KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672



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### JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 2017

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Chaplain	
Grand Knight	Thomas Nevenglosky
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Chancellor	Jefferson Yoder
Recorder	Spence Purdum, PGK, FDD
Financial Secretary	George Ferriso
Treasurer	Nicholas Fugaro, PGK
Advocate	Joseph McArdle
Warden	John Belbol
Inside Guard	Wilson Murillo
	Keven Hurley
Outside Guard	Brian Barrett
	William Butch
Trustees	Jim Brown, PGK
	Richard Scott, PGK
	Frank Aburto, PGK

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Secretary	Jim Brown			
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George Ferriso	Richard Scott			
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# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Tom Nevenglosky, GK

#### Dear Brothers,

It's incredible how fast this year as your Grand Knight has gone! The hard working Brothers of Freehold 1672 have had an enormously successful Columbian year due to their incredible efforts in terms of fundraising, charitable donations & programs. The charity fundraising that you Brothers performed enabled increased donations to our Parishes, Open Door, the Clergy Association homeless program, Food for the Poor, Rachael's House unwed mother program, Collier Youth Services & other deserving programs. It was my privilege recently to present donations to Birthright of Freehold & Red Bank, along with Arc of Monmouth from funds that you generated; in addition, the 40 cans for Lent program provided food to Reverend Steve's tent city, easing the burden on those less fortunate than ourselves. You deserve a huge round of applause for ALL the lives that you have touched this year.

Everyone has been incredibly supportive & made my job doable despite my crazy schedule, but I have to single out some Brothers for individual thanks. The indefatigable PGK Jim Brown was a constant confidant, worker, & someone to lean/count on; I will always value his friendship. Thanks to Frank, Rick, & Henry for their advice and support. I would have been lost without the best DGK ever in my friend Gino, while every officer & committee chairman performed exceptionally well. Fred & his fellow Columbian Club trustees have done a phenomenal job in improving our facility, reducing the indebtedness, & providing us a clean facility for our affairs! Also, Spence and his crew did their usual fine job of setting flags at the local cemeteries, while the breakfast crew honored some vets from the veterans home for the annual Memorial Day remembrance.

Unfortunately, due to relocations, we are losing our Worthy Chaplin Father Ed and Brother Joe McArdle; these two Knights have been an integral part of our Council and will be missed. I wish you well in the future, and we will look forward to having you visit us in the future.

I especially want to congratulate our incoming officers; based upon his past record of accomplishment, GK Gino will be a great Grand Knight! Brothers Jeff, & Brian will be advancing in the chairs, gaining experience & skills in the work of the Council. Brothers Nick & Spence will be working with next year's replacements to insure a seamless transition in 2018. My personal best wishes to all of you!

Finally, I have to convey to ALL those members of the Freehold Council my thanks & appreciation for having granted me the privilige of serving as your Grand Knight for the past year. May God's blessings be on you & your loved ones.



Vivat Jesus!

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE** - Rev. Edward M. Jawidzik

Dear Brother Knights:

June, 2017

It is with mixed bittersweet emotions that I will be departing Saint Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold, after 16 years, on July I, for Saint Raphael's - Holy Angels in Hamilton, due to a transfer by our Bishop. It will also close my 13 year tenure as your Chaplain.

It is bittersweet: bitter because I will miss you and the work of the Lord we have accomplished together, and sweet because it is the will of God and I know that He has a new adventure for me and that He is opening up a new and beautiful phase in my priesthood. I have found that when we love God and are sensitive to His will, it always works out for the best.

I am particularly heartened by your participation in the Pro-Life movement, especially the annual

March for Life in Washington, D.C. Keep carrying the torch until our ultimate victory!

I look forward to seeing all of you at my Farewell Mass on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am and the at Open House at the Priest's Residence afterwards, from 2 pm until 5pm.

Vivat Jesus!

