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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett GK

Dear Brothers,

What an unprecedented time to write an article for the COMPASS. The coronavirus/COVID-19 has gripped everyone's attention. Masses canceled, restaurants closed, stock market plunging and worst of all people getting sick and the deaths have affected us right here at home. By the time this is published the Knights will have finished a *Novena for Protection In Time Of Pandemic*, but please continue to pray for all.

Unfortunately, our annual Palm Cross sale, Business and Social Meetings, Open House, New Degree Exemplification, monthly Breakfast, Diocesan Free Throw Contest, even the Pride in Priests Dinner have all been canceled. Even St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef was canceled. At this time our Canning Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities (*rescheduled for April 25*) is still on.

Some happier news. On January 12, 2020 we held our annual Basketball Free Throw Contest and crowned the following as Council Champions.-girls, Mia Miladinov (10), Cece Marino (14), boys Max Ganelos (9), Andrew Holmes (10), Cole Gerigk (11), Ryan Spencer (12) and brother Tyler Spencer (14). At the District level Championship: Mia, Cece, Max, and Tyler advanced to the, as of now canceled, Diocesan level Championship.

On Saturday, February 8 we held Kids Day. There were so many Brother Knights there to help, it was great. Many thanks to the Monmouth County Sheriffs Office, Home Depot and Brother Knight Randy Butters "The Amazing Randy". He put on a magic show that easily entertained all the kids but also had the adults mesmerized. Troop 18 BSA and the Youth Group of St. Rose helped run all the stations which included: Bean Bag Toss, Donut Eating Contest, Face Painting, and Arts and Crafts. Troop 156 provided their Pine Wood Derby track and race cars which was a big hit. Peter Weber and Bill Butch did an amazing job in the kitchen serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs and loaded nachos. What a day! Looking forward to next year.

On January 26, I had the pleasure of attending the Troop 18 BSA Court of Honor. Three young men, JT Silver, Robert Wilbur and Nicholas Stevens received the Eagle Scout honors. JT was the young man that organized a crew of volunteers that painted the Columbian Club hall and placed a new vinyl plank floor in our upstairs service bar.

Pray for all those effected by the coronavirus and all those at risk. This to will pass.

Proud to be a Knight of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak

I hope that all of you had a great St. Patrick's Day followed by the beginning of Spring and that you are anxiously awaiting Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Please don't forget to help out with our Canning Drive on April 25th, (9am-1pm). Money collected that day will go to the mentally challenged. The more brothers who participate - the easier it will make it for all of us.

Upcoming events for April include our monthly Council Business Meeting on the 14th, the Pride 'n Priest Dinner at Doolan's in Spring Lake on the 16th, followed by the Birth Right Raffle and Dinner Ticket Sales at all masses at both parishes on April 18th and 19th and lastly, the Birth Right Dinner which will be held on April 28th.

During May, we have our monthly Council Business Meeting on the 12th, the placing of our



K of C Flags for our departed Vet Brothers on the 21st, and the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th followed by the Luncheon at our Council Hall.

On June 7th there will be a Knights Mass at Saint Rose of Lima Church at 8:15am followed by a Knights Breakfast, the monthly Business Meeting is on June 9th and the "always fun" St. Rose Carnival will run from the 16th to the 20th.

All brothers are urged to consider participating in our events. Whether it be the Canning Drive, the Raffle Ticket sales, or preparing food at the St. Rose Carnival, your help will be greatly appreciated, you will get to know some of your fellow brothers and really become a part of our fraternity. This is difficult to do if you stay away. Hope to see you there!!!

Vivat Jesus

THE FOURTH DEGREE UPDATE - Doug Walsh, FN

As we approach the end our Columbian year, I am grateful for the support I have received from my fellow Sir Knights and Assembly Officers. I am also grateful for the support that our Assembly has received from other Assemblies in our area; particularly Bishop McFaul Assembly 646, St. Joseph's Assembly 679 and Bishop George W. Ahr Assembly 3087.

In a previous Compass messages, I pointed out, that one of the highest honors of a Sir Knight is to be a member of the Color Corps. One of the greatest privileges of our Color Corps is to stand as Honor Guard at the Wake and Funeral for deceased Brothers. Last summer I had the heartbreaking experience of being the only member of our Assembly Color Corps to appear for the wake of a long-time Brother who passed away. Since that experience, our Assembly Color Corps has banded together with Assemblies 646, 679 and 3087 to ensure that all deceased Brothers will have an Honor Guard. This cooperative effort is a true example of the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Our Color Corps members have

cooperated to ensure adequate coverage at wakes, funerals, confirmations, and other call-outs throughout our District.

We recently had the privilege of standing as Honor Guard for a deceased Brother who had outlived most of his entire family. This Brother was a Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator and Eucharistic Minister at his Parish. He had earned the right to have an Honor Guard. Our small group of Color Corps members actually outnumbered his remaining family members. His family members repeatedly thanked us for attending.

