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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Gino Iacovella GK

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year! Can you believe its 2018? It seems like yesterday that we started the millennium!

The Freehold 1672 Knight of Columbus ended the calendar year on a very positive note! We had a very successful Keep Christ in Christmas Sale and Christmas tree, wreath and grave blanket sale! We grossed over \$5000 for our Charity Fund between the two, even through a snow storm!

Our Christmas with Santa and Santa's Kid Party put many smiling faces on the children of our community! Many thanks to our brother Knights who volunteered their time to support the people of our community. At year end we donated funds to Freehold Open Door, Feed all God's Children at Saint Peters, Rachael House and the homeless men's shelters supported by the Freehold Clergy to name a few. Our Community Blood Drive in conjunction Central Jersey Blood Bank helped provide much needed blood for our community as well.

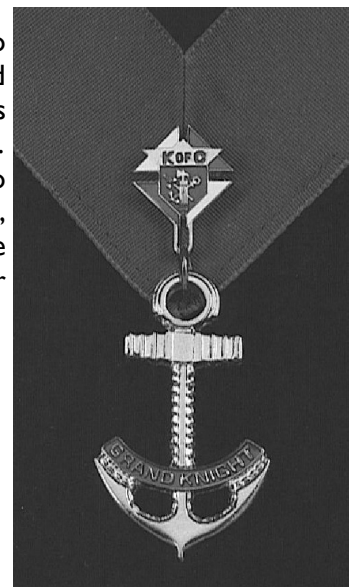
As we start the new year, our council will continue our Oath of Charity by supporting the boys and girls Free Throw Contest and Kid Days at our Council.

Future fund raiser will include our Palm Cross Sale on March 17th and 18th at both St Rose of Lima and St. Robert Bellarmine parishes. Volunteers will be needed.

One of the requirements as Knights is to take an oath of Charity. Second is to be a good practicing Catholic. These two simple goals should be practiced in our everyday lives. Father McGiveney, our founder saw a need to support immigrant families when a parent died, back in the 1880's. Today we can support the needy and hungry of our communities as our council just recently did.

A Very Simple way to live by, everyday.

Vivat Jesus!



COUNCIL EVENTS - Jeff Yoder, DGK

This is hoping that everyone had a marvelous and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Council Officers would like to thank all the Brothers that helped with the fundraisers this fall. We had a very successful "Keep Christ In Christmas" sale of magnets, cards, and signs. As of the writing of this article, the total came to over \$2,000.00. In addition, as of the writing of this article, the tally for our Christmas tree, Wreath, and Grave Blanket sale had not yet been completed. Thank you for participating in our Blood Drive, also. The Breakfast with Santa, and Children's party were very successful, thanks to your support.

With the Holidays behind us, we are still buzzing with events. You can see them listed at the end of this publication. Just to cite several of them: The March For Life in Washington DC, the Council Free

Throw Contest, held at the St Rose of Lima gym, Birth Right raffle and dinner ticket sale, Kids Day Program, St Patrick's Day Luncheon, and the Palm Cross sales. We will end the Month of March with a K of C Founders Day Mass in conjunction with our last Business Meeting in March, and the Holy Adoration at both St. Rose of Lima Church and St Robert's Co Cathedral. Once again, I want to express my sincere Thank You to all that have helped the positive progression of our Council in the themes of "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

As most of you already know, my wife and I will be spending some of this winter in "nicer" weather, but I will be looking forward to our return to "Joisey" and meeting once again with all of you Brothers.



Columbus Day Dinner



A GREAT GIFT FOR A GREAT GIRL

Every year on the "real" Columbus Day, October 12th, the Knights of Columbus Freehold Council 1672 presents a \$100 gift card to the first born baby in Freehold's CentraState Hospital. This year's recipient is a beautiful baby girl born weighing in at over nine pounds at birth to the proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bozza of Howell Township, NJ. This was their third child and a precious addition to their growing family.

Besides the gift card, they received, a certificate of appreciation and a pair of white rosaries for their happy bundle of joy.

The family was also invited to a future Sunday breakfast at our council to introduce her to the Council.

We send along our prayers and best wishes to the Bozza family. May God Bless them.



Grand Knight Gino makes the presentation.