FATHER ED



Father Edward M. Jawidzik Knights of Columbus Council 1672, June 9, 2017

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

The Columbian year for 2016 - 2017 has come to a close! Where has all the time gone? We THANK our newest PGK Tom Nevenglosky for his service and hard work. We welcome our new GK Gino lacovella and congrats to our new officers for the Columbian year 2017 - 2018. If you have ANY questions about your new position, I can probably answer them or get an answer for you.

We completed this year's billing cycle at 94% of membership paid. Current membership numbers stand at 443 + 32 Inactive members (Inactive members are members that have been suspended or removed from the council, but need to stay on the Roster due to them having K of C insurance) for a total of 475. Of these 475, 13 are Honorary members, (at least 65 years old and 25 <u>continuous</u> <u>years</u> of service) 90 are Honorary Life members, (at least 70 years old and 25 <u>continuous years</u> of service) and 81 are 4<sup>th</sup> degree members. Remember too, that if you are a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member and are suspended from the council you are also suspended from the 4<sup>th</sup> degree regardless if your dues are paid

in the  $4^{th}$  degree. Financially, this year, the council is in good shape!

Finally, and I sound like a broken record (!), we are missing or have incorrect phone numbers from a lot of members. I have sent out a few letters to members requesting corrections on their information with a stamped self-addressed envelope and got NO replies back. Is it so hard to write a couple of phone numbers and an email address and shove it in the mailbox? I asked before for someone, anyone, to please let me know what the problem is! Like the SSAE, I have gotten no answers. I can be reached at 732-780-4815, or by email at gfgman@gmail.com if you have a computer or by mail at 361 Colgate Way Freehold, NJ 07728. In addition you could also drop a note in the mailbox in the front of the council (70 E. Main St. Freehold NI 07728-2223) and put "George F" on it. I will get the information! Please get me your changes! I Hope you all have a Safe & Happy Summer of 2017 and I look forward to our new Columbian year!

Year. It was a rewarding experience and a pleasure to have served as the Council's Chancellor for this Columbian Year.

In May we had some new Brothers take their Admission's and Formation Degree Ceremonies at our Council Hall, and at the Keyport Council Hall. Welcome our new Second Degree Brothers: Michael D. Simone, William "Chris" Barnett, and Francesco DeSantis. Also, congratulations to Daniel Dawidowicz for attending his Formation Degree.

We are closing in on the end of the Columbian Also welcome two new transferees to our Council. Joseph Arnau from the Avenel Council, and George Bonanno from the Englishtown Council. Overall it has been a good year for the Membership team. Our Council has successfully recruited 14 new Brothers since last July. This does count the transfers.

> Once again, I ask for your support for the Council activities and fundraisers coming in the future and for the support of the new incoming Chancellor.

# **ELECTION RESULTS** - Jim Brown PGK

### 2017 - 2018 COUNCIL 1672 **ELECTED OFFICERS**

Grand Knight	Gino lacovella
Deputy Grand Knight	Jefferson Yoder
Chancellor	Brian Barrett
Financial Secretary	George Ferriso
Treasurer	Nicholas Fugaro
Recorder	Spencer Purdum
Advocate	Joseph Virgillio
Warden	John Belbol
Inside Guard	Kevin Hurley
Inside Guard	Wilson Murillo
Outside Guard	Perry LaFaro
Outside Guard	Irving Cruz
Three Year Trustee	Tom Nevenglosky
Two Year Trustee	James Brown
One Year Trustee	Richard Scott
Council Chaplain	Open

CONGRATULATIONS to all our officers!!!

### 2017 COLUMBIAN CLUB TRUSTEES

At the annual meeting of the Columbian Club of Freehold conducted on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, those members present elected three members to the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to the newly elected Trustees, John Belbol. Fred Trotter and Peter Weber.

The Columbian Club's 10 member Board of Trustees for the Columbian Year of July 1, 2017 -June 30, 2018 consists of:

John Belbol, Jim Brown, John Favorito, George Ferriso, Gino lacovella, Steve Kedulich, Fred Trotter, Gus Vang, Peter Weber and Jeff Yoder.

