



# COMPASS

December, 2014 - January - February, 2015

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### Jim Brown, GK

Brothers:

The past three months have certainly been busy ones for our council, and the next three months are filled with programs and activities. Please check the council calendar for details.

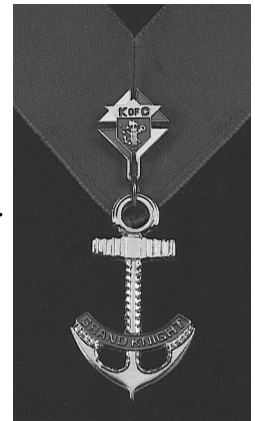
Our new council officers were officially inducted into office by our worthy District Deputy on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at our council hall. Our Worthy Chaplain was away on retreat, but we were fortunate to have our Brother Knight, Father Mike Brizio celebrate mass for us at the installation.

The membership committee did a fantastic job of coordinating membership drives at both St. Robert and St. Rose Parishes. Our Council greatly appreciates the support of Msgr. Sam and Father Jim for allowing our council to conduct the membership drives at all the masses. Thank you to all the Brothers that came out and greeted new prospective members at masses. A special thanks to Gino Iacovella, Nef Flores, Juan Caez and Father Francisco for encouraging candidates to join.

A Steering Committee was formed with the mission to review both the operations of the council and Columbian Club and to determine areas where improvements can be made. The Steering Committee has met several times and has compiled a list of items. The committee is now in the process of breaking down these items into various sub-committees that will begin to develop plans to make improvements and put both our Council and Columbian Club on a solid footing for years to come

In November our Worthy Chaplain Father Ed Jawidzik celebrated mass for our departed Brothers with Brothers Knights, families and friends and was well attended. We are conducting a Second Degree Exemplification to assist our new Brother Knights to move one step closer to full Knighthood in our honored order. We have a great Social evening planned for our last meeting in November where one of our newest Brother Knights, Deacon James Grogan will speak about the transition from Laity to Priesthood. We will end November getting our council hall cleaned and dressed up for the Christmas Holidays. It is great to see that several of our new Brothers have already gotten involved in attending meetings and council activities.

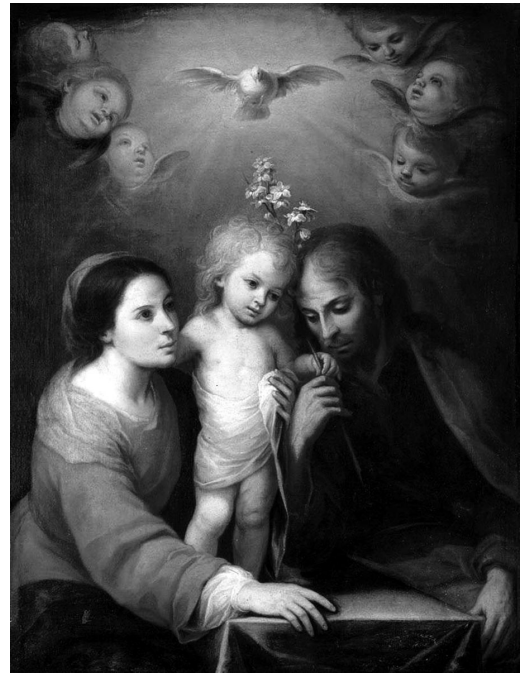
Vivat Jesus



## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Father Ed Jawidzik**

### Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
 in You we contemplate  
 the splendor of true love,  
 to You we turn with trust.  
 Holy Family of Nazareth,  
 grant that our families too  
 may be places of communion and prayer,  
 authentic schools of the Gospel,  
 and small domestic Churches.  
 Holy Family of Nazareth,  
 may families never again  
 experience violence, rejection and division:  
 may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
 find ready comfort and healing.  
 Holy Family of Nazareth  
 May the approaching Fall, 2015 Synod of Bishops  
 Make us more mindful  
 Of the sacredness and inviolability of the family  
 And its beauty in Gods plan.  
 Jesus Mary and Joseph,  
 Graciously hear our prayer. Amen



Holy Family by Gutierrez

## **PAST GRAND KNIGHTS DINNER - Richard Scott**

A word of thanks to all those who attended this year's Past Grand Knights dinner as well as to those well-wishers who could not attend. A round of applause goes to the DGK, Tom and GK, Jim for hosting a great dinner. And thank you to all my Brothers who served as officers during my last term as GK. Since this was my second PGK dinner as the honoree and since I had already been given all the traditional PGK loot, I requested that Tom use the money normally spent on things for the GK to instead buy shirts for all the PGKs. It was an honor to present those to the several PGKs who were in attendance. It is as a result of the work of all the Past Grand Knights that our Council is successful.



