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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Tom Nevenglosky, GK

I along with your council officers, hope that you & your loved ones had a blessed, & joyous Christmas. Take some time to offer your prayers for our country & our new leaders as they assume office, & to pray for our sick, elderly, & those yet to be born.

The past months were very busy with council activities, so before I start let me thank all of the Brothers and their wives who have helped & attended our functions.

Our breakfasts have resumed with December's Breakfast with Santa. The St. Rose choral group performed during the breakfast, so everyone enjoyed the treat. The breakfast committee also cooked for the PTO breakfast at St. Rose, so a special thanks to PGK Jim & his crew for their efforts in transporting & preparing the food.

The keep Christ in Christmas fundraising merchandise was sold at both parishes, as well as at the council home. Christmas trees, wreaths & grave blankets were sold outside the Columbian Club hall in keeping with our fundraising tradition. The roast beef dinner was a success & another opportunity to socialize with Brother Knights and their ladies for an evening of entertainment. My personal thanks to all who have helped or attended these events, as they provide the funds for our council's charitable gifting.

On the community front, the blood bank was held as usual in the club hall, but I have no numbers of donors at this time. The coats for kids were purchased & will be presented soon. Our usual donations were made to the parishes & local charities for the holiday season, so those of you who helped & supported our fundraisers have another reason to feel especially good.

Socially, the committee did a fantastic job with the trees and holiday decorations in the lounge & hall. Stop by for an event, or just to join your brothers in the lounge for football and snacks. The response was very good during the past movie nights. Thanks to Rick Scott for leading us in song for our annual tree lighting, & a special thank you to our Catholic Daughters for inviting us to share their holiday repast. The food and snacks were excellent.

Thanks also to Fred & his crew for keeping up with the cleaning & maintenance of the Columbian Club. Little noticed, but very important projects are always underway to make it more pleasant. Raffle tickets are available for the Columbian Club raffle, so please purchase them.

Our culture of life, had the annual mass for departed brothers which I believe was the best attended yet; thanks to our Chaplain Father Ed for celebrating the mass at the hall. Also, the march for life is upcoming & Msgr. Sam is providing a bus to DC, so if you are available it couldn't be more convenient. See Brother Roger for information & to purchase raffle & dinner tickets.

Upcoming, we have our free throw contest for both boys and girls of different age groups at the St. Rose gym in January. In February is our annual "Kids Day" for the youngsters to play & be entertained by our brothers & other church groups along with reps from Home Depot doing crafts with the kids & the amazing Randy's magic show. Free food is included.

Our annual St Patrick's Day celebration will occur as usual, with the Columbian Club raffle winner being selected at 7 pm on March 17th. Come join us for the corned beef & party in the lounge!

I would also like to take this time to urge you, my brothers, to become more involved in the council 1.- Propose a friend for membership, if we like you, we'll certainly like your friend. 2.- Come join us for football, movies or other events & bring a friend or two. Enjoy the day. 3.- Attend a meeting, the business of the council occurs there, with food & socializing in the lounge afterwards.

Thanks to all whose efforts make this council a success, & God bless you and yours in this new year.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Rev. Edward M. Jawidzik



Known for his holiness and learning, his writing and his preaching, Bishop John Neumann (1811 – 1860) is the first American bishop to be canonized a saint. Blessed Pope Paul VI, on October 19, 1977 recognized his life of service, zeal and compassion for the guidance of God's people in the New World.

John Nepomucene Neumann came to our nation from Bohemia, today the Czech Republic, and after his ordination to the holy priesthood, he devoted himself to parish work. Parishes at that time were vast areas. John's parish was near Buffalo, New York where he ministered to 400 widely scattered families of various ethnic backgrounds. For that reason, his language skills were much appreciated. His special love, however, was the catechetical instruction of children.

Seeking to enrich his own spiritual life, he entered the Redemptorists and became the first member of that congregation to profess vows in the United States in 1842. Ten years later he was made Bishop of Philadelphia.

When John arrived in Philadelphia as bishop in 1852, there were two Catholic grammar schools in that diocese. At the time of his death, eight years later, there were One hundred.

To Cardinal Barnaby he wrote, "I am much accustomed to the country, and will be able to care for the people and faithful living in the mountains, in the coal mines and on the farms, since I would be among them. I have taken this burden out of obedience, and I have labored with all my powers to fulfill the duties of my office."

To Saint John Neumann goes the credit for initiating the Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion in the United State. Notable, too, was his charity towards the poor & needy, so much so that he was at times chided for his frugality with respect to his own belongings.

On January 5th every year, we honor our first American bishop and saint. We can express our thanks to God for the many pioneer priests and bishops in our nation's history. They labored with a holy zeal to build up the community of God's people in our land, the community from which we draw our strength & encouragement in our time.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Jeff Yoder - Chancellor

Winter is here, so break out those shovels & snow blowers! I Hope everyone had a great Christmas & New years.