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro

British actress Sally Phillips may be best known to Americans for her roles in “Bridget Jones’ Diary” or “Veep,” but she’s taking on a new role in the UK that is causing many to pay attention.

Phillips is the mother of three children, and her oldest son Ollie, has Down Syndrome. She is one of many parents of children with Down Syndrome concerned about the UK government’s proposal to implement a new prenatal test (second-line cfDNA screening: NIPT – non-invasive prenatal testing) that is projected to result in a significant increase in terminations of children with Down’s Syndrome.

According to the advocacy group, *Don’t Screen Us Out*, the consequences of this testing “would have a profound long-term effect on the population of the Down’s syndrome community, and enable a kind of informal eugenics in which certain kinds of disabled people are effectively ‘screened out’ of the population before they are even born.” Troubled by these reports, Phillips embarked on the process of making a documentary about the testing, and to show the world firsthand the inherent value and dignity of individuals like her son Ollie. She opens the film with the questions: “What kind of society do we want? And who should be allowed to live in it?” This is a fascinating, and at times hard film to watch, as a wide variety of individuals share their thoughts on Down Syndrome, genetic testing, and abortion. One must also keep in mind that Phillips has never claimed to be a pro-life advocate; in fact, she has one comment to a researcher that would indicate that she supports a “woman’s choice.” However, the overwhelming message of the documentary is that the extremely high (and increasing) rate of abortion for diagnoses of Down Syndrome is not only a bad thing for society, it’s discrimination in the worst way towards a group of people.

The film opens with some poignant and hilarious scenes of Phillips and her three children. She quips that when she first learned her son had Down Syndrome (not until several days after he was born), “I was expecting tragedy but I got comedy.” She also mentions here that a majority of families with an individual with Down Syndrome are very happy as

supported by scientific research.

She interviews a fetal genetic testing doctor, and questions “why is everyone behaving like having a baby with Down Syndrome is a catastrophe?” One of the reasons he cites is that people think of the child as a burden to the family for many years.” Phillips responds, “A burden that lasts a long time? That’s not how I see Ollie.”

A visit to Iceland, where the termination rate has reached nearly 100% for babies with Down Syndrome, is also part of the documentary. Phillips visits an exhibition of photographs of individuals with Down Syndrome by Sigga Ella, and interviews one of the few remaining individuals with Down Syndrome in Iceland. “It felt like they were coming after me,” the young woman shares when she hears reports on the “elimination of Down Syndrome.”

Ultimately, Phillips questions the idea of choice. She interviews a mother who chose to abort her child because of a Down Syndrome diagnosis. You can visibly see that Phillips is having a hard time with this. The mother spoke of a desire for happiness for her and her child. Afterwards, Phillips reflects: “I think she’s wrong that an increase in choices increases happiness...The thing I keep coming up against is this idea of choice. Ollie had 1 in 10,000 chance of Down Syndrome – back then if I was told I’d have a child with disability, I’m not sure if I’d had been able to say yes. **But having him in my life has changed me and my family for the better.** That makes me question whether choice is the great thing it’s cracked up to be. Where will all these choices take us?”

Sadly, she concludes, that the “choice” to terminate with Down Syndrome nearly 100% of the time, could lead to the frightening vision of “a world without Down Syndrome.” That is a world Phillips – and the March for Life – wants to prevent. As she poignantly concludes, “**there is great value in things not being perfect.**”

You can watch the full documentary at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x16wGajCHlw>

(Excerpted and edited from the article by Bethany Goodman on the March for Life website.)

**MARCH FOR LIFE, - January 19th, Washington, D.C.
Buses leave from St. Rose & St. Robert’s - Rain Snow or Shine
check church bulletins for times & details**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

By the time you read this, it will be 2018, where did 2017 go? I want to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year and a belated Merry Christmas to you and your families.

It is that time of the year for payment of COUNCIL DUES! Paper invoices were mailed out in December UNLESS we have your email on file and your electronic invoice was emailed to that email address. Subject line: "Dues Notice for Council 1672". Please **DO NOT DELETE** this email and please check your email for the invoice. I received numerous notes from Brothers last year that they never received any electronic invoice. I sent each of those brothers a letter showing them the email and the email address we have on file. I ALSO requested a change of email address if necessary. Of all the notes I received, I only received one Brother's change of email. I am making the assumption that the information we have in the system is correct! Electronics saves the council a lot of money. **IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE EITHER AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE INVOICE OR A HARD COPY IN THE MAIL PLEASE CONTACT ME RIGHT AWAY! MY INFORMATION IS BELOW.**

Please pay your dues **ASAP**. As I said before, the cost of time, paper, ink, envelopes and postage is considerable and if you do not pay the first invoice another one needs to be sent out. Despite all our efforts, expenses continue to rise.

