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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Jim Brown, GK

Brothers:

By the time this copy of the Compass is being distributed we will be observing the season of Lent. Brother Knights of our council have traditionally participated in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Rose of Lima Parish and will continue to do so this year on Holy Thursday, April 2nd. Our council has reached out to Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and we will be participating in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, April 2nd with St. Robert's Parish. In the coming weeks I will be reaching out to our Brother Knights who are also St. Robert's Parishioners to please join me in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Roberts.

The Steering Committee members that I have spoken about for the past few months have completed their work. Their suggestions and recommendations have been passed to our council officers and the Columbian Club Trustees for discussion and review. Upon their completion of review, a joint meeting of all council officers and Columbian Club Trustees will be held to make a final presentation to our membership on how our council and Columbian club will proceed into the future. I wish to thank Brothers Mike Argen, Stan Buraczynski, John Favorito, George Ferriso, Nick Fugaro, Bill Harms, Gino Iacovella, Carlos Maldonado, Tom Nevenglosky, Rick Scott, Fred Trotter, Joe Virgillio and Tom Zakrzewski for their talents and service to our council and Columbian club. Within the next couple of months I hope to call a special meeting of all Freehold Council 1672 members so a presentation can be made on what needs to be done to keep our council and Columbian club on a sound footing so we may better serve our church, parishes and the community.

As we reflect upon the sacrifices our Lord Jesus Christ made for us during Lent, let us give thanks for our many blessings of family, friends and each other. As we enter the Easter Season and celebrate His resurrection I wish each of you, and your families a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

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

MEMBERSHIP - Gino Iacovella

As of this writing we have 503 members in Freehold Council 1672! We are looking for MORE members! Recently, we had our 2nd Degree Ceremony on January 16th and 3rd Degree Ceremony on February 6th. Attendance met all expectations and more. Our State Warden was so please how well our Council did hosting these events!

Membership Drive:

On March 14th and 15th our council will have a membership drive at St. Robert Bellarmine and March 21st and 22nd at St. Rose of Lima respectively. Please assist us with our drive by volunteering to sign up fellow parishioners after each mass on Saturday afternoon and all Sunday masses. Please send me your requests.

Open House:

We will have our Open House on Tuesday, April 7th at 8pm at our council here in Freehold. Please encourage family and friends and fellow parishioners to JOIN!

First Degree

There will be a 1st Degree Exemplification on March 18th and April 21st.

The March 18th will be held at the Prince of Peace Council in Englishtown and the April 21st Exemplification will be held at our Council 1672 in Freehold.

Please let us know in advance if you want to JOIN.

Second Degree

We will have a 2nd Degree Ceremony in May, 2015. Date will be announced.

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 and an organization that started in 1882 with 14,000 councils across the globe.

Be Proud and Encourage others to be a Knight!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - Tom Zakrzewski

Welcome to 2015. We have entered into a new year for Council 1672. Since January, we have 503 members. Included in this total, are Ninety Two Honorary Life, Eighteen Honorary and One Disabled member.

On January 16, 2015, we held a Second Degree exemplification of 24 members of various councils and received the following members into our Council 1672 order: Oscar Carillio, Richard Melina and Colin Rogan.

Congratulations to brothers Ruben Avila, Eric Benitez, Luis Benitez, Oscar Carillo, John Certo, Pedro Chico, Robert Doane, Joseph Fattorusso, Calixto Huerta, Douglas LeRoy, Richard Melina and Daniel Weeks our new Third Degree members receiving the honors on February 6, 2015.

We bid farewell to brothers Eric Putman, Robert Putman and Thomas Zalewski who transferred to

Council #6201 Howell, NJ and Elkton, MD respectively.

Please pray for our deceased brothers Gilbert Oldsey who passed away in January 2015 and John Queeney who passed away in December 2014. We were recently informed Robert Peque passed on July 22, 2013 and was our oldest council member at 71 years of service. We extend our sympathy to all the families and friends.

Dues payment so far have been very good, with over 60% recovery. Our next U.S. Postal mailing will be the Knight Alert letter dated March 2, 2015 for all unpaid member dues. The dues continue to remain at \$40.00 per year.

As always, if you have moved or are going to move, send me your new address so that, our roster can be kept updated.

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro

Worthy Brothers, first of all, I am happy to report that the final total of unborn children saved as a result of the "40 Days for Life" Fall 2014 campaign is **546 nationwide!** And keep in mind that these lives saved aren't just numbers; saving 546 individual human beings impacts their moms, their dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins. Each time a mother says "yes" to life, the effect is profound and far-reaching.

