

# *The Kilmer Chronicle*

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**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT** - Brothers, I hope you & your families had a Happy Thanksgiving and would like to remind all of you that we have a lot to be thankful for this upcoming Holiday Season.....On November 7<sup>th</sup> our council sponsored a successful First Degree Ceremony. Please join me in welcoming (7) new members to our council; Drew DePalma, Christopher Hoffman, Devin Souls, Ryan Souls, David Tynan, Brian Voorhees & Adam Zimmer.....Our council has a busy month ahead of us as we will be selling fresh-cut Christmas Trees at LaBurnel Farms on Mt. Bethel Road in Mansfield. I would like to thank both Dick Burke & John Nelson in their continue support to give us an opportunity to raise funds for one of our many Charitable programs. We can use your support so please let your families, neighbors and friends know about our Christmas Tree Sales and we will be open every Saturday & Sunday from November 30<sup>th</sup> thru December 22<sup>nd</sup> .....The KofC Christmas Social is scheduled for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at our KofC Hall in Hackettstown. It is \$35/person which includes a Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, Music & a special visit from St. Nick himself. I welcome ALL of you to attend this event – I guarantee you will have a GREAT Time! Please sign up at the hall or contact either Jay Sparkes or John McHugh.....For years Brother Jim Brady has chaired the Annual Marine's Toys for Tots program at our Council. The Toys for Tots Drop Box is currently at our hall and will remain there until December 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm asking ALL of you to support this program and consider those children less fortunate by donating any unwrapped gift that you would give to your child and/or relative. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Jim Brady for his ongoing efforts to bring a Smile to a Child's face this upcoming Christmas!.....Just a reminder, our council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 8:30pm. Please feel free to stop by and say Hello!! continue to ask for your support to help me make my tenure as Grand Knight a successful one. As always I'm looking for fresh & new ideas to help strengthen our council please contact me via email: [joeyap1@verizon.net](mailto:joeyap1@verizon.net)

THANK YOU!

**HONORS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Please join me in congratulating the following brothers on attaining significant service milestones in December: 20 Years – **Ryan Scheifler** and **James Bencivengo Sr**, 40 Years – **Gerard Godvin** and 50 Years - **Roger Taylor**.....The Joyce Kilmer Council welcomed 7 new members at a First Degree exemplification held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Joining Council 2483 were **Drew DePalma, Christopher Hoffman, Devon Souls, Ryan Souls, David Tynan, Jr., Brian Voorhees** and **Adam Zimmer**.

**FRATERNAL SURVEY** – the annual Fraternal Survey is located in the "Important Links" tab of the website. This is an important document as it attests to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in helping those in need. Please complete the worksheet and return to Financial Secretary Bob Piereth at [FS2483@NJKOFC.org](mailto:FS2483@NJKOFC.org) or mail to 116 Ferris Place, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

**300 CLUB REPORT** - On October 25th the regularly scheduled meeting of the 300 Club was held. Congratulations are extended to Ed Shellman being elected president with a plurality of 271 votes. A check of the records (2002-present) reflect that this is the first time Ed's been elected president. After

speaking with Ed he informed me that he was the first president ever elected way back when. I believe this was 18 years ago. How about that!! I believe there will be openings next year for membership so let me know of any possible candidate's. One order of business is that our meeting for November has been changed to November 27th (Wednesday before Thanksgiving) to accommodate the K of C. Hope to see you then. PGK John G Takacs

**RELIEF FUND** – Your Relief Fund is participating in the Ruby Tuesday Give Back program on December 10th, 11th and 12th, 2013. On those dates Ruby Tuesday will give back to the Relief Fund 20% of your purchase. All you have to do is present the flyer (located in the Important Links tab) to your server and enjoy a great meal. What could be easier than that? Hope to see many of you there.

**COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT** – 2013 was an active and successful year for your Columbus Club. We had four major fundraisers, in addition to 11 monthly breakfasts, in an effort to raise funds to operate the building and upgrade possessions. Included were two ***sold out*** concerts, one a Steve Forbert solo event, the other was the Willie Nile Trio. Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner celebration was another huge success, and our Joyce Kilmer Open Golf Tournament/Clambake was extremely successful this year. Our two major projects completed include replacing the air conditioning system, installing windows where the old air conditioners were located, and we completely replaced the retaining wall and flagpole/monument area in the front of our property. This is all in addition, of course, to paying all the usual bills (utilities, insurance, etc.) and performing routine maintenance and cleaning of the building, property & possessions. Thanks to all who supported our events and special thanks to our trustees and Brother Knights who all pitched in to assure these events were successful!

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** - Once again this Christmas Season Jay Sparkes & the Social Committee are inviting EVERYONE to the Knights of Columbus Christmas Social on Saturday, December 14th. The Evening starts at 7:00pm & the Price is \$35/Person which includes a Buffet Dinner & Open Bar. Everyone is welcome to bring a table dessert to share. For those who wish to participate feel free to bring \$10 Gift for a Lady or Gentleman for the Grab Bag. There will be Music & a Special appearance from Jolly Ol' St. Nick himself!...It's a GREAT Night out so come on out for a relaxing evening to break away from the Hustle and Bustle of shopping and decorating for the Holidays...Sign-up sheet is at the Hall or call Jay Sparkes 908-850-4653....We are looking for attendance number so we can order food accordingly by Dec 8<sup>th</sup>...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**Sun Dec 1** – Breakfast Buffet 730 to 1030 AM

**Thu Dec 5** - K of C council meeting 830 PM

**Fri Dec 6** – spaghetti Dinner 6 to 8 PM

**Mon Dec 9** – Columbus Club Meeting 8 PM

**Sat Dec 14** – Christmas Social 7 PM

**Thu Dec 19** – K of C council meeting 830PM

**Fri Dec 27** – 300 club meeting 9PM