



# COMPASS

November, 2010

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



One third of the Columbian year is behind us and I am happy to report our Council seems well on its way to an active and productive year. I encourage you to read through this newsletter and take note of the many events and volunteer opportunities that are coming up. After you are done reading this issue, you may want to cut out the Calendar of Events found on the last page and place it on your refrigerator for easy reference.

There are two organizational changes that I would like to inform you about. Due to increased work responsibilities, Deputy Grand Knight Joe Virgilio has asked to be relieved of his responsibilities as Membership Director. Joe has done a great job in that role for the past year and his work is greatly appreciated. The good news is that Nick Fugaro has agreed to take over as Membership Director. Nick has experience in this role and has hit the ground running with great effectiveness. Thank you Joe for your past work and thank you Nick for stepping in. Also, due to family issues, Chris Desch has turned over the Youth Director and Squires Circle responsibilities to Tri Nguyen. Thank you both for your assistance and willingness to serve.

Speaking of membership, as a result of the efforts of Joe and Nick, our fall membership blitz was quite successful. We changed our pulpit speech to a Top Ten List of Reasons for Joining the Knights of Columbus (a la David Letterman) which seemed to capture the attention of many of the listeners. The end result is that fifteen candidates joined our ranks by taking their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree this month. Please come to the next business meeting (December 14) and welcome them. Thanks again to Nick Fugaro and to all those who helped out at St. Rose and St. Roberts over the two blitz weekends and to those who helped at the Open House. For those who are wondering, the Number One reason we gave for joining the Knights of Columbus was: "Christ lives in your fellow man. Come work along side him for awhile and see."

As we look ahead to the Christmas season, I'll close with the following thoughts. Keeping Christ in Christmas is an important message that we as Knights of Columbus should practice in our own lives and try to spread to others. In keeping with the Letterman Top Ten List idea, I offer a Top Ten list of "Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas" #10 Give a surprise gift of service to a family member. (Run an

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## Grand Knight's Message, Continued

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- errand, give a back rub, offer to babysit)
- #9 Include a KofC message in your Christmas cards.
- #8 Write a letter to a soldier or missionary who can't be home for Christmas.
- #7 Attend a Christmas Mass with your family.
- #6 Set up a Nativity scene in your home.
- #5 Help out at a Knights of Columbus event.
- #4 Attend the Council Tree Lighting

- Ceremony and raise your voice in song.
- #3 Set aside a special time to get away from the holiday rush to read the Christmas story as told in the Gospel of Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20.
- #2. Say a prayer with your family before opening the gifts.
- #1 Give God one very special gift from you to Him. (forgive someone, spend more time in prayer, sacrifice something) Make this your most important gift of the season.

Vivat Jesus!

## Food Service Committee by Stan Buraczynski, PGK

The members of our Food Committee have been busy over the past few months with our September and October Community Breakfasts and our German Nite Dinner and our Italian Nite Dinner. Both Dinners were a huge success with over 100 guests in attendance at each event. Our Breakfast attendance has been falling off even though we have been advertising in the news media as well as television and the church bulletins.

Please pass the word to your families and friends that we serve a Buffet Breakfast each month on the fourth Sunday from 8 am to 12 noon. The day only changes when a major event falls on the fourth Sunday. Since the December Breakfast is always our "Breakfast with Santa" we will be holding this event on December 12 this year, since the fourth Sunday falls after Christmas.

## Field Agent's Corner by Robert J. Karaczun, FA

Are you or your wife uninsurable?

One of the new products that came out on October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year is a guarantee life insurance product. We now offer life insurance to uninsurable members and spouses of members. If you are **65 years old or younger** you can now purchase life insurance from the Knights of Columbus without any medical exams or requirements. You can not be turned



down for any reasons! You can purchase life insurance for your wife or yourself in the amount of \$5,000 of coverage or \$7,500 of coverage (one time only!). This policy will also build cash value, so in the future if you need cash or if you surrender the policy you will have cash value. Call me for all the details. I will thank this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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

First off, I would like to wish all of my Brother Knights a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As the year 2010 winds down, we still have 65 members unpaid for 2010, of whom twelve have not paid for 2009. To avoid being suspended, please pay your dues as soon as possible.

