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Grand Knight's Message by Rick Scott, GK



Brothers: On Saturday, February 12, I attended a regional Grand Knights' meeting that was held at our council hall. There were over 100 men in attendance including several officers from the NJ State Council and from Supreme. I want to share with you some of the thoughts and impressions that I took with me from that day.

First of all there was pride. I was extremely proud of the members who volunteered their time cleaning, painting and setting up the hall. It looked great and I received compliments from several of the State Officers and brother

GK's and DGK's in attendance. The food service crew did their usual great job. There was not a lot of time allotted on the agenda for lunch but everyone made their way through the buffet line quickly, thanks to the planning and staffing done by Stan and the crew. Again, I received several compliments, and there were no reports of anyone becoming violently ill from the food which is always a good thing.

I was also unexpectedly inspired. Past State Deputy, Tom Ciborski's presentation on membership recruitment and retention resonated with everyone. He spoke about the need for us to assert our Catholic identity in our daily lives and how every Catholic man should be given the opportunity of being a better man, husband, father or grandfather by being a member in our Order. We are trying to schedule Tom to be the guest speaker at our upcoming Communion Breakfast so that more of us can hear his message.

Lastly, I was refocused on the importance of membership recruitment and retention as well as the critical role the Knight's insurance program plays in our Order's ability to fulfill its charitable mission. I realize that if you are reading this you are already a member but each of us can play a role in adding new life to our Council. Come to a business meeting and volunteer for an upcoming project. Recruit a friend, relative or colleague to join the Knights. Call Bob Karaczun and make an appointment to review the new insurance products being offered by the Knights.

We belong to an amazing organization. Be proud of it and let others know you are proud of it. Be active in it and let others know what we do.

Food Service Committee by Stan Buraczynski, Jr, PGK, DD



The Committee has been hard at work with the Breakfasts over the past few months. Our January Breakfast was well attended (189 guests) thanks to Father Jim, who visited us for an early breakfast and then sang our praises at his next mass. Thanks again, Fr. Jim. Our April breakfast will be on Sunday,

April 10 this year due to Easter falling on the fourth Sunday of April. We will conclude this Columbian year's activities with our Annual Clam Bake on Saturday, May 21 and the last breakfast on Sunday, May 22.

Our neighbors the Elks across from the Council home serve a breakfast on the third Sunday of the month. If you are available give them a visit for a great breakfast.

Field Agent's Corner by Bob Karaczun, FA

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and are sticking to your New Year's resolutions. The Knights of Columbus is coming out with Income Armor. What is income armor? It is a product that's designed to protect and replace your most valuable asset: your income. Also, the K of C is coming out with a ten year pay whole-life plan. That's right, after ten

years of paying the premium the policy is paid in full and then it can pay you. These are only some of the new changes that are coming out from the Knights of Columbus. Give me a call for all the details.



Financial Secretary's Report by Mike Petrisin, PGK, FS

Welcome to 2011! We have entered into a new year for Council 1672. Since last November we have admitted 25 new members into our Council. We lost three to transfers, and five were suspended.

We welcome Brothers William J. Borowinski, Michael Esposito, Kevin M. Hurley, Christopher Mahoney, Michael Petrillo and Louis Thompson as transfers. Welcome, too, our newest First Degree members, Gerry Gorman and Dominick Brancone, who took their degree on Monday, February 21.

Congratulations to our newest Honorary members, Theodore Kelsey and John (Mike) La Rosa; and our newest Honorary Life members, Michael Barra, Emil Jennette, Melvin

Patmore, Robert Schwartz and William Sweetnam.

As of this report there are 179 unpaid members of the council, of whom 36 still owe from last year. Dues reminders will be sent out around the time you receive this newsletter. Please try to remit your dues as soon as possible to avoid suspension. If you are experiencing financial problems in this poor economy, feel free to call me at (732) 303-9720 so you will be able to continue as a member in good standing in the council.

PLEASE, if you are moving or have moved, make sure you send me your new address so we can keep the membership roster up-to-date.

