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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett, GK

Here's hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As described in the Autumn issue, I thought the Columbian Year started with a bang! A very busy start. It wasn't but a few days after getting through the first few months when I said to our DGK, Ed Hudak, "now we can breathe." Ed said "Well actually..." Boy was he correct. What an incredibly busy October and November we have had.

It began in October with our PGK dinner celebrating the two terms of Gino Iacovella. Our council then hosted the Bishop's Dinner at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert's. The Mass for Life and mini March to Planned Parenthood drew just over 500 and 300 respectively. In October we welcomed new members, Michael Lefthand, Steven Ventriglio, Jack Huber, Deacon Rolf Friedmann, Michael Salvatore and transfers Ted Romanowki, Peter Grandich and Ronald Cialino. Great to have these new Brother Knights.

November kicked off with a delicious Italian Night. I'll put those meatballs up against any restaurant. Our Chaplain Monsignor Sam celebrated our Mass for Departed Brothers. Our Social Meeting saw Fr. Michael Snyder give a talk "We Are Called to be Saints" - lots of very positive comments on the evening.

Then the November fund raising began. We raised thousands between our annual Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sale (Larry Slawson) and our Tree, Wreath and Grave Blanket sale (John Favorito). But our Send A Hero Home Campaign really topped it all off. This fund raiser sends military members home for the holidays. These are soldiers ranked E3 and lower (privates) who cannot afford the trip. We sold SAHHFTH bracelets but ran out after raising \$1000. That's when the generosity of the people of St. Rose and St. Robert's really came through. We ended up with over \$8700! Thank-you so much. The money raised in our September Canning Drive organized by Brother Doug LeRoy, was used to deliver 65 coats to St. Robert's, St. Rose/St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the Collier School. Thanks to PGK Mike Argen for helping.

The Council also participated in the Torch of our Lady of Guadalupe and lead the Rosary on December 5th.

None of this would be possible without the volunteer help of my Brothers. Our recent activities have seen several new faces helping at these various activities and their help is greatly appreciated. In Unity we can accomplish so much. Special Thanks to Al Sobocinski who played Santa - twice. Tom Connor who DJ'ed twice with Santa, and Mike Tubridy for running our Blood Drive.

In January we are flipping the schedule. The 2nd Tuesday of the month, Jan. 14, we will be showing UNPLANNED. Please invite spouses, family and friends. Our Business Meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday Jan. 28. The Feb. 25 Social Meeting will have a Brother Knight, John Ratkoski, present info on benefits for Veterans who served during wartime, or their spouses. The community is invited. Spread the word. And let's not forget our St. Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday Feb. 8.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Msgr. Sam Sirianni

Blessing for Brother Knights

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Most merciful Jesus,
 You began your office of Savior
 by shedding your blood
 and assuming for us
 that Name which is above all names.
 I thank you for such early proofs
 of your infinite love.
 I venerate your sacred Name
 in union with the deep respect of the angel
 who first announced it to the earth.
 I also unite my affections
 to the sentiments of tender devotion
 which your adorable Name has in all ages enkindled
 in the hearts of your servants.

Jesus, you said:

"If you ask the Father anything in my Name,
 He will give it to you" (John 16:23).
 I earnestly ask the Father in your Name.
 for an increase of faith, hope and love,
 and the grace to lead a good life
 and die a happy death.

Jesus,

Your name means "Savior."
 Be my Savior.
 Through your adorable Name
 which is the joy of heaven,
 the terror of hell,
 the consolation of the afflicted,
 and the solid ground of my unlimited confidence,
 grant me all the petitions I make in this prayer.

Amen.

KNIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



PGK and PDD Stan Buraczynski (Right) is congratulated & presented with an award by GK Brian Barrett (Left) for his 47 years of devoted service to Council 1672.



JT Silver receives a plaque from GK Brian Barrett (Right) for painting the hall & installing a new floor in the service bar for his Eagle Scout Project.
 Proud parents, Carol & John Silver (Left).



At the 12/10/19 meeting the Members of Council 1672 were photographed after being congratulated by District Deputy, Colin P. Casey for their charitable work.