At the end of November, I will be sending out the dues notices for 2011.

We welcome brothers Donatello, Kevin Foley, Eugene Genise and William Henkel into council 1672. They are all transfers

from other councils.

Please pray for our deceased brothers, John Molnar and John J. Byk, who passed away in September.

Congratulations to our newest Brothers who were initiated into our Order on November 15: Thomas Abrusci, Anthony Alaimo, Daniel Barrow, Ian Erndl, Stephen Figler, Jose Garcia, Deacon Robert McKenna, Frank Merowchek, Stephen Mount, Richard Mulligan, Edoardo Mungiello, Deacon Rodolfo Santos, Steven Thom, Robert Vasta and Thomas Wallace.

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

*Lady of Grace by Father Raniero Cantalamessa*

Mary principally proclaims to the Church that all is grace. Mary is the real living manifestation of that grace that comes first in the relation between God and His children. Grace is the meeting point between creatures and their Creator.

Mary is the figure and mirror of the Church.

What does the fact that Mary's story begins with the word "grace" signify for the Church and for each of us? It signifies that for us, too, at the beginning, there is grace, the freely-given election of God, His inexplicable favor, His coming down to us in Christ and giving Himself to us for the sake of pure love. It signifies that grace is the first principle of Christianity.

## From Our District Deputy by Stan Buraczynski, PGK, DD

In order to remain strong and carry on the good works of our order, the Knights of Columbus must maintain and grow our membership. Soon the membership dues notices will be going out and your Financial Secretary will be asking you to continue your membership in our order. It is my responsibility to review the records of each one of the Councils assigned to me in regard to non-payment of dues. There is a process in place that insures that each member who is delinquent in their dues is contacted by his Council several times and then by the District Deputy. These contacts are made to see if you are okay both physically and finan-

cially. If for some reason you cannot pay your dues, there are provisions to make sure that you do not lose your membership in our Order. Please do not ignore the dues notices or phone calls that are made by your Council officers or me, we want to help. If for some reason, you no longer want to be a Brother Knight send us a letter telling us why. We do not want to suspend any of our Brother Knights so please contact us if you cannot pay your dues or wish to drop out.

My best wishes for a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Deputy Grand Knight by Joe Virgilio, DGK

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What it means to be a full Knight, a message to First Degree Knights:

As candidates we all begin by seeking admission into the order, representing ourselves as practical practicing catholic men over the age of eighteen years of age. We are willing to accept the principles Charity, Unity, Fraternity upon which our local council of the Knights of Columbus has been established. We pledged to ourselves that we will attain full knighthood

In the First Degree we learned that Charity: Is the love of man for his fellow man; an act of goodwill; benevolence; and giving of help to those in need; and that our Knights of Columbus council is here to help those less fortunate than ourselves

Once we had taken our First Degree we became a member in good standing in the Order. However To reach full Knighthood, we must also take the Second and Third Degrees. Brother Knights are strongly encouraged to do so

Herein lies the dilemma for some of our members: as members in good standing, they stopped the pursuit towards full Knighthood.

These "junior knights" satisfied themselves with the idea that the first degree was enough and denied themselves the opportunity to embrace the two remaining core values of the Knights, "Unity" and "Fraternity". These are the bonds that hold a council together. They began to treat the council as a "social stopover" and not a religious fraternal order dedicated to charity.

In the Second Degree brothers learned that

Unity: is the state of being one; united, oneness; continuity of purpose; and arrangement of parts that will produce a single harmonious effect. Unity also implies having common beliefs and supporting common cause.

"Unity" is demonstrated by the way the Knights work together to accomplish their many goals. The Knights of the council constantly work together to plan, coordinate and complete numerous fund raisers throughout the year. Their efforts are the key to the success of the council's ability to support various charitable causes and activities.

In the Third Degree brothers learned that Fraternity: is a fraternal relationship of brotherliness; a group of men joined together by a common interest for fellowship; a group of people with the same religious beliefs, and interest

"Fraternity" is the glue that makes the Knights' effective; it is also the source of a great many personal friendships. In this rushed and hectic world, it provides a feeling of belonging and friendship, frequently missing from much of our lives today. It also embraces family belonging.