Chaplain's Study by Father Edward M. Jawidzik

The Church is Catholic
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

"The Church is called Catholic or Universal because it has spread throughout the entire world, from one end of the earth to the other.

"Again, it is called Catholic because it teaches fully and unfailingly all the doctrines which ought to be brought to men's knowledge, whether they are concerned with visible or invisible things, with the Realities of Heaven

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or the things of the earth.

“Another reason for the name Catholic is that the Church brings under religious obedience all classes of men, rulers and subjects, learned and unlettered. Finally, it deserves the title Catholic because it heals and cures unrestrictedly every type of sin that can be

committed in soul or in body, and because it possesses within itself every virtue that can be named, whether exercised in actions or in words or in some kind of spiritual charism.”



From our District Deputy by Stan Buraczynski, Jr, DD

The Columbian Year is quickly drawing to a close and I would like to remind you to ask a friend or relative to join our order. In order for us to continue the good works of the Knights of Columbus we need good men and the only way we can get them is with your

help. You are our best recruitment tool. Carry a form 100 (Application) in your wallet and when you find a person who may be interested in joining the Order have him fill it out right there and then.

Membership Director by Nick Fugaro

We have tentatively scheduled our spring membership blitzes for the weekends of March 19 and 20 at Saint Robert's Parish, and March 26 and 27 at St. Rose of Lima Parish. Please show your support by planning to assist in these events.

As a follow up to our membership blitz, First, Second and Third Degree ceremonies have been set at our council for Tuesday, April 26, Tuesday, May 10 and Friday, May 20, respectively. Brothers wishing to register for their Second and/or Third Degrees are urged to

email me at nfugaro@optonline.net or call me at (732) 462-4750 to reserve a spot. Space is limited, particularly for the Third Degree ceremony. This is not only a great opportunity to achieve full knighthood in the Third Degree, right in our own council, but also a required step for first year members to earn the Shining Armor Award.

Wear your membership pin proudly! If you have lost or misplaced your pin, please let me know and I will arrange to have it replaced.

Columbian Club Management by Jerry Ham, President

At the January meeting Dan Foley resigned as President and Hall Chairman due to health and personal reasons, while Mike Sweet resigned as VP, but both elected to remain as Trustees. Mike O'Brien was appointed as Trustee to fill a vacant position and I was nominated and elected as President. My acceptance email thanked everyone for their support and confidence in electing me to a position I did not actively seek. I promised to do my best in directing the operations of the Club over the next few months.

Over the next two weeks I met with or spoke

to the Officers and Trustees to get their feedback and opinions as to what they would like to see accomplished within the Club. During this time Mike Sweet stepped up and volunteered to become Hall Chairman, which I agreed to. He has quickly obtained a number of new bookings for the Hall. At the same time Mike O'Brien agreed to assume the position of Co-Bar Chairman with Rich Morano.

I held the first Officers and Trustees workshop meeting to discuss the issues facing the

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Christmas Happenings by Paul Dwyer, John Favorito, Mike Tubridy and Tom Zakrzewski

December, as always, was a very busy month for the Council. We began with the lighting of the Christmas Tree, which is always popular with the membership as it involves family, Christmas Carols and cookies. Following that, the annual blood drive, thanks to the Central Jersey Blood Center, was held on Saturday, December 12, and collected 60 units of blood. Thanks to all who donated or assisted. That same day and the next, the



Christmas tree and wreath sale netted \$495. Thanks to all who braved the cold as salesmen. During the same month, "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets, decals and tree ornaments netted the Council \$1,682. Thanks to all who bought these items, or helped to sell them at our two parishes. Our Entertainment books netted us \$228, thanks to Tom Zakrzewski. Lastly, Sunday, December 13 saw many youngsters have breakfast with Santa. It was a very busy month indeed.

Picture Pages Each one's worth a thousand words

Grand Knight Rick Scott and District Deputy Stan Buraczynski welcome Seminarian Henry Graebe to our Council on January 11.

Dan Barrow helps spruce up the Council hall in preparation for the Regional Grand Knights' meeting.



State Deputy Herb Meyer addresses the Trenton Diocese Grand Knights at the Regional GK's meeting on February 12.