So, as my term as Faithful Navigator comes to its conclusion, I wish to remind all Brothers that the Fourth Degree is not just an opportunity to attend another monthly meeting. It's a calling to be the visible embodiment of our Order. I call upon all Brothers to hear the calling. Join the Fourth Degree. Join the Color Corps. Be the Sir Knight you were meant to be.

Vivat Jesus

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Supreme Court Oral Arguments Leave Abortion Precedents in Jeopardy



On Wednesday, March 4th the Supreme Court heard its first abortion case since President Trump's appointments of conservative justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. Despite the court's new conservative majority, the morning's oral arguments left little clarity about its future verdict in a case that could determine abortion rights for years to come.

A ruling against the abortion clinic in the case on either the substantive or procedural issues at hand could get access to reproductive health care across the country. Chief Justice John Roberts' questions to lawyers on both sides indicated he was conflicted about how he would rule on the substantive issue.

The substantive issue in *June Medical Services v. Russo* involves a stayed 2014 Louisiana law requiring doctors to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic where they provide abortions. The law is almost identical to a Texas measure that the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional in the 2016 case *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstadt* as placing an "undue burden" on women seeking abortions by forcing many clinics to shut down without a justifiable health purpose. On Wednesday, the court's liberal justices hammered Louisiana's attorneys over why admitting privileges were necessary for a procedure with a low complication rate, and specifically what benefit the 30 mile requirement plays when many women safely take medication to induce an abortion at home.

Lawyers from the Center for Reproductive Rights representing June Medical Services argue that if the law were to go into effect, there would be only one doctor left in Louisiana who could provide abortions. Mary Ziegler, a professor at Florida State University who studies the history of abortion law, says upholding the law could prompt a "cascade" of similar restrictions in conservative states. "This is probably

the most unpredictable the Supreme Court has been on abortion in decades," says Ziegler.

But the procedural issue could have an even further reaching impact. In 1976, the Supreme Court held that providers were eligible to represent their patients under a doctrine known as third-party standing. In this case, Louisiana challenged that precedent in a last-minute counter-petition, arguing that patients and doctors might not have the same interests, and that there isn't necessarily a barrier to women bringing these cases themselves. Justices Kavanaugh and Samuel Alito seemed receptive to the argument, opening the door to a ruling that would force individuals denied or blocked from seeking abortions to bring a federal case on their own, a daunting legal and financial proposition for people already navigating an unwanted pregnancy. Such a decision could force women to delay getting an abortion until after filing suit in order to preserve their individual standing to sue, and push them into waging legal battles that could last for years, long after their own pregnancies were over.

If the court strikes down third-party standing, states may feel freer to pass tight abortion restrictions, knowing that lawsuits against them are less likely. Patient privacy could also be lessened, with individual plaintiffs forced into the public spotlight. "There'll be demonstrations against them," says Stephen Wermeil, a constitutional law professor at American University. "We're not talking about the shy and retired demonstrators. We're talking about people holding up posters with pictures of dead fetuses shouting, 'Baby killer!'"

Trump's appointees have created the most conservative bench in decades, turning court watchers' eyes on Roberts, the presumptive swing vote. While the chief justice joined an anti-abortion dissent in *Whole Women's Health*, last year he issued an injunction preventing the Louisiana law from going into place, actions placing him on both sides of the issue.

In his time leading the court, Roberts has projected a desire to preserve the court's public legitimacy by deferring on occasion to longstanding decisions. Roberts could decide that overturning a nearly 50 year-old precedent by rejecting third-party standing could run against that, says Wermeil, adding the caveat that Roberts is hardly a moderate on abortion.

(Excerpted from an article by Jessica Washington – Mother Jones magazine, March 4th, 2020)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Welcome to spring and a Happy Easter! The weather is getting warmer, and the days are getting longer! Also Dues collection for another year will soon be over!

Membership at this writing stands at 407 members; of which 10 are Honorary and 93 are Honorary Life members.

As stated above, we are coming to the end of the Dues collection Cycle for 2020. To those of you that are paid up THANK YOU! 45 members are still in arrears as of this writing, and have been notified by the Retention committee. We are at 86% of collections. I still receive notes from members that they never received an invoice and a host of other issues. The dues collection process has been the same for the last 6 years. **THE FIRST INVOICE is sent ELECTRONICALLY** via your email address the 1st or 2nd Week of December 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.** Some members receive both a Hard copy and electronic copy. You all know, by now, that you will need to pay your dues for the New Year, so you should not even wait for an invoice!

As of this writing, I will begin to prepare for the FINAL letter to members that are in arrears. The **Intent to Retain letter** will be sent out on Monday 3/16/20. This is the Supreme Councils procedure for 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 8 years and are about \$0.77 a week. If you are still in arrears please get me your dues ASAP.

