



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

# COMPASS

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## Grand Knight's Message by Rick Scott, GK



I am honored to be writing my first Grand Knight's message for the September 2010 Compass. Already I have learned that the position of Grand Knight is a formidable one. There is more paperwork than I expected and it takes up more of my time than expected. However, I have a great group of fellow officers to help me and I look forward to a successful year.

My goals for the upcoming Columbian year are fairly simple and they are:

1. To continue with and look to improve upon the Council activities and fund raising programs that were successful last year.
2. To try some new programs and activities with the hope that they will succeed and become annual events.
3. To meet the membership quotas placed on our Council by Supreme (35 new members and 12 new insurance members).
4. To better serve God, our community, our church and our families by letting the four fundamental virtues of our order (Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism) guide the decisions we make.

Before continuing, I would like to thank Stan Buraczynski for his two years of service to our Council as Grand Knight and to congratulate him on his new position as District Deputy. I am lucky to have been his Deputy Grand Knight for two years and I look forward to working with him again this year as my District Deputy.

There is lots of information in this issue regarding upcoming events and I urge you to take note of them and add them to your calendar. I want to mention two events in particular. First, on Tuesday, September 14 we will be having our Installation of Officers ceremony at the Council Hall at 8:00 PM. All Knights and their families are invited to attend this special event. There will be refreshments served after the ceremony.

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Secondly, on Thursday, October 28 there will be a dinner in honor of outgoing Bishop Smith which be held at Doolan's Restaurant in Spring Lake at 6:00 PM. The cost to attend is \$45 per person. Since this is a Diocese-wide event it will most likely sell out quickly. If you are interested in going, please contact Tom Zakrzewski at (732) 677-3308 or via email at

[tom82770@yahoo.com](mailto:tom82770@yahoo.com) ASAP. We intend to submit our ticket order well ahead of the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

In closing, I encourage our members to take advantage of all the benefits of our Order. Come to our meetings, learn what is going on, meet your brother Knights, talk to our Insurance Agent and participate in a service program. For as we serve others, we also serve God. Vivat Jesus

## Food Service Committee by Stan Buraczynski, Jr.

Well, the summer is over and the members of the Food Service Committee have enjoyed the three month vacation, but it is now time to get back to work. Our first Community Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 12, at the Council Hall. The date had to be moved this month only because the St. Rose Picnic falls on the 4th Sunday of September. ( See the Calendar of events for the remaining dates)

I would like to welcome back our loyal Breakfast Team both Knights and Families who give of their time to help out at these events. The Breakfasts are one of the sources for our Charity Funds as well as an opportunity for the members of the Community both Knights and non- Knights to come together for Fraternity. If you would like to help out at the breakfast give me a call at (917) 586-7349 or e-mail: [sjbchef@aol.com](mailto:sjbchef@aol.com). If you have or have not come to the Breakfast in the past stop by on Sunday, September

12 for a hearty breakfast and some mingling with the members of our Community and bring a friend.

On Saturday, October 16, we start our series of Dinners at the Council with our German Dinner, featuring authentic German food prepared by our authentic German Chefs. The following dinners have been planned for this Columbian Year: November 20: Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, January 15: Steak Night, February 19: Polish Dinner, May 7: New England Clam Bake. We are also considering holding a Fish Fry during Lent on the Fridays that our neighbors, The Elks are not holding theirs.

So mark your calendars and plan to join us for good food and a good time. Friends of the Knights are encouraged to attend.



## From the Field Agent's Office by Robert J. Karaczun, FA

For some of us September means back to school for our children. Recently I visited a client of mine to review his policy and needs. He yelled at me. What was he so upset about? I saw him three years ago and reviewed his needs but I didn't offer any protection to his children. His daughter is in

college and one of her classmates who were jogging down the road was killed by a car. Her parents co-signed for her college loan and are paying for a funeral and have to pay for the college loan as well. Most people do

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not think about insuring their children. Life insurance on a child or young adult has many benefits for them and their families. It's a great way to establish a solid financial fu-



ture that they can build upon for the rest of their lives.

Call me today for your free and confidential evaluation and to discuss all the benefits of having life insurance on yourself and your children.

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

As we enter into a new Columbian Year, we welcome four new members: Peter Aiken, David Clemenko, Patrick George and John Ross. They received their First Degrees on Tuesday, August 17. Welcome to Council 1672.