The organization of the Club Officers will be conducted at the July 6. 2017 club meeting.

James H. Brown Club Secretary

# MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS - Spence Purdum, Recorder

Over our century-plus history, nearly four hundred of our Brother Knights have passed away. For many years, the Council has placed Knights of Columbus flags at cemeteries in the Freehold area, an important fraternal activity. Most of the graves are of course at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery. This year, we placed 239 flags at St. Rose and seventeen at four nearby cemeteries.

On Thursday, May 25 a work party gathered at St. Rose to cover that area. My thanks to David Markunis, Scoutmaster of St. Rose of Lima Scout Troop 18 who brought about a dozen of his young men to help. My thanks also to Brothers Frank Aburto, John Belbol, Jim Brown, Mike LaRosa and Nebil Toutounchi, who worked with the scouts. Together, we decorated the cemetery in little more than an hour.

# **COUNCIL EVENTS** - Gino Iacovella, DGK

## <u>Events</u>

Summer is here!

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

We had a very busy quarter at our council this past quarter!

In April we had very successful Fundraisers! Our Palm Cross Sale at St. Rose of Lima and St. Robert Bellarmine parishes raised much needed monies for our charity fund. Thanks to John Favorito who provided these palm crosses from his nursery and to all the brothers that help sell them! We also raised over \$2500 for Monmouth Arc for the specially disabled at our annual can drive in front of our council. It's amazing how fast nickels, dimes & quarters add up! Thanks to Doug LeRoy for heading this committee for the council & all the brothers who helped collect! Also is April, many of us attended the Chrism Mass at St. Robert's. The Color Guard and many of our Brothers marched with in with over 160 priests, bishops and cardinals!

In May, we had our membership drives & Open House at the Council. Thanks to Jeff Yoder for heading this along with signing everybody up for their 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees, also held in May. Our May breakfast honored the young & old! We had veterans from World War II, the Korean War & Vietnam War for breakfast from a local Veteran's home. We presented them with

certificates of honor & 60 headphones for them to use for their phones & music devices. May God Bless them for their service! We also honored the winners of our Essay contest with certificates at our May breakfast. All winners & their families enjoyed a great breakfast plus cash rewards for their outstanding essays!

On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, our council marched in the 143<sup>rd</sup> Freehold Memorial Day parade! Thanks to everyone who marched in the parade & represented the Freehold Council 1672 Knights of Columbus!

In June, our Council said Farewell to our Chaplain, Father Edward Jawidzik with a wonderful dinner. Father "ED" as we called him, served our Freehold Council 1672 for over 13 years! Based on our records he has served longer than any other Chaplain in our 104 year history! May God Bless him in his new assignment in Hamilton, New Jersey.

I also want to wish Joe McArdle our current Advocate, Best of Luck! Joe will be moving to Maryland with his family. Joe was instrumental to our council and Columbian Club in many ways! He will be surely be missed!

Good Luck to all our newly elected officers for the upcoming Columbian Year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018). May God guide them & Bless them for their service to the community.

Be Proud to be a Knight of Columbus!

# FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - Bruce Sarte



As I write this, summer is on us, the latest heatwave has been bearing down for a few days, so have a nice summer this year, try to have FUN, but more importantly, stay SAFE!

That said, please don't forget what the Knights is all about Chari-

table giving. Did you know that in 2016 the Knights of Columbus hit a new record for the amount given through its Charitable arms?

"We reached new heights in 2016, the Supreme Knight said. According to the figures from the 2016 Fraternal Survey the Knights gave \$177,500,673 in charitable donations. This is up from \$175 million donated in 2015. In addition, the Knights volunteered 75,112,694 hours to charitable initiatives, up from the 2015 total of 73 million hours.

