

The Kilmer Chronicle

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT -I still can't believe that a whole year has passed so quickly and that my term will officially end on Monday. There are a few groups I want to specially thank for making this a great year. The first is always the Columbus Club. They maintain the building, run the bar, plan social events, and raise the funds needed to keep our building going. Without them, we don't have a building, and we don't have a council. Next I want to thank Bob Piereth and Joe Easty for keeping the finances straight and the membership records organized. I didn't get a full appreciation of everything the Financial Secretary does until this year. I know now that we have the best financial team. I also want to thank our council officers and leaders who responded to my requests and did what I asked them to. This is very rare and greatly appreciated. I will be continuing as a trustee and have agreed to be the church liaison and chair of the fundraising committee. For next year, I plan at least one new major fundraising event. We also need more active members not only for us to expand, but to give other men in our parishes the benefits and satisfying experiences of being a Knight. I have attached a list of our accomplishments for this year. PGK Steve Clark told me what was so remarkable about our accomplishments is that we can maintain our activities consistently year after year. As Joe Yapaola steps up to be Grand Knight, please join me in supporting him in your actions and your prayers. Thanks for a great year! ...GK David Burns dwburns1@verizon.net

COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT – Two major projects were recently completed at the hall. First a new air conditioning system has been installed with separate units in the hall and bar areas. The old air conditioners have been removed and replaced with windows, which gives us some *much needed* light and natural air in both rooms. Second, the retaining wall at the front of the building has been replaced, and the flagpole and memorial area have been paved over with concrete. It looks great, and the air conditioning works great, is much quieter, and more energy efficient. As we did with the siding project several years ago, we are looking to the membership to help defray the costs. Anyone Brother able to contribute can simply send a check to the hall, (142 Liberty Street) and simply annotate the check or envelope to the "Building Fund". There is also a Building Fund collection jug in the bar area. Every little bit helps!....Two big events are coming up in the fall, returning on Saturday September the 28th will be the Willie Nile. Tickets are \$35 each; contact Mike Watterston @ michael.watterston@verizon.net for details..... Our annual Golf Tournament & Clam Bake will be held on Saturday October 12th. We'll be golfing at Shawnee then coming back to the hall for dinner.

JULY MEETING & FOOD EVENTS – Due to the 4th of July holiday weekend, there will be NO Spaghetti Dinner or Breakfast Buffet at the club in July. Both events will return in August. Also, there will be no council meeting on the 1st Thursday of July, the 4th.

HONORS & ANNIVERSARIES - Please join me in congratulating the following brothers on attaining significant service milestones in July: 45 Years – **George E. Binns** and 65 Years – **Frank J. Shimanski**. Also in July **Henry R. Scala** and **John E. Palmer** attained the standing of Honorary Life members.

300 CLUB REPORT - On May 31st the regularly scheduled meeting of the 300 Club was held. Congratulations are extended to Joyce Hines who won a close victory to become elected President for the first time. This was a hotly contested contest and Joyce was able to pull out a victory by only 110 votes. Accolades must also go to Joyce's campaign managers, yes I said "managers" who created a fantastic platform for the winner. With husband Roger serving the liquid refreshment and close friend Woody Litweiler handling the delegate's on the floor a victory was a foregone conclusion. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 26th. Happy July 4th to all and I look forward to seeing everyone at that time. PGK John G. Takacs.

MEMORIAL DAY – Thanks to all who donated to “Packages for the Troops” and “Toys for Tots” at the Memorial Day celebration at the hall. \$172 was split between the two causes. Thanks for your support!! Ed Caufield and Jim Brady.

K OF C FAMILY PICNIC – Our family Picnic, resurrected last year after a lengthy absence is back on July 27th. See the “Important Links “ tab for the flyer and details. Cost is \$15 per family; a family is defined as parents and any children living at home under the age of 21. Family members 21 and over are \$10 each, still a bargain!

JULY CALENDAR

Mon Jul 8 – Columbus Club meeting 8 PM

Thu Jul 18 – K of C council meeting 830 PM

Fri Jul 26 – 300 Club meeting 9 PM

Sat Jul 27 – Kof C council Picnic 12 noon

