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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett, GK



Well, back in June council 1672 held elections and I began my term as Grand Knight. I'd be less than honest if I said I wasn't nervous. However, with a great team to help me and the inspiration of PGK Jim Brown, I'll do my best to carry on the wonderful work of this council. As of this writing I have concluded 3 meetings. We have all had a few laughs at some of my mistakes. While I hope the laughs continue I also hope fewer and fewer are because of mistakes.

As everyone knows we have business meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This year I'd like to try a SOCIAL meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This social meeting is open to family, friends and invited guests. Plans include guest speakers, special programs and community awards.

Several new agenda items have been placed on us right at the beginning of this new Columbian Year. On September 24th at 7 pm, Bishop O'Connell will celebrate mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine to kick off 40 Days for Life. We hope all Knights can attend.

I am pleased to announce that Msgr. Sam Sirianni of the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine has agreed to be our Chaplain. Deacon Drew Luhman will continue as our Spiritual Advisor should Msgr's schedule not allow him to attend a meeting. Thank-you Monsignor and Deacon Drew.

On Saturday, October 19 the morning after our council hosts the Bishop's Dinner, there will be a mini-March for Life from St. James Catholic Church in Red Bank to Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. The march will begin after a 8 am Mass. Please plan to attend especially if the March for Life in January is an event that you cannot make. A special thanks goes out to the Grand Knights of Red Bank, Bob Shearer and Eatontown, Victor Zea. These 2 Brothers were instrumental in organizing this event. Our District Deputy, Colin Casey helped spread the word to the entire Diocese of Trenton.

Coordinating with the March and 40 Days for Life is the showing of the movie "Unplanned". This is the story of Abbey Johnson a Planned Parenthood worker who after witnessing the truth becomes an advocate for LIFE. St Mary's in Colt's Neck will have 3 showings on Friday October 11 at 10 am, 5 pm and 8 pm. Thanks to Brother Roger Zurro, Culture of Life Chair of our council. St. Rose of Lima will have a showing the next night in the Parish Center. Check parish bulletin for time. St. Robert Bellarmine is planning a showing also. Proceeds from these showings will benefit BirthRight of Freehold.

I look forward to a great year of fraternity as our council endeavors to meet all it's charitable goals.
Vivat Jesus !

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR - Deacon, Andrew Luhman

We Americans have recently observed the 18th Anniversary of the 9-11 destruction of the Twin Towers in NYC and the loss of over 3,000 lives that day. The initial reaction to this evil act for many was anger and the intense desire to seek revenge against those who were responsible. Our Lord has commanded us to love all our sisters and brothers without exception. What He did not command us to do was to like everyone. God has reserved for Himself that He would seek revenge against wrong doers.

The following 3 essays speak to the topic of love.

THE POWER OF LOVE

This what God commands... that we love each other. (1 John 3:23). Does bumping into people leave you brittle, breakable and fruitless? Do you easily fall apart? If so you may be grounded in the wrong soil. It may be rooted in their love (which is fickle) or in your resolve to love (which is frail). John urges us to "rely on the love God has for us." He alone is the power source.

Many people tell us to love. Only God gives us the power to do so. We know what God wants us to do. *"This is what God commands...that we love each other"* (1 John 3:23). But how can we? How can we be kind to the vow breakers? To those who are unkind to us? How can we be patient with people who have the warmth of a vulture and the tenderness of a porcupine? How can we forgive the moneygrubbers and the backstabbers we meet, love and marry? How can we love as God loves? We want to. We long to. But how can we? By living love.

LOVE IS PATIENT

Let your patience show itself perfectly in what you do. (James 1:4) Some time ago our church staff attended a leadership conference. Especially interested in one

class, I arrived early and snagged a front row seat. As the speaker began, however, I was distracted by a couple of voices in the back of the room. Two guys were mumbling to each other. I was giving serious thought to shooting a glare over my shoulder when the speaker offered an explanation. "Forgive me", he said. "I forgot to explain why the 2 fellows at the back of the class are talking. One of them is an elder at a new church in Romania. He has traveled here to learn about church leadership. But he doesn't speak English, so the message is being translated." All of a sudden everything changed. Patience replaced impatience. Why? Because patience always hitches a ride with understanding. *"A man with understanding holds his tongue"* (Prov. 11:12 NIV). Don't miss the connection between understanding and patience. Before you blow up, listen up. Before you strike out, listen in.

