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# *The KnightLetter*

November - December 2019

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## Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

As you read this the leaves are turning to yellow and orange, signaling raking and sweeping, with thoughts of oncoming Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls Days, and remembrances of Dear Ones gone, but not forgotten. Then come the happy visions of Thanksgiving, and as Advent approaches, wishes to all of a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

On September 12 we celebrated our Installation of Council Officers at the Columbian Club. Presiding was our new DD, PGK James Vari, and participating Chaplain, Rev. Luke Tran. For me, this has been the 4th opening and closing of our Officers Installation, and I thank the Council for its confidence and support over the years. As always, I promise to continue working tirelessly for the good of the Council and the Order.

On Columbus Day, Council Bros joined with members of UNICO, under direction of Br Angelo Bonanno, Pres of the Hillside Chapter of this Italian American civic organization in the laying of organization wreaths at the Columbus Memorial in Conant Park. Besides Br Bonanno our Council was represented by me, PGK John Gross, Treas. Steve Karwowski, DGK Pat Mahon and HFD Deputy Chief Br Bill Pelletiere. Thanks also to Brother Rev. Joseph Lody of St Catherine's Church, for attending and prayers.

On Oct 20 we held a Walk-In Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to all who participated and attended. Upcoming events are detailed inside and are as follows: Fri. Nov 01 Fundraiser Dinner for Disabled, Wed. Nov. 06 2nd Degree at Union Council, Nov 07 annual Deceased Members Mass at Christ The King Church, and Dec 01, Veterans Pancake Breakfast (UNICO/Council).

Also, **DO NOT FORGET**, Dec.14, Annual Christmas Party, Past Grand Knight, Knight of the Year, Columbian of the Year and on Dec. 15, Kid's Christmas Party. Details inside.

**HOPE TO SEE GREAT TURNOUT AT THESE EVENTS!**

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB

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.

## 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.

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

November 01 Fri.	WALK IN CHARITY DINNER (Cit's w/ Diabil's)	5:00 - 8:00 pm
November 06 Wed.	2nd DEGREE AT UNION COUNCIL.	7:30 pm Candidates. 8:00 pm Degree
November 07 Thur.	DECEASED MEMBERS MASS AT CTK CHURCH.	7:00 pm
November 14.	COLUMBIAN CLUB MEETING.	7:00 pm
November 14.	COUNCIL MEETING.	8:00 pm
November 28.	THANKSGIVING DAY.	No meeting
December 01.	VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST (unico/council)	9:30 - 11:30 am
December 12.	COLUMBIAN CLUB MEETING.	7:00 pm
December 12.	COUNCIL MEETING.	8:00 pm
December 14.	CHRISTMAS PARTY/PGK/KNIGHT-COLOMBIAN OF YEAR.	7:00 - 12 Midnight
December.15.	KID'S CHRITMAS PARTY.	1:00 - 5:00 pm
December 25.	MERRY CHRITMAS	
December 31.	HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR'S EVE	

## WALK IN CHARITY DINNER

On Friday, November 01, 5:00 - 8:00 pm we will hold this fundraiser to benefit Citizens With Disabilities. Menu choice: Chicken Parmesan/ Roast Beef / Stuffed Shells W-Meatballs. All meals served with Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Donation: \$15 Adults, \$13 Seniors and Children. GREAT FOOD, GREAT CAUSE! Please support!

## 2nd DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION AT UNION COUNCIL

On November 06, our Degree Team chaired by Team Capt. PGK Joe Michalik, will conduct this exemplification at Union Council #4504, located at 1039 Jeanette Ave. Union. All 1st Degree Brothers are invited to participate. Candidates please report **No Later Than 7:30 pm**, suit or jacket and tie requested. Interested candidates are asked to please Notify FS Robert Kaelblein or GK Andy Wnukowski of your intentions.

## UNICO/COUNCIL VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

To be held on Sunday, December 01, from 9:30 - 11:30 am. at the Columbian Hall. Vets from Menlo Park and patients of Lyons Hospital have been invited and all proceeds from donations will go to those entities. Veteran Brothers of the Council are also invited as well all others who wish to support this cause. Donations of \$10 will be appreciated.

## ANNUAL DECEASED MEMBERS MASS

On Thursday November 07 our Council will celebrate its annual Memorial for deceased Council members of this and past years. All family and friends of deceased Brothers past and recent are cordially invited to Christ the King Church, 411 Rutgers Ave. Hillside. Rev. Luk Tran, Pastor and our Chaplain, will be celebrant. Light refreshments will be served at the Columbian Club, 1220 Liberty Ave, after Mass

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets (\$5 Donation) and Lapel Buttons (\$1 Donation) are available at the Columbian Club.

### **ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Adult Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 14, from 7 pm to midnight, at the Club. The cost is \$25 per person. PGK Bob Kaelblein will chair the event. This is an extremely important and pleasurable event at which we also honor our Past Grand Knight, Knight of the Year and Colombian of the Year. The event will include dancing to all your favorite tunes spun by a DJ. Menu will include salad and appetizer, served at the table, a full buffet, coffee, tea, desserts, a full open bar, sangria and more.

### **ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15th, from 1 pm to 5 pm. This is open to all children 8 or younger of members in good standing. Registration form is included in this Knight Letter. Pre -registration is required so Santa is aware of how many gifts to bring.

### **K of C BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST**

Brother Jim Boyle has volunteered to run this annual program for our Council in Hillside. He can use some help. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday on a basketball court in the Boys and Girls Club or a school, come on out! Please contact Br Jim or myself.

### **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.

### **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**

On October 20 we had a successful fundraiser Pancake Breakfast. Thanks go to PGK Will Evans for initiating the event, *soliciting donations of ingredients and purchase funds*, putting out flyers and serving. Thanks to PGK FS Bob Kaelblein for assisting with logistics and manning the kitchen in his usual tasty and efficient way. Thanks to John DeVito, PGK FDD Joe Michalik for manning the ticket table and general help. Thanks to Treas. Steve Karwowski for driving out to Maplewood to pick up pancake mix donated by I-Hop. Thanks to DGK Pat Mahon and PGK Steve Whoeler for serving and working the Hall.

### **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. 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.

### **KofC Jackets & Shirts**

PGK Charles Orgelfinger has for sale customized 3-season windbreakers and polo shirts to Council Members. 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. If interested contact PGK Charles at 732-381-3389 or via email at [chuckbda@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckbda@yahoo.com).

### **KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM**

Material to be submitted in the January - February issue of the KL must be received NO Later than December 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.