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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**Gino Iacovella GK**

Dear Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

This past month was the busiest month of our Columbian year! Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" sale on magnets, lawn signs and Christmas cards raised over \$2000 before expenses and the same on Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blanket sales. Thank you to all of the Brother Knights who helped support these charity fund raisers.

Our Santa Kids Party and Breakfast with Santa were fun for all! Many thanks to Al Sobocinski, our Past Grand Knight who portrayed Santa for both events. Over 25 young children received wonderful toys for good girls and boys!

Our December 4<sup>th</sup> Tree Lighting and Caroling with the Catholic Daughters of America was a fun filled night to a full house at the council! Thanks to the wonderful women who baked Christmas goodies for all.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> we have our March for Life in Washington DC. Buses will be provided by Saint Rose and Saint Roberts, please sign up. Help support life! Also, in January, we will have Kids Free Throw Contest on January 27<sup>th</sup> and we have scheduled a guest speaker from our Caregivers Volunteers for our January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Be there.

In February, we are planning on a Kids Day featuring Randi the Magician, Home Depot projects for the kids plus many other activities for our fellow Knights kids, grandkids and friends.

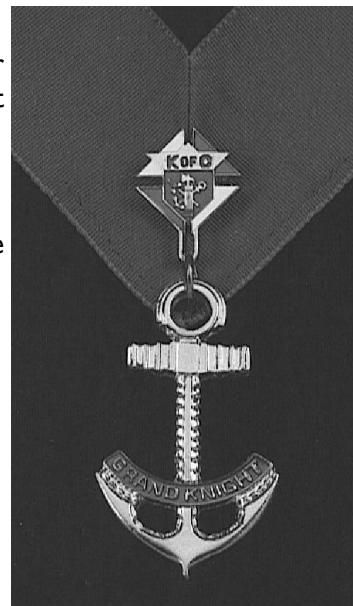
In March we are planning to have our membership drives, open house, and the first and second degrees all before Easter!

This is a wonderful time of the year!

Give back to your community and support the Knights of Columbus!

**Proud to be a Knight of Columbus!**

**Vivat Jesus!**



## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Deacon Drew Luhman**

There are 2 great commandments from which the Decalogue, aka the 10 Commandments, hang. The first tells us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, all our souls and all our minds. The second teaches us that we are to love all our world-wide neighbors as we love ourselves **WHILE TENDING TO THEIR NEEDS BEFORE OUR OWN**, and all the time being non-judgmental towards all His children! Our Heavenly Father taught us that it is better to give than to receive; after all, didn't He send His Son to us so that we could be saved from the stain of Original Sin? That being said, we are sharing with you two commentaries about the birth of Jesus. The first can be found in a book entitled, *Grace for the Moment book 2*, ISBN 1-4041-0348-1, by Max Lucardo. "God Came Near": *She looks into the face of the baby. Her Son. Her Lord. His Majesty. At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what He is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off Him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So, this is He. She remembers the words of the angel: "His kingdom will never end."*

*He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And He is absolutely dependent upon Mary for His well-being.*

*Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.*

*She touches the face of the infant-God.*

The second is in a book entitled "*In the Presence of God*", ISBN 978-1-86920-659-8, by Izak de Villiers. *The romanticism of the birth in the stable is actually not as sadly sentimental as it is in our imagination or in paintings: depictions of sheaves of wheat piled high, a donkey and a cow. During busy times, clean stables*

*were often rented out as a place to stay overnight and it was in such a place that Mary had placed her Son. Milton sings in exultation "this is the Month, and this the happy morn/wherein the Son of Heaven's Eternal King...Our great redemption from above did bring; for so the holy sages did sing..." It is a beautiful poem in which jubilation, imagination and vision reach dizzy heights, up to the significant: 'But see the Virgin blest,/ Hath laid her Babe to rest/e is our tedious Song should here have ending (From On the Morning of Christ's activity).*

*It is no sin if one's imagination runs away with you over such a simple, profound, but heaven-shattering event. Parents sing songs of praise at the birth of their children, in itself a miracle surrounded by God. Therefore, let the candles burn and the songs resound. The Son of God came from the House of the poet king, David, in the neighborhood of his 'green pasture'. God came to reclaim His people who had been estranged from Him.*

*In front of me, against the wall, hangs a copy of a centuries-old Austrian altarpiece with a regal Mary, staring resolutely into the distance, and a little Boy on her arm Who turns His eyes towards the two angels watching over them. It is pure artistic imagination, but it touches me in an inexplicable way. It is as if Mary is looking far into the future, past the cross, into eternity. It is as if the little Baby already knows everything.*

*Sometimes artists succeed in capturing mystic truths that escape us in reality. Milton exults about thousands of worlds in God's Creation. Hopkins sees visions of the Virgin, the stable and the Child in the soft flowers of March and in the starry skies.*

*Christmas is jubilation, gratitude and remembrance. Christmas is Christ. Christmas is a star that started to twinkle in Bethlehem and keeps on twinkling until the Bright Morning Star comes again.*

**A belated Merry Christmas to all  
and to all a good night!**

### **REMINDER STOP DOWN!**

Your Knights of Columbus Freehold Council  
Lounge is open on  
Wednesdays & Thursday afternoons  
from 1 pm to 7 pm.

