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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Gino Iacovella GK

Dear Brothers,

HAPPY EASTER and Welcome to Spring!!

This is the last quarter of the Columbian year and the start of the Easter Season. A time to reflect during Lent and time to praise in our Lord Jesus Christ as he is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This quarter is also a busy time for the Knights of Columbus and the Freehold 1672 Council. The weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, our council will have its biggest fund raiser of the year! Our Palm Cross sale at both St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima is after all the masses. Palm Crosses will be available in two styles, 28 inch regular for \$10.00- and 28-inch fancy for \$15.00. Make sure you pick them early in the day as we sold out quickly last year! All proceeds support our Knights of Columbus Charity fund.

On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Can "tootsie roll" Drive outside our council home from 9AM to 1PM. All proceeds will go to support the specialty challenged at Monmouth Arc. Please join us and help us support this worthy cause.

The Columbian Club is having a Fish Fry on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and a Clam Bake on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for these wonderful dinners! 50/50 tickets will be available for a drawing on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year the winner split a \$17,000 pot!

In June we will be having elections for both the Council and the Columbian Club, please let us know if you want to run as an officer of either group. You must be an active member and a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree to run.

Your worthy Grand Knight will end his two-year term on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this wonderful organization. Please continue to support your newly elected Grand Knight and officers for the upcoming 2019-2020 Columbian year which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. 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!

## LOOKOUT - DGK, Brian Barrett

### Basketball Free Throw Contest 2019

In between the NFL Playoffs and the Super Bowl, Council #1672 held its annual Basketball Free Throw Contest, on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to St. Rose of Lima School for the use of the gymnasium.

We had a small but enthusiastic turnout. This contest is held each year with winners advancing from the Council level on to the District level, then the Diocesan level and finally the State Championship. Boys and girls ranging in age from 9-14 years participate free of charge. Spread the word and come on out next year and don't underestimate your ability.

Our council winners are as follows:

- 🏀 9 Year Old Girl – Mia Miladinov

- 🏀 13 Year Old Boy – Tyler Spencer
- 🏀 10 Year Old Girl – Rose D'Andrea
- 🏀 14 Year Old Boy – Chris Sayuk
- 🏀 11 Year Old Girl – Evangeline Leung
- 🏀 13 Year Old Girl – Cece Marino

These athletes all participated in the District Championship on February 10, 2019 at St. Mary, Mother of God in Middletown. Each won their respective division and are headed to the Diocesan Championships on March 23, 2019 at St. Mary's of the Lake in Lakewood. *(unable to notify you of the outcome before Compass printing)*

At the District Championship Tyler Spencer sunk 24 of 25 foul shots! Wow! Good luck to all our council participants.

Last year both Chris Sayuk and Evangeline Leung went on to win the State Championship.



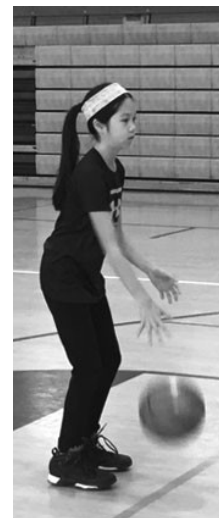
Grand Knight, Gino Iacovella, Tyler Spencer,  
Deputy Grand Knight, Brian Barrett  
(From left to right)



Evangeline Leung



Chris Sayuk



Cece Marino

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

### **US Ambassador for Religious Freedom dismisses Pope's China accord and blasts Communist assault on Catholics**

See and China will be a very good thing for the Church in the future, and also for China. "One wonders: from which planet did our leaders in Rome descend?" said Cardinal Zen on his blog. - U.S. Ambassador Sam Brownback said on Friday in Hong Kong that China's persecution of Catholic citizens continues despite a deal Pope Francis reached with the communist government. Brownback called on China to recognize the free exercises of religion. "The Chinese Communist Party must hear the cries of its own people for religious freedom and act to correct its wrongs; they are waging a war with faith, a war they will not win."

He said, "Since this provisional deal was announced last year, the Chinese government's abuse of members of the Catholic community has continued. We see no signs that will change in the near future." In China, there has long been an underground persecuted Church loyal to the papacy, as well as the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association, an ecclesial organization that is officially recognized by the Chinese government.

