

The Kilmer Chronicle

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT - Hello Brothers! As I write this I am looking out the window on this first day of spring and it's snowing! Hopefully this will be the last snowstorm of the season and we can get on to the warm weather! We were all saddened by the loss of our friend and hero Frank Yacobowsky. Thanks to everyone who came out to pay their respects at his viewing, funeral and interment. It was very touching to have the Navy representatives at the cemetery and to perform "Taps". Going forward our annual summer council picnic will be named "The Frank Yacobowsky Memorial Picnic". Thanks to everyone who participated in the many events the council and Columbus Club recently had (2nd Annual Church of the Assumption Altar Server's Recognition Brunch, Paddy and the Pale Boys concert, monthly breakfast, St. Patrick's Day Parade, St. Patrick's Dinner, and selling our 50/50 raffle tickets). Please continue to sell the 50/50 tickets. If you need more tickets, please contact PGK David Burns (dwburns1@verizon.net) or myself (crshipley@comcast.net). Upcoming events include our Wine and Cheese Social and Raffle Drawing on Thursday, April 16th, the St. Theodore Altar Server's Appreciation Brunch at St. Theodore's on Sunday, April 19th, a First Degree on Thursday, April 23rd, the Annual Shake the Can Drive from Friday, April 24th through Sunday, April 26th. Sign-up sheets are at the Columbus Club Hall or you can contact me if you want to sign up for a shift. I will be sending out an email in early April regarding the Supreme Council's new policy regarding Home Corporations and Councils. It was fantastic to see Liz Sparks at the hall after the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please continue to keep the Sparks family and all our council member's and their families in your prayers. God Bless.....

HONORS & ANNIVERSARIES - Please join me in congratulating the following brothers on attaining significant service milestones in April: 5 Years – **Andrew Poyer** and **Gary Poyer**, 10 Years - **George DeJesus, Mark Higgins, Christopher Madan** and **Robert Marks**, 15 Years - **Nicholas Ardito** and **Robert Salus**, 20 Years - **John Holder** and **Harry Bloodgood**, 25 Years - **Patrick Cannata** and 40 Years - **Bernard Poudrette**. Also in April **Patrick Cannata** became a Life member of the Order.

EASTER EGG HUNT – ("and the beat goes on") Our annual fastest Easter Egg Hunt in the country will be held on Saturday April 4th on the church lawn at 2 PM SHARP. Don't be late or you'll miss it. Pre-school through 3rd graders are invited. Prizes and refreshments will follow in the church school building; rain or shine. The Easter Bunny never cancels!

COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT – March was a busy month at the Bat & Ball Pub. We started the month off with an appearance by Paddy & The Paleboys, who put on one heck of a show! Attendance could have been a little better, but everyone there had a great time! The Columbus Club tries to put on quality entertainment for the member's enjoyment; this was a good one, and only \$10 a ticket! A little disappointing not to see more people there.....Then on March 15th we had one heck of a party after the St. Patrick's Day parade! Thanks to the council for providing the hot dogs, and thanks to all who came out. Special thanks to our firemen friends from Hackettstown, Independence Township and Mountain Lakes Fire Departments. These guys always support us, and we appreciate it!..... Once again, our St. Patrick's Day Dinner was a **HUGE** success! Thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to all the Brothers who helped with the event, whether it be shopping, cooking, peeling carrots & potatoes, making the tickets, setting up, cleaning up, bartending, selling 50/50's, too many to mention and I don't want to forget anyone, but **THANKS!** Another great example of Knight's teamwork! Special thanks to Gerry Davison for her donation of her now famous Irish whiskey cakes, and Chuck Scudder for his donation of the green ice cream.

300 CLUB REPORT - On February 27th the regularly scheduled meeting of the 300 Club was held. I'm pleased to report that the years of paying dues without any re numeration is over. After 21 years "the monkey is off my back". With a plurality of 247 votes John G Takacs was elected President !!! I am still amazed at my good fortune and continue to celebrate the confidence the membership has placed in me. On the sad side , we still have 10 openings to add members so again I ask that if anyone knows someone who is interested in joining please let one of the officers know. Look to see everyone at our next meeting. PGK John G Takacs

APRIL CALENDAR

Thu Apr 2 – K of C Council meeting 830 PM

Sat Apr 4 – Easter Egg Hunt 2 PM

Mon Apr 13 – Columbus Club meeting 8 PM

Thu Apr 16 – Wine & Cheese Social/Raffle drawing

Thu Apr 23 - 1st Degree Exemplification

Fri Apr 24 - 300 Club meeting 9 PM

Fri Apr 24 – Sun Apr 26 - "Shake the Can" weekend

GRAND KNIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT - Brothers, the Supreme Council has a new policy that all councils using Home Corporation facilities must have agreements in place between the council and the Home Corporation. In our case, the Home Corporation is the Hackettstown Columbus Club. At our business meeting on April 2, 2015, I will make this announcement. I will also inform members that there will be a vote at our business meeting on May 7, 2015 to adopt a motion that authorizes the grand knight/deputy grand knight to enter into a Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement with the Home Corporation (Hackettstown Columbus Club) on behalf of the members of the Joyce Kilmer Council #2483. Your attendance at these meetings is strongly encouraged.