

The KnightLetter

July - August 2020

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers, Greetings:

As we move to open a new Fraternal Year, which should be a joyous looking forward milestone, we find ourselves in continuing circumstances previously unimagined, with health issues still mandating closures and limitations on social activities. What a way for officers to continue their duties, and me to enter my 5th year as your Grand Knight.

In our case, adversity and challenge has bred determination. Council members have not lost their spirit and will to keep their Council and Council home alive and moving forward. We have held phone, text, Zoom and recently in person meetings, June 6 and 25, these last while trying to observe hygienic measures and social distancing.

At this time our area of concentration has been the burgeoning Columbian Club financial crisis. These meetings resulted in a \$6,000 loan from the Council to the Columbian Club, in 3 \$2,000 installments, to be used for immediate operational obligations, due to the unavoidable lack of sources of income. During this time of closure of the Columbian Club, and as part of its Capital Improvement, many dedicated and determined Brothers have been participating in the renovation of our Columbian Hall and Bar, which include tearing up and replacing floor covering and removing old wall covering and painting. CAN YOU HELP, financially or with your time and sweat? Our next issue will be more specific, and list these volunteers under "Mission Accomplished"

At these last meets the Council Officer elections were finalized and held. See inside for details. Columbian Club has also had its elections, and results are reported inside as well. Thank you to all those who served and all who are staying on or accepted leadership positions in this unprecedented time of change and uncertainty.

Again, I am deeply honored to be your GK, and will continue to do my utmost to help us get through this challenging time.

In this new Fraternal Year I am once again joined by a veteran Officer team which has for years shown its dedication to the Council. It has been a pleasure to work with you, Brother Officers, and with your help we can navigate our way through uncharted and turbulent waters lying ahead, for we are not statues to be beheaded or knocked down. WE ARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

May the Good Lord watch over Us All.

Blessed Mother Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us

Fraternally Yours

Andrew Wnukowski, Grand Knight.

ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

Election was held at the June 25 meeting, with all the past officers choosing to remain in office. A single change did occur subsequently, when Trustee Jim Duva chose to retire from his post for which he had volunteered and covered with distinction for several years. We thank him for his dedication and service. His replacement is Br Tom McHugh, current CC Treasurer and past Trustee. We welcome back Tom and thank him for stepping up.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Columbian Club Directors normally meet at 7:00 pm every 2nd Thursday of the month, prior to our normally scheduled Council meetings. For July and August we will move our meetings to 6:00pm. All interested Brothers are invited to participate. You have heard about our Capital Improvement drive. I think it is important to let you know how your donations will be used. Plans include, updating the council hall with new paint, flooring and ceiling including lighting. As the major source of income this update is necessary to keep us a leading candidate for hall rentals. Other work includes repairs to our parking lot, ceiling tiles and flooring in the bar area, flooring in the kitchen, updating our bathrooms and many smaller general repairs. We will continue to keep you updated as work is completed. Please read the notice below and thank you for your anticipated generosity.

The Columbian Club held its Election of Officers. Incumbents Mike Borys, and Steve Whoeler remain as Directors and Steve Damato replaced Gary Williams.

DUES

Below is a list of delinquent member:

Hubert	Szymanski	Mark	S	Kirk	Matthew	F	Hoynowski
Edmondo	Astone	Joseph	M	Moran	William	D	Joy
Ronald	N Bartell	Dennis	M	Pepe	Michael	J	Kelly
Joseph	W. Britton	Tom		Korzeneski	James	E	Pelletiere
		Robert		Ricci	Leoni	M	Pinheiro
Vincent	P Charles	Christopher		Siino	Thomas	P	Schroeder
Alfredo	M Da Silva	Pascal	J	Tyra	Joseph		Vicidomini
Harry	B Doyle	Joseph		Vicidomini	Jeffrey	H	Welsh
Robert	A Emmer	Marc		Vicidomini	Rene	A	Carmenaty
Craig	P Evans	Victor	N	Brescia	Nelson	J	Hernandez
Matthew	A Fogerty	Eugene		Alves	Michael	A	Marucci
Christopher	B Fronzak	Marco	M	Correia	John-Patrick		Mc Clave
Timothy	L Hanlein-Hubble	Pal		Drejaj	Michael	J	O'Neill
James	Hellwig	Steven	S	Fernicola	Kerry	A	Rodriguez
Jamie	J Howell	Brian		Frammigen	Joseph	M	Vetter
Joseph	E Huss	John	J	Frize	John	M	Wachter
Stephen	J Kaelblein	Keith	J	Gallagher	John	F	Young

If you sponsored or know any of these brothers please contact them and remind them to pay their dues. If anyone no longer wishes to be a member please state that in writing, sign (a signature is required) and mail to Knights of Columbus 3197, PO Box 207, Hillside NJ 07205

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, 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.

NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE

Kudo's to our Treasurer Steve Karwowski for coordinating the launch of our new website, "hillsidekofc3197.org". Members should check this website for updates on the return of Council and CC meetings and events, and updates regarding Club hours, especially upon return to normalcy.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, JULY - AUGUST

July 23. Columbian Club Directors Meeting.	6:00 pm
" " Council Meeting.	7:00 pm
Aug.27. Columbian Club Directors Meeting.	6:00 pm
" " Council Meeting.	7:00 pm

Note: Sunday, Sept 13. Annual Council Family Picnic Noon. Conant Park, Hillside

Please note change in time and date schedule of the meetings. Council meets only once per summer months, with exception of emergency meets which would be announced by group Text and on Council Website. This last would also apply to Columbian Club meetings.

The hall will be set up to provide adequate social distancing. Masks are recommended.

ANNUAL FAMILY FUN PICNIC

This year this annual event will be held at 12 noon on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 (note change from previous Saturdays), at Conant Park in Hillside

OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUPREME/STATE/DD

Please refer to your previous May-June issue. Updates will be reported on Council Website and via group Text.

CALL TO ACTION

HELP! Some of our members have been working during the shutdown to clean out accumulated junk, start to remove damaged wall covering, patch the parking lot, and address other deferred maintenance around the building. While there have been a core group of dedicated members involved, more help is needed! Members (and friends) interested in helping with flooring preparation, cleaning, painting, minor electrical repairs, repairing/seal coating the parking lot, and other repairs are welcomed. Contact Bob Kaelblein, PGK, FS at fr.canty3197@gmail.com to volunteer.

DONATE

As reported previously, Capital Improvement Fund donations will be held by the Council in a segregated sub-account in the Council treasury and will be overseen by the Council financial officers and trustees until the Club repairs are made and will not be used for regular operating expenses. All members (and other supporters) are invited to help. Please consider a donation in your name, or memorial donation to remember a departed loved one. As we have in similar efforts in the past, a plaque will be installed in the Club to commemorate the generosity of the donors. The plaque will commemorate donors at the following levels:

Platinum \$1000 + up

Gold \$500 - \$999

Silver \$250 - \$499

Bronze \$100 - \$249

Donations should be made payable to the "Knights of Columbus Council #3197" with a memo "Club Improvements" and sent to the Knights of Columbus Council #3197, PO Box 207, Hillside, NJ 07205. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for use. (Please note that these donations are not tax-deductible.)

For more information about this effort, contact Trustee Joe Michalik, PGK, FDD at 732-778-8978. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

KofC INSURANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. Our Council received a visit from an Insurance Agent who can represent us. Many of you have met him at our recently held 1st Degree. This will be Field Agent Thomas Brennan, cell 201-637-4603 thomas.brennan@kofc.com.

KNIGHTLETTER PROGRAM

Material to be submitted in the September – October issue of the KL must be received NO Later than August 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.