Congratulations to new Honorary Life members Francisco Aburto, PGK, Anthony Cassandra and Melvin Patmore. Bruce Hornik is our newest Honorary member.

As of September 1, we have a total of 71

members who have not paid their dues for 2010, with twelve owing for 2009 and 2010. Please try to pay as soon as possible, as the 2011 dues notices will be sent out in late November.

If you are moving send me your new address so that you can continue to be informed about council events.

Please pray for our recently deceased brothers, Edwin Hye, George Ennis, William Morrin and George Saker, Jr.

## Chaplain's Study by Rev. Edward M. Jawidzik

Question: "What is prayer?"

Answer: "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from Him in accord with His will. It is always the gift of God Who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father Who is infinitely good, and with His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit Who dwells in our hearts."

"Prayer is expressed in vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation. It finds its greatest articulation in adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, praise and blessing. It is nourished by the Word, the Sacraments, the liturgy, the gifts of the Spirit and the example of Jesus and His cloud of witnesses, the saints." -*Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

"Souls without prayer are like people whose bodies and limbs are paralyzed: they possess feet and hands but they cannot control them. In the same way, there are souls so infirm and so accustomed to busying themselves with outside affairs that they seem incapable of entering into themselves at all." -St. Theresa of Avila

"Do not be senseless like horses or mules, with bit and bridle their temper is curbed, else they will no come to you." -*Psalms 32:9*



## Past Grand Knights' Dinner by Joseph Virgilio, DGK

Our Knights of Columbus will soon host the annual Past Grand Knights' Dinner.

The special event will be held on Friday, September 24, from 7:00 pm to 10:00pm in the Council Hall.

This year we will honor Stanley J Buraczynski Jr. for his leadership, contributions and dedication in guiding our Council during his Grand Knight terms for the 2009/2010 and 2008/2009 Columbian Years; along with honorable mention of previous past

Grand Knights.

The cost will be \$35.00 per person.

There will be a cocktail hour and cash bar starting at 7.00pm with dinner at 7:30pm.

I hope you will be able to join us on this very special occasion. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by September 10, to me at:

(732) 462-4368 or

[DGK@kofc1672.org](mailto:DGK@kofc1672.org) or

[Jbaa007@verizon.net](mailto:Jbaa007@verizon.net)

## From our District Deputy by Stan Buraczynski, Jr, DD

This year I was fortunate to have been appointed the District Deputy for NJ District 23 of the Knights of Columbus. My District includes the K of C Councils in Freehold, Eatontown, Englishtown, Spring Lake and Manasaquan. One of the ways we can keep the Knights of Columbus a viable organization for the help of the Church and our Fellowman is to make every effort to increase the number of members in our Councils. Twice a year we hold Membership Drives at our Parish Churches to encourage men to join our ranks. I firmly believe that each one

of our members is the best way to encourage men to join our order. We all come in contact with many men in our daily lives who we may consider as a potentially good Knight. Bring these men and their families to our social functions and explain to them what the Knights are all about. If each one of us were to sponsor just one man for Knighthood, we could substantially increase our membership and share Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism with the men of our Community.

## Membership Director by Joseph Virgilio, DGK

As you have already read, on August 17 of this new Columbian Year we held our first 1st Degree exemplification ceremony in which we welcomed into our council four new Knights.

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of our council and the Order.

What we should impress upon prospective candidates is that when we offer a man membership in the Knights of Columbus it gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to

his family and faith.

The Knights of Columbus offer a unique opportunity to serve our church and our communities as one of the most active service organizations anywhere in the world.

The Knights of Columbus passed a significant milestone on April 30, 2010, when its membership exceeded 1.8 million. Achieving this milestone in membership is a testament to the high regard in which the Knights of Columbus is held among Catholic men everywhere.

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J.

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McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

Knighthood begins at a First Degree exemplification ceremony, by which a man joins the Order. He is then said to be a First Degree Knight of Columbus.

Thereafter by participating in the subsequent degrees, he attains the status of Sec-

ond and Third Degree Knight. The Third Degree Knight is considered a full member.

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight". The primary purpose of the 4th Degree is to foster the spirit of Patriotism and to encourage active Catholic Citizenship.

The Knights of Columbus has been "*Making a Difference for Life*" for more than 120 years. Let us continue making a difference and grow our council in this Columbian Year.

