

The KnightLetter

May - June 2019

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

Spring is trying to make its appearance in this part of NJ, March madness is over and so is the NFL Draft, and the final 2 months of this Fraternal Year are upon us. TEMPUS FUGIT! We have had another successful and productive year, especially considering the ever present fact that many of the most active Brothers of this Council either no longer live in Hillside or, living in other towns and parishes have seen fit to join us. In February we held a successful fundraiser Walk in Dinner for Citizens With Developmental Disabilities.

In March we held our Walk in Meatless Pasta Dinner, went on to the Paramus Finals of the Free Throw Contest and our Degree Team performed a 2d Degree at Roselle Park Council.

In April we held a successful Walk in Lenten Meatless/Fish Dinner.

In last year's letter I addressed the "non participants", asking them to please donate an hour or two of their time. The response, unfortunately, was UNDER whelming. Well, I'm still asking.

Under "Mission Accomplished" I try to list the names of those Brothers who were of much appreciated assistance.

As we enter the last two months of this Fraternal Year, I want to thank all the Council and Columbian Club officers and participating Brothers for their dedication, sacrifice and contributions to our Council and its Columbian Club, neither of which could function without their interest and participation.

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski Grand Knight.

HELP WITH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

To all of you who live within reasonable distance but, for whatever reason don't come to meetings, we have short term programs, especially (but not necessarily) competitions for kids. If you're available on weekends and wish to contribute to a good cause for a tiny bit of time, we need you for such things as: basketball free throws, soccer challenge, poster contest, coloring book program, and of course, charitable collections, etc. give us a call. As always we ask that if you can find the time to chair or contribute to a program or activity, please contact me, it will be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Remember, think out of the box, and pass it on. Ideas are as welcome as service.

COLUMBIAN CLUB *LOOKING FOR BARTENDERS, PLEASE SEE ANY BARTENDER*

Columbian Club Directors meet at 7:00 pm every 2nd Thursday of the month, prior to normally scheduled Council meetings. All interested Brothers are invited to participate. Remember, it's our hall, for our ceremonies, festivities and activities.

It is close to the time to elect three officers for the Columbian Club. Anyone interested should contact any officer.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, 2019

May 03, Friday	"Texas Hold'em" Game, for Scholarship Fund	7:30 pm	Columbian Club
" 09 Thurs	Columbian Club Directors Meeting	7:00 pm	
" 09 "	Council Meeting	8:00 pm	
" 14 Tues	Pride In Priests Dinner	6:00 pm	Biaggio's Paramus, NJ
" 17-19	State Convention Wildwood, NJ		
" 23	Council Meeting	8:00 pm	
" 28 Tue	1st Degree Exemplification	8:00 pm	Kenilworth Council
June 08 Sat	Softball Tournament for Scholarship Fund	2:00 pm	Conant Park
" 12	2nd Degree Exemplification	8:00 pm	Union Council
" 13 Thurs	Columbian Club Directors Meeting	7:00 pm	
" 13 "	Council Meeting	8:00 pm	
" 27 "	Council Meeting	8:00 pm	

WALK IN LENTEN FUNDRAISER DINNER

Thank you for all who attended and helped the prep work cooking and serving. A total profit of \$1215 was made to help offset our Convention expenses.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

On Saturday June 8 at 2:00 pm we will have a Softball Tournament at Conant Park Field, Participants will include members of our Council and teams made up of local civic and 1st responder groups. Entry fee will be \$250 per team. A 50/50 will be held and liquid refreshments and food will be available. Proceeds to go to Scholarship Fund, as in May 3rd card event. This should be a fun day. Come out and cheer on your favorites, and support a great cause. Any questions please contact Br. James Boyle, event chair.

1st AND 2nd DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS.

On Tuesday, May 28, Kenilworth Council 4186, located at 191 Market St, Kenilworth, will host a 1st Degree exemplification.

On Wednesday, June 12, Union Council 4504, located at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, will host a 2nd Degree exemplification.

All degrees will start at 8:00 pm. Candidates to arrive at 7:30 pm. Exemplifications will be performed by our council's 1st and 2nd degree teams, under the direction of Team Cpt. PGK, FDD Joe Michalik.

DUES NOTICE

Many members have still not paid their annual dues and the suspension process has begun.

BAPTISMAL ROSE PROGRAM.

Our Council presents congratulatory roses to mothers of each child 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.

K of C BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

Thanks to Br James Boyle and PGK Kevin Mc Clave DGK for jump starting this year's program. We had a good kids turnout. Your GK handled the Union shootout where we had one candidate qualify for the 11 yr old class finals in Paramus, where on March 23 GK joined with Jim Boyle to see the young man lose to some stiff competition. But we are on the books for having a rep in all stages. Nice!

KofC Insurance

Our Council has finally received Field Agent service, Bob Mc Geehan, General Agent, Central/Southern NJ. He will be overseeing general insurance operations and steer inquiries in the proper direction. Our Council has been placed under his umbrella. Agents from his office will respond to our needs. The Agency can be reached at 732 569 6045. Any Brothers affected by unresolved questions or concerns about their policies, AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED by Supreme Council Compliance Department should REACH OUT to that department at One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Conn. 06510. Those members who HAVE ISSUES and HAVE received COMMUNICATIONS but NOT RESPONDED, please DO SO! It's important for you and your loved ones.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Thanks to all who participated in our just completed Citizens With Disabilities collection drive. I'll have all the names next issue. Thanks again and always to PGK FDD Joe Michalik, Trustee, for his annual participation in the Polar Bear Plunge, for Captaining the Council's 1st and 2nd Degree teams and representing us on the 3rd Degree team, placing flowers on the grave of Fr Thomas Canty, watching out for death notices of passed Brothers, attending wakes and sound advice from the trustee table and behind the scenes. Thanks to PGK Bob Kaelblein FS for his continued wonderful food procurement and preparation for the fundraiser dinners and other occasions, for his never ending battle over membership matters, and dedication as FS and President of the Columbian Club, and being a staple of attendance at Brother's wakes. Thanks to Br Steve D'Amato for preparation of delicious meals for Council meet nights and other occasions. Thanks to CC Treasurer Tom McHugh for being the ferocious watchdog of Columbian Club operational finances and saving us multitudinous dollars in expenses. Thanks to Br John De Vito "D" for watching over day to day Columbian Club and Bar operations like a snarling Lion protecting its family. Thanks to those who helped with the operation and service of our 3 past Dinners: Brs Will Evans, Jim Silva, Ben Niewinski, and Joe Michalik. Thanks to Br. James Boyle for coming up with a great Fundraiser idea and chairing our first Texas Hold'em card game fundraiser. Without your help we could not have these successful fundraisers.

KofC Jackets & Shirts

PGK Charles Orgelfinger has for sale customized 3-season windbreakers and polo shirts to Council Members. Under the rules of the Order, the emblem may be worn by members who are First Degree or higher, as well as wives and minor children of members in good standing. Members interested in purchasing a jacket or shirt may contact PGK Charles at 732-381-3389 or via email at chuckbda@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM.

Material to be submitted in the July-August issue of the KL must be received NO Later than June 15. Contact GK Andy Wnukowski at 908 764 3559, or leave in the wooden KnightLetter box at the bar. To place an ad, please call the Columbian Club at 908 688 3197.