Last September, Pope Francis responded to concerns over the agreement. He gave assurances to persecuted Catholics and asked them to trust his decision to overlap the government-approved organization with the Catholic Church. He said China represents a "land of great opportunities" for the Church, and that the secret deal will "heal wounds of the past."

At the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club, Brownback referred to negotiations engaged by Vatican diplomats with China over the status of the invalidly consecrated bishops of the so-called

government-approved Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association; China does not recognize the authority of the Vatican. The language of the provisional agreement between the two parties remains confidential. However, one effect was that the Holy See recognized seven illicitly consecrated Chinese bishops and gave them authority over Chinese dioceses. Currently, all Catholic bishops of China are recognized by China's government and the Holy See. However, since the deal was concluded, no new bishops have been appointed to China. Brownback, a Catholic, said the Vatican deal has not led to increased freedom for Catholics in China.

86-year-old Cardinal Joseph Zen of Hong Kong has been vocally critical of Pope Francis and the deal with China. In November, Zen said priests of the underground Church have "cried" to him since the deal was inked. In late 2018, he went to Rome to deliver a lengthy letter to Pope Francis, asking him to pay closer attention to the crisis within the underground Catholic Church in China. He said, "They said officials have forced them to become open, to join the (schismatic) Chinese Catholic Patriotic Assn. and to obtain a priest's certificate with the reason that the pope has signed the Sino-Vatican provisional agreement." In a strongly worded opinion piece for the *New York Times*, Cardinal Zen suggested that the pope's deal with China "invited the annihilation of the real Church in China."

On Tuesday, Cardinal Zen responded to statements made by Cardinal Fernando Filoni. During a tour of Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau, Cardinal Filoni told a local news agency in Macau that the agreement signed by the Holy See and China will be a very good thing for the Church in the future, and also for China. "One wonders: from which planet did our leaders in Rome descend?" said Cardinal Zen on his blog.

## **MEMORABLE MEMBERS - Mike La Rosa, Editor**

I regret to inform you that we lost two long time Brothers recently.

**Brother Emery R. Bedy**, 77 years old, passed away on January 5, 2019, a Brother for 43 years with our council and an Honorary Life Member

**Brother George F. Drescher**, 81 years old, passed away on February 5, 2019 a Brother for 37 years with our council and an Honorary Life Member.

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers.**

This new Compass column is not only to inform you of our dear Brother's deaths, but it is also intended to remind you that the Knights of Columbus remembers and respects our deceased Brothers. Hopefully you will not see this column in every Compass edition.

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso**

By the time you read this, 4 months of the "New Year" will have passed and the days will be warmer...time flies, summer is around the corner! ALSO  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the 2018 - 2019 Columbian year is over. In addition, welcome to spring and Happy Easter! I hope all your lawn mowers are tuned up and the snow blowers put away!

Membership at this writing stands at 420 members; of which 13 are Honorary and 91 are Honorary Life members.

We are coming to the end of the Dues collection Cycle for 2019. To those of you that are paid up THANK YOU! 61 members are still in arrears (*as of this writing – mid March*) and have been notified by the Retention committee. We are at ~81% of collections. I still receive notes from members that they never received an invoice. The dues collection process has been the same for the last 5 years. **THE FIRST INVOICE is sent ELECTRONICALLY** via your email address if we have your email on file. If not, a **Hard Copy invoice** goes out. A **SECOND INVOICE is sent to all members in arrears on 1/31 HARD COPY**. In the middle of February, the retention committee makes an attempt to contact all brothers in arrears to remind them of their dues responsibility. After this, a **Knight Alert** letter goes out as an additional

reminder, and finally on 3/17/19 an **Intent to Retain letter** is sent out. This procedure is the Supreme Council's way of making sure all members are notified that dues are due. I am not sure how a member misses all of these reminders. In addition 99% of the emails are correct, and so are the addresses. As has been the norm, the Council will support members having financial difficulty or other issues. YOU just need to tell us. Not specifics, but just that you are having difficulty! Council dues have NOT been raised in 9 years and are about \$0.77 a week. If you are still in arrears please get me your dues ASAP.

