

## ***Knights of Columbus***

Hamilton Township Council, No. 6213

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To Jesus Through Mary

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful summer! The meat of our program year is upon us and we'll need all our energy to match past successes. I refer you to the calendar below for details of all the activities. Please respond favorably to requests for help at the Peanut Sale, Family Picnic, and Tootsie Roll Drive. Also, join in for our social activities—Golf Tournament, Family Picnic, Pancake Breakfast, & Oldies' Dance. These events rely on our participation for their success and they are designed for our enjoyment.

I had the very great pleasure of sitting down separately with Msgr. Tom Gervasio and Fr. Jeff Kegley—pastors of OLS-SA & St. Raphael's/Holy Angels, respectively. We discussed how our council can support our parishes and shared info on the programs that we run. Thanks to both pastors for their enthusiastic support: I look forward to Knights working even more closely to support our parishes. I hope to meet shortly with Fr. Stan @ St. Vincent's for the same discussion.

In the last newsletter, I reported that the Exec Board had authorized a membership vote on the question of whether the Council should join the Centennial Chapter—a coalition of local Councils. That vote was deferred to September 12<sup>th</sup> to accommodate vacations and allow all brothers the opportunity to vote. I have asked that DGK John White present an advocate position and that Trustee Carl Inglese prepare a devil's advocate position. Both men will speak before the vote; John has prepared an introduction to the Chapter at the end of the newsletter.


To be sure everyone has a chance to speak, we will limit discussion to 20 minutes after Carl & John present their positions, and limit each brother to 1 minute for their comments. The vote will be by show of hands. This topic has come up in the Council before—if you have a point of view, I encourage you to attend the meeting and make sure your vote is counted.

We are still working on the budget for the 2005-2006 Columbian year: the vote will be deferred to the October business meeting. The audit has been completed and the results will be read in at the next meeting. Copies will be available at the meeting to anyone who wants one. Alternatively, you can request a copy by e-mail or U.S. mail (you will need to send me a SASE if you want it by snail mail).

A note from our Retention Chairman: to the few brothers who have not yet submitted their 2005 dues, please do so.

Thank you for your continued support.

Vivat Jesus,



Bob Brennan  
Grand Knight

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| <b>Important dates:</b>   |   |                       |
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| Saturday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Rosary @ Adult Book Store   | 11:00 AM              |
| Tuesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Executive Board Meeting   | 7:30 PM               |
| Saturday/Sunday,<br>September 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>  | St. Anthony's Membership Drive & Mass<br>(watch the Church Bulletins) | TBD                   |
| Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Rosary<br>Business Meeting  | 7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM    |
| Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Golf Tournament—Gambler's Ridge GC                                    | Get your tee<br>time! |
| Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Septemberfest Peanut Sale   | 9AM-5PM               |
| Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Home Association Meeting  | 7:30 PM               |
| Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Social Night  | 7:00 PM               |
| Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Family Picnic   | 12PM-7PM              |
| Monday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Social Meeting—First Degree (tentative)                               | 8:00 PM               |
| Saturday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Rosary @ Adult Book Store   | 11:00 AM              |
| Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Pancake Breakfast   | 8AM-11:30AM           |
| Monday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Executive Board Meeting   | 7:30 PM               |
| Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday, October 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> | Tootsie Roll Drive for Retarded Citizens @<br>assorted area stores    | All day               |
| Saturday/Sunday, October<br>8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>  | Our Lady of Sorrows Membership Drive & Mass                           | TBD                   |
| Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Rosary<br>Business Meeting  | 7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM    |
| Saturday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Oldies' Dance   | 7:30 – 11 PM          |
| Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Home Association Meeting  | 7:30 PM               |
| Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Social Night  | 7:00 PM               |
| Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Social Meeting  | 8:00 PM               |

