

The Kilmer Chronicle

July 2014 Joyce Kilmer Council 2483 Knights of Columbus

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT - Brothers, all good things must come to an end & come June 30th my tenure as your Grand Knight will be a thing of the past. It's been an interesting year to say the least. There are a couple of items to announce before I thank everyone.On Saturday, June 14th we held our annual KofC Father's Day Weekend Softball Tournament. After Friday night's downpour we had a few issues to start the day BUT once we got things going it turned out to be a great day. This is something the teams look forward to every year so I hope we can continue to do it. Once we paid for trophies, umpires & game balls we made a profit of over \$1,900. I want to thank Joe Moore & Tony Michniewicz for their help cleaning the fields. A quick reminder that coming up on Saturday, July 26th it's our Annual KofC Family Picnic at the American Legion....I encourage all to attend as this is a fun day out with our families & friends. Email Paul Greszczak at AGreszczak@Verizon.net for more details.....The Columbian Year flew by and before I knew it - it was over. Some goals were met, some not so much but we tried & that's all that matters to me....It basically started right after our Installation of Officers in September, we set out to do something extra for the kids in our community so we sponsored Hackettstown Recreation Basketball & Baseball Teams as well as our usual Babe Ruth Baseball Team, We held (2) 1st degrees, (1) 2nd & (1) 3rd degree, we recruited approx. 20 new members (exceeding our 1 member per month goal), we did our annual Christmas Tree Sales, our Christmas Social, participated in the Toys for Tots program, participated in Christmas cards to the Seminarians, hosted a brunch for the St. Mary's Alter Servers & their families, hosted our annual Basketball Free Throw contest, Easter Egg Hunt and we had a few social nights that consisted of Comedy & Band nights and we hosted a couple of charitable events. Plus all the things we do as a council on a regular basis between Church Activities, bringing Veterans to Sunday Mass, Eye Glasses for the Needy, Breakfast & Spaghetti dinners, etc. The list goes on but I wanted to bring these up because not one person did this, we did this together as a TEAM & I truly appreciated the support all of you have given me. As I said we did this as a Team, with that said there's a few Brothers that I personally need to thank: All of my 2013-2014 Columbian Year Officers. Good Luck to all of you as you proceed through the Chairs! The Columbus Club – For their thankless & ongoing efforts to maintain our council building as we are one of a few councils that actual have our own building. They've opened the council doors to help host charitable events for council members as well as the community. The Old-Timers who've come out & supported everything we've done this year. I know sometimes change is tough BUT they've supported us & patted us on the back for every event we did. Our Treasurer Joe Easty – Joe does an outstanding job....there's no one that can spit out the treasury report with precise accuracy like he does meeting after meeting. Our Financial Secretary Bob Piereth – He was one of my go to guys & made me look good...I thank him for his guidance, hard work 24-7 and

making sure our council's financial status is STRONG. Bob Salus – Who has a brutal schedule between work & other commitments yet made it to meetings never complaining, sweating like a hostage in the kitchen to make sure we had food after our meetings. Special Thanks to Ed Shellman....Another one of my go to guys...He's been a Mentor to me ALL year & has giving me some great/sound advice and has always been there when I needed help! I thank all of you for the support this past year it's been a FUN year & in closing I would like to wish incoming Grand Knight "Good Time" Charlie Shipley the BEST of Luck during his 2014-2015 Columbian Year! God Bless, (P)GK Joe Yap

300 CLUB REPORT - On May 30th the regularly scheduled meeting of the 300Club was held. Congratulations are extended to Bob Carlson who was elected President with a plurality of 301 votes. At present there are four positions still opened for membership and I again ask if any member knows of a viable candidate let me know so we can contact them for membership. A review of the Presidents elected in 2014 is as follows: January-Gil Murphy; February-Donna Tatarka; March- Tom Cece; April- Susan Gandley; May- Bob Carlson. Hope to see you soon. PGK John Takacs

HONORS & ANNIVERSARIES - Please join me in congratulating the following brothers on attaining significant service milestones in July: 25 Years – **Jay Sparkes, Robert Souders, Anthony Russack, Archie Davison** and **John Black**. Also in July **Stephen Gandley** became an **Honorary Member** while **Alfred Golluscio** and **Archie Davison** became **Life Members**.

COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT – As was stated in the previous bulletin our annual **Joyce Kilmer Open Golf Tournament and Clam Bake** will be held this year on Saturday October 11th. The flyer is posted in the "Important Links" tab of this website, as is the Golf sponsorship form. We need help from our membership in obtaining sponsors, as well as golfers, for this event.

MOTION FOR EXPENDITURE – At the June 19th K of C meeting a motion was made to approve the expenditure of funds for the council picnic. Since this expenditure exceeds \$500 it must be voted on at the July 3rd K of C council meeting.

JULY CALENDAR

Thu Jul 3 – K of C Council Meeting 8:30 PM

Mon Jul 14 – Columbus Club Meeting 8 PM

Thu Jul 17 – K of C Council Meeting 8:30 PM

Fri Jul 25 – 300 Club Meeting 9 PM

Sat Jul 26 – Council Picnic 12 Noon/Legion Pavillion

