



# COMPASS

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



I am nearly halfway through my third term as Grand Knight and I am encouraged by the level of participation that has been shown so far this year. There are just a few things I want to mention in this issue of the Compass.

Recruitment – Please encourage a friend or family member to join the Knights. Just as we are called by our Catholic faith to a new evangelization of Christ and the gospel, as Knights of Columbus, we should be reaching out to other Catholic men so that they may enjoy the brotherhood that comes with membership in our Order.

Pride – Please show your K of C pride by wearing your lapel pin or knights apparel. We are members of a truly great organization and we should advertise ourselves whenever possible.

Involvement - It is the good works of local councils like ours that provide the Supreme Knight and his officers with the moral imperative to be the strong right arm of the church. We are the foundation of the Order and we need to be active and involved to properly support the structure that is the Knights of Columbus. Opportunities to get involved are mentioned in this newsletter, in my various emails and at every business meeting.

## Chaplain's Study by Father Ed Jawidzik

*November 2: All Souls Day* The practice of keeping a memorial day for the dead did not begin with Christianity; such a commemoration was prevalent in pagan antiquity. But as early as the second century, Christians remembered the anniversary of the dead, especially the day of the death of the martyrs. The liturgical observance of a single day for the dead dates to the seventh century and it is known that Saint Isidore of Seville encouraged it.

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## Chaplain's Study, Continued

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The monks of Cluny set the date at November 2, the day following the Feast of All Saints, and in the fourteenth century, Rome accepted this practice. The custom of offering three Masses on this day began in Spain in the fifteenth century. It



was Pope Benedict XV who during the First World War in 1915 extended this privilege to the entire Church.

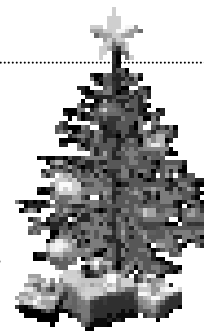
The tone of today's celebration is a Paschal one, because Christ's Paschal Mystery gives meaning to the death of the faithful Christians.

## Santa Day by Rich Morano

Our annual Kid's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the lounge. Children ten and under are welcome.

There is a \$10.00 donation per child. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the

lounge. Payment when signing up would be appreciated. Leave payment in an envelope with child's name and age and give to bartender. Please sign up by Sunday, December 1.



## Financial Secretary's Report by Tom Zakrzewski, FS

As the year 2013 winds down, we have 528 members, including eight we welcomed into the Knights on November 12. Largely recruited through our recent membership blitzes, they are: Rev. Sheldon Amasa, Zachary Lussier, Janos Major, Massimo Sorbara, Michael Testa, Steven Timpone, James Valentino and Deacon Francis Weber. Then, on November 18 at St. Clement's Church, we brought in Steven Soto.

We welcome brothers Martin McElroy and Joseph Pollaci into Council 1672. They are transfers from other councils. We also welcome brother Michael Fazzio into the ranks of honorary life members.

Please pray for our deceased brothers William C. Overholser, W. J. Eugene Kelsey

and Lt. Cmdr. David Barkalow, who have passed away in recent months. Our sympathies go out to their families and friends.

At the end of November, I will be sending out the dues notices for 2014. Our intention is to submit electronically your membership payment dues based on e-mail 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.

## Keep Christ in Christmas by Larry Slawson

The Christmas season fast approaches, which means of course that it's time for our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraiser! The sale will take place at all the

masses at St. Robert Bellarmine the week-end of November 23 and 24, and then at St. Rose of Lima the following weekend.

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## Keep Christ in Christmas, continued

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In addition to several types of KCIC car magnets, we will be selling religious Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments and a few other interesting items, all with the "Keep Christ in Christmas"

theme. Also new this year: "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs!

Our fundraising goal this year is \$2,000, which is ambitious but possible if we all pitch in. Please check your schedules and volunteer to assist with this fundraiser by contacting me at [lfsaia@optonline.net](mailto:lfsaia@optonline.net) or by calling (732) 577-0070.

## Culture of Life by Roger Zurro

Blessed John Paul II in his 1995 Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* called on all Catholic faithful to bear witness to the Gospel of Life and to build the "civilization of life and love." (100). In keeping with this mission and our Order's Catholic principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, we stand strong in conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights—the first among these being the right to life. Therefore, we defend it by supporting legislative policies that promote a Culture of Life and oppose those that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, euthanasia, unjust war, and the death penalty when there is an acceptable alternative.

Our Order's steadfast defense and promotion of this Culture of Life is grounded also in our conviction that natural law, written in everyone's heart and part of our very consciousness and intellect, recognizes hu-

man life to be sacred and is to be protected and celebrated from conception to natural death. In that regard, the message of our Brotherhood extends far beyond our Order and our religious creed; it is a universal message that everyone of good will can come to affirm.

The right to life, unlike any other right, is then the most basic right and the condition of all other personal rights. It constitutes the very foundation of every human and political community. Blessed John Paul II noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights is "false and illusory." Human rights of any kind are "incomprehensible" without the right to life. Our Order, therefore, joins the Universal Church in acknowledging and defending the dignity of human life, and in its efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection for every human person.

(Partial reprint from *Knights of Columbus website, Public Policy Issues*)

## Tree and Wreath Sale by John Favorito

Our annual tree, wreath and grave blanket sale will take place on the weekend of December 7 and 8, generally during daylight hours. We will also be available to take orders at the St. Rose PTA Breakfast that weekend.

Prices are not yet available, but will be

based on the sizes and varieties of the products.

We will send out more information in an e-mail as the date draws nearer. You can also call me at (917) 533-6568.