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Washington Pushes Back Against China's Horrific Human Rights Abuses

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec 6, 2019, from (FRC Action) - They sat in rows - hundreds of them - heads freshly shaved. The men are blindfolded and hunched over, their hands tied tightly behind their backs. Close to tears, Omerbek Bikali looks at the footage - shot at a train station during another Uyghur round-up - and becomes overwhelmed. "That used to be me," he says quietly. "I cannot forget." He is one of the fortunate ones. Of course, there was probably a time when Omerbek wouldn't have considered months of torture, suffering, and uncertainty "fortunate." But in China, where electric fences and high walls hide a world of pain, the saying goes, "If you enter a camp, you never come out." Amanzhan Seiit did. But watching the video, shot by a drone over the Xinjiang province, he shudders. "I know what the prisoners are thinking," he says - because he was one of them. "They don't know where they're being taken or if they'll be shot dead. It's terrifying."

For the millions of Uyghurs in China's concentration camps, being kidnapped, having hoods put over their heads, and being driven hours away from their families was just the first clue that their world was about to change. The interrogations, beatings, gang rapes, electrocutions, drug injections, and organ harvestings were the other.

Tuesday, the House, in almost complete unanimity, sent a powerful message to China that America will not stand idly by while the regime brutalizes and exterminates its own people. By a 407-1 vote, both parties stood in solidarity with the millions of Uyghurs and other religious minorities forced to walk China's blood-soaked trail of genocide. Under the act, the monsters responsible for these camps would be sanctioned and new bans on the sale of U.S.-made goods to state agents would inflict fresh pain on the country's economy.

"It's important to give the administration tools to

hold Beijing accountable for what it's doing," Senator Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) told listeners on "Washington Watch," my radio show. "The bill in the House and the Senate version would give the administration the ability to stand up to this. And it also expresses the sense that the United States Congress refuses to allow this to happen. It's vital to say to Beijing that oppressing your own people, that stamping out faith, that going after religious people and ethnic minorities is not permissible. We won't allow it... And China's desire to dominate the world is not something we're going to stand by and watch happen."

Even President Trump, who's knee-deep in trade talks, knows that protecting innocent people is more important than negotiating better tariffs with the devil. "It's great," Senator Hawley agreed, "to have an administration that is willing to confront China and... actually stand up and say, 'We are not going to allow you to continue to take our jobs, to steal our property, and run roughshod over the things we value most like religious freedom, like freedom of the press, freedom of assembly' - things that they want to deny Hong Kong, for instance..."

Despite China's threat that America will "pay" for interfering, the president continues to keep human rights and religious freedom issues at the forefront. And for once, the House is standing with him.

"Beijing is always threatening. They're always saber rattling. But the truth is," Hawley reminds everyone, "we're the ones in the driver's seat. China needs our supply chains. They need our investment. They need our trade. They are not in a position ultimately to stand up to us. Now... Beijing wants to dominate the Asian region first, and then they want to dominate the whole world.... And we've given too much ground over the years. This is part of why we need to stand up now. But we should not listen to a thing that Beijing says. We need to go forward and stand up for our principles and keep the pressure on China."

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**MARCH FOR LIFE, - January 24th, 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

By the time you read this, it will be 2020 but I'm still wishing you and your families a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

By now you should have received your electronic invoice if we have an email address on file for you and a paper invoice if we do not. The hard copy invoices were mailed out in December. Just as a reminder the email Subject line reads: "Dues Notice for Council 1672". Please **DO NOT DELETE** this email and please check your email junk folder for the invoice. I received numerous notes from Brothers last year that they never received any electronic invoice. 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**. You have heard this all before, but 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. I have held the dues at \$40.00 again this year, but we are already running a deficit in the operating account at this writing (November). **NOTE: At the council meeting of November 8, 2016 a motion was passed to charge an administration fee to cover these expenses of all dues paid after 1/31/2020. All dues will be \$45.00 after**

1/31/2020. 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.

Please do not send me a dues check in the middle of February with a check dated before 1/31/2020 without the \$5.00 Fee!

Dues can be paid multiple ways: **1** - You can mail me the dues to (361 Colgate Way Freehold NJ) **2** - **Drop them in the mail box in front of the council, attn.: George F.** **3** - Bring the dues to the lounge and give to the bartender with my name on it; and 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.

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!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Jeff Yoder, Chancellor

We had a very productive Quarter with membership. I want to thank everyone that assisted in making this happen. The teamwork was great, and we can have great accomplishments with teamwork. Congratulations to all of our new Brother Knights. Please find an event or fund raiser that you like and get involved. No one is expected to participate in everything, but a little time spent, fifteen minutes or so, before and after a Mass at an event or fundraiser will be greatly appreciated.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and will have a great 2020. I will be spending most of this Quarter in a warmer climate, like I have for the last ten years. Once March arrives, we will once again be conducting our Membership drives at both Churches. Hopefully we will have even more assistance with

the drives. The Membership Committee came up with some new ideas that enabled the Council to recruit more new members. One of them was the establishment of a "Landing Page". We were able to place a prospective candidate on the Landing Page after talking to them after Mass, and by the time they arrived at their car in parking lot, they had received an email from Supreme, thanking them for their interest and providing them the opportunity to join online. We also handed out invitations to attend our Open House. Overall, they turned out to be great recruitment tools.

