KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672





MAY - JUNE, 2015

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGEJim Brown, GK

Brothers:

In the First Degree we were told of the four main principles of our Order. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Second Degree Exemplification explains the purpose and meaning of the principle of Unity.

We are told that United together as Brothers in a worthwhile cause will bring assured success. Those words are oh so true. On Saturday, April 18th fourteen Brother Knights united together to carry out our council's annual Intellectual Developmentally Challenged Fund Raiser to assist those people that have Down Syndrome, Autism, and various learning disabilities.

We often refer to this fund raiser as our Tootsie Roll Drive because when a person makes a donation we give them a tootsie roll. United in this worthwhile cause, these fourteen Brother Knights collected over \$2,000.00 in only four hours. These Brothers have set an excellent example of what Unity means and can be accomplished if put into action. I sincerely thank Brothers John Belbol, Bill Chambers, Bob Crawford, George Ferriso, Alex Glovich, Gino Iacovella, Steve Kedulich, Doug LeRoy, Zack Lussier, Joe McArdle, Rich Melina, Julian Premus and John Shea for joining me in making a worthwhile cause such a success.

On Saturday, May 30th I will be calling a special meeting of our council's membership. The purpose of this meeting will be to ask all our Brothers in this council to unite together in a worthwhile cause which will be to put our council and Columbian Club on a sound footing for the

present and future years to come, which will allow our council to continue to serve the parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima, our priests, our community and our Brother Knights and families.

A special notice will be sent to each Brother of our council with detailed information about this meeting. I sincerely hope each of you will consider putting the second principle of our Order, UNITY into action and join us on Saturday, May 30th. Vivat Jesus



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Father Ed Jawidzik



June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This passage is from the writings of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop.

"Take thought now, redeemed man, and consider how great and worthy is He Who hangs on the Cross for you. His death brings the dead to life, but at His passing heaven and earth are plunged into mourning and hard rocks are split asunder. It was a divine decree that permitted one of the soldiers to open His sacred side with a lance. This was done so the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as He slept the sleep of death on the Cross, and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Then look on Him Who they pierced." The blood and water which poured out at that moment were the price of our salvation. Flowing from the secret abyss of our Lord's Heart as from a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting."

MEMBERSHIP - Gino Iacovella

So far this Knights of Columbus calendar year (July 2014 to date) we have added 24 new members for a total of 526 members in Freehold Council 1672! We are one of the largest councils in the state of New Jersey!

Of these members we have 18 Honorary and 93 Honorary Lifetime Members (111). A Honorary Member is a Knight who has served for 25 consecutive years and is 65 years or older. A Honorary Lifetime member is a member who has served for 25 consecutive years and is 70 years or older. If this Knight has served for 50 years or more he will be a Honorary Lifetime member regardless of age.

God Bless these members for their service to our council!

Membership Drives:

This past March we had two membership drives, one at St. Robert Bellarmine and one at St. Rose of Lima respectively. I would like to thank all the brothers who assisted us in these drives especially the priests of the parishes for their support of our council.

Open House:

We had our Open House Tuesday, April 7th. Although new membership attendees were light, we had a tremendous turn-out of our brothers to support our new members!

Please encourage family and friends and fellow

parishioners to JOIN!

Ist Degree

There will be a 1st Degree Exemplification on June 15th at the Prince of Peace Council 5903 in Englishtown, NJ.

Please let us know in advance if you want to JOIN.

2nd Degree

We will have a 2nd Degree Ceremony at Freehold Council 1672 on May 4th. 2015. Please let us know if you would like to participate.

3rd Degree

We will have a 3rd degree on June 12th at the Red Bank Council 3187.

Again, please let us know in advance if you want to participate.

Also Note: Please remember that new members can be added at any time.

Brochures are available in both English and Spanish.

I ask each brother to please reach out to family and friends and encourage them to become members of the Knights of Columbus. 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 - Tom Zakrzewski

The year 2015 has started off under the guidance of our Grand Knight James Brown. Since January, we have maintained 527 members. Included in this total, are 93 Honorary Lifetime, 18 Honorary and one Disabled member.

Dues payment so far has been very good with over 93% recovery. After 4 months, only 28 members have not yet paid their dues. Please try to pay and for the first time in over 3 years we could have 100% retention.

I know that I have said this before, "If you have personal or financial problems, please feel free to contact me and we will try to solve them." Your membership is important to us.

Congratulations are in order for Bruce Hornick, Francis Rogers, PGK and James Stavola our newest Honorary Life Members. And also Robert Blackburn, PGK, who is our newest Honorary Member.

New transfers to our Council are Thomas O'Connor and Donald Rothman.

We bid farewell to Brother William Lawlor who transferred to Council #07297, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Again if you have moved or are planning to, please send me your new address so that our roster can be updated.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS Nominating Committee

On June 9, 2015 the Council will elect the officers for the 2015 - 2016 Columbian Year. Below please find the slate of officers as developed by the nominating committee. The committee, made up of Rick Scott, Michael Argen and Tom Zakrzewski, wishes to thank all the brothers we spoke to or otherwise contacted. As is normal, nominations will be taken from the floor during the election.

