

# The KNIGHTLINE



REV. MITCHELL J. CETKOWSKI - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6201

## Remembering Russ

With the tragic and unexpected passing of Past Grand Knight, Russ Taylor, I have been elected to take over the helm of this Council under heartbreaking circumstances. I want it to be known that this is still Russ' term and we, as a council, will do everything in our power to fulfill the goals and objectives that he had for his term. Thank you to the membership for putting their faith in me to handle this undertaking.

## Council Happenings

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be held on **Friday, February 1, 2019.**

The **Nativity Lighting Ceremony** was held on 12/7. We sang carols, trimmed the tree & enjoyed light refreshments. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the Mike and Erin Bradley, & all who lent a hand making this event a success.

**Past Grand Knight Dave and Past Columbian Club President Rich Russo** were honor at the Past Grand Knight's dinner on 12/8. There were some somber moments, but also some laughs looking back over their terms.

The **Breakfast with Santa - Children's Christmas** party was held on 12/16. The rains didn't stop the crowds from attending. Thanks to the Ladies for a great job.

The **Council's Adult Christmas Party** was held on 12/21. Although it was lightly attended, it was a wonderful event. Thanks to Dave Idank and crew for providing the refreshments.

Thanks to Bob & Donna Clifford on coordinating our Thanksgiving & Christmas **Food Baskets for the Needy** and to the tremendous turnout of brothers & their families who helped put together and deliver the baskets to those in need. We had 41 delivery routes and handed out 155 Food Baskets – as well as gifts – at Christmas alone.

The **Council's Annual Old-timers Reunion** was held on 12/22. A tremendous crowd was on hand. It was great to see so many long-time members back at the council. Thanks to Barry Kakos for coordinating the Reunion and to Bob and Sanjoe Westrich for supplying a delicious meal for the members including Grandma Westrich's Meat Loaf!

## Pause & Reflect!

Tolstoy said *"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."*

As a New Year begins, there are always some New Year's resolutions. For many of us these take the form of controlling vices, such as "I'll quit smoking" or "I'll lose a few pounds" or "I'll drink a little less". These types of resolutions are fine but for all our good intentions we don't always live up to our resolutions. Perhaps, we need to change our focus. Maybe we need to look at changing ourselves. Changing not so much the external self but rather changing the inner self. Look at being more tolerant & more giving to others. Perhaps this year, we should each make a pledge to ourselves to become a little better person & give more of ourselves to others in need.

## 6201's Community Ties

Brothers, this Council has done quite a bit for the community & church over the first six months of this Columbian year, however we will not sit on our laurels. Sometime this month there will be a **Mid-Year Officers Planning Session**. This is for officers & directors only. Officers & directors should plan on attending so that we can chart out the activities for the remainder of the year.

January 22 is the anniversary of **Roe v Wade**. Let us take a moment & say a prayer for the innocent victims of abortion.

Faternally,

*Angelo W. Massaro – Grand Knight*



## Meetings:

**Council:** 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month at 8:30 P.M.

**Officers:** Tuesday before 3rd Friday of the Month at 8:30 PM.

**Columbian Club:** 3rd Friday of the month following K.C.

# Columbian Club President Letter

January 2019

Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families all had a joyous and Merry Christmas and that you celebrate the New Year safely. It has been a very busy month for me with doctor appointments, and especially with work, so I would like to thank my fellow Columbian Club officers for all their hard work in keeping The Club running. We've had a lot done recently. The painting of the bar, Grand Knights Room, and hallway is complete. We bought new welcome mats for the front door of the bar and rental hall. We had a new sign installed out by the curb, thanks to PCCP Andy Pavelko for your help. We bought a new back door for the bar, the old one was getting a little too rotted at the bottom. A much bigger problem that we've been having is an issue with the heat in the rental hall not working. We had a guy come look at it and his prognosis was not good, he thinks the entire unit needs to be replaced. This is an issue The Club is still talking about with our BIC committee, and hopefully I'll have more information for you at our next business meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Now for some good news The Council and The Club ran many successful events in December. There was the Nativity lighting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank You to the Ladies Auxiliary for organizing that and to Naomi Capasso for arranging the music, and to all the children who took part in the live nativity. It was a fun night for all. On the 8<sup>th</sup> was our PGK dinner. Thank you to all that helped set up and clean up that night. We had around 70 attendees and a good time was had by all. The 16<sup>th</sup> saw a special visit from the fat man in the red suit as Santa greeted the children at Breakfast with Santa. We had over 30 children who got to see Santa and get a special gift. Many people helped that day, but I just want to mention a few for their extraordinary efforts. John Lehmann, his wife Linda, and son Ray were a dynamic cleanup crew. They vacuumed and cleaned up the room from a party the night before, and had that room spotless for breakfast. I can't thank you enough for what you guys did that day. Our chefs in the kitchen responsible for that great food; John Kunkel, PGK Victor Salvi, Worthy Acting GK Tom Raulinavich, LAP Erin Bradley, and Sue Raulinavich. When they came in at 8am, I told them the kitchen is all yours. They shut the door, and went to work, and didn't have any problems. I also want to thank Dawn Vitale and Mary Brienza for cooking and donating muffins, cookies, and brownies. And also PGK Lou McGraw and his son Danny. Both guys did everything, from setting up tables and chairs, to serving food, even running to the store for a couple last minute things. And last, but certainly not least, The Ladies Auxiliary who helped Santa with his gift buying a wrapping. As always you ladies did a tremendous job and the day would not have been a success without you. The 21<sup>st</sup> was the Adult Christmas party. Thanks to PGK Lou McGraw and PGK Dave Idank for handling all the food and for anyone else that helped that night. The 22<sup>nd</sup> was maybe the most rewarding day of the year for our Council, that morning we delivered over 150 Christmas baskets to the needy people in our community. I was so sorry to miss it this year, but I heard the turnout of volunteers was spectacular. A big thanks to PGK Bob Clifford and his wife Donna for organizing the whole thing, and to all of you that put a smile on the faces of those 150+ families. Later that day we celebrated the "Old Timers". The turnout was fantastic. Thank you to FDD Barry Kakos and Pat O'Conner for putting it together, and for all the "younger" knights for cooking and setting up.