We are looking forward to finishing the last half of our Columbian year and hope to have it as successful as the first half. We can only accomplish this with your help. See you at our events.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak

Even though you are reading this in 2020 I still hope that you all had a Blessed Christmas and I wish each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year! As the calendar year came to a close, we were able to get back to our "normal" schedule of activities here at Freehold Council 1672. The end of the year is always busy and this one was exceptionally busy. So many programs going on. So many ways to help others. I hope that you were able to participate in some of our worthwhile programs.

Upcoming events for January include our Free Throw contest the 12th, our Social Meeting, where we will view the movie "Unplanned" the 14th, coffee and + after all the masses at St. Robert Bellarmine the 19th, busses leaving St. Robert's and St. Rose for Washington D.C. and the March for Life the 24th, our Community Breakfast the 26th, and our Council Business Meeting the 28th. All Brothers are encouraged to participate!!

Remember what Fr. Michael Snyder conveyed to us, "do little things with great love." With that being said, I wish to close my report with an observation

that I made in November. Our Worthy GK asked for assistance in dropping off some comforters that he came in possession of. (It's a long story but they actually did fall off a truck...the entire truck!) I volunteered to accompany Brian and we delivered some of the comforters to the St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Rose Church. Several couples were present to accept the comforters and they were very appreciative that Brian had reached out to them to see if they had a need for them. We then set out for the Collier School in the Wickatunk section of Marlboro Twp. After driving around in a big circle our GK asked for assistance from WAZE and we eventually located the private school which serves Middle and High School students with emotional difficulties and other special needs. The Collier School is sponsored by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and a couple of sisters along with other staff members met us to accept the comforters. Their faces lit up when they saw us carrying in the boxes of comforters and they couldn't have been nicer and more grateful. What a great feeling! And "Just doing a little thing with great love".

FIELD AGENT'S NEWS - James Castrovilly

Happy New Year! It's that well known time of year when we make resolutions. There is one resolution I can definitely help you keep. The resolution to meet with me this year to update your Family Service Record and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. I will take the time to look at your dreams,

goals, and aspirations and make sure you're on track to making them a reality.

So again I want to say Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights and your Families.

Feel free to contact me:

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MEMORABLE MEMBERS - Mike La Rosa, Editor

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

Robert Higgins, 89 years old, passed away on September 21, 2019, a Brother for 29 years with the council and an Honorary Life Member.

Brother Thomas Foy, 82 years old, passed away on October 27, 2019, a Brother for 47 years with the council and an Honorary Life Member.

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

CHARITY STARTS AT HOME - Brian Barrett, GK

This is to inform you how our Council has helped various worthwhile charities in and around the Freehold Area. Listed are the donations that we have made in just the first half of this Columbian year. Our biggest contribution was "Send a Soldier home for Christmas," we raised nearly \$7,000.00 Which sent 14 Heroes home.

American Legion Centennial ad	\$125.00
Birth Right Freehold	\$100.00
Bishops Appreciation Dinner	\$380.00
Bishop O'Connell	\$500.00
Blood Drive	\$220.00
Camp Quality	\$100.00
Coats For the Needy (Kids)	\$1,500.00
Co-Cathedral of St. Robt's Christmas Fair	\$40.00
Co-Cathedral of St. Robt's Coffee and Social	\$250.00
Co-Cathedral of St. Robt's Fr. Benedict	\$250.00
Crohn's And Colitis Foundation	\$200.00
EHAP Inc. (Emerg. Hous. Advoc. Progrm.)	\$500.00

Feed God's Children	\$250.00
Freehold Area Open Air	250.00
Freehold Clergy Association	\$250.00
Gifts Priest & Parish Staff	\$850.00
K of C 10994 Gulf Sponsorship	\$200.00
License Fee Unplanned	\$225.00
Maryknoll Fathers and Brother	\$100.00
Msgr Sam 35th Anniversary	\$200.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$300.00
Rachael's House	\$250.00
Seminarian Support	\$5000.00
Send a Solder Home For Christmas	\$8,700.00+
St. Rose Christmas Choir Program	\$100.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$14,882.40+