ELECTED POSITIONS

Grand Knight - TBD
Deputy Grand Knight - Tom Nevenglosky
Chancellor - Gino Iacovella
Warden - Gus Vang
Recorder - Spence Purdum
Treasurer - Nick Fugaro
Advocate - Joe McArdle

Inside Guards - Jeff Yoder, John Belbol Outside Guards - Paul Fournier, Cristino Tiapa-Nava

Three Year Trustee - TBD
Two year Trustee - Rick Scott
One Year Trustee - Mike Argen

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Chaplain - Fr. Ed Jawidzik Financial Secretary - George Ferriso

If you are interested in running or wish to place a name in nomination, please contact a member of the Committee or you may nominate that Brother from the floor. The qualifications for Council Office are that the Brother must be in good standing and a 3rd or 4th degree member. Vivat Jesus.

PROGRAMS - Tom Nevengloski

The St. Patrick Day Parade started at the Borough Town Hall and continued to the Knights of Columbus. The House was packed downstairs and upstairs. Chef Arnie did his usually fantastic job of cooking A LOT OF CORN BEEF. To all the Brothers and their wives that helped make this a St. Patrick's Day event to remember "Outstanding Job".

April 10th the all you can eat Roast Beef Dinner at our council hall was a big success. Music performed by "Smooth and Doo Wop" had everyone up and dancing. A big thank you to all our Brothers for making this happen. It was a great event and that helped support our council and club

The Pride in Priest Dinner on April 14th held at Doolans Restaurant in Spring Lake was sold out as usual. Rev. Fathers, James Conover, Edward Jawidzik, Sheldon Amasa and Francisco Saenz attended along with none other than our Brother Knights and spouses. A good time was had by all, and this is an excellent affair to show our appreciation to our priests for all that they do.

On April 27th several of our Brothers Knights and wives began to help out on the joint Habitat for Humanity Project that is being sponsored by the Colts Neck Reformed Church and St. Rose of Lima Parish. Many Brothers picked up hammers to begin building the house, and several

Brothers and their wives helped out preparing and serving a lunch for the workers. Several of our Brothers and wives help make the Pasta Luncheon a big success and made the cooking and serving of all that food, just another average day at the knights. Inez, Jonathan and Joshua, the family that will be moving in once the house is complete, were also in attendance at the Pasta Dinner. They are very appreciative of everything that is being done to help them. A big "VIVAT JESUS" for this one.

We have a full slate of activities coming up in May and June:

N.J. K of C State Convention in Wildwood on May 15th and 16th

Community Breakfast on Sunday, May 24th Freehold Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th

Council Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, June 7th

Relay for Life at Freehold Race Track on Saturday, June 13th

St. Rose Carnival from June 16th to June 20th Olde Freehold Day at Lake Topanemus Park on June 27th.

All Brothers should come out and support these events.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY			
4	Council 2nd Degree Exemplification	Council Hall	8 pm
6	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold # 1672	8 pm
10	MOTHER'S DAY		
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
14	ASCENSION		
15&16	NJ State Convention	Wildwood Con. Ctr.	
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
24	PENTECOST Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8 am-12 noon
25	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	Freehold/Council Hall	9 am
26	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
30	Special Council Members Meeting	Council Hall	9 am
JUNE			
3	4th Degree Meeting	Freehold # 1672	8 pm
7	Council Mass and Breakfast	St. Rose / Diner on 9	8:30 am Mass
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
13-14	Relay for Life	Freehold Race Track	9 am
14	FLAG DAY		
21	FATHER'S DAY		
16-20	St. Rose of Lima Carnival	St. Rose School	PM
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
23	Council Business Meeting	Council Hall	8 pm
27	Parish Family Dinner/Spanish	Council Hall	6 pm
27	OLDE FREEHOLD DAY	Lake Topanemus Park	9 am-5 pm
TBD	Council Picnic	TBD	TBD

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> Jim Brown Grand Knight

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Sometimes, when I watch the news, I get to feeling that all is lost for the world because of the changing values of the present society. Abortion, gay marriage, terrorism and loss of religious freedom are just a few of the problems that we are all faced with. It can get pretty depressing. THEN... Out of the blue comes something very surprising, at least to me. Grand Knight, Jim Brown got me involved with the K of C Essay Contest a few years back. I can't think of anything more uplifting than reading what these 8th graders have to say about the topic of "The Responsibility of Catholic Citizens in a Free Society". All is not lost because these young teens seem to have their hearts & souls in the right spots. They believe in the proper values of Faith, Hope, Charity and Patriotism. It is very difficult to select the winners. I am sure you'll be impressed with whoever is chosen. They will be treated to breakfast at the Knight's on Sunday May 24th where they will also receive their awards. The winning essays will appear on our web site, so watch for them.

I am considering starting a new column, "Brother's Back Talk". I envision that the column will air the comments of any Knight who is concerned about anything effecting our Council 1672, or our Brothers. They can be positive or negative in nature. Maybe some suggestions of what might make us better at what we are presently doing or things that you would like to see us do. Ideas for improving the Compass will also be appreciated.

You can send your thoughts to me:

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and please place the word **compass** in the subject line.