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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**Jim Brown, GK**

Dear Brothers:

I sincerely hope you were able to enjoy the Christmas Holidays with your family and friends. It is hard to believe our Columbian Year is half gone, and already our council has accomplished so much.

Due to the efforts and hard work of many of our Brother Knights I am pleased and proud to say that our council is in fantastic shape. So many of you have stepped up to help out on fund raisers, programs, breakfasts and just about everything else we have been asked to do for our parishes, community and council. It is especially gratifying to see our newest Brothers become so involved in our council programs and activities. They will be the future leaders of our council and it certainly looks like our council will be in good hands.

I am especially pleased at the success our Charity Committee has had with our fund raising efforts. Our Canning Drive, Keep Christ in Christmas and Christmas Tree, Wreaths, and Grave Blanket Fund Raisers were very successful and our council Charity Fund is in excellent shape which will allow our council to fulfill our main principle of Charity, helping those who need assistance. Our council's Coats for Kids Program was a huge success, and we put smiles on a lot of young faces. As we learned in the First Degree, Charity does not consist of money alone, it is also the service we provide to our Parishes, Community, Council and our fellow Brother Knights, and I am very pleased to say we have done an outstanding job.

Our Hospitality Committee is doing a fantastic job with our new breakfast menu and prices. Attendance is going up and people are very pleased with the menu and service being provided, it is certainly a great community service we provide. Our Breakfast with Santa this year had over 200 guests, and Santa was kept busy the entire morning.

No time to rest, as we have the second half of our Columbian Year coming up, and it will be just as busy as the first half. So once again I ask all too please unite together for the good our council is doing and can do, and it will bring assured success.

Vivat Jesus



## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Father Ed Jawidzik**

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish is once again providing a bus to the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. This year's March is on Friday, January 22, 2016. I will march with one group and we might have at least one other Priest coming as well.

We will celebrate a Mass for Life at Saint Robert's Chapel at 6:30am, and the bus will leave at 7:00am. Please bring your lunch and snacks, and a free will donation will be appreciated.

Nationwide, the Knights of Columbus have been a formidable presence in the March, and I hope and pray that Freehold Council 1672 will be able to truthfully say the same thing in 2016.

To sign up, please telephone our bus captain Tom Panettiere at (908)338-7128 or email him at tpanettiere@victorypakaging.com.

I'll see you on the March!



Baby Leah born on Thanksgiving Day at the Rachael House that is supported by Knights of Columbus Freehold Council 1672

## **MEMBERSHIP - Gino Iacovella**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Hope everyone had Blessed Christmas! & a Happy New Year!

Where did this past year go?

Our Council was very busy this past quarter! We had our fall Membership Drives at both St. Roberts and St. Rose parishes, our Open House and our First, Second and Third Degree exemplifications at our Council.

I would like to welcome the following new members to our council:

Wilson Murillo, Brian Barrett, Mark Martin, Antonio Garcia Vasquez and Reinhard Kirchof. On December 4th, we had 54 Brother Knights do their 3rd degree at our council. This event had representation from 14 different councils from all over the state! I would like to congratulate 4 members from our Council: Wilson Murillo, Reinhard Kirchof, Antonio Garcia Vasquez and Doug Collier who completed their third degree during this great event!

Our next membership drive will be on April 2nd and 3rd at St. Robert's and April 9th and 10th at St. Rose. We are also planning an Open House on April 11th at our Council.

Please help us sign up your fellow parishioners.

Please let me know what times you can help. We will have membership brochures in both English and

Spanish. This will be a wonderful time to talk to new members and tell them all the wonderful things we do to help people in need.

Lets continue our mission and spread the word of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus and lets start 2016 year on a very good note!

### **UPCOMING DEGREES**

We will have the next 1st Degree at the Prince of Peace (Englishtown) council on Monday, January 18th at 8PM.

We will have our 2nd Degree at our council on Monday, April 25th at 8PM.

At this time we do not have any 3rd Degree planned.

Please let us know in advance if you want to participate in these degree events.

Please remember that new members can be added at any time. I ask each brother to please reach out to family and friends and encourage them to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Overall we are 1.9 million members strong and are the largest men's Catholic organization in the world and an organization that started in 1882 with 14,000 councils across the globe.

Be Proud and Encourage others to be a Knight of Columbus!