UNFAILING LOVE

"I will forgive them for leaving me and I will love them freely." (Hosea 14:4) Are you convinced you have never lived a loveless day? Not one. Never loved? Those times you deserted Christ? He loved you. You hid from Him; He came looking for you. And those occasions you denied Christ? Though you belong to Him, you hung with them, and when His name surfaced, you cursed like a drunken sailor. God let you hear the crowing of conscience and feel the heat of tears. But He never let you go. Your denials cannot diminish His love. Nor can your doubts. You've had them. You may have them even now. While there is much we cannot know, may never know, can't we be sure of this? Doubts don't separate doubters from God's love.

To be loved is divine, to love someone unconditionally is a blessing for you both!

GREAT KNIGHT - Brian Barrett, GK

On Tuesday September 17, 2019, Freehold Township Mayor Barbara McMorro proclamed Wednesday, September 18 to be JOHN FAVORITO DAY. What an incredible honor.

The Township Committee summoned John to townhall to receive a certificate of recognition honoring John as our 2019-2020 Knight of the Year. The mayor named several of John's contributions ranging from answering phone calls and fire alarms at all hours of the night, Columbian Club president, and community dinners. But most of all the mayor (and Patrick her husband) are evidently big fans of the

monthly breakfast and she appreciates all that John does for it.

Having one or our own recognized so publicly by someone other than the Knights is wonderful PR for our Council. Way to go John.

Ohh. If you think maybe it might be fun to have a day named after you – get signed up for recruiting drives, Christmas tree sales, Palm Cross sales, Canning Drives, clean-up committee, bartending, degree team, Free-Throw contest, monthly breakfast, the Bishops Dinner and on and on.....

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Euthanasia Doctor On Trial for Restraining and Killing Resisting Woman in Holland

A Dutch doctor has appeared in court after she euthanized a 74 year-old woman with severe dementia.

Prosecutors have described how the doctor did not gain full consent from the woman before she was killed in 2016. Allegedly, the doctor secretly slipped a sedative into the woman's coffee. They said that family members were ordered to hold down their struggling relative while she was administered with a lethal injection. Prosecutors say that not enough was done to verify her consent to be euthanized.

The Laws: This is not the first time that the Netherlands has faced the spotlight regarding its lax suicide laws. In July, SPUC reported that doctors in the Netherlands were facing immense pressure to euthanize patients, which included pressure from emotional blackmail, coercion from the relatives of patients and organizational pressure. Since the Netherlands legalized euthanasia in 2002, approximately 5000 Dutch citizens are being killed by medically-assisted methods every year.

The Details: Four years before the woman's death, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. In a statement, the patient wrote how she wished to be euthanized before entering a care home. However, the patient also added that she wanted to be able to decide when to die. Before entering into care, the

suicide doctor determined that the patient should be killed. The doctor then slipped a sedative into the woman's drink which caused her to lose consciousness. However, the woman awoke shortly after, to find her daughter and husband holding her down. She is reported to have struggled against them, as the doctor then proceeded to kill her by lethal injection. The daughter of the deceased woman thanked the suicide doctor for her actions.

The Consequences: Despite the unsettling details of the case, prosecutors are not seeking a prison sentence for the doctor. At the center of the case is the question of consent in relation to the Netherlands' euthanasia laws. A spokesperson for the prosecution has said that they do not doubt the doctor's honest intentions. The Director of SPUC's Patients First Network, Antonia Tully, described the doctor's actions as an "act which exploits the vulnerability of patients. The suicide doctor in question secretly sedated a patient, while her family restrained her as she struggled. Actions such as these are that of utter depravity which must be condemned. Nations which exercise the deadly practice of euthanasia, inevitably introduce the exploitation and abuse of vulnerable patients"

Ms Tully said that scenes seeping out of the Netherlands highlight the true and vicious nature of medically assisted death, and emphasized that patients are entitled to care, respect and basic human dignity.

(Excerpted from an article published by the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*.)

**KEEP
CHRIST
IN
YOUR
CHRISTMAS**



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Since this is the last issue of the Compass for the calendar year 2019, I want to wish you and your families a Merry Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. In addition I will again discuss the New Year's (2020) **Dues Invoices** and **Dues** process.