Square Dance by Joe Luongo, Chan

The Charity Square Dance will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in our Council Hall. Ticket prices are \$25.00 per couple and \$7.00 per student in advance; or \$15.00 per person and \$10.00 per student at the door.



Refreshments will be for sale during the evening; and a 50/50 raffle will be drawn at 9:30 pm. Must be present to win.

Proceeds will fund both K of C charities and the Freehold Borough Music Parents Association functions and programs.

The latter organization was created to assist in the schools' music departments in areas not covered in general school district funding. They support various aspects of the departments and provide scholarships to eligible seniors whose families are members of the association.

For further information or reservations, contact Rick Scott at rscott1672@gmail.com or at (732) 996-6950

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Grand Knight Rick Scott and FDD Henry Debski at the March for Life at the Trenton Statehouse on January 24.



Grand Knight Rick Scott and Chancellor Joe Luongo with Jackie St. Angel of Collier Services, after accepting our \$500 donation at the January 23 Community Breakfast.

Members of the St. Rose of Lima Youth Group assisting at Kids' Day on February 5.



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Club and suggested that we hold similar meetings on the first or second Wednesday of the month for the next few months. The regular Club meeting, open to all members is always held on the third Wednesday of the month.

One of the first items of business before the Club is the programming and installation of a new electronic cash register in the bar. When it is operational a bar tenders meeting will be held to train everyone in its operation. A marketing promotion to highlight the rental of our hall is also in the works and I ask anyone with PR experience to volunteer to help at the

next open meeting.

A new item on the agenda is a Lenten Friday Fish Fry at the Council Hall, details to be announced. A wine & cheese night with bottled wine and a guitar or keyboard player is also in the works. See Rich Morano's article on the next page for the results of past events, and notice of our upcoming events.

All in all, things are starting to look up with bookings and activities. I ask that all Council members become proactive participants in the activities of the Columbian Club to insure that our building remains the centerpiece of our activities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Centennial Committee by Stan Buraczynski, Jr, PGK, DD

The members of the Centennial Committee have been hard at work planning the Celebration of our One Hundredth Anniversary in 2013. Plans have been finalized for the Gala Dinner Dance to be held on the evening of Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the South Gate Manor in Freehold. Tickets will be around \$125. each. This seems like a lot of money, but the affair will be worth every penny. If you put aside \$2.50 per week over the next two years you will have the monies

for the purchase of two tickets to the gala. So start today on filling your "Centennial Jar".

We also have been working on the History of the Council and an Ad Journal (Spence Purdum), the sale of commemorative items (Rick Scott), publicity (George Ferriso and Joe Virgilio) and the rest of the members (Peter Weber, Tom Shenko, Joe Luongo, Pat McCobb, Tom Boyle, John Favorito, George Schnurr and Dan Foley) have been also busy with their assignments.

From the Program Director by Joe Luongo

It's been a few months since I last wrote in this space, and I wish to recount some of the past events of this active and involved Council.

Our busy December has been recounted elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to the many dedicated workers who made all the events successful.

January saw the Knights' involvement at the local installation of four Eagle Scouts at St. Rose Chapel on Saturday, January 8. Deputy Grand Knight Joe Virgilio and I awarded each scout a \$25 Best Buy gift card on behalf of our Council. The social meeting that month saw presentations by Dr. Peter Joffe, a chiropractor from Manalapan, and by representatives from the local Habitat for Humanity who

discussed their chartable endeavors.

February was kicked off by one of the most popular programs, Kids' Day, on Saturday, February 5. Children from throughout the community were entertained by representatives from Home Depot, local Girl Scouts of America, the St. Rose Youth Group as well as that renowned magician, the Amazing Randy (Brother Randy Butters from the McGuire AFB Council.) We also had the honor of hosting the regional Grand Knights meeting the following Saturday, and received many compliments on our arrangements, as the Grand Knight pointed out in his message.