I sincerely hope and pray that more of you will feel the urgings of the Spirit to stand up for Life by joining me and participating in our local Spring 2015 "40 Days for Life" campaign which begins on Friday, February 20th through Friday, March 27th. For these six Fridays, we will be meeting on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, 69 Newman Springs Road in Shrewsbury. Our objective is to peacefully demonstrate our support for the innocent unborn to those inside the facility, as well as to the passers-by, just by our presence and visibility. At the same time, we pray the rosary for all the victims of abortion – the child, the mother, the family, and those inside who facilitate and carry out the procedure. Thousands across the country, including our Brother Knights, will be doing the same in front of their local abortuaries. If you won't consider participating in this noble effort in person, then support us spiritually by committing to say a Rosary each Friday during Lent that hearts may be changed and lives may be saved.

Be mindful that the tide is turning in support of life. There are many polls taken annually on the question of pro-life vs. pro-choice with varying results. The overall trend over time since the Roe vs. Wade ruling by the Supreme Court in 1973 is that young people are

rejecting abortion-on-demand in increasing numbers. It is up to us as Knights to defend these unborn innocents as long as it takes, until victory can be achieved and these babies can enjoy the protection of our Constitution which guarantees LIFE, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all.

On another note, the U.S. bishops set aside this past October 2014 as Respect Life Month, kicking off the year-long Respect Life Program. The bishops call upon Catholics and all people of goodwill across the nation during 2015 to reflect on the sanctity of all human life and to work toward its protection. This year's theme is "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation," adapted from Pope Francis' writings. Imagine yourself pausing in front of a design of great beauty; your soul quiets and is filled with wonder and awe. If art, created by man, can evoke such a response within us, then how much greater should our wonder, reverence and respect be for each person, handcrafted by the very God who spoke the world into being? God created each of us with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. No matter how the world might view us or others, let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is.

Each of us was created as unique - with specific gifts, talents, and abilities to love others. Some examples of how Pope Francis has done this are illustrated in a one-minute video at www.usccb.org/respectlife (Hover over the image at the top of the webpage to make the "Play" button visible). How might we follow Pope Francis' example and manifest to others the love of Jesus in our own daily lives?

(Excerpted & edited from 40 Days for Life and USCCB publications)

PROGRAMS - Tom Nevengloski

The council's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest was a great success this year. We had 129 students participating in this contest. A crew of ten Brother Knights had a tough time picking the six winners from three different age groups. The winners' winning posters are on our council web site at www.koc1672.org. Please check them out. A big thank you to Pat Brown, the St. Rose of Lima's School Art Teacher for working with her students on this contest. A special thanks to Brothers Frank Aburto, George Ferriso, Nick Fugaro, Tom Nevengloski, Tom Zakrzewski, Bill Harms, Gino Iacovello and John Belbol for judging the posters.

The council's Free Throw Contest was held on Saturday, January 24th in St. Rose of Lima's School Gym. We had three winners move onto the District Free Throw Contest that was conducted at St. Clements's Center on February 14th. A big thanks to Brothers John Belbol, George Ferriso, Rick Scott and three youth members of St. Robert's CCD that helped out and earned service hours.

Kids Day Program was fantastic this year, we really packed the house. The Amazin Randy the Magician entertained young and old alike. Terri George and her crew from Home Depot had the kids and parents hammered away on the build a project. Kathy Ahern and the St. Rose Youth Group put a lot of smiles on young faces, and yes included the paint and stars to go with it. Pack 18 had everyone racing cars on the Pine Wood Derby Track while Brother Tom Gaetano

and Grand Knight Jim Brown served up tasty bits to eat. We put a lot of smiles on young faces and gave their parents an opportunity to have some fun with their children. GREAT JOB!! Special thank you to Brothers Rick Scott, Mike Argen, Fred Trotter, Tom "The Duke" Connor, Gino Iacovella, Roger Zurro and Tom Zakrzewski for also helping out on this great event

Upcoming events for March include:

March in the smallest St. Patrick Day Parade held on Sunday, March 15th beginning at Freehold Boro Town Hall and march to the County's Hall of Records, about 750' or so. Then keep on marching down to the council hall for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Have a great corn beef sandwich or platter, can't beat the price and listen to some great Irish Music being performed by "The Pat Roddy Band". Don't miss out on great time.

Columbian Club of Freehold will have a Corn Beef Luncheon at the council hall on Tuesday, March 17th from 12PM to 3PM. Remember; no one can never have enough corn beef.

Our Council will be celebrating Founder's Day at our council hall with a mass on Tuesday, March 24th at 8:00PM

April 10th at 6pm to 9pm come enjoy an all you can eat Roast Beef Dinner at our council hall and enjoy a great evening of dining, dancing and doo wop music performed by "Smooth and Doo Wop"

HISTORY NOTES - Spencer Purdum

How a guy with degrees in Civil Engineering became a historian is beyond me. I'll say this, though: The critics in my new career are much kinder.

