annual march will take place on Friday January 19 th. The Westfield Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Bus for those wishing to participate in this show of support for LIFE. The Day will start with a Mass at 6:30 a.m. at St Anne's Church in Garwood at 6:30 a.m. and the Bus will Depart for Washington at 7:00 a.m. Price is \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for Children – price includes bagels & coffee, a boxed lunch and beverages. Further information may be found at WestfieldKnights.org

DUES

2024 Dues have been mailed the week of December 17. It is extremely important to heath 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. Second notices will be going out the week of January 14. I repeat the importance of paying dues promptly as the expense of mailing multiple notices affects our bottom line. Thank you.
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

COAT/CLOTHING DRIVE

Thank you to all who donated coats, clothes, shoe hats etc., to our Clothing Drive. A special thanks to Mrs. Rose Waters who made a significant donation of the aforementioned items. It is my hope that this Drive will become an annual tradition for our Council. The folks at St. Joseph Service Center (Elizabeth) and St Mary's/ Newark Abbey were most appreciative of the donations. The Council also donated \$500.00 to St Joseph's Social Service Center to aid in purchasing winter coats for younger boys and girls which is a pressing need as the cold weather descends upon us.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Brothers Jason Howell and Pat Peterpaul on their victory in the Council's first ever Cornhole tournament. Thank you to Kevin and Tina McClave for putting this tournament together. It was great to see the Council Hall and Bar filled on tournament day!

BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to PDD, PGK Joe Michalik for spearheading our latest Council Blood Drive. We were able to get credit for a total of 12 pints thanks to two donors who were able to donate "double red". We also had four willing donors who were deferred by Vitalant at this time. I would love to see us continue Blood Drives as I have personally seen the need for blood, by a close relative who battled "blood cancer" for several years. His life was prolonged, and his quality of life was stabilized by having access to blood. However, these drives take a lot of effort, both on the part of Joe as well as Vitalant, and it would be great to have a larger donor pool.

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.

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

In December, we lost former State Deputy and former Deputy Supreme Knight Robert "Bob" Wade. He served as State Deputy for New Jersey in the early 80's and was a friend and supporter of our Council. We also lost Brother Michael "Mickey" Waters from our Council in late October May their souls Rest in Eternal Peace and Happiness.

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.

TEAMDAN Walk MS

Our Council has been a long-time supporter of TEAMDAN and the efforts of PGK Dan Varady to beat MS personally as well as to find a Cure for all those that suffer from this debilitating disease. Each year TEAMDAN participates in WALK MS at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Numerous Brothers and their families have joined TEAMDAN in this walk and many plan to do so again this year on Saturday April 20 th at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join us please go to www.walkms.org to register and/or donate – please indicate you wish to support or join TEAMDAN. Same Day Registration is also available at 9:00a m. on the Day of the Walk. Look for the TEAMDAN V.I.P. Table.

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 on Sunday April 14 th at the Costa Del Sol Restaurant in Union 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 Cauty 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- 75 th Anniversary Chairman. We will also be doing an ad journal – please see enclosed rate sheet – we appreciate your support.

KofC INSURANCE

The Knights of Columbus offers a portfolio of products to help protect catholic families. The Rev. Thomas F. Cauty 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. Please go to our Council website at <http://www.hillsidekofc.org> to read his New Year Message.

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.