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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Tom Nevenglosky, GK

Dear Brothers,

Here we are, well into the penitential season of Lent, with its purpose of spiritual growth and renewal for we Catholic men. At this time I wonder how many of us are praying, thinking and working towards this end. As KNIGHT'S, our COUNCIL offers opportunity to work in the ministry of our parishes, gathering as Catholic men to aid the functioning during the course of the Mass, and to participate with many other brothers in the final Hour of Adoration at both St Rose and St Robert's.

Also, this year we are encouraging Brothers to bring cans of food to the Council as part of the 40 cans for Lent program. Supreme is encouraging the program with some monetary credits to the Council. The foodstuffs donated by the brothers will be distributed to the needy living in the tent cities in both Lakewood and Howell though Rev. Steve Brigham who spoke to our Council at the last social meeting, putting a different face on the homeless people of our area.... PLEASE donate, look through your pantry, or do as some others have done purchasing a quantity of food from Sam's Club, Costco or BJ's to aid the unfortunate.

We expect a great attendance at both the annual Pride in Priests dinner and the Birthright dinner, and Birthright raffle tickets are still available. Please purchase them and support this wonderful effort!

In terms of fundraising, our annual Tootsie Roll drive and Palm Cross sales are coming up very soon, PLEASE join or support these efforts, as they are major sources of monies for our Charitable programs.

Once again, we thank our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Ed Jawidzik for celebrating our Founder's Day Liturgy in our Council Hall. It's very meaningful to those who choose to attend.

A heartfelt congratulations to Msgr. Sam Sirianni and the parishioners of St. Robert Bellarmine upon the dedication of their Church as the Co-Cathedral of the diocese of Trenton. I would like to thank those members who attended and especially the Sir Knights who participated in the ceremony.

Wishing all of you and your families a happy and joyous Easter. Please let us see you at the Council either for meetings or events that are hosted there.

Vivat Jesus!



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Rev. Edward M. Jawidzik



“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent of the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayers, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.” (*Ceremonial of Bishops, 249*)

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.

It is fitting that the Lenten Season conclude, both for the individual Christian as well as for the whole Christian community, with a penitential celebration, so that all may be helped to prepare to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Such a celebration should take place before the Easter Triduum and should not immediately precede the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Jeff Yoder - Chancellor

Spring is very near. The Easter Season and Lent are upon us. I hope everyone has a great Easter Season.

I would like to thank my Brother Knights that took over my role while my wife Mary and I basked in the sun in Florida. We have three new Brothers that took their First Degree in December of 2016 and January of 2017. Congratulations to Frank and Thomas Priolo for taking that first step to Knighthood in December. In January, Ronald Gajewski took the First Degree. Congratulations to those three new Brother Knights. In January, we had six Brothers attend their Third Degree Ceremony, which was held at our Freehold Council on January 13th. Congratulations to the following Brothers in attaining Full Knighthood: Mark Martin, Victor Sacramento, Michael Manning, Michael Kelly, Milton Roth, and Joseph Buccheri.

The Council will be conducting membership drives on April 29th and 30th at the Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine, and on May 6th and 7th at St Rose of Lima. There will be an open house at our Council hall on Tuesday, May 9th at 7 pm. We will be conducting a First Degree Ceremony at our Council

on Tuesday, May 16th and a Second Degree Ceremony on Tuesday, May 23rd. I encourage any First degree Brothers to attend the Second Degree, now called the Formation Degree, and take that next step to full Knighthood.

We also need to offer prayers to our deceased Brothers and their families. John Rehl, 82, a Honorary Life member, was with our Council for 39 years. Arthur Kondrup, 88, a Honorary Life member with 59 years at our Council. Francis (Fritz) Rodgers, 88, was a Honorary Life member for 27 years with the Council. Phillip Mazza, 87, was a Honorary Life member for 36 years with our Council. William Brennan, 90, was a Honorary Life member with 53 years with our Council. God bless them and their families.

