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July - August 2024

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

I sincerely hope your summer is off to a good start, despite the heat waves we have been experiencing. By the time you read this we will have concluded another fraternal year. This past year has been a successful one as we celebrated the 75 th anniversary of our Council's founding. We are by far the oldest fraternal organization in Hillside and one of the oldest continually running groups in Union County. I cannot thank the officers, members and supporters of our Council who keep our organization active, productive and bonded in Faith and Unity. However, to make sure the Council will be able to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in 2049, we must continue to recruit members, especially those in their 20's and 30's who will carry on the work of the last 75 years. If you know of candidates of any age, please encourage them to join us.

On Sunday August 18 th , through the combined efforts of the Council and Columbian Club we will be holding a "Walk In" Dinner to support the A.J. DeVito Scholarship Fund. This fund honors the Character, Spirit and Devotion of A.J. who left us way too soon in 2019. In addition to raising funds this dinner allows us the chance to reflect upon all the good A.J. did in his short time here on earth. Moreover, as his brother Ben said in his eulogy of A.J. we all need to strive to "Live Like A.J." There are more details further down in this newsletter about the menu, time etc. of the dinner.

Please also mark your calendars for Saturday September 7 th for the annual Family picnic which will again take place at Conant Park. - Adverse weather- we will be at the Council Hall. Our esteemed PGK, Sir Knight Bob Kaelblein, and his assistants will once again prepare a cornucopia of picnic delights.

Our Council Officers for this fraternal year who were duly elected at the June 9 th Council Meeting are as follows:

Chaplain- Father Luc Duc Tran
Grand Knight – SK , Pat Mahon
Deputy Grand Knight – Chris Lanzafama
Chancellor – Kevin Mc Clave Jr
Recorder – SK, PGK Steven Q. Whoeler
Financial Secretary – SK, PGK Robert Kaelblein
Treasurer – SK, Steve Karwowski

Advocate –PGK John Gross
Warden – SK, David Large
Lecturer – Steve D'Amato
Inside Guard – Chris Fronzak
Outside Guard – Paul Peyton
Trustee – SK, PGK Andy Wnukowski
Trustee – SK, PGK Kevin McClave
Trustee – Thomas Childers

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. Stop in if you are 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. One of our projects has been completed having the hall newly painted. 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.

Congratulations to the Directors elected for a three year term: John DeVito, Robert Kaelblein, and Will Evans.

A full list of Directors includes:

PGK Robert Kaelblein
John DeVito
Michael Borys
PGK Kevin McClave
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SK Steve Karwowski
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GK Pat Mahon Ex-Officio

HALL RENTAL

Please know that our hall is again available for rental within the parameters of the State and CDC guidelines and is ready for any member wishing to rent the hall for everything from Christenings, First Communion, Graduations or any family function. **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 July & August

Thursday July 11th – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) and Council Meetings (7:00 p.m.).

Thursday August 8th – Columbian Club (6:00 p.m.) and Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday August 18th – A.J. DeVito Memorial Scholarship Dinner

Saturday September 7th, -Annual Council Family Picnic at Conant Park (Rain location – Council Hall)

DUES

Suspensions and the Affiliate Membership process has begun for members who are three and four years delinquent.

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

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.

AJ DeVITO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER DINNER

On Sunday August 18th 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.

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IN MEMORIAM

Since our last Knight Letter, we lost Brother Steve Herb. Steve was a life member and active with both the Council and his Church. He will be missed by all.

May the souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, Rest in Peace Amen.

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.

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'.

KofC INSURANCE

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KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the September - October issue of the KL must be received NO Later than August 10th. Contact GK Patrick Mahon, 908-884-3480 or leave it in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.

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