## Membership Director by Paul Dwyer, Membership Director

We held our membership drives at St. Rose and St. Robert's over two consecutive weekends in October. As our worthy Financial Secretary reported earlier in this newsletter, we have gained nine new members as a result, between First Degrees held here at Freehold and at St. Clement's in Matawan.

This was the most successful "Blitz" in my tenure as Membership Director. Many thanks to too many brothers to mention, for

their help and support in covering the masses and helping out at the October 29 Open House. One noteworthy development was that the speakers at some masses were the wives or daughters of members. Many people commented that having a family member speak about the Knights was a great idea, and their words put a different spin on the importance of family within our organization.

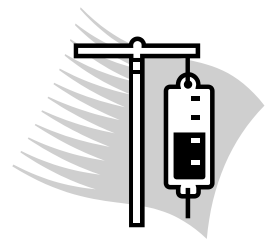
## Blood Drive by Mike Tubridy

Our annual Blood Bank will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Council Hall. The Central Jersey Blood Center will once again be providing the personnel to collect this most needed part of our health care system.

Donors will automatically be entered into a

drawing for a pair of Super Bowl tickets.

We'll be accepting appointments by phone. Please ask for me at (732) 239-6372. But walk-ins will always be welcome.



## From the Program Director by Jim Brown, DGK

Brothers, as we approach the holidays we enter into our busiest time of the year. There are ample opportunities to support our council via attendance at or participation in upcoming events. This is a great time for our newest members to join in the fun. Additional information about any of the following events will be available at our upcoming business meetings. There will also be emails going out about specific events, especially those where we need volunteers. You can also contact me at [jbrown1672@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown1672@gmail.com) for additional information.

Mass for Departed Brothers, Tuesday, November 26, 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing,

Tuesday, December 3, 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree, Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale, Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, all day

Kids' Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Italian Night Community Dinner, Friday, December 13, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Annual Blood Drive, Saturday, December 14, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, December 22, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

You will find more detailed information on some of these events elsewhere in this issue of the Compass.

## Food Service Committee by Rich Diaz

As many of you may be aware, the food services function at the Council is now handled by a committee which is comprised of

Brothers Peter Weber, Andrew Merola and myself. We remain under the advisement of

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## Columbus Day Baby by Michael Dzergowski

For many years now, our Council has recognized the first baby born at CentraState Medical Center on Columbus Day — the real Columbus Day, October 12. This year, our gift of a \$100 gift card goes to the family of Drew Joseph Rosenberg, born at 9:30 a.m. that day. To the right is a photo of the happy family.



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tutelage of Brother Stan Buraczynski.

We have divided the responsibilities so that Peter supervises the breakfast

crew, Andrew handles Council meetings and I am in charge of dinners and special events.

Peter and the breakfast crew continue to do a wonderful job; but they can always use help. Andrew still always appreciate help when preparing food for our meetings.

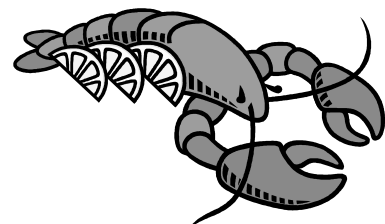
And I am ALWAYS in need of help because, first, there is always a need for setting up, serving and cleaning up at our dinners; and second, we gladly do special events -- two church picnics, the Parish Carnival and Olde Freehold Day. For these big events, we always need hands -- and vehicles.

To that end, I am hoping to create a Din-

ner/Special Events team similar to Peter's Breakfast team. If you are already involved or are planning to be, thank you. If you would like to volunteer or know of other Brothers that would like to help, please let me know. Contact me at [rpd17@optonline.net](mailto:rpd17@optonline.net) or at (732) 598-0832.

Upcoming events include Community Breakfasts on Sunday, December 22 (Breakfast with Santa) and on Sunday, January 26 -- both from 8:00 a.m. to noon; Italian Night on Friday, December 13; and our very popular New England Clam Bake on Saturday, January 11 -- both from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please support these events: they are one of the main sources of income for the Council and its charitable activities.



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**Meetings**

Second and Fourth Tuesday  
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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| Nov 26...Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.                       | Dec 18...Columbian Club meeting, 8:00 p.m.              |
| Nov 26...Mass for Departed Brothers, 8:00 p.m.            | Dec 22...Community Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 a.m.-noon |
| Nov 28...Thanksgiving                                     | Dec 24...Christmas Eve; Council meeting cancelled       |
| Nov 30-Dec 1...Keep Christ in Christmas Sales at St. Rose | Dec 25... Christmas Day                                 |
| Dec 3...Christmas Tree lighting and caroling, 8:00 p.m.   | Dec 31...New Year's Eve                                 |
| Dec 4...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 p.m, TBD              | Jan 1...New Year's Day                                  |
| Dec 5...Second Degree, 8:00 p.m, Red Bank Council         | Jan 8...Fourth Degree Meeting, 8:00 p.m, TBD            |
| Dec 7...Kids' Christmas Party 2:00-4:00 p.m.              | Jan 11...New England Clambake, 6:00-9:00 p.m.           |
| Dec 7-8...Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale, all day           | Jan 14...Council meeting, 8:00 p.m.                     |
| Dec 8...St. Rose Choir Christmas Concert 4:30 p.m.        | Jan 15...Columbian Club meeting, 8:00 p.m.              |
| Dec 10...Council meeting, 8:00 p.m.                       | Jan 17...Third Degree, 8:00 p.m.                        |
| Dec 13...Italian Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.                    | Jan 22...March for Life, Washington DC                  |
| Dec 14... Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.                | Jan 26...Community Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-noon            |
|   | Jan 28...Council meeting (social) 8:00 p.m.             |