**Join your Brothers for a  
Short Break and some R & R.**

## **CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director**

### **Legal Victories Abound for Pro-Life Movement, Despite Roe v. Wade**

"We must continue to defend the pro-life movement, family values, and Christian churches and organizations against false charges and vicious persecution," said Thomas More Society's founder, President and Chief Counsel, Tom Brejcha.

The Thomas More Society has been fighting an uphill legal battle for two decades, and they've been delivering victories for life, family, and religious liberty. Standing for life against the abortion industry's multi-billion-dollar budget, the Thomas More Society fights for pro-life advocates, pro bono and on a shoestring. Tom Brejcha, offers the firm's defense of David Daleiden as an example. Undercover journalist Daleiden's exposé of Planned Parenthood's involvement in baby body parts trafficking has cost the abortion industry tens of millions of dollars.

He and his team of committed attorneys are busy defending the constitutionally guaranteed rights to life, free speech, and religious freedom in schools, businesses, city halls, and courtrooms, on the sidewalks and even at the highest court in the land. Deeply rooted in a Christian worldview, these dedicated men and women of the law have been seeking justice in matters large and small, including:

### **US Supreme Court Sides with Pro-Life Advocate**

When "Godfather of the Pro-Life Movement" Joe Scheidler was slapped with trumped-up charges of racketeering, levied against him by the pro-abortion group, National Organization for Women...

*The Thomas More Society won victory for Joe at the U.S. Supreme Court and opened the path for all pro-life advocates to exercise their rights to offer life-saving alternatives to women seeking abortion.*

### **Sisters v. Strippers**

When a strip club brought rampant indecency to a family neighborhood – including the neighboring convent...

*The Thomas More Society represented the Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo and their community and succeeded in shutting down that obscene enterprise operating in their backyard.*

### **Office Depot Censors Pro-Life Message**

When Office Depot refused to print flyers that they labeled too controversial because the flyers promoted prayers for the defunding of abortion provider Planned Parenthood...

*The Thomas More Society demanded and obtained a public apology from the corporation for their discrimination and reinforced the First Amendment rights of free speech and religious freedom for pro-life advocates.*

### **Pornography is Not Education**

When the Cherry Creek School District in Colorado provided students with access to pornography through EBSCO's academic database...

*The Thomas More Society pressured the school district into severing their relationship with EBSCO, and is now working on behalf of a parent group suing the corporation and its Colorado distributor.*

### **World's Tiniest Clients**

With custody battles now taking place over embryonic children created via in vitro fertilization...

*The Thomas More Society became the voice of these tiny humans, fighting for their lives against those who would destroy them as unwanted "property."*

November 9, 2018 marked the twentieth anniversary of the national nonprofit law firm's 1998 incorporation. The legal battles fought by the Thomas More Society have had major implications for Catholic and Christian churches, organizations, and families. "Societal shifts have sharpened the attacks against Christians," explained Brejcha. "We must continue to defend the pro-life movement, family values, and Christian churches and organizations against false charges and vicious persecution."

As for the future of the Thomas More Society, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Andy Bath, shared, "The legal battles are growing ever more intense. Our nation is extremely polarized, and the 'live and let live' approach no longer seems to prevail. The struggle is to preserve the rights of individuals against attacks on their families, on their right to freely exercise their religion, and on life itself. When the rights of good people are attacked, we will be there to protect them."

From a November 9, 2018 post by Thomas More Society

**MARCH FOR LIFE, - January 18th, 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**

### **Winter 2019 Jan, Feb, March**

Let me start by wishing you and your families a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

In the last compass, I reported that Dues would be increased to \$60.00. Due to a technicality in the Council By-Laws, this has been rescinded and dues will remain, at least for this year, at \$40.00. **You can pay for multiple years and the monies will be put into the systems as credits.**

**As for HONORARY MEMBERS dues will be \$10.80. State and Supreme councils have raised the stipend and Culture of Life Payments that our council pays by \$2.00 and we are allowed to raise your dues from \$8.80 to \$10.80 to cover these costs.**

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 1 Brothers 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.