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Knights of Columbus #6213**

***Family Picnic*  
Sunday September 25, 2005**

Dear Brother Knights & Sister Columbiettes,

Once again we will be getting together to share food, friendships, and good times during our annual family picnic to be held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at our Council Home @ 1452 Klockner Road. Members of Hamilton Council #6213 and our Sister Columbiettes along with their spouses, children, and grandchildren are invited to attend. Please mark this date on your calendar *now* and make reservations by returning the bottom portion of this flyer without delay. Please make reservations by September 20 for discount prices. We are asking for your help by bringing a salad or a dessert for the buffet table. Additional details are listed below

DATE: Sunday, September 25, 2004  
TIME: Noon until 7:00 PM, food will be served between 1:00 PM and 6:00 pm  
MENU: Hamburgers, hot dogs, pork roll, salads, corn on the cob, watermelon, desserts, beer, wine, soda, and coffee.  
PRICE: Adults—\$7.00, Teens—\$5.00, Children—\$4.00 (under 5—free)

**NOTE: \$3.00 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL FOR RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005—NO EXCEPTIONS**

ACTIVITIES: Games, races, quoits, egg toss, and more . . .

We have a limited number of chairs and outdoor tables at the home. We advise you to bring any folding chairs or tables to make for a comfortable afternoon. You may also wish to bring your own games, playing cards and/or sporting equipment.

We expect brother knights to lend a hand in setting up, preparing the foods, working the grills and cleaning the grounds at the end of the day. This is a council activity and it needs the participation of the membership in attendance to be successful.

Remember to return your reservations with payment by Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can order the appropriate amounts of food to accommodate all that will be attending. Please make checks payable to K of C Council #6213

Fraternally yours,

Michael E. Levandowski, PGK                      588-4768                      502 Paxson Avenue, Mercerville, NJ 08619  
Anthony Mancino (**RESERVATIONS**)                      586-8064                      80 Bucknell Avenue Hamilton, NJ 08619

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Under 5 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
SALAD \_\_\_\_\_ DESSERT \_\_\_\_\_

## A Note from our worthy Deputy Grand Knight

For many years most of the councils of Mercer County have stood united in promoting the ideals of the order through the Centennial Chapter. With the addition of Trenton Council #355 this past year, all the councils of the County except Hamilton are now part of the Chapter.

The benefits of the Chapter are many including the facilitation of lodging and hospitality conveniences for its members at the annual State convention in Wildwood. The poor of the area benefit from the Soup Kitchen the Chapter operates out of Cathedral parish.

The Chapter's promotion of unity is without a doubt its greatest benefit. The monthly meeting serve as a forum where knowledge and ideas are exchanged on all issues the member councils have in common such as recruiting, retention, supporting vocations fundraising for the mentally retarded and pro life charities and assisting our parishes and our clergy. Although Council 6213 has had minimal problems with some of these issues, some issues such as recruiting have stymied our council these last few years. Through Chapter membership Council 6213 can learn how some councils are successfully dealing with our most troubling issues.

Through Chapter membership, Council 6213's events will receive additional promotion. Flyers for our pancake breakfast, oldies dances and golf tournament can be circulated to other councils. This will not only generate additional interest in these programs but it will indirectly lead to more bookings for our home facility as brothers from neighboring councils see 1<sup>st</sup> hand how well the facility functions for dinners and dances.

Finally, during these trying times, it is more important than ever that all the brothers Knights of the area stand united in solidarity with our church and clergy and aid our parishes many of which have been vastly reconfigured as a result of the parish consolidations. Additionally our church needs us to stand united in combating the attacks it is constantly under from the secular world at large. Through unity we have an improved chance of prevailing when faced with such challenges. A yes vote will be the 1<sup>st</sup> step in working with our brothers from neighboring councils in addressing not only the issues and problems facing our respective councils but more importantly in addressing the issues and problems faced by our Roman Catholic Church.

The benefits of chapter membership are many, the cost are minimal as outlined below.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER COUNCILS TO THE CHAPTER**

Annual Dues - **\$0.00**

Staffing the Soup Kitchen - **4 Brother's one Sunday every 3-4 months**

Hosting of Chapter Functions - **1 Monthly Meeting per year**

Representation at Monthly Chapter Meetings - **Grand Knight or Designee (10 meetings per year)**