Maureen & Rick

While receiving a K of C apron from the GK was "special", the highlight of the evening for me was awarding the Knight of The Year award to Henry Debski. It would take up



Nice fit

too much room in this newsletter to list all the things that Henry has done for the Knights of Columbus over the past 38 years. Just thinking about the number of meetings and ceremonies he has attended as Trustee, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree team member, Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faithful Navigator, Monmouth County Chapter Chairman, Trenton Federation Chairman and State Statistician is overwhelming. To quote Past State Deputy Dan Rossi, "Henry's dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus is unparalleled." Congratulations to Henry.

Vivat Jesus!



Henry & Rick

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - Tom Zakrzewski

As the year 2014 winds down, we have 533 members, including ten we welcomed into the Knights on October 28 and two on November 10, 2014. Largely recruited through our recent membership blitzes at St. Robert Belarmine and St. Rose of Lima parishes.

On October 28, 2014, we held a First Degree exemplification and received the following members into the First Degree: Ruben Avila, John Certo, Pedro Chico, Oscar R. Carrillo, John-Paul Fattorusso, Alexander Glovich, Calixto Huerta, Douglas Le-Roy, Lalo Martinez, and Daniel Weeks.

On November 10, 2014, St. Joseph, Keyport Council, held a First Degree Exemplification and received two of our new brothers into the First Degree, Eric Benitez and Luis Benitez.

Congratulations to brothers Gino Iacovella, Karl Makarowski, Massimo Soraba, and Jefferson Yoder our new Fourth Degree members receiving the honors on November 2, 2014 at the Sheriton Hotel in Eatontown, N.J.

We welcome new transfers to our council brother Joseph A. Fattorusso, Council 5903 Englishtown NJ, Rev. Mr. James J. Grogan, Council 590 Springfield, PA and Donald J. Rothman, Council 1694 St. Aloysius Assumption, Staten Island, NY.

We bid farewell to brother Theodore J. Spara who transferred to St. Theresa, Ashburn, VA. Council #15256.

Please pray for our deceased brother

Charles Potochar who passed away in August. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends.

At the end of November, we will be sending out the dues notice for 2015. Our intention again is to submit electronically your membership payment



Karl Makarowski, Massimo Sorara, Jefferson Yoder, Gino Iacovella

of dues based on email addresses you have previously submitted. All other billings will be sent U. S. Postal delivery. The dues will remain the same, \$40.00.

As always, if you have moved or have any other changes in your status, let me know. I wish all Freehold Council 1672 members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

## FOOD SERVICE REPORT - Peter Weber

I would like to thank all of you who helped with the first breakfast of the year this September. I would especially like to thank Stan Buraczynski for stepping up to be the lead as Chris and I were away.

The Community Breakfasts and Dinners are run as fund raiser so that we can continue the Knight's works of Community, Charity and Fraternity, any profit made at these functions are donated to the different charities supported by the Knights.

Please consider giving some of your time to help us. We can use your help even if you only have an hour or two to give. We need folks early to help setup the room and for food prep, as well as serving during the dinner and clean up after. The more hands the more fun we will have.

Our upcoming events are as follows:

### **December 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 AM to 1 PM**

The Knights will be cooking for the St Rose PTA's breakfast with Santa. To help please contact Jim Brown at: [jbrown1672@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown1672@gmail.com).

### **December 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8 AM till noon**

Breakfast with Santa. A very busy breakfast. Please help in some compacity.

### **January 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 - Sunday 2 to 5PM**

Date is reserved for the Spaghetti Dinner. We need hands for setup, serving and clean up so if you can give even just an hour please call me at 732-598-7416.

### **February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 - Saturday (Tentatively Scheduled)**

Polish dinner is presently set for February 7th. It may be changed or canceled. Watch your email for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you at these functions!

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Gino Iacovella**

Off to a great start!

On October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> our council had our membership drive at the parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima respectively in Freehold.

We had over two dozen candidates interested in joining the Knights and on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 12 new candidates that completed their First Degrees both in our Freehold 1672 Council and at St. Joseph's Council 3502 in Keyport NJ.

I would also like to welcome our Brother Knights who recently transferred from other councils.