I also receive change of address, email and phone number information by accident. I do not understand why the council cannot be notified when this information changes. I have put the following paragraph in every issue of the compass, Not sure how much easier I can make it.

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!

## **!! IMPORTANT !! - George Ferriso, Financial Secretary**

### **Rules for making a change to the By-Laws Article IX – Miscellaneous, Section 1:**

*Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which a resolution in writing providing for such amendment shall have been read and notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members in writing or in the council publication at least five days prior to the second meeting.*

A vote for the Amendment change will take place at the meeting of April 23, 2019 and we need a 2/3 vote of the members present to pass the change. The notice has been posted in the Lounge at the

council, in the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2019 and now in this Compass newsletter which goes out to all members.

**The Amendment Article 1 Section 3.** The change is in **Bold type**, just removing the dollar amount:

Section 3. Each member shall pay annual dues. The annual dues of members shall be ~~\$40.00~~ **set as necessary to cover operating expenses**, except honorary members who shall pay the sum of State and Supreme Council per capita charges and levies, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. A reduced rate of dues for insured members under 26 years of age may be established, but it shall not be less than 3.00 per year. Except as stated above, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same.

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



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On behalf of the Council, I would like to say "Thanks" to all of the Brothers that have participated in the events of this Columbian Year. The importance of participation in our events and fundraisers cannot be over-emphasized.

It is also important to support the many Columbian Club events and 50 / 50 raffles. The Columbian Club Trustees work very hard to ensure that our Council Hall is maintained and the bills are paid.

Also, many "Thanks" to Gino Iacovella for taking on the leadership role of Grand Knight for a second year. We are looking forward to the next Columbian Year with our new officers, and I want to again

stress the importance of participation in events to lead our Council forward.

I urge all my Brothers to recruit new members. Supreme has made it easier to join with the scan code that is at the top of the page. By scanning the code, an application will appear and upon answering the questions and paying a \$30 Membership fee, the candidate will be given a Membership number and will be a member of the State Council. He will have all the benefits of the Knights and can choose a Council to join, plus he can attend meetings at any Council. If you would like to carry some business cards with the scan code, please let me know and I, or the upcoming Chancellor, will provide you with some.

## **GRAND KNIGHT - Mike La Rosa (alias Perry White)**

### ***Grand Knight Saves the Day***

...Kudos go out to our Super GK, Gino Iacovella who was instrumental in acquiring a new microwave oven for a local charity. Englishtown Council's WGK, Jify Loreta contacted Gino to see if the Freehold Council could donate towards the purchase of a commercial microwave oven for the "Feed Gods Children Soup Kitchen" in Freehold, to warm the meals of their patrons prior to serving them. Their household microwave was on its last leg! The organization provides over 180 meals 3 days a week for the hungry and homeless. Deacon Mike Foster of St. Thomas More also made the same request. Things looked bleak. BUT! Super GK said, "no problem, I can get one from work! At no charge!" So, on the morning of, 3/4/19, Super GK, Gino Iacovella and Brother Steve Kedulich, (alias Jimmy Olsen) made the donation of the new oven to Jim Benedick, founder of the "St. Peters Episcopal Church's Feed God's Children Soup Kitchen." Tada!

Our council also donates monies, canned goods and excess from our breakfasts and dinners to them throughout the year! And all lived happily ever after.



Steve Kedulich (Jimmy Olsen), James Benedick, Gino Iacovella (Super GK)

## **ITEM OF INTEREST - Mike La Rosa, Editor**

Our Council's Essay Contest for this year is underway. All eighth grade students of St Rose of Lima Elementary School and their CCD, and St. Robert Bellarmine's CCD have been notified and encouraged to participate. This year's theme is

"How Does My Family Keep Its Catholic Faith in Action"? Three winners will be chosen, and their prizes will be awarded at our special Community Breakfast for Veterans on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## VALENTINE NIGHT DELIGHT PHOTOS



## COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, President

As we enter the second half of the Columbian year, your Columbian Club has plenty of activities and events for you to attend, to participate in and to enjoy. Thus far, we've had our first annual St. Valentine's Day Dinner / Dance. It was a big success. There was plenty of good food, good music, and most importantly, good friends to share the evening with. A great time was had by all. By the time you read this, we will have already had our St. Patrick's Day celebration. This year our giant celebration coincided with the Freehold Borough parade, one of the smallest parades in the state. We partnered with

the Freehold Arts Council and the Freehold Elks on Main St, to share the after parade party. This should have been one of our largest events of this year. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Columbian Club will be holding a Lenten Fish Fry and on May 18<sup>th</sup> we are having our famous New England Clam Bake at which the SUPER 50/50 will be drawn. Also, don't forget Fridays with Friends and Movie Nights. Please check your emails for information on these two upcoming occasions. So don't forget to mark your calendars and join us for some camaraderie and good fun. Hope to see you here.

## SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
<b>APRIL</b>			
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
6 & 7	Palm Cross Sale	St. Rose & St. Robert's	All Masses
9	Council Business Meeting / Founders Mass	Council Main Hall	8 pm
11	Pride in Priest Dinner	Red Bank, N. J.	7 pm
12	Fish Fry Dinner	Council Main Hall	7 pm - 10 pm
13	Can Drive for the Mentally Challenged	Outside of Council	9 am - 1 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>21</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
23	Council Business Meeting / Founders Mass	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27 & 28	BirthRight Raffle & Dinner Tickets Sales	St. Rose & St. Robert's	All Masses
<b>MAY</b>			
1	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
3	Confirmation	St. Rose of Lima	2 pm & 4:30 pm
7	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
11	Confirmation	St. Robert Bellarmine	9 am & 2 pm
<b>12</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>		
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
18	Clam Bake	Council Main Hall	7 pm - 10 pm
22	K of C Flag's Departed Brothers Graves	St. Rose Cemetery	TBA
26	Community Breakfast - (Veterans & Essay Winners)	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
27	Freehold Memorial Day Parade	Freehold Borough	9:30 am - 12noon
27	Parade Luncheon	Council Main Hall	After Parade - ?
28	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>JUNE</b>			
2	Knights of Columbus Mass	St. Robert Bellarmine	8:30 am
2	Knights Breakfast	TBA	Following Mass
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
11	Council Business Meeting - (Officer Elections)	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>Flag Day</b>		
<b>16</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>		
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
18 - 22	St. Rose of Lima Carnival	St. Rose School Yard	6 pm - 10 pm
25	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm



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

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### **Life's most important things.**

Top of the list, number 1, is God. Then comes your wife and children (*if you are lucky enough to have them*), then other relatives, then friends and then at the bottom of the list comes strangers. I'm going to write about friends. Especially the importance of having friends. Or even just having one good friend. Someone that knows you, who will stand by you, who cares about you, who will help you when things get tough and someone who will say a prayer for you when you get ill. Someone that you can count on in a pinch. Now you are probably asking, "where in God's creation am I going to find someone like that?" I know it's a tall order. Well if you are 18 or over, male and Catholic, it's easy. All you have to do is join the Knights of Columbus. Instantly you will have thousands of friends who will be there when things get tough. Not only other member Knights will be your friends, but also maybe, some non-members who have been helped through our charities. If you already are a member, you should participate and you will find friends that you didn't know that you had. Don't be a stranger. Your

Brother Knights will be there for you. I know because they have helped me.

### **!! Also IMPORTANT !!**

On page 4 don't miss the article by our Financial Secretary, Brother George Ferriso. Why is it IMPORTANT? Because our Council 1672 is having a difficult time paying its bills. Everything cost more today than when our \$40.00 annual dues fee was initiated 9 years ago. It has been a long time. Not as many members are paying dues either because our membership is ageing and when you become a "Life Member" you no longer pay dues. So as a result we must raise our annual dues, but to do that we have to change the by-laws. George's article explains the procedure that our council must take to change them. Please read it and understand that the dues will be raised only enough to cover the cost of our Council. This change is unfortunate but must be done.

**HOLY & HAPPY EASTER !  
To my Brothers & their families.**