The top ten jurisdictions in charitable giving for 2016 were: Texas with \$9.1 million, followed by California, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Ontario, Missouri, New York, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

The top ten in volunteer hours were Texas with 5.5 million hours, followed by Luzon North, Florida, California, Illinois, Luzon South, Ontario, Visayas, Pennsylvania and Quebec.

Supreme Knight Anderson said: "Challenge your councils to donate a dollar more a week, or five dollars more, or ten dollars more. And then ask them to do the same in volunteer hours. This will all add up to make a tremendous difference."

I encourage all participating and non-participating members to take some time to meet with me and discuss your financial picture.

Have a SAFE summer! Fraternally Yours.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE** - Roger Zurro

### Pence at National Catholic Prayer Breakfast: be a "voice for the voiceless"

#### Washington D.C., Jun 6, 2017 (CNA/EWTN News).

United States Vice President Mike Pence exhorted those in attendance at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday to continue to be a "voice for the voiceless", after proclaiming that "life is winning" in the nation. Pence addressed an estimated crowd of 1,300 at the 13th annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast attended by many Catholic leaders.

"Life is winning in America. Life is winning through the steady advance of science that continues to illuminate more & more when life begins," The vice president stated: "I believe we've come to a pivotal moment in the life of our nation, and indeed, the life of the world. The Catholic community in America has made an enormous difference in the life of this nation. And at this moment, I urge you to continue to stand up, to speak out, to continue to be that voice for the voiceless that the Church has been throughout its history, continue to be the hands and feet of our Savior, reaching in with love and compassion, embracing the dignity of all people of every background and every experience."

The National Catholic Prayer Breakfast has taken place each year since 2004 as a response to St. John Paul II's call for a "new evangelization." Political leaders are invited to attend and speak, but the event is non-partisan. Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, introduced Pence by saying that the U.S. needs a "new national political consensus" built on faith. He added that "the times require men and women of prayer and humility, courage and conviction, leaders who can help bring healing to our nation."

Pence, one of six children, was baptized and raised Catholic, He referred to himself as a "born-again Evangelical-Catholic" in a 1994 interview, and began attending an Evangelical megachurch with his family in the 1990s. He now says in public that he is a Christian. Pence recalled on Tuesday that he received the Sacrament of Confirmation as a youth, with the name "Michael Richard Christopher Pence." He also noted how "my Catholic faith poured an eternal foundation in my life" during his childhood in Indiana, and joked that he spent "eight years of hard time in a Catholic school," the "beneficiary of an extraordinary Catholic education." "My own faith journey has taken me and my family in a different direction," he said on Tuesday. Pence has not revealed which church he regularly

attends. He stated Tuesday that he had "just attended Mass this weekend with my mom in Chicago."

He focused some of his speech on persecuted Christians worldwide, maintaining that the Trump administration is committed to promoting & protecting the freedom of religion. He said the administration "stands with those who are persecuted for their faith around the world" and "stands with the most vulnerable, the aged, the infirm, and the unborn." Pence also cited President Donald Trump's executive order on religious freedom, issued last month, as an "action to protect men and women of faith in the public square." The order, which granted "regulatory relief" to religious organizations fighting the previous administration's contraception mandate, was nonetheless criticized by certain religious freedom advocates as being not broad enough. One chief criticism was that it failed to protect persons and institutions sued for discrimination for not supporting same-sex marriage.

In particular, one area of collaboration could be to counter "the persecution of people of faith across the wider world," he said on Tuesday, noting recent violence against Coptic Christians in Egypt as well as the genocide of Christians in Iraq and Syria. "I believe that ISIS is guilty of nothing short of genocide," he said of the terror group the Islamic State. "Protecting and promoting religious freedom is a foreign policy priority of this admin," he insisted.