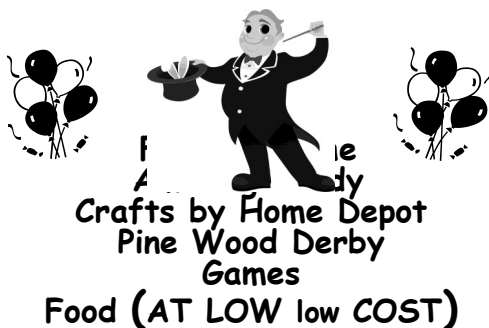
Brothers thank you for your hard work and dedication. You make our Council proud and Freehold a better place to live. Keep up the great work.



The "Ina-Circle Trucking Co." (Brian Barrett & Ed Hudak) received many, many "Thanks!" for delivering the new donated comforters to St. Rose of Lima's, St. Vincent DePaul Society (Left) and the Convent of Good Shepherd (Right) to be used by the poor who depend on their help.



Free Kids Day Party FREE
February 8th, 2020



FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672
Basketball Free-Throw Contest
Free of charge

The Knights of Columbus Invites
all Boys & Girls, ages 9 thru 14
of St. Rose & St. Robert's Parishes
to participate.

SUNDAY January 12, 2020
ROSE OF LIMA GYM
FREE REGISTRATION AT NOON
STARTS at 1PM
FREE TO ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9-14
FOR MORE INFO SEE KofC1672.org

Contact Brian Barrett at 732-547-5805 or at
Briangk1672@gmail.com

Must Bring Copy of Participant's Birth Certificate



WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JANUARY			
1	New Years Day		
2	4th Degree Meeting - Asse CANCELED	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
12	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose of Lima Gym	12 Noon - 3 pm
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
19	Coffee and More at St. Robert Bellarmine	Dentisi Hall - SRB	7:30 am - 1 pm
20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
24	March For Life	Washington, D.C.	All Day
26	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
28	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
FEBRUARY			
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
8	C. C. St. Valentine's Dinner Dance	Council Main Hall	7 pm - ?
8	Kid's Day Party	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	St. Valentines Day		
17	President's Day		
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
23	Freehold Council 1672 - 107th Anniversary	(1913 - 2020)	
23	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
25	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
26	Ash Wednesday (<i>Lent Begins</i>)		
MARCH			
1	Membership Drive	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
4	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	C.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade Luncheon & 50/50	Council Main Hall	12:30 pm - 2 pm
17	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Downstairs Lounge	12 Noon - ?
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
22	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
24	Open House	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27	1st & 2nd Degrees	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28 & 29	Palm Cross Sale	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

A new decade of change and opportunity has just begun. **2020 Wow!** Get ready. Excitement and adventure is what lies ahead. The great vast unknown.

There is much to look forward to this year. The U. S. Census figures will be announced, usually by June, and they will probably be controversial. The Papal Synod on the Amazon's full report should be forthcoming soon. That is sure to be controversial. Then the huge November event. The "Presidential Election of all time", this year will make it into all the media and that's guaranteed to be controversial. Fake news or not. With the New Green Deal, the Wall, the Impeachment, Global Warming, Immigration, the proposed China Deal, all will be jockeying for space in the Newspapers and on TV. The reporters will probably not even have the time to cover the ordinary headline grabbers, like: hurricanes, floods, forest fires, earthquakes, plane crashes, tornadoes, blizzards, wars, etc. ... I doubt even the Super Bowl half time extravaganza will be able to squeeze into the headlines. Such an important year to be part of. I can't wait to tell my grandkids and

the neighbor's grandkids how terrific it was to survive the great year of 2020. If I do survive?

There is so much noise and hype in our lives these days that a person can hardly think because we are blasted from all sides with all kinds of useless and outlandish information that doesn't make too much sense when you really think about it. The reporters of today, that write and tell the news items, don't seem to care if it's right or wrong. Just that you see it their way. The truth doesn't seem to be important anymore. It's more important to tell their readers or viewers what the reporter thinks they should think.

As Catholics, brought up in the **one true faith**, we should want to see and hear **only** the truth. Whether we like it or not. I for one want to know the real, true 2020 Census count, the true findings of the Amazon Papal Synod, and the true, real, honest results of the 2020 Presidential Election. The journalists, whose job it is to get the news out, should be striving for the truth, not slanting the news to fit their own or their employer's wants.

As Catholics, we cannot accept less.