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# Columbian Club President Letter

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January 2019

So as you can see, The Club and Council had a lot going on in December. If I forgot to mention anyone or anything, I'm sorry, but thank you all that helped and attended, and supported our organization.

Things slow down a little bit in January. The Club will be open at noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> for those of you looking for "the hair of the dog that bit you". The NFL Playoffs start the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with the wild card round. The divisional round is the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The championship games are on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We know the Jets and Giants won't be involved, but that's ok because we get to watch 12 really good teams instead of 2 really bad teams. Also on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having The Chili Cook-off. There is a sign-up sheet for all those interested in participating, but sign up soon as space is limited. Contest starts at 2:30. And don't forget that on February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be having our Super Bowl party. The bar will close at 4pm, anyone not paying the \$15 admission fee will be asked to leave. There is a sign-up sheet at the Club if you are interested in signing up early and reserving a T-Shirt. It is not guaranteed that shirts will be available at the door. And On February 17<sup>th</sup> the club will be closed for The Race for Life. Doors will open at 11am and an admission fee will be required. I believe that is it. If not, then check out Facebook and email blast for events.

And my final, final thing, I know I'm sorry this is a long letter, but I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate PGK Angelo Massaro on being elected to serve as Grand Knight once again for the remainder of the Columbian year. Angelo is considered to be one of the most knowledgeable men in the council when it comes to matters concerning the Knights and Columbian Club bylaws, and I very much look forward to working with, and learning from him these next six months.

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal  
on what you bring to the new year"

Vern McLellan

Happy and Healthy Wishes to you and your families,

Michael Bradley

Columbian Club President

# *Ladies Auxiliary President's Letter*

January 2019

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Happy New Year Council 6201! The Christmas Season did not disappoint – the Annual Nativity Lighting was a festive night filled with prayers, carols & treats. I was so happy to see so many members and their families come out to begin the season together! And the very next night we celebrated PGK David Idank and PCCP Rich Russo at the Past Grand Knight Dinner. On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, we would like to thank you both again for your hard work and dedication to Council 6201. Next was Breakfast with Santa where our children were celebrated along with Santa of course! And finally was the Adult Christmas Party which was again another fun evening! These are just a few of the MANY reasons why our Council is so successful and great to be a part of! I would like to thank everyone who helped make each of these events a success – from those who baked cookies, to those who set up rooms, to those who volunteered their time and to those who helped clean up. Without your help, these events would not happen and for that I again THANK YOU!

Coming up in the New Year, the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a “Newlywed Game” night on February 9, 2019 so keep an eye out for more details. And we are also looking into hosting a “Bingo Night” in the Spring.

Finally, the Council has the Annual Chili Cook-Off on January 13, 2019, the Annual Super Bowl Party on February 3, 2019 and the Race for Life on February 17, 2019 – these are some of the BEST events of the year and I hope to see you all there!

Here's to a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Erin Bradley

Ladies Auxiliary President

# Council Calendar



## JANUARY 2019

| SUN                                    | MON                                  | TUES   | WED | THU | FRI   | SAT  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|---|--|
| 30<br>Football Sundays!                | 31<br>New Year Eves<br>Party         | 1<br>New Year's Day  | 2   | 3   | 4<br>Rosary 8PM<br>KOFC Social<br>Meeting 8:30 PM | 5  |
| 6                                      | 7                                    | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11<br>Ladies Auxiliary<br>Meeting 8PM             | 12<br>Applebee's<br>Pancake Breakfast<br>for Race For Life<br><br>KofC #6201<br>Basketball Free<br>Throw Contest |
| 13<br>Chili Cook Off                   | 14<br>Chapter Meeting                | 15<br>KOFC Officers<br>Meeting 8:00 PM<br>Planning/Budget<br>Meeting | 16  | 17  | 18<br>KOFC/CC<br>Business Meeting<br>8:30 PM      | 19   |
| 20                                     | 21<br>Martin Luther King,<br>Jr. Day | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26   |
| 27<br>St Aloysius<br>Pancake Breakfast | 28                                   | 29   | 30  | 31  | 1<br>Knighthood/3rd<br>Degree 7:30                | 2  |



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