Looking forward, March will be an equally busy month. The St. Patrick's events and our

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Columbian Club News by Rich Morano

Santa Day was just magical. Thirty-two children had the best of both worlds for this Santa Day. They were entertained by Randy Butters the Magician (as were the adults) as they anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. I would like to thank ALL my helpers: Randy, Santa and Mrs. Claus-Lynne. Cupcakes and goodies to decorators Dayna and James K, wrappers, Tina and Jay and the hall decorators (I was told it never looked so good by many) Arnie, Rich Hamilton, Steve, Dayna and James K. I would also like to thank Tops -N-Town Cleaners on Park Avenue, who have been doing Santa's dry cleaning for a number of years.

Super Bowl Sunday was also a great day at the Club. The place was packed and a good time was had by all. Thanks go out to Mike Sweet for cooking an awesome spread of food. Thanks to Mike, Arnie and the bartenders for handling the pools.

St Patrick's Party will be Saturday, March 12, 7:00 pm to midnight. \$25.00 per person includes corned beef and cabbage dinner buffet, DJ and open bar.

St. Patrick's Day at the Club, Thursday,

March 17, will have lunch and dinner seating starting at 11:00 am and going 'til about 8:00 pm or when we run out (which may be sooner, so arrive early.) Sandwiches and platters will be \$5.00.

Sunday, April 3 will host our Ding Ding Wing contest, with prizes for the most original and the hottest wings. We'll go from 1:00 to 5:00 pm more or less. For \$5.00 you can have all you can eat and buy your own drinks; or for \$20.00, all you can eat plus open bar of domestic beer or liquor.



Sunday, April 17 will be our Talladega NASCAR party, with food and prizes. Don't miss it. Keep an eye out at the club for some new and exciting events that will be happening over the next few months. And as the weather gets warmer and you're working in the yard, please take a break and join us at the lounge for a cold one.



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first Annual Square Dance are described elsewhere in the Compass. The membership blitzes will take place at both of our parishes. Our observance of Founders Day will round out the month at the social meeting on Tuesday, March 22.

April will see the Pride in Priests Dinner, at Mike Doolan's in Spring Lake on Thursday, April 14, and the annual collection for the intellectually challenged.

May begins with the Birthright Dinner at St. Thomas More in Manalapan, followed by the State Convention and culminating in our march in the Memorial Day Parade. June concludes the Columbian Year with the Council's annual Communion Breakfast, the Family Picnic and the Golf Outing. Please refer to

the calendar of events on the back cover of the Compass, or to our website, for dates and times.



The amazing Randy entertains at our Annual Kids' Day Party on Saturday, February 5.

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Calendar of Events (All events at Freehold Council unless otherwise noted.)

- Mar 8...Council meeting, 8:00 pm
Mar 9...Ash Wednesday
Mar 12...St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, 7:00 pm
Mar 16...Columbian Club Trustees meeting,
8:00 pm
Mar 17...St. Patrick's Sandwiches and platters,
noon-?
Mar 19...Square Dance, 7:00—10:00 pm
Mar 19-20 Membership Blitz at St. Robert's
Mar 22...Council social, Founders Day, 8:00 pm
Mar 26-27...Membership Blitz at St. Rose
Mar 27...Community Breakfast 8:00 am-noon
Apr 3...Wing cooking contest, noon-?
Apr 6...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, loc tbd
Apr 10...Community Breakfast 8:00 am-noon
Apr 12...Council meeting, 8:00 pm
Apr 14...Pride in Priests Dinner, 6:00 pm at
Mike Doolan's, Spring Lake
Apr 17...Palm Sunday
Apr 17...Talladega Party, noon-?
Apr 19...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00
pm
Apr 22...Good Friday
Apr 24...Easter
Apr 26...First Degree, 8:00 pm
Apr 30...Collections for the Intellectually Chal-
lenged
May 4...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, loc tbd
May 7...Birthright Dinner, St. Thomas More
May 10...Second Degree, 8:00 pm
May 13-14...State Convention, Wildwood
May 18...Columbian Club Trustees meeting,
8:00 pm
May 20...Third Degree, 7:30 pm
May 21...New England Clam Bake, 6:30-9:00 pm
May 22...Community Breakfast, 8:00 am-noon
May 24...Council meeting, 8:00 pm
May 30...Memorial Day