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

By the time you read this, you should have received your invoice for the Calendar year 2016. If we have your email on file, you should have received an electronic invoice in your email. Please check the spam folder!

Please pay your dues **ASAP**. 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. I am, at most if not all, the council functions. I will have the traveling cards with me at all times, and if you prefer to pay me at one of these functions, cash or check, I will hand you your card. 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.

In addition, since the last Compass we welcome and have added 5 New members. They are Brain Barrett, Antonio Garcia-Vasquez, Mark Martin, Wilson Murillo, and Reinhard Kirchof who is a transfer in from the Lakewood NJ council. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Antonio, Wilson, Reinhard and Doug Collier a current member, advanced to their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

Congratulations to these men. As a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight, you are eligible to become an officer in the council and eventually advance to Grand Knight! We also had seven members of our Council join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on 11/15/15 – Eric Benitez, Luis Benitez, Oscar Carrillo, Pedro Chico, Alexander Glovich, Calixto Huerta, and Cristino Tlapa-Nava. Congratulations to you men as well.

Membership at this writing stands at 483 with 90 of these brothers having obtained Honorary Life Status and 17 Honorary Status. New Honorary Life Members are Theodore Kelsey, and our own Compass Editor Mike La Rosa! Congratulations! As always, VERY IMPORTANT, if you have moved or changed phone numbers or email, please let me know as soon as possible. New or changed information for a Council of this size can only come from its members – So PLEASE remember us when your address, phone or email changes! I can be reached at gfgman@gmail.com or (732)780-4815 for those members without computers.

## A MOST WORTHY EVENT - Roger Zurro

Brother Knights, I announce to you that we are called to a mission: to protect the innocent and defenseless among us. What more important mission is there than that?

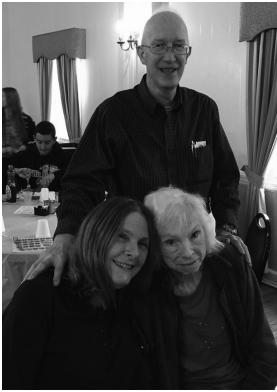
For this 2015-2016 fraternal year, the Supreme Knight himself exhorts us to step up as men of faith and honor and stand together as compelling witnesses in support of life during the sad 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary commemoration of the tragic Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. We are called to gather in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and join with thousands of our Brother Knights from across the country to march and pray together for an end to legalized abortion. As Knights, our duty is to act publicly in support of and in solidarity with our bishops, our priests, our Church and the Holy Father in this endeavor. The promotion of the Culture of Life is integral with and is at the very essence of the Order's principles.

You probably have never considered being part of this national March for Life before. You may say: "No, it's not for me." No, it certainly is not for you: it's for the more than **50,000,000** infants who have been slaughtered in their mother's wombs during the past 43 years. Each of us is called **now** to step out of our own "comfort zone". I ask you, if we don't do something **now**, if we don't stand together **now** in the public arena as a Catholic Brotherhood of honorable, faith-filled men committed to protecting life at its weakest and most vulnerable, who will? WWFMD? (What Would Father McGivney Do?)

On Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will meet at St. Robert Bellarmine Church and attend the 6:30am mass together as Knights. At 7:00, we will board a bus outside the church for the trip to Washington; each of us will bring his own brown bag lunch. The day then begins at the Mall about noon as speakers from Government and various pro-life organizations address the assembly; the March follows. If time permits, we are encouraged to visit the offices of our elected representatives to express our support for the ending of legalized abortion as we know it. The day ends at around 5:00 p.m. as we board the bus for the trip home, arriving at about 9:00 p.m.

Please seriously consider signing up for the March this year; *make it a Bucket List item*. Our Council has not had a strong showing in the past and it's time to change that. Our participation in the March, a Featured Program by the Supreme Council for 2015-2016, counts towards credits for the Columbian Award. So, on this one day each year, let us stand and join voices and march together as men, as Brothers, as Knights in defense of the defenseless. A sign-up sheet will be available at our next business meeting. Call (732)780-3516 or email roger.zurro@gmail.com Brother Roger Zurro, Culture of Life Director

# PHESTIVITY PHOTOS



Phyllis Mia celebrates 91st birthday with family at Nov. 22nd Community Breakfast. All who were present sang Happy Birthday



Nov. 15th, Fourth Degree Exemplification Eric Benitez, Luis Benitez, Pedro Chico, Cristino Tlapa Nava, Calixto Huerta, Grand Knight Jim Brown & Oscar Carillo - Not pictured is Alex Glovich



Christmas Tree / Wreath Sale



Breakfast with Santa Party



Coats for Kids Distributing Event



## A NIGHT OF KNIGHTS - Jim Brown, GK

Dear Brothers

We had an excellent turn out for the Third Degree Exemplification hosted by our council on Friday Dec. 4 We had a total of 54 candidates from several different councils.