2017 should be a great year, and once again, as Chancellor, as part of the job, I ask that you support as many of our council activities and fundraisers as possible. As I've said many times, the more you participate, the greater the rewards you will experience.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

By the time you read this four months of the "New Year" will have passed and the days are getting warmer...time flies, summer is around the corner! ALSO ¾ of the 2017 Columbian year is over.

We are in the final phase of dues collection for 2017, and at this writing we are still missing 40 members or about 10% of the members billed. These members have been contacted by the retention committee, and any member that has any kind of difficulty will be covered by the council without any questions. Dues can be mailed to my address (see below) given to me at council functions OR dropped in the mailbox in the front of the

Council Hall. I am not sure how much simpler I can make it. Invoices were first mailed in the beginning of December 2016.

I still come across members that have incorrect information - phone numbers, email and sometimes addresses. 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 it. I will get the information! Please get me your changes!

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro

USCCB Chairmen Ask President Trump to Fulfill His Promise to Protect Religious Liberty

WASHINGTON-In early February, several media outlets reported that President Donald J. Trump is considering issuing an executive order establishing a government-wide initiative to respect religious freedom. A copy of a draft executive order was published by multiple news outlets. The President has not yet signed the executive order on religious freedom.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., of Philadelphia, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, and Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, jointly issued the following statement urging support for the draft executive order:

"The right of all human beings to religious freedom, based on the inherent dignity of every person, has long been supported by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Over the last several years, to our great dismay, the federal government has eroded this fundamental right, our first and most cherished freedom. The HHS mandate, for example, poses an incredibly heavy burden for the Little Sisters of the Poor and others due to conscientious objections to facilitating coverage of sterilization and contraception, including drugs and devices that may cause abortions.

"President Trump has pledged that his 'administration

will do everything in its power to defend and protect religious liberty in our land.' [He] himself has affirmed [that our] religious freedom is under severe threat... even though it is the first of our Constitutional freedoms. An immediate remedy to these threats is needed, for without it, our freedom to serve-as exemplified by the Little Sisters and others who serve the poor-will remain in jeopardy, and needless conflict between the faith community and the federal government will continue."

"It is indeed encouraging to hear that the President may be considering an Executive Order to implement strong protections for religious freedom across the federal government, in many of the areas where it has been eroded by the preceding Administration, such as health coverage, adoption, accreditation, tax exemption, and government grants and contracts. We ourselves, as well as those we shepherd and serve, would be most grateful if the President would take this positive step toward allowing all Americans to be able to practice their faith without severe penalties from the federal government."

(Excerpted from the USCCB website)



March For Life in Washington, DC - January 21, 2017
(left to right) Fred Trotter - Gino Iacovella - Mike Kelly - Jim Brown

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - Bruce Sarte

Have you stopped to remember what we were told during our 1st Degree? The 1st Degree of **Charity** is the founding basis of what we are all about. During that degree, we confirmed our pledge to help our Brother Knights through **Charity**. We have been asked to donate our time to Charitable activities to the Council where we are members during each year. Do you also remember that we pledged to assist by participating in the Financial products? While this pledge is voluntary, too many of our Brother Knights do not support the Charitable activities that we do by participating!

Currently the Freehold Council membership demonstrates a 25% participation in what is the

most valuable benefit to our members, the Insurance Program.

In 2016 the Knights of Columbus contributed over \$175 Million to its charitable contributions. Just imagine how much more the Knights of Columbus could do if we had more participating Brothers?

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

Fraternally Yours.



COUNCIL EVENTS - Gino Iacovella, DGK

Spring is here! Good-bye snow and Hello Spring! Happy Easter to all!

We had a very busy quarter at our council!

In January we had a very successful Free Throw Contest sponsored by the Knights of our Council. We had 16 young men compete in the 9 to 13 year old divisions. I would like to thank Brian Barrett for chairing this event and all the other Brothers who participated.

In February, Kids Day was a great success! We had over 27 children of all ages having fun with games, crafts and car racing! Randy the Magician entertained the kids with his amazing magic tricks! Many thanks to Rick Scott, Jim Brown and Mike Argen for chairing this great day! Hey, the event even made the front cover of the News Transcript!