I've been thinking on the parallels between the Parish's 150 years of existence and our 101 years. At its founding, St. Rose covered an area of about 125 square miles. In 1913, Freehold Council covered almost as much territory, reaching into Colts Neck, Marlboro, Manalapan, Millstone and Howell-even as far as Hightstown. And, as the population justified new parishes, so were new Councils formed in Englishtown, Lincroft, Farmingdale, Hightstown and (just weeks ago) Marlboro.

We, at Freehold Council, have been happy to have had good relations with our home Parish, St. Rose of Lima, for a hundred years. While our founding pastor, Msgr. Kivelitz, was not himself a Knight, he permitted us to form and perform our fraternal

activities. At least a third of the sixty-odd priests who have served here have been members of this Council-and many others have been members elsewhere.

Our Knights were front and center in the parish's sesquicentennial celebration. Our PGK Rick Scott served as MC for the dinner (as well as singing at the Mass;) PGK and FDD Stan and Lady Julie Buraczynski chaired the dinner reservations; the photomontage shown at the dinner, and the History DVD now available were produced by brother Bob Bonardi; and, as a body, we took up four tables at the dinner. The Fourth Degree Color Corps, composed of members of four Western Monmouth councils, escorted Bishop O'Connell into Mass. This was, by the way, Pat McCobb's final detail as Color Corps Commander; best of wishes to him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH			
4	4th Degree Meeting	Prince of Peace 5390	8 pm
8	Daylight Savings Time Begins		2 am
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
14-15	Spring Membership Drive - St. Roberts	St. Robert's Church	All Masses
15	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Council Hall	After Parade
16	2nd Degree Ceremony	Red Bank Council Hall	8 pm
17	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Columbian Club	12 Noon
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
TBD	Colliers Youth Services - Fund Raiser	Colliers Youth Services	TBD
21-22	Spring Membership Drive - St. Rose	St. Rose Church & Chapel	All Masses
22	Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8 am -12 Noon
24	Council Social Meeting -Founder's Day	Council Hall	8 pm
28-29	Birth Rite Raffle & Dinner Tickets Sales	St. Robert's Church	All Masses
29	PALM SUNDAY		
29	FOUNDER'S DAY		
30	Open House	Council Hall	8 pm
APRIL			
1	4th Degree Meeting	Bishop J. Reiss - Marlboro	8 pm
2	HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION	St. Rose & St. Robert's	10:30 pm
3	GOOD FRIDAY		
5	EASTER SUNDAY		
7	Open House	Columbian Club	8 pm
10	Roast Beef Dinner	Council Hall	6 pm
11 & 12	Birth Rite Raffle & Dinner Ticket Sales	St. Rose Church & Chapel	All Masses
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council 8PM	8 pm
18	Collection for the Develop Challenged	Rt. 537 & rt78	8 am - 4 pm
21	Council Bus.Meeting/1st Degree Exempli.	Council Hall	8 pm
26	Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
28	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

As you may have noticed, this edition of the Compass covers only a two month span instead of the typical three month period. The next edition will only cover May and June so that the new slate of council officers can be published prior to their installation. The following edition will start the K of C year (*which starts on July 1st*) off with the new council officers. From then on the Compass will be arriving quarterly, in October, January, and April. This is a good change that will keep you more in tune with your Brother Knights and with the Gregorian calendar which everyone knows starts on January 1st and was initiated by Pope Gregory the XIII in 1582. It is still the most widely used calendar in use today.

Happy New Year!

While surfing the net searching for "Why we fast & abstain from meat during Lent" I found an interesting article at Catholic Online by Father Lawrence DiNardo of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Here's an excerpt of the article.

In today's super-sized, secular culture of consumption, the precept for fasting and abstinence may seem out of place. But, according to Father DiNardo, fasting and abstinence have a long history

reaching back to ancient Israel and even non-Christian traditions. In a way, the question isn't why Catholics happen to fast and abstain, but why others don't. Fasting and abstinence gives Catholics an opportunity to slow down and draw nourishment from a different source. As acts of penance, fasting and abstinence help us acknowledge the sin in our lives. "When we fast and abstain we take attention away from ourselves," Father DiNardo said. "It isn't meant for weight loss. The tradition is based in the idea of denying oneself to focus on something greater." Before the Second Vatican Council, the regulations were much more stringent than they are today. As older Catholics will remember, every Friday of the year was a day of abstinence for all, and every day during Lent was a day of fasting. "In easing the regulations, the church wasn't trying to make the precept more convenient, but was placing the responsibility of spirituality on individual Catholics," Father DiNardo said. Every day of our lives should be a day of focusing more on God and other people and less on ourselves. Sticking to the minimum when it comes to fast and abstinence misses an opportunity for spiritual growth. So where does this leave the parish fish fry? Fish fries are fine.