First of all, I would like to thank Monsignor Sam and Father Ed from the parish of St. Robert Bellarmine

and Father Jim, and Father Francisco from the parish of St. Rose of Lima for their help and guidance. I would also like to thank **all** the volunteers that participated in the drives in both parishes. Without all your help, none of our new members would of joined. Please remember that new members can be added at any time. Brochures are available in both English and Spanish.

I ask each brother to please reach out to family and friends and encourage them to become members of the Knights of Columbus. We are 1.8 million members strong and are the largest men's Catholic organization in the world! An organization that started in 1882 with 14,000 councils across the globe.

Be Proud and Encourage others to be a Knight of Columbus!



## **SANTA DAY - Rich Morano**

Please join us for our Annual Santa Day on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> in our Lounge from 2 – 4 PM. Members Children and Grandchildren, 10 years and under are welcome. Cost is only \$10.00 per child, and that includes Cupcake Decorating, Coloring,

Snacks, and of course a Gift from Santa Claus himself.

Please pay when you sign up in the Lounge with the on duty Bartender. The cut off for signing up is December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call me with any questions. 732-690-2005



## **WEB SITE - Jim Brown**

Our council webmaster George Ferriso and his faithful and talented side kick, Emil Stefanacci have done a great job of getting our new council web site up and running. It already contains a great deal of information about our council meetings and activities.



The web site is still under construction and more information will be added in the days ahead. You should find this site very easy to use and navigate.

Please take the time to visit our new site at [www.kofc1672.org](http://www.kofc1672.org).

If you have suggestions on items you would like to see on the web site, please contact Jim Brown, Grand Knight at (732) 780-5472 or [jbrown1672@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown1672@gmail.com)

Thank you

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>December 2014</b>			
2	Tree Lighting & Carol Sing Along	Council Hall	8 pm
3	4th Degree Meeting	TBD	8 pm
7	St. Rose Xmas Choir Concert	St. Rose Church	4 pm
<b>8</b>	<b><i>Immaculate Conception</i></b>		
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
13	Blood Drive	Council Hall	8 am – 4 pm
13	Santa Day for Kids	Council Hall (Lounge)	2 pm – 4 pm
13 & 14	Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale	Council Hall	8 am – 4pm
14	Community Breakfast with Santa	Council Hall	8 am – 12 noon
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Council Hall (Side Room)	8 pm
23	Council Meeting	<b>CANCELED</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>	<b><i>Merry Christmas to All !</i></b>	
<b>January 2015</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b><i>Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day</i></b>	<b><i>Happy New Year to All !</i></b>	
7	4th Degree Meeting	TBD	8 pm
9	3rd Degree Exemplification	Council Hall	8 pm
11	Spaghetti Dinner	Council Hall	2 pm – 5 pm
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
<b>19</b>	<b><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i></b>		
21	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
24	Council Free Throw Contest	ST. Rose of Lima Gym	12 noon – 3 pm
25	Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8 am – 12 noon
27	Council Social Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
<b>February</b>			
1	Super Bowl Sunday	Columbian Club	
4	4th Degree Meeting	TBD	8 pm
7	Polish Nite Dinner	Council Hall	6 pm
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
<b>14</b>	<b><i>Valentine's Day</i></b>		
14	Kid's Day Program	Council Hall	11am – 2 pm
<b>16</b>	<b><i>Presidents' Day</i></b>		
<b>18</b>	<b><i>Ash Wednesday</i></b>		
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
22	Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8 am – 12 noon
24	Council Social Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
TBD	District Free Throw Contest	TBD	TBD

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## **AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa**

We are now in the middle of the holidays. The hustle and bustle, the cooking and baking the decorating, not to mention all the shopping and travelling. Ah yes, and then there are the parties. No wonder people get stressed out at this time of year.

What does a person have to do to get some peace and quiet to balance the hustle and bustle. Slowing down is the answer. It may sound too simple, but sometimes the answer is right in front of our noses and we get so busy that we can't see it. This is the time when most of us remember back to our favorite Christmas when the pace was slower, the gifts were less expensive and just being together was the most important thing. If we all take it just a little slower the important things will still get done and our nerves will not get all frazzled.

I'm sure that God doesn't want us to celebrate His Son's birthday by going crazy, over eating, over buying, over decorating, getting a heart attack and

ending up in heaven ahead of schedule. No way. Think about what this season really means. So many tragedies occur this time of year just because people are speeding to get somewhere or because they are in such a hurry that they forget to do something simple like blowing out a candle. Let all of us pray that in January we are together in good health and still have a few dollars left in our wallets.



Now all I have to remember is to practice what I preach. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!