Also in February, our Council participated in the elevation of the of St. Robert Bellarmine Church to the status of Co-Cathedral. What a honor! We had over 30 4th Degree Color Guards lead the mass! At the mass there were over 1,200 guests, one Cardinal, four Bishops and over 40 priests to join in this once in a lifetime occurrence! Thank you for all those who participated. Special thanks goes out to Pat McCobb and Dave Ritchie who led the Color Guard!

In March, our St. Patricks Day luncheon and dinner was a total success too! Many thanks to Jim Brown and Peter Weber and the hospitality committee for all their help cooking over 400 pounds of corn beef!

Upcoming in April we'll be selling Palm Crosses after all the masses on April 1st and 2nd. This is one of our largest fund raisers for our Charity Fund. Also on April 1st and 2nd, we will be selling Birth Right 50/50 tickets after all the masses. Please support Birth Right!



Kid's Day
Fun, Games & Magic for kids of all ages

Our membership drives will be conducted on April 29th and 30th at St. Roberts and on May 6th and 7th at St. Rose.

We will have an Open House on Tuesday, May 9th. Please encourage new members to join us!

A 1st Degree is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th and a 2nd Degree on Tuesday, May 23rd

The Freehold Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29th. Please join us in this patriotic parade by marching with your Brother Knights!

We need volunteers for all these major events, please sign up!

Be Proud to be a Knight of Columbus!

SPRING 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
APRIL			
1 & 2	Palm Cross Fund Raiser	St. Robert's & St. Rose	After all Masses
1 & 2	Birth Right 50/50 Sales	St. Robert's & St. Rose	After all Masses
5	4th Degree Meeting	Council Meeting Room	8 pm
9	PALM SUNDAY		
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
13	HOLY THURSDAY (adoration)	St. Robert's & St. Rose	11 pm
14	GOOD FRIDAY		
16	EASTER SUNDAY		
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
20	Pride in Priest Dinner	Doolan's	6 pm
23	Monthly Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
25	Council Social Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
29	Birth Right Dinner	St. Thomas Moore	TBA
29 & 30	Membership Drive	St. Robert Bellarmine	After all Masses
MAY			
3	4th Degree Meeting	Council Meeting Room	8 pm
6 & 7	Membership Drive	St. Rose of Lima	After all Masses
9	Open House	Council Main Hall	7 pm
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	Mothers Day		
16	1st Degree Exemplification	Council Main Hall	8 pm
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
23	2nd Degree Exemplification	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	Community Breakfast for Veterans	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
29	Memorial Day Parade	Freehold Borough	9.30 am
29	Freehold Memorial Parade Luncheon	Council Main Hall	After Parade
JUNE			
7	4th Degree Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
18	Father's Day		
21	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
25	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
27	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

In the past few years the Catholic Church has been faced with & is still dealing with some very big problems & challenges. Some are: abortions, poor attendance at Sunday Masses, poor support of the Parishioners, Churches closing, the Priest's scandals, Catholic Schools closings, the shortage of good Priests etc.

Now St. Rose of Lima Parish is faced with yet another big problem. **Lack of Altar Servers.** At a recent council meeting a Brother Knight stood up & actually asked for volunteers to serve Sunday Masses because of the need for altar servers. I couldn't believe what I just heard. This has to be serious for a member to bring this up before the council. Think about it. The one thing that I always took for granted was having young servers assisting the priests at a Sunday Liturgy. What could be the reason for such a need? Just maybe it is **all** of the above problems & challenges that I mentioned. You can also add to that list Sunday youth



sports games & the fact that Catholics seem to be so indifferent about their faith lately.

At several masses that we have attended, a Deacon has come forward before they started & asked for any altar servers in attendance to fill in. I have just figured that it was because one or two were ill. Evidently I was wrong. It is much more severe & it is important that we do something about it now. If not, then our beloved Church

Liturgy will be changed once again. The least that we can do is for all who read this article, speak to their families & other parishioners about our situation so that more people are aware it. This is not a small problem & I feel that I have the duty to point it out. If we care enough to spread this message & add it to our prayers, then maybe a real crisis may be averted. I certainly hope so. If not, I wonder what the Roman Catholic Church is going to look like in another twenty years?