NOTE: At the council meeting of November 8, 2016 a motion was passed to charge an

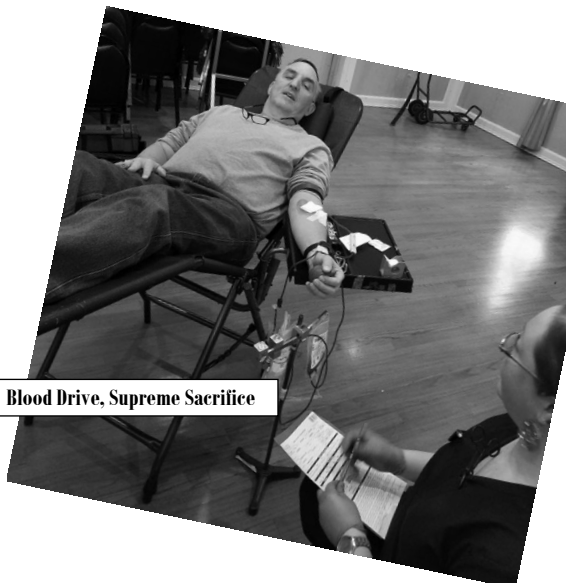
administration fee to cover these expenses. Any dues paid prior to 1/31/18 is only \$40.00, the dues paid after 1/31/18 will be \$45.00.

Should you receive a second invoice, you will see the administration fee added to the invoice. If paying late and the \$5.00 is not added to your payment, it will remain on your ledger as an accounts receivable. It will not be forgiven this year.

Dues can be paid multiple ways: **1)** You can mail me the dues (361 Colgate Way Freehold NJ) **2)** Drop them in the mail box in front of the council hall, attn.: George F. **3)** I tend bar on meeting nights (2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month) and you can give me your dues; (I will have all the cards with me and hand you yours after payment, **4)** Bring the dues to the lounge and give them to the bartender with my name on it; they will get the dues to me. **IF you are having any kind of financial difficulty please DO NOT wait until the last minute to let us know.** The council can and will help you. You do not need to tell us what the difficulty is, just that you are having issues that prevent you from paying your dues.

You all should be tired of hearing this - As always we are STILL missing or have incorrect phone numbers for a lot of members. Please notify me of a change of address, email or phone number. I can be reached at 732 780-4815, gfgman@gmail.com if you have a computer; or 361 Colgate Way Freehold. In addition you could also drop a note in the mailbox in the front of the council and put "George F" on the envelope. I will get the information!

Please get me your changes soon!



Blood Drive, Supreme Sacrifice



Grave Blanket Salesmen - (Gino was Photoshopped in)

ADVOCATES MESSAGE - Joseph Virgilio

To be an effective Knight of Columbus, and be able to function at council meetings, events and ceremonials it is important to understand all the positions or "Chairs" and their duties in order to be in conformity with Supremes' procedures and protocols. In this article we will focus on the position of The Council's Warden: his duties and responsibilities.

The Warden instructs, directs and supervises the activities of the Inside/outside guards. He is present at all business council meetings. He ensures that all brothers attending meetings have the current membership card and is responsible for the inspection of the cards for all incoming brothers, (no card - no admission to the council meeting). The Warden ensures that officers are in possession of and wear their assigned jewels. He also verifies that the incoming brothers sign the attendance book.

Prior to the beginning of each council meeting the Warden will oversee and set-up the meeting room (chairs-tables-podium) as per protocol standards, making certain that the US Flag, Council Flag and Council Banner are all properly displayed. At the beginning of each council meeting he stands and

reports this compliance directly to the Grand Knight. Afterwards, The Warden leads the council in the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. He then performs the roll call of officers.

The warden is the guardian of council property and degree paraphernalia, except for the property of the financial secretary, the treasurer, and the recorder. Before ceremonial degrees, he will appoint and supervise the participating chamber guards.