Please read the below carefully. After over 6 years of doing this, I STILL get notified by our membership that they did not receive any notification of dues. The procedure has NOT changed.

DUES INVOICES: If we have an email address on file for you, please check your email the first or second week of December. (If you have changed your email since last year and have not notified me, please do so ASAP.) You will receive an Electronic Invoice with the Subject line "Dues Notice for Council 1672". If we have no email address on file please check your mail box around the same time, you will receive a paper invoice via the Post Office. Please pay your dues by January 31, 2020 to avoid a second invoice going out. Like last year, anyone paying after 1/31/20 will be assessed a \$5.00 Administration fee to cover the extra cost of time, paper, ink, envelopes and postage. The dues can be mailed to my home 361 Colgate Way, Freehold, NJ 07728, given to me personally or dropped in the Council Mailbox addressed, Attn: George F. You can also pay multiple years if you choose. Those members that have prepaid in 2019 along with all Honorary Life members will receive their member cards in the beginning of December.

Dues: Member Dues are the only monies the council receives that are used for the operation of the council.

The Per Capita we pay both State and Supreme is quite substantial. Unfortunately, for the last 5 years we have been averaging a deficit to run the council. We have an emergency fund which was put into place many years ago which covers the deficit for a while and then gets reimbursed each year as dues come in. This emergency fund is also being depleted, but I am going to hold the dues for another year at \$40.00 even though a dues increase was approved on Sept 11, 2018. Dues have not been raised in 10 years and I would challenge anyone to let me know what has NOT gone up in 10 years. Honorary Life members are still exempt from paying (although we have quite a few HL members that give us a donation!). In addition Honorary members will still pay \$10.80 in dues. This amount is set by Supreme and I have not received any information about that changing at this writing.

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 and let me hear from you! Lastly, as a "Catholic Gentleman" I am not sure why I cannot get a response from someone even after I send out a SSAE. Can anyone answer this question?

God Bless!

SANTA PARTY



Kid's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7th 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Children 10 and under - \$10.00 donation per child

Please sign up by Saturday, November 23rd

Sign up in the lounge in the Council Hall after November 5th.

Please pay when you sign up.

Leave money or check in an envelope with child's name, age and amount.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Jeff Yoder, Chancellor

Welcome to our newest Brothers that have joined our Council. They are: Ruben Magallan Avila, Peter Grandich and Monsignor Sam Sirianni. Also, we have an online member (*State Council 9829*) from our area, Jonathan Korongy. In addition, Brother John Annetta has become a Full-fledged Knight from attending a Third Degree Ceremony.

The weekend of October 5th and 6th, we will be conducting our Fall Membership Drives at St Rose of Lima and at the Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine. There will be an Open House at the Council Hall on Tuesday, October 22nd at 8:00PM. On Friday, October 25, we will be hosting a First and Second Degree at the Council Hall.

I want to thank the Brothers that have made the commitment of joining the Membership Committee. We are looking forward to a prosperous year in recruiting.

The Online Membership is not meant to replace traditional recruiting methods, nor is it meant to change Councils or degrees. It is meant to supplement traditional recruiting by offering a new, digital experience for certain men who might not yet be ready for Council-based membership. Once a new Catholic man joins online in New

Jersey, he is issued a membership card, a member number and he will then become a member of Council 9829, a NJ State Council number. He will also be entitled to all of the benefits of a Degreed Knight, with the exception of becoming an Officer of a Council. He will be able to attend meetings and events at any Council he pleases. If he decides to actually join a Council, a form 100 must be filled out and submitted to the appropriate Membership Committee, where an interview will be arranged and then the Council, like always, must approve the candidate. He will then attend a First degree Ceremony and become a Degreed Brother.

Below is the scan code to join. If you know of anyone that is interested, the fee to join is \$30, and once it is paid, the membership card can be printed online.



I am also wishing everyone a Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S DESK - Colin P. Casey, DD-23

Welcome to a new Fraternal Year and the new challenges ahead!

We now fully embrace the **Faith in Action** Service Model as it is now in its second year replacing the longtime **Surge with Service** model. Knights embrace the four programs: **Faith, Family, Community, and Life**. Your Worthy Grand Knight, Brain Barrett, has made the **Faith in Action** booklet available to all Freehold Brothers that attend your meetings. Please familiarize yourselves with this wonderful new service model.