First off, we had great membership drives at both St. Robert's and St. Rose of Lima Churches in October last year. I want to thank all the brothers that helped in the recruitment efforts. We have five new Brothers that have taken their First and Second Degree Exemplifications & we welcome them to our great Organization & Council. They are: Joseph Buccheri, Michael Kelly, Michael Manning, Victor Sacramento & Milton Roth. We also have six new Sir Knights that have taken their Fourth Degree Exemplification at Cherry Hill in November. They are: Bill Butch, Wilson Murillo, Irving Cruz, Brian Barrett, Pellegrino LoFaro, & Robert Korongy. Please congratulate all of these Brothers when you meet them.

On January 6, 2017, we will be holding a Third

Degree Exemplification Ceremony at our Council Hall. All Second Degree Brothers are encouraged to attend this event & take the final step to full Knighthood.

We also need to take time to pray for the souls of some departed Brothers, namely, Karl Makarowski, who passed on 9/7/2016, and Colin Rogan, who passed on 9/30/2016. We also had some transfers: Brother Gerald Ham to the Bradenton, Florida Council, Steven Timpone, to Council 5903 in Englishtown, NJ & Our Worthy Field Agent, Bruce Sarte, from Englishtown, NJ to our Council.

We are looking forward to a great 2017.

As Chancellor, part of my job is to promote our events, so I will ask that you support as many of our fundraisers & events as possible. The more you participate, the more rewards you will experience.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

First I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year and a belated Merry Christmas!

It is that time of the year for COUNCIL DUES! Paper invoices were mailed out in December UNLESS we have your email on file & an electronic invoice was emailed to your email address. Subject line : "Dues Notice for Council 1672". Please check your email for the invoice.

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 for any dues paid after 1/31/17. Your dues will be \$45.00 after 1/31/17.** Should you receive a second invoice, you will see the administration fee added to the invoice.

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 attn.: George F.

3- I tend bar on meeting nights (2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month), & the 1st Wednesday of the month

4- Bring the dues to the lounge and give to the bartender with my name on it, they will get the dues to me

5- I am at most if not all, the council functions. I will have the traveling cards with me at all times, & 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.

You all should be tired of hearing this - As always we are STILL missing or have incorrect phone numbers from a lot of members. Please notify me of a change of address, email or phone number. I can be reached at 732 780-4815, or 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

March for Life Statement on Planned Parenthood's Election Reaction

Jeanne Mancini, President of

March for Life Education and Defense Fund

"Abortion proponents are working passionately to assure that taxpayers will continue to pay for abortion via the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. They are clearly not understanding or listening to the American people who have a consensus on life issues (see Marist Poll Results below). Planned Parenthood annually performs over 320,000 abortions a year subsidized by taxpayers. The non-profit spent \$30 million to help abortion advocates run for office. They did not win one race. The American people rejected the radical, abortion until birth position, as they have consistently done. Eight out of ten Americans agree that abortion should be limited to - at most - the first three months of pregnancy. The American people also overwhelmingly reject taxpayer funding of abortion."

Marist Poll Results - A new survey by the **Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll** shows that a strong majority of Americans support conscience protection for medical professionals.

As Congress considers the Conscience Protection Act, by nearly 20 points (56 percent to 37 percent), Americans say that medical professionals & organizations should be able to opt out of abortion procedures & coverage. Among registered voters, the results are 57 percent to 36 percent.

"Consistent with our First Amendment guarantees, the American people believe that no person or organization should be compelled to help perform or cover abortion," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "It is important that our elected officials continue to protect these important rights, and no American ever be forced to be involved in abortion against their conscience or religious beliefs."

The survey of 1,009 adults was conducted July 5-12, 2016, by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion & sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed on either landline or mobile phones in English using live interviewers. Results for adults are statistically significant within ±3.1 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.



Our Council 1672 was well represented this past October for the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE march in front of Planned Parenthood, in Shrewsbury, NJ.
(left to right) John Belbol - Mike La Rosa - PGK, Jim Brown - PGK, Fred Trotter, (not shown, photographer) Roger Zurro

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - Bruce Sarte

Have you ever stopped to think of the primary reason for the existence of the Knights of Columbus? Do you remember the hardship that our ancestors, as Catholic Immigrants to the United States, faced before the inception of the Knights of Columbus? Did you know that Rev. Michael J. McGivney, our Venerable Founding Father, experienced firsthand the financial ruins of losing his father prematurely? Father McGivney wanted to give Catholic families the opportunity to remain together, even when the breadwinner was no longer able to provide the financial support due to his death. In his Biography, "The Parish Priest" we learn that "the primary motivation" for founding the Knights of Columbus "was the promulgation of insurance for Catholics in the working classes." Father McGivney is asking us to continue to grow the Order with this primary mission at the forefront of our works.