Our next First Degree ceremony is planned for Tuesday, October 26.

## Columbian Club News by Rich Morano



**NFL:** Football season is upon us! Like the Jets? Adore the Giants? Live and die with the Eagles? Doesn't matter; come on down to the Club on Sundays and watch

the games here. We've got five big screen TV's, so you can keep an eye on a lot of teams, no matter who you root for. And our chefs will have food, too!

**Talladega Sunday:** Nascar rolls back into Alabama on Sunday, October 31. Join us for the race—and the NFL of course—from 1:00

pm 'til ? We'll have lots of prizes and lots of food and good times for everyone. As in the past, there will be plenty of racing oriented prizes, and free food.

Your Columbian Club lounge is open seven days a week. We are currently featuring Miller Light pints for only \$1.75. Free food is available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Come enjoy some good times with your friends.



## From the Program Director by Joe Luongo

Since our last issue was published a month prior to the end of the Colombian year, there are but a few activities to report to this date.

Our final community breakfast took place on May 23, and once again was well attended.

A number of our brothers decorated the gravesites of our deceased brethren for Memorial Day which is one of our more profound annual family activities. Many thanks to Bob Crawford, Jack and Dawn Cullen and Spence Purdum for spearhead-

ing this effort.

On Memorial Day our Grand Knight led a contingent of Knights and their families on a march behind our banner. The Fourth Degree Color Guard also marched and placed first in their division.

Our final community dinner of the Columbian year, the ever popular New England Clambake occurred on Friday, June 11. Thanks to Stan Buraczynski and his dinner team for another successful year of provid-

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## From the Editor by Spence Purdum, PGK

This will be the second Compass available on the Council's website ([www.kofc1672.org](http://www.kofc1672.org)). Our May, 2010 edition cost us about forty percent less than the previous mailing. That's a good start, but we can, I think, do better.

We've added a few more e-mail addresses since May, and we've unfortunately lost a few members. Our e-mail list now comprises about 42% of our members. I'm willing to bet that there are fifty to a hundred members who have, for whatever reason, not given the Council their e-mail addresses.

The May Compass cost us \$1.24 per issue to print, prepare and mail—over \$400 in

total. Since then, we have gotten a tiny break from the post office in their mailing costs, less than one percent. But the cost of paper from our printer has gone up 12%.

If no other prices rise—an unlikely scenario—I'm anticipating that four quarterly Compasses this Columbian year will cost the Council nearly \$1800, maybe more.

If you have not already done so, or if you have and you have not received an e-mailed notification that the Compass is available at the web site, please send me your e-mail address at [Spencepgk@aol.com](mailto:Spencepgk@aol.com), so we can avoid the expenses of sending out 325 hard copies of the Compass.

## From the Program Director, continued

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ing the community with delicious repasts.

For the fourth year, Council 1672 fielded a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held at the Freehold Raceway. Rick Scott, DKG, chaired the event.

Our council picnic was held in Michael J. Tighe Park on June 27. Again thanks to Stan and his team for their efforts.

The Council's annual Golf Outing was held at Knob Hill Golf Club on June 29. 43 golfers were in attendance.

For the first time, Council 1672 had a presence in the form of a recruitment table at the Italian American Festival held at Freehold Raceway, July 15-18. Thanks to Rick Scott, John Oleksak, Jack Peacock, George Ferriso, Carlos Maldonado, and Mike Turbidy for their assistance.

Now a brief look ahead:

The first meeting of Council 1672's Squires Circle will be held prior to the Installation of Council officers at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 14. Chris Desch will chair that function.

St. Robert Bellarmine will hold their annual parish picnic at Michael J. Tighe Park on Sunday, September 19, followed by the St. Rose of Lima parish picnic the following Sunday, September 26. Members of Council 1672 will perform the cooking duties for both affairs.

Membership blitzes will take place at both St. Robert's and St. Rose's during October. The specific dates are being worked out with the pastors.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Cherry Hill the weekend of November 13-14.

## Council History by Spence Purdum, PGK

The Irish in Freehold: Two of our charter members were of English origin, their families having been in Monmouth County for two hundred or more years. Both were con-

verts to Catholicism, having married Catholic women, sisters in fact. Another was the product of a German father and an Irish

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mother; and another of an Irish father and a Scottish mother. The other 36 were Irish.