(Edited from the original CNA news article by Matt Hadro)

**Birthright** began in Toronto, Canada, in 1968, when Louise Summerhill, a busy housewife & mother of seven children, felt something should be done to help women through an unplanned pregnancy. The grassroots response to her idea was overwhelming, & the Toronto chapter quickly grew into Birthright International, the world's first global crisis pregnancy

service. In 2003, Birthright International celebrated its 35th anniversary with over 400 chapters in Canada, the United States, Europe, and others in South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, & Columbia. Birthright is a fully independent organization without affiliations to any church or public agency. An estimated 28,000 women make their first visit to a Birthright chapter each month.



Birthright Tickets for Sale Brother Doug LeRoy selling raffle tickets at St. Robert's last April

# **BROTHER KNIGHTS HONORING**



Father Ed Praying for Deceased Veterans at May  $29^{\rm th}$  Freehold's Memorial Day Service



Bill Maxwell Honoring Senior Veterans at May 28th Knights of Columbus' Breakfast





Father Ed's Surprise Birthday Party (from left to right) Grand Knight, Tom Nevengloski, Deputy Grand Knight, Gino locavella, Chaplain, Fr. Ed Jawidzik



Memorial Day Parade Band of Marchers (from left to right) Chis Barnett, Gino locavella, Nick Fugaro, Bill Maxwell, ?, Dave Richie, Bill Harms, Jim Brown, Brian Barrett, Steve Kadulich

# SUMMER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JULY			
2	Freehold July 4th Fireworks	Freehold Raceway	4 pm - 10 pm
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY		
5	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
6	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
8	Freehold Township Day	Michael J. Tighe Park	4 pm - 10:30 pm
	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Room	8 pm
25	Council Meeting CANCELED ouncil Main Room		8 pm
26 - 30	Monmouth County Fair	Mon. County Fairgrounds	Varies Daily
AUGUST			
2	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Room	8 pm
15	ASSUMPTION OF MARY		
16	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
22	Council Meeting CANCELED ouncil Main Room		8 pm
SEPTEMBER			
4	LABOR DAY		
6	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
10	St. Robert Bellarmine's Picnic	St. Robert's Grounds	10 am - ?
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Room	8 pm
17	St. Rose of Lima's Picnic	Michael J. Tighe Park	II am - ?
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
23	Charity Canning Drive	Streets near Council Hall	9 am - 1 pm
24	Community Breakfast	Council Main Room	8 am - 12 Noon
26	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Room	8 pm

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# **AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa**

Summer & the new Columbian Year are here. I am starting off with some good news & some really bad news.

**#I**-First the really bad news. For those who are not aware of it, we are loosing our beloved Chaplain after 13 faithful years, Father Edward Jawidzik. He has made this council much more holy & patriotic over those years. All our prayers & best wishes go with him to St. Raphael's Parish, Hamilton, NJ where he'll be as of July I<sup>st</sup>. Whoever his replacement might be, he will find our council easier to direct because of Fr. Ed's prior guidance.

**#2**-The good news is that we have a new Grand Knight, Gino lacovella & a new team who is eager to lead our council. As Brothers we must all work together with them so that this year will be as successful as the last. We do so much good & so many charitable fundraisers in the course of a year, & it is impossible to accomplish them without our help. Reading each edition of the Compass is important & good, but you only learn in many cases about what the council does after the fact. By attending our monthly meetings you'll know, see & your prayers or being nice to people.

be able to assist with the many projects that we undertake. And the food's good too. Hope to see you at our next one on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.

**#3-I** am very happy to announce this year's Knights of Columbus Essay Contest winners. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Madeline Young, Freehold, \$25 winner - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sunny Decker, Freehold, \$50 winner & I<sup>st</sup> place, Scott Welsh, Colts Neck, \$100 winner. Besides the money they also received certificates & their families were treated to breakfast on May 28<sup>th</sup> where they received their prizes. I also want to thank the judges for the difficult task of selecting the winners. You can read the winning essays on our website.

Essay Contest Winners (from Left to Right) Mike La Rosa - Editor #1 - Scott Welsh #2 - Sunny Decker #3 - Madeline Young



Editor's sage advice: This summer don't take a vacation from going to Mass each Sunday or saying