You may recall, the first principal of the Order is **Charity**. Your council puts forth a great effort in raising charitable dollars, and I commend you all for doing so. Over the last 10 years, the Knights, as a whole, have contributed close to \$2 Billion Dollars towards its Charitable Endeavors. One of the more recent examples of how your dollars have impacted more than just your household is the immediate response to Hurricane Matthew. At this time it is

too soon to have a dollar amount of what will be contributed towards this disaster by the Order, but you can trust that a large portion of the monetary assistance will come directly from the Knights of Columbus' Insurance Program. You may also recall our response to the Earthquake in Haiti, and our commitment to provide prosthetics to the men, women, and children who lost their limbs during this great disaster. We want you to know that when you participate in the Order's Insurance Program, you are not only protecting your family, but are also helping the Knights do what we do best, be Charitable! Currently the Freehold Council membership demonstrates a 25% participation in what is the most valuable benefit to our members, the Insurance Program. I would encourage all participating and non-participating members to take some time to meet with me and discuss your financial picture.

This year, it is anticipated that the Knights of Columbus will contribute over \$175 Million to its charitable contributions. Just imagine how much more the Knights of Columbus could do if we had more participating Brothers? Here's some reasons you should consider us first. We are Catholic. We are Ethical. We are A++ Strong. We are the Knights of Columbus! Our guarantee is just one element which sets us apart! Fraternally Yours

COUNCIL EVENTS - Gino Iacovella, DGK

Happy New Year !

We ended 2016 on a very good note.

In October we had a very well attended Past Grand Knights Dinner honoring Jim Brown for his two years of great service to our council. We also honored our past 88 Past Grand Knights since the inception of our Council in 1913. We thank all of them for their faithful service!

In November, we honored our Brothers who died this past year.

Our Departed Brothers were:

William Hakim PGK, Edward M. Lewis PGK,
Jack I. Cullen, James J. Hayes,
Karl D. Makarowski, George T. Matthews,



PGK James Brown with
Lady Patricia Brown

Francis A. Riopel, Colin A. Rogan,
Bernard Tierney & Alfred F. Vitale.

Our prayers are with them and their families.

We ended November with our Keep Christ in Christmas Drive at St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima parishes. Both drives were very successful ! We grossed almost \$3000 in magnet, Christmas card, and lawn signs sales. Thank you to Larry Slawson and all the Brothers who volunteered their time in the bitter cold raising money for our Charity Funds.

In December, our Roast Beef Dinner was both profitable and a fun! We enjoyed the food, the DJ & especially watching Steve Kedulich dance the night away.

Our Blood Drive, Santa's Kids Party, Santa Breakfast, Christmas trees and wreath sale ended the year on a busy note.

Remember Charity is The Reason for the Season !

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Santa's Helpers (did you know elves got this big?)
 (left to right) Rick Morano, Brian Barrett, Wilson Murillo, Santa, Joseph Buccherri, Dan Dwawidowicz, & Gino Iacovella.



Christmas Trees please.
 (left to right) Joseph Buccherri, Wilson Murillo, Brian Barrett

WINTER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JANUARY			
1	Feast of Mary, Mother of God		
4	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
6	3rd Degree Exemplification	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
10	Council Meeting - Business	Council Main Hall	8 pm
16	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
22	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose Gym	12 Noon - 3 pm
24	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27	March for Life	Washington DC	All Day
FEBRUARY			
1st	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
11	Kid's Day Program	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
12	Monthly Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	St. Valentine's Day		
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
20	President's Day		
28	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
MARCH			
1	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold Council 1672	8 pm
1	Ash Wednesday		
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
17	St. Patrick's Day (Luncheon)	Lounge	12 Noon - 7 pm
17	50/50 Drawing	Lounge	7 pm
26	Monthly Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
28	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
TBA	Founder's Day Mass	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Can you identify the person who made this statement?

“The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest we will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance.”-----Pause-----Buzz, wrong !

It was Cicero, Roman philosopher, politician, lawyer & orator who was given credit for that timely advice in the year 55 BC. At least that is what an email that I received proclaimed.

It so happened that just a few weeks earlier in the CCD class that my wife & I teach, we were covering the Bible. I taught that evening that by reading the Old Testament, you would not only learn about God & the Jewish Faith, the faith that Jesus was raised in, but one would also discover that mankind has not really changed in 6,000 years. Good old Cicero has backed me up. You would think that in the 2,072 years that have past since he

made that warning to his fellow politicians, that world governments have not realized how wise his words were.

Today, especially after a tough Presidential election, we may start to believe that our government is facing all new troubling problems. When in fact we should reassure ourselves that those problems have been talked about, dealt with in the past & can hopefully be resolved again. With our prayers & God’s help the USA will continue to be the best hope for our future generations & the world.

Wouldn’t it be a hoot if we discovered that the Romans also gave advice about global warming.

The biggest question is:
**Why hasn’t mankind itself
changed for the better ?**