Brothers Doug Collier, Reinhard Kirckhof, Wilson Murillo and Antonio Garcia Vasquez from our council completed their third degree that night. My congratulations on obtaining full Knighthood in our Honored Order.

When I say we had a packed house, believe me, it was a packed house. With the help of several brother Knights everything went off smoothly, and the Fraternity after the exemplification was enjoyed by all.

Our Membership Director Gino Iacovella did an outstanding job of keeping track of all the participants and registration listing. Working with Brother George Ferriso, our Financial Secretary registration went smoothly.

A big thanks to Brothers Tom Gaetano and Andrew Merola for the food, again fantastic and was much enjoyed by everyone. Our bar tenders George Ferriso, Kevin Hurley and Rich Morano handled the big crowd with no problem at all. Brothers John Belbol, Jeff Yoder, Bill Maxwell, Fred Trotter, Bill Harms and our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Tom Nevenglosky all stepped up and pitched in where help was needed.

If I missed anyone, I truly apologize. With so many Brothers now helping out, I am going to have to begin making lists so I can remember everyone.

Fantastic job and a great evening for our council.

Vivat Jesu



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>			
1	<b>MARY MOTHER of GOD / NEW YEARS DAY</b>		
6	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>18</b>	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>		
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
<b>22</b>	<b>MARCH FOR LIFE</b>	<b>Washington D.C.</b>	<b>All Day</b>
24	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
26	Council Social Meeting	Council Main Hall	8PM
30	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose of Lima Gym	12 Noon - 3 pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
3	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>10</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		
13	Kid's Day Program	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
13th & 14th	Birth Rite Raffle & Dinner Tickets Sales	St. Robert's Church	All Masses
14	Valentines Day		
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
20th & 21st	Birth Rite Raffle & Dinner Tickets Sales	St. Rose of Lima	All Masses
23	Council Social Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
<b>MARCH</b>			
2	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
12th & 13th	Palm Cross Fund Raiser	St. Robert's Church	All Masses
16	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
17	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Downstairs - Lounge	12 N
19th & 20th	Palm Cross Fund Raiser	St. Rose of Lima	All Masses
<b>20</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		
<b>24</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY (adoration)</b>	<b>St. Roberts &amp; St. Rose</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
<b>27</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		
27	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
29	K of C Founders Day	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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## **AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa**

What is the most valuable gift that we here on earth have? More valuable than even money, stocks or gold. Maybe even Love when you think about it.

The year 2015 has just ended and 2016 is beginning so it's an ideal opportunity to look back and assess the past and prepare our plans for the future. I was doing just that when it occurred to me that God has given us a wonderful gift that we take for granted. Or at least I did. And that gift is Time. Yes time. I seldom think about it except when I'm running late to something important. Every living thing here on earth uses it, even plants. Unlike plants and animals who are programed at their creation, we have a free will.

What ever we do with our time is what makes it so valuable. We have to use it because we can't stop it. As they say it just keeps marching on. and we have the difficult choice of either doing something good or something not so good or even something bad with the time that God has allotted to us. We can even waste it, but once it's gone there is no getting it back unless the scientists finally invent the time machine and I'm almost certain they are working on that project while you're reading this.

If we have enough time and spend it wisely, we can accomplish almost anything. A big asset of time is that it gives us a chance to correct things. If we flub something up we can always go back and fix it or if you are like me you can pay somebody else to fix it. (*that brings us back to the beginning and the value of money*)

A main question that I am trying to resolve is what is the best way to spend the valuable time that was given to each of us? I feel that there is no better way of using our time than just being nice to people. It may sound almost too simple for something that is worth so much. But if we just treated people in a nice way the world would be a great place. If you haven't been so nice to people lately, it's not to late to start. You still have time.

Have a Happy New Year! Try to spend 2016 wisely.

Oops! Times up.

