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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

Our Fall season 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, despite the stifling heat and humidity, manned the grill all day. The selection, quality and the quantity of the food was outstanding.

Over Columbus Day weekend we celebrated the namesake of our Order, by placing a wreath at the Christopher Columbus Memorial Conant Park in Hillside. Several Council officers and Brother Knights, along with Hillside Councilwoman Lisa Bonanno were present as the wreath was laid. In this age where Christopher Columbus is often disparaged, it was great to see that our community and Father Canty Council still honor the goodness in his legacy. A special thank you to PDD/PFN/PGK Joe Michalik for his help in getting a new wreath.

As we move into the months of November and December, our Council will be active and alive with several events which I hope you can join us for and/or support. As we go to "press" with this Knight Letter we have finalized the date for our deceased Members Mass. It will be held November 11 at 7:00pm at the Council Hall.

Also, on Sunday December 1 st, (Thanksgiving Weekend), we will be hosting an Indoor Cornhole Tournament. Proceeds will support several of the local causes that appreciate our charitable contributions each year

During December we will be paying tribute to our Past Grand Knights and honoring our Knight and Columbian of the Year on Saturday evening December 21 st at our Annual Adult Christmas Party. The following day, Sunday December 22nd, we will host our Annual Kids Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet can be found within this Knight Letter – it's important you register your child, grandchild etc., so Santa and his helpers 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.

Fraternally Yours
Pat Mahon, Grand Knight
908-884-3480

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 have a few updates planned, primarily with our bathrooms. 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.

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 November - December

November 11th -Deceased Members Mass 7:00 p.m. Council Hall
November 14 th Columbian Club and Council meetings 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
December 1 st Corn-Hole Tournament 1:00.p.m.
December 12 th Columbian Club and Council meetings 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
December 21st Adult Christmas Party/ Knight & Columbian of the Year Recognition 6:00 p.m.
December 22nd Children's Christmas Party 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DUES

2025 Dues will be mailed the week of December 15. 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 Benedictine Abbey in Newark as well as the St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We are looking at Sunday December 1 st as the drop-off date at the Council. We can also arrange an alternate drop off/pick up date/site by e-mailing Pat Mahon at PJMahon@Comcast.net

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

We will be holding our second annual Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, December 1 st at the Council Hall. An entrance fee of \$25.00 per player will be collected. Prizes will be based on the number of entrants. Please note that the Bar will open at 11:00 a.m. that day.

IN MEMORIAM

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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

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 . I was recently informed that Mr. Garafalo qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table which puts him in the top 2% of Insurance professionals in the world. Please see message below from Mike to our Council members and their families. Working with Knights like you and your families every day is a blessing. I truly enjoy my work. With that said, I appreciate a long weekend as well. I hope you were all able to enjoy Labor Day and get some well-deserved rest.

Whenever we have a long weekend, it's like a little preview of what retirement might look like. If you're like me, I hope my retirement is one that's restful where I'm also able to remain productive, be an active member of the Knights, pursue my personal hobbies, and enjoy a bit of travel here and there. And to those of you who are already retired, I commend you for all the time you dedicate to our Order. But if you're like me and not quite there yet, I hope you will take the necessary steps to prepare yourself financially for your retirement. A good way to do that can be through an annuity.

Now, what is an annuity? Simply put, it's a retirement savings product. You make contributions and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream. The amount of money you'll need in retirement can be difficult to calculate. But with a properly structured retirement annuity through Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

There are many different payment and plan types you can choose from. Once established, the money within the annuity continues to earn value, before eventually being disbursed according to the options you elect. Knights of Columbus annuities come with two important guarantees.

First, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value. Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis. As you can see, annuities can be a key part of your retirement strategy.

If you'd like to learn more about how annuities can help you, please schedule an appointment with me and I would be happy to discuss your options.

Vivat Jesus!

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the January - February 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 KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.

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Adult Christmas Party

December 21

6:00 – 11:00

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

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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:

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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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