Important events are fast-approaching and we are enthusiastic about each. Friday evening, October 18th is the Annual Bishops Appreciation Dinner at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine. This event starts at 7:00 PM and we are thrilled to see the Freehold 1672 Council step-up as the host for this Dinner event. Tickets for the Dinner are \$25.00 and it is shaping up to be a great night!

Councils throughout the state have purchased a Site License for their parishes to show the movie, **Unplanned!** Your Freehold Council has purchased

licenses for both St. Rose on Lima (*showing will be Saturday, October 12th at 7:00 PM*) and the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine (*showing date and time have not yet been decided*). This is the true story of one woman's journey of transformation which will touch your heart! Please, if you have not seen the film, make plans to attend.

All Brothers who wish they could attend the **March for Life** in Washington D.C. but it just isn't possible. Well, the Monmouth County Chapter has heard you and now we have a local event that we hope will interest you. On Saturday morning, October 19th we are will be holding a **March for Life** for Knights with their families and friends! Starting with a **Mass for Life** at 8:00 AM at St. James Church located at 94 Broad Street in Red Bank (*celebrated by 9 priests*) we will have a march from the church to the Planned Parenthood facility on Newman-Springs Road in Shrewsbury where we will Pray the Rosary.

I wish my Freehold Council Brothers much success and ask the Good Lord to Bless you and your families!
Vivat Jesus!

THE FORTH DEGREE NEWS - Doug Walsh, FN

Worthy Sirs and Fellow Brothers:

I want to thank all of my Brother Sir Knights for electing me as Faithful Navigator of Monsignor Kivelitz Assembly 650 for the 2019 – 2020 Columbian Year. I also wish to congratulate all of my fellow Officers and Trustees. The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree and so our focus is on supporting our active and veteran members of our armed forces and first responders who defend, serve and protect our country.

Each year brings with it new challenges and some changes. There are changes in store for the Fourth Degree this year which I hope will strengthen our Degree as we serve our parishes and communities. So, I would like to call upon all my Worthy Brothers who have not yet joined our Fourth Degree. We need your support and now is the time to get involved. I strongly encourage all Brothers to join us. Some Brothers may have heard it is difficult to join the Fourth Degree. That's not true. Brothers no longer need a Tuxedo and there is no need to wait a year to join. Our Assembly has been honored to have many Past Grand Knights, Officers and Sir Knights from Freehold Council.

If any Brother wishes to join the Fourth Degree please speak with your Grand Knight, or any other Fourth Degree Brother. This year's principle Fourth Degree Exemplification will be November 10th in Atlantic City. All Brothers who served in the Marine Corps know that November 10th is the Marine Corps' Birthday. This year's Exemplification will honor our active duty and Veteran Marine Corps Sir Knights. Applications for the November Exemplification should be submitted ASAP since they must be to our District Master by October 26th.

Our Assembly meets on the first Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 p.m., in the lower level meeting room of the Freehold Columbian Club. Our Fourth Degree District Master, Christopher Tomasello has been invited (*and has tentatively agreed*) to join us on October 2nd. If any Brother would like to meet our District Master or speak to Sir Knight Tomasello, please join us before the meeting. If you have any hesitation about joining our Fourth Degree, I am certain our Worthy Master will be able to dispel any misconceptions.

Best of Luck to SK Brian Barret, Grand Knight and all of the Officers and Trustees of Freehold Council for this Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, President

As the summer comes to a close, that means one thing... back to work. As most of you know, last winter we had issues with the remaining oil burners for the lounge and balance of the basement floor. So your Columbian Club is in the process of eventually replacing both of them with natural gas. During the week of Sept. 15th, Lawes Co. will be installing a new above ground oil tank and removing the underground tank. We are doing this for 2 reasons. **One**, we needed to replace the furnaces and it's a perfect time to convert to gas. **Two**, the underground tank is about 50 years old and needs to be removed before it leaks. If the tank is sound with no leaks, the total conversion will be easy. If there is a leak, then one furnace will be replaced and the other furnace will have to stay for one year after the cleanup. After the one year, then we can complete the conversion.