It is never too late to reenergizes the pursuit of full knighthood by completing the Degrees of Unity and Fraternity.

On Friday, December 17, our Council will hold a Second degree Ceremony at our Council Hall (70 East Main Street, Freehold)

Please contact the Membership Director to continue your journey to full knighthood. Nick Fugaro, [membership@kofc1672.org](mailto:membership@kofc1672.org)

## Annual Blood Drive by Mike Tubridy

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The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, December 11, at the council hall. We will be accepting donations from 8 am to 1:00 pm. Please call 732

-239-6372, and ask for Mike, for an appointment, or feel free to drop by at any

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## Blood Drive, continued

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time within these hours. The earlier time slots fill up quickly. Any questions please

call the same number. We are looking to break a record for donations, and could use your help. Thank you.

## Columbian Club News by Rich Morano

**Football:** The NFL is in full swing, in one of the most competitive seasons in recent memory. On the college front, the bowl games are about to begin. What better place to watch the games than at your clubhouse, with your friends? We've got five big hi-def televisions, so no matter which team you root for, you'll be able to watch.

And don't forget our Super Bowl Party next year. A sign-up sheet and further details will

be posted at the club after the holidays.

**Santa Day:** Santa visits the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, December 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The party is open to relatives of Knights eleven years old and younger.

Donation is \$7.00 per child. Please sign up at the lounge by December 5.



## Keep Christ in Christmas by Paul Dwyer



By the time you read this, we will have completed two, hopefully successful, weekends of selling our KofC magnets and other products at St. Rose and St. Robert's.

We've expanded the product line this year to include two styles of car

magnets, a Christmas tree ornament, and removable decals for use on glass and other surfaces. These items will be available at all Knights of Columbus functions from now until Christmas. Or, call me at (732) 409-0453 for more information or to place an order.

## Christmas Tree Sale by John Favorito

Our annual Christmas Tree sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12 in front of the Council Home. As in the past, we'll have trees of various sizes, and wreaths.

Keep your Council in mind when you are purchasing greens for the Christmas season.

## Christmas Tree Lighting by Joe Luongo, Program Director

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held outside the Council Hall at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, December 7. Following the lighting, we will sing Christmas

carols and then go inside of hot chocolate and cookies. What better way to kick off the season?



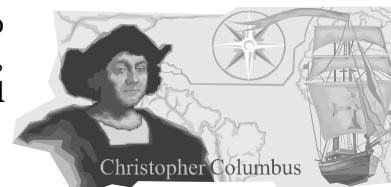
## Columbus Day Baby



Freehold Council continued its tradition of honoring the first Columbus Day baby born at Centra-State Medical Center. This year we honored Layla Ebanks with a \$200 savings bond.

At left, Grand Knight Rick Scott presents the bond to Layla's mother, Natasha Blanford of Millstone. Also shown is Shastity Kamatoy, RN of Centra-State Medical Center.

Photograph by Renee Crotts.



## Check Presentations

At right, Deputy Grand Knight Joe Virgilio and Program Director Joe Luongo present \$250 checks to representatives of The Freehold First Aid and Emergency Squad and the Freehold Fire Department. The presentations took place at the October 24 Community Breakfast. A like amount was presented to the Freehold Borough PBA at a later date.



## From the Program Director by Joe Luongo

A short look back on some events that haven't been covered elsewhere:

The installation of officers took place on September 14, as well as the first meeting of Council 1672's Squires Circle. Following up, Chief Councilor Tri Nguyen met with the St. Robert's Youth Group on November 7.

St. Robert Bellarmine held their annual picnic at Michael J. Tighe Park on September 19, followed by the St. Rose of Lima picnic one week later. Members of Freehold Council performed the cooking duties at both affairs.

The Past Grand Knights' Dinner was held at the Council Hall on September 24 and was a resounding success. Congratulations to

PGK and current DD Stan Buraczynski and his wife Julie.

Membership blitzes took place at both St. Robert's and St. Rose in October, followed by an open house on November 2.

A social meeting was held on October 26, featuring a presentation on emergency medical procedures by EMT students of Union County College; and a talk on his entry into the deaconate by Brother Drew Luhman.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification was held in Cherry Hill on the weekend of November 13 and 14.