This is not an unusual arrangement: Both Long Branch Council (chartered 1898) and Asbury Park Council (chartered 1903) were also nearly entirely Irish.

What I am about to describe comes from the Federal Census of 1910, taken about thirty months before our Council was chartered.

Freehold, for a small, isolated town in the middle of a large agricultural area, was remarkably diverse. Its population included people of 25 different nationalities. In a town of less than 4,200 people, nearly 500 were not born in the United States. The major immigrant groups were the English (165), the Irish (134), the Russians (48), the Germans (41) and the Scots (41).

The English, Irish and Germans had been trickling into the area for sixty years. The Russian migration began in the 1890's. But most of the English and nearly all of the Scots were recruited by the Karagheusian Rug Mill, which opened in 1905. Unlike immigrants from other countries, the English and Scots immigrated as entire families—not single refugees.

Recent immigrants were only a part of the story: there were over 700 second generation Americans among those 4,200—persons born in the United States but with at least one foreign born parent. And of those 700, about 450 had an Irish-born parent. So, more than one Freehold resident in six had Irish blood running in his/her veins. 25 of our charter members fall in this category.

The Catholic population of Freehold was nearly entirely Irish. The parish had been formed to serve the Irish farming population spread out over a hundred square miles surrounding Freehold; later, more and more moved into or near the Borough. In 1910, there were a handful of Italians, Hispanics, Lithuanians, French, Poles and Slovenians who were probably largely Catholic. The

other groups were largely not. That's not to say, of course, that all of the Irish were Catholic. The potato famine of the 1840's and the economic havoc that it caused, starved out the Protestant as well as the Catholic. Still, the great majority of the Irish in Freehold were Catholic.

Besides sharing a common country of origin, our charter members tended to live in the same neighborhoods. About 200 lived in the West End—mostly on Bowne, Monmouth, Manalapan and Throckmorton. Another hundred clustered around St. Rose Church—McLean, Randolph, Lincoln and South. And fifty or so lived near the rug mill—Center, First, Ford, etc.

By 1910, most of the original potato famine immigrants—those who left Ireland in the mid-1840's—had passed away. But they left grandchildren, American born men and women with American born parents, the third generation Americans. Eleven of our charter members fell into this category.

Most of our charter members had deep roots in the Freehold area. Only two were themselves Irish born, and they had been in America for about twenty years. Two were born in Massachusetts and came here to work in the rug mill. Lastly, two were born in Connecticut but had lived in Freehold for almost twenty years. The remaining 34 were born here, a few having roots going back to the 1840's.

Even second and third generation Americans tended to marry within their ethnic group. It's not surprising, then to discover that many of our charter members were related to each other, not only as cousins, uncles and nephews, but also as in-laws. We had three father-son combinations and one pair of brothers among our charter members.

Is there any mystery then, how forty individuals were able to come together in the winter of 1913, and do the work necessary to charter a new Knights of Columbus Council?

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

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| Sep 12...Community Breakfast, 8:00 am to noon                                | Oct 12...Council meeting, 8:00 pm                                       |
| Sep 14...Columbian Squires meeting, 7:00 pm                                  | Oct 16...German Night, 6:00 pm  |
| Sep 14...Installation of Officers, 8:00 pm                                   | Oct 20...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm                       |
| Sep 15...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm                            | Oct 24...Community Breakfast, 8:00 am to noon                           |
| Sep 19...St. Robert Bellarmine parish picnic, 1:00 pm, Michael J. Tighe Park | Oct 26...Council Meeting and First Degree, 8:00 pm                      |
| Sep 21...Centennial Committee meeting, 8:00 pm                               | Oct 28...Bishop Smith Dinner, 6:00 pm, Doolan's Restaurant, Spring Lake |
| Sep 24...Past Grand Knights' Dinner, 6:30 pm                                 | Oct 31...Talladega Day, 1:00 pm to ?                                    |
| Sep 26...St. Rose of Lima parish picnic, 1:00 pm, Michael J. Tighe Park      | Nov 2...Election Day  |
| Sep 28...Council meeting, 8:00 pm  | Nov 3...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location to be determined       |
| Oct. 6...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location to be determined           | Nov 9...Council meeting, 8:00 pm  |
| Oct 11...Columbus Day observed   | Nov 11...Veterans Day   |