Now for the fun part. The following activities are

so far scheduled for the remainder of this Columbian year: On Saturday, November 9th, we will be celebrating Italian night. There will be live entertainment for this event. On Saturday February 8th, we will be holding our 2nd annual Valentines Day Dinner Dance. In March, we will again be partnering with the Freehold Arts Council for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Also, the Columbian Club will be hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch and Dinner on Tuesday, March 17th. Finally, the New England Clam Bake will be held in June. Please mark your calendars for these events and other activities should they arise. Anyone who has any ideas for other activities please contact me at (917)533-6568. Remember we also have our regularly scheduled events: dart leagues every other Thursday, Friday with Friends and movie nights. Watch your emails for days and times. The Columbian Club is there for your enjoyment, so please participate in these events.

AUTUMN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION	TIME
OCTOBER			
2	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
5	Past Grand Knights Dinner	Council Main Hall	7 pm to 10 pm
5 & 6	Membership Drive	St. Rose and St Roberts	All Masses
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
12	Columbus Day Baby-First Born in Freehold	CentraState Hospital	Only God knows.
12	Movie, "UNPLANNED"	St. Rose's, Parish Center	7 pm
16	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
18	Bishop's Dinner	St. R. Bellarmine - Dentisi Hall	7 pm to 10 pm
19	Mass For Life and Mini March to Plan. Parent.	St. James, Red Bank	8 am
22	Open House	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	First & 2nd Degree Exemplification	Council Main Hall	8 pm to 10 pm
27	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 am
31	Halloween		
NOVEMBER			
1	All Saints Day		
2	All Souls Day		
3	Daylights Savings Time ends		
5	Election Day		
6	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
9	Italiano Night	Council Main Hall	6 pm - 9 pm
10	4th Degree Exemplification	Tropicana Hotel, Atlantic City	11 am to 5 pm+
11	Veteran's Day		
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Council Mass for Departed Brothers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
16 & 17	Send Hero Home for Holidays Bracelet Sale	St. Rose and St Roberts	All Masses
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
24	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 pm
26	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	Thanksgiving Day		
29	Black Friday		
30	Council Hall Decorations	Council Main Hall	9 am to Noon
30	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale	St. Rose Parish & St Roberts	All Masses
DECEMBER			
1	Council Hall Decorations	Council Main Hall	9 am to Noon
1	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale	St. Rose Parish & St Roberts	All Masses
3	Tree Lighting & Carol Sing Along & CDA Party	Council Main Hall	8 pm
4	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Council	8 pm
7	K of C Blood Drive	Council Main Hall	8 am to 2 pm
7	Santa Party, Gifts for kids from Santa	Downstairs near bar	2 pm to 4 pm
7	Christmas Tree, Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale	Council	8 am to 4 pm
8	Immaculate Conception		
8	Community Breakfast w/Santa	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 am
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
24	Council Business Meeting CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	Christmas Day		
1/24/2020	IMPORTANT Save a Date - March For Life	Washington, D. C.	All Day

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

SCHOOL DAYS, DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS

In most families the hub bub of the first day of school is over and the hum drum of the daily school grind has set in by now. I remember my grade and high school days with mixed feelings. Some days were good, some days were bad but most were just tiresome because I was not an "A" student but a "C" and on a good day a "B" student.

Today's public school kids are in a whole new world when it comes to attending class. They have so much to deal with compared to years past. How about the **STRESS** they presently have.

Safety, due to the recent rash of school shootings, now there are police monitoring their halls.

Global warming, the world is ending in 11 years if the adults in their lives don't change the way they're living. Or so they are told by the news media. Add to that, bullying, drug use, anxiety / depression, suicide, peer pressure. That's more than enough to worry any parent. Plus let's not forget about cell phones and the social media. That's just in

elementary school. Cramming for an exam is probably no stress at all now a days.

When they took God out of public schools thirty years ago they let in a lot of unexpected problems and unforeseen pressures onto the students. The powers to be figured, that by eliminating God in the schools, they would be free to teach without being hindered by teaching morals and reverence to others or patriotism. Someone remarked after a recent school shooting, "Where was God during this terrible shooting spree". The answer. "Who knows? The government took Him out of the classroom". No wonder it's so dangerous in our public schools.

Since the students and teachers can't pray in the schools, then we must step up and pray for them. The sooner the better. Let's hope things will be safer this year when we do. **AMEN**

Have a Holy Halloween, a Sacred All Saint's Day,
a Venerable Veteran's Day, a Tasty Thanksgiving,
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!