The memorial mass for deceased brothers

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was held on November 23.

The Community breakfast on November 28

recognized the Altar Servers of both St. Rose of Lima and St. Robert Bellarmine.

## Council History by Spence Purdum, PGK

Mysteries of Freehold Council: You wouldn't think that a single page, cut and dried document like our charter, dating from 1913, would hold any mysteries, yet it does. Every one of the forty names on the charter has a story attached to it; and through newspaper articles, census records and other documents, I've been able to piece together mini-biographies of many of them. But some of the stories will, after nearly a century, probably remain untold.

Our first Deputy Grand Knight was John Galvin. He was one of only five charter members not born within a few miles of Freehold. Born in 1868 in Massachusetts, he settled in Freehold in 1905 or 1906, thanks to the Karagheusian Rug Mill, where he was a weaver. He lived on Jackson Street with his wife and daughter. He succeeded our charter Grand Knight, Charles S. H. Mount, in 1915 and served one term, being succeeded by Joseph S. Murphy. In April, 1917, he transferred his membership to San Salvador Council 299 in Perth Amboy. The remainder of his life is unknown to us. It seems odd that one so high up in the early leadership would depart so quickly. Probably the prospects of a better job attracted him, though weavers at the rug mill made a good living at the time.

Our first Chancellor was William P. Kelly. Oddly enough, he was also born in Massachusetts, in 1883 and also came here as a carpet weaver in 1905 or 1906. He came here as a single man and lived in a boarding house on Hudson Street in 1910; but married not too long after. His son, William, Junior, was born just a month after the Council was chartered. In October, 1913, just eight months after taking his office, he

resigned as Chancellor. While he apparently remained active in the council for a couple of years, his name eventually fades from view. The obvious conclusion is that he decided the responsibilities of parenthood were more important. There is no evidence that he was suspended from membership, but his name is not on the list of graves of members we decorate each Memorial Day. For a long time, I suspected that he too had left the area, but as it turns out he didn't: he died in 1943 and is buried at St. Rose; only the burial record is spelled "Kelley."

Also on the charter is the name Augustus A. Mooney. The mystery here is that no such person ever existed. He isn't found in newspapers, census records or parish records. That statement of course is a bit exaggerated, and the mystery is, I think, fairly easily solved. Our charter member, Michael C. Mooney had a son named Aloysius A. Mooney. He was born in Freehold in 1887, a date that corresponds with the Financial Secretary's record of Augustus. Aloysius' name is found in several censuses and newspaper articles. In 1917 he was drafted into the Army and rose to the rank of lieutenant. He apparently did not see combat and was mustered out in early 1919. He returned to Freehold briefly, but when his father died in October, 1919 he was living in New York City. He was eventually suspended from membership, though we don't know exactly when. Perhaps the discrepancy in names is the result of someone misreading someone else's horrible handwriting. Or maybe the member was known in some circles by his middle name. It's another question we're not likely to answer.

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Second and Fourth Thursday  
8:00 PM Sharp

**Rick Scott  
Grand Knight**

**Spencer W. Purdum, PGK, FDD  
Editor**

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

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| Dec 7...Christmas Tree Lighting, 8:00 pm             | Jan 1...New Years Day                                |
| Dec 8...Feast of the Immaculate Conception           | Jan 5...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location tbd |
| Dec 8...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location tbd | Jan 11...Council meeting, 8:00 pm                    |
| Dec 11...Blood Drive, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm             | Jan 15...Steak night, 6:00 to 9:00 pm                |
| Dec 11...Kids' Christmas Party, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm   | Jan 19...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm    |
| Dec 11 & 12...Christmas Tree Sale all day            | Jan 23...Community Breakfast, 8:00 am to noon        |
| Dec 12...Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 am to noon       | Jan 25...Council meeting, 8:00 pm                    |
| Dec 14...Council meeting, 8:00 pm                    | Feb 2...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location tbd |
| Dec 15...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm    | Feb 8...Council meeting, 8:00 pm                     |
| Dec 17...Second Degree, 8:00 pm                      | Feb 14...Valentine's Day                             |
| Dec 25...Christmas                                   | Feb 16...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm    |
| Dec 28...Council meeting, 8:00 pm                    |  |