Lastly, The Warden oversees returning the meeting room to its pre-meeting state.

The Warden's Jewel is An axe bound with rods, known as a "fasces", traditionally carried by the guards or protectors of Roman magistrates as a symbol of authority. The warden, ideally, has and exercises that authority. The Warden's ceremonial officer robe is black, trimmed with scarlet. He wears a scarlet cincture with silver fringe.



St. Robert's Christmas Bazaar



New 4th Degree Brothers

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, Pres.

Worthy Brothers, the trustees and I hope that all of your families had a wonderful and a very Merry Christmas along with are wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year. I personally want to thank all my volunteers, especially my Monday morning cleaning crew, who keep our hall shining, and everyone who helped with making the changes in our by-laws, that dealt with contracts and membership applications. I also want to take this opportunity to

thank Peter Weber and Gus Vang, for their dedication and their service to the Columbian Club over these past many years. Unfortunately these two gentlemen will soon be leaving their positions as House Chairman and Financial Secretary. Their new replacements will be named soon and will be listed in the next upcoming Compass. I am going to really miss working with these two brothers whose hard work made my job easier.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS



Jolly Santa with Jolly Helper



Jolly Breakfast Servers



Jolly Eaters



Jolly Singers

? DID YOU KNOW THIS ? - Joseph Virgilio

- * Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish-American Catholic priest, Assistant Pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn, was only 29 years old when he founded The Knights of Columbus.
 - * October 2, 1881 Father McGivney encountered a group of men called "The Red Knights" who were already meeting at his St Mary's Church that night, in the basement.
 - * Father McGivney proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was hostile to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members.
 - * Father McGivney had originally conceived of the name "Sons of Columbus" but James T. Mullen, who would become the First Supreme Knight, successfully suggested "Knights of Columbus".
 - * The primary motivation for the Knights of Columbus was to be a mutual benefit society.
 - * February 6, 1882, The Knights of Columbus was born.
 - * March 29, 1882, The Knights of Columbus is officially incorporated and Father McGivney sends the first diocesan-wide appeal for new members to his fellow priests.
 - * The emblem of the Knights of Columbus was designed by First Supreme Knight James T. Mullen and adopted on May 12, 1883.
 - * Father McGivney was never a Supreme Knight.
 - * The Order was founded 10 years before the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World.
- (to be continued)

WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JANUARY			
1	New Years Day		
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
19	March for Life	Washington, D.C.	All Day
23	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
28	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose of Lima Gym	1 pm - 4 pm
FEBRUARY			
TBA	BirthRight Raffle & Dinner Tickets Sales	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
7	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
10	Kid's Day Program	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	St. Valentines Day		
14	Ash Wednesday (<i>Lent Begins</i>)		
19	President's Day		
21	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
TBA	BirthRight Raffle & Dinner Tickets Sales	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
25	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
27	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
MARCH			
7	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
17	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Lounge Side Room	12 Noon - ?
17 & 18	Palm Cross Sale	St Rose & St Roberts	All Masses
21	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
25	Palm Sunday		
25	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
27	K of C Founder's Day Mass / Bus meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
29	Holy Thursday Adoration	St Rose & St Roberts	11 to 12 Midnight
30	Good Friday		

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

1) With all the controversy over the National Anthem this football season I may as well add my \$0.02. I want all of you to slowly read the words below keeping in mind what it must have been like that early morning during a decisive battle of the War of 1812, the second war for independence.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last
gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the
perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

I don't see how those players can in good conscience disrespect our flag and our country by taking a knee after all the people (not just soldiers & sailors) sacrificed their lives for the cause of FREEDOM.

The preceding is only the first stanza of Francis Scott Key's poem, "The Defense of Fort McHenry". You can read the entire poem at :

https://amhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/pdf/ssb_lyrics.pdf

2) I'm sure that you remember the total eclipse that occurred back on August 21st of last year. There was much to do about it if you recall. The accompanying photo was emailed to me a week or so later and it really amazed me. Unfortunately there wasn't any information along with it. I don't know who took it, NASA, an astronaut, an observatory? Anyway, it looks to me like God is trying to tell us something important. We better pay attention. It's too bad that I can't print this in color for you, it's even more impressive to see.