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 after 1/31/19, the dues will be \$45.00 after 1/31/19.** 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.

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month) and you can give me your dues; (I will have all the traveling cards with me and hand you yours after payment. 4) Bring the dues to the lounge and give it 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 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, 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!

## **SPEAK OUT - Mike La Rosa, Compass Editor**

I invite any Brother Knight who may have something to say about our organization to contact me with your comments. They can be complimentary or about improvements that you feel we should consider making. You may even want to mention a complaint that you have. No names will be published so you can **SPEAK OUT** without worry.

My goal is to increase participation in the our Council and the brotherhood amongst our members. I will make your thoughts known only if I feel they will benefit the Knights.

I can be reached by phone at 732-431-0342 or by email at **asoral13@aol.com**. It will be helpful if you place the word "compass" in your subject line.

## **COUNCIL EVENTS - Jeff Yoder, Chancellor**



QR CODE

That's right, scan the code above and it brings up an application. Supreme just made joining the Knights easier. Once an interested candidate (18 years of age or older, male, Catholic) scans the device above and fills out the application, he then pays the \$30 membership fee and is given a printable membership card with a member number. This allows the new Knight to attend meetings and obtain access to any Council. He is a non-degree Knight and will be a member of State Council 9829, until he decides to join another Council. Even though he may be a Brother Knight to join another Council he must still be interviewed, approved and will be encouraged to take his Admissions Degree. The

online membership takes only 5 minutes. What could be simpler?

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and has a very prosperous and Happy New Year. Now that the holidays are behind us, we are over the "hump" and entering the second half of the Columbian Year. Please get more involved, we only ask for an hour a month to give the Council some help with the remaining events and activities. That's not too much to expect. Help us keep the charity fund "fat". After all Charity is one of our missions.

## **VERY SPECIAL EVENTS**



**Msgr. Sam Sirianni,  
Pastor, Co-Cathedral St. Robert Bellarmine,  
offering Mass for deceased Brothers,  
November 16, 2018 at Council Hall**



**Brother William Maxwell, PGK,  
50th Year Anniversary of membership  
receiving recognition from  
Grand Knight Gino Iacovella**

## **BRO'S PHOTOS**



## WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
<b>JANUARY</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>New Years Day</b>		
<b>2</b>	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>8</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>16</b>	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>18</b>	<b>March for Life</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>		
<b>22</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>27</b>	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
<b>27</b>	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose of Lima Gym	1 pm - 4 pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>6</b>	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>12</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>St. Valentines Day</b>		
<b>16</b>	Kid's Day Program	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
<b>18</b>	<b>President's Day</b>		
<b>20</b>	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
<b>23</b>	<b>Freehold Council 1672 - 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>(1913 - 2019)</b>	
<b>24</b>	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
<b>26</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>MARCH</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> ( <i>Lent Begins</i> )		
<b>6</b>	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>9 &amp; 10</b>	Membership Drive	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
<b>12</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>17</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Luncheon</b>	Lounge Side Room	12 Noon - ?
<b>19</b>	Open House	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>20</b>	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
<b>24</b>	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 Noon
<b>26</b>	1st & 2nd Degrees	Council Main Hall	8 pm



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Grand Knight**

**Mike La Rosa  
Editor**

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

Christmas is over and 2019 has begun, and it seems like it's a long way to Spring and the warmer weather. Are you feeling a little down? You are not the only one. Especially when you can't hop a plane and fly down to sunny Florida. We need something to energize us. Football, basketball and hockey could help unless your teams are losing. What can we do?

Recently on a vacation trip / mini family reunion, which was out of state, something happened to me which was unexpected and that I haven't experienced in a long while. It lifted my spirits and made me feel that the people that I seldom see or even speak to have not changed that much. Oh sure we have all changed a little, gotten older, put on some weight, have more gray hair and some aches and pains. But what was important was that I rediscovered that they still love and care about me and just as important is that I still love and care about them. I'm sort of isolated here in New Jersey because they are miles and miles away. It was great to see them and reminisce about the old times. Maybe you can't travel a far distance to see your family but how about a phone call. This is just

something that we all know that we should do, but if you're like me never quite get around to doing. Let a brother or sister, mom or dad at least know that you love and care about them and you will find out that they also love and care about you. You'll accomplish several things by getting in touch, rid yourself of that down feeling and be energized, and rid them of their down feeling and energize them as well. Love never fails to do that. Speaking of love...

**HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY !**