On a sad note, due to operations shortfalls for the last 5 years we will be raising dues for next year. Everything has gone up and unfortunately we need to catch up.

I also receive change of address, email and phone number information by accident and when I receive the dues. I do not understand why the council cannot be notified when this information changes. I received one comment from a Brother that the dues were late because he moved 3 months ago and the mail was late. This Brother also received an Electronic email, so I guess he had not checked his emails in 3 months either. 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!

HISTORY LESSON - Mike La Rosa, Editor

Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, the Knights of Columbus was chartered on March 29, 1882, in the State of Connecticut.

As the Priest explained to a small group of men at a meeting in the basement of St. Mary's Church in October 1881, his purpose in calling them together was manifold: to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement, to promote closer ties of fraternity among them; and to set up an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of members in the group who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

The founder and first Officers of the fledgling organization chose the name "Knights of Columbus" because they felt that, as a Catholic group, it should relate to Christopher Columbus, the Catholic

discoverer of America. This would emphasize that it was a Catholic who discovered, explored, and colonized the North American continent. At the same time "Knights" would signify that the membership embodied knightly ideals of spirituality and service to Church, country and fellowman.

By the end of 1897 the Order was thoroughly rooted in New England, along the upper Atlantic seaboard and into Canada. Within the next eight years it branched out from Quebec to California, and from Florida to Washington.

From such promising beginnings Father McGivney's original group has blossomed into an international society of over 1.7 million Catholic men in nearly 14,000 councils who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Columbianism: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

From State of New Jersey, Knights of Columbus website

DISTRICT DEPUTY CORNER - Colin P. Casey, DD23

We are presently faced with a terrible health crisis during this Lenten Season. Seemingly, the churches in the states are temporarily closing their doors and the Knights of Columbus have been instructed by Supreme Council to try to carry-on with council business via Office 365 or tools such as www.freeconferencecall.com for the time being. State mandates have called for a curfew between the hours of 8:00pm through 5:00am

Church and State leaders are simply doing what they believe is necessary for us to successfully get through this crisis. Please keep our seniors in your thoughts and prayers and help whenever possible. Your council is currently praying the Novena Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic every evening at 7:30pm and we have asked Knights, their families and friends everywhere to join us in this prayer to bring an end to COVID-19.

The Freehold 1672 Council did a great job with their Church Recruitment Drives at both the

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima. You were scheduled to entertain 21 potential candidates at an Open House this week before their March 27th Exemplification Degree. Unfortunately, like everything else, this important event needed to be postponed. Hopefully, this will all be behind us soon and we can move forward.

While we are on this "sabbatical" please remember to make sure you have your Slate of Proposed Officers for the 2020/2021 Fraternal Year out to your membership in April. This is important as we need to stay aligned with the requirements of the election.

I would like to wish all the Freehold 1672 Council Brothers and your families a healthy, blessed and Happy Easter Season. Should you have any questions or concerns you can always reach out to me via 732-693-7659 or DD23KofCnj@gmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless you all!

PHOTO ALBUM

F. B. Councilman George Schnurr AWARDING THREE EAGLE SCOUTS



J. T. Silver



Nick Stevens



Robert Wilbur

KIDS DAY FESTIVITIES



Bobbing for Donuts



Crowding Around

COUNCIL EVENTS - Jeff Yoder, Chancellor

It has been a pleasure to have served you for another year as the Chancellor. I want to thank every Brother that assisted in the membership drives this Columbian Year. The last one in March was very successful. We recruited 12 new prospective members from the two Churches. We had three transfers, with several more from events. Now we hope that we can get these new prospects to join our Council. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 has put a temporary halt on our operations. The

assigned sponsors to these men are doing a good job communicating with them and I believe that the candidates are still interested in joining.

I pray that a vaccine will be developed to help slow down the spread of the COVID-19 Virus and people can get on with their normal lives. Let's give the new Chancellor the support that you have given me and make this New Columbian Year even more successful.

God Bless everyone and stay safe.

FIELD AGENT NEWS - Ken Downey

Helping Our Families Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death.

The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends. But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends.

That's why we are excited about the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*. It is a no-cost tool available from me to you. The 34 page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

With the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, you can:

- List medical information
- Identify your long-term care instructions and wishes
- Identify the location of records, documents, accounts, passwords, and other important concerns
- Identify charitable gifts
- Supplement your will with instructions and information on the distribution of your estate, as well as information on guardians,

executors, and power of attorney

Express your wishes for your funeral service, including identifying readings, lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, and fraternal or military organization involvement

Prepare a Survivors' Action Items and Concerns listing for the settlement of your estate and the execution of your last wishes

Establish a list of people to notify

Record information on life insurance policies and other benefits

Express your wishes for an obituary

Write a letter expressing your wishes to your pastor

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* may not be the most enjoyable workbook you have ever filled out, but may be the most impactful. In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is an easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones. This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.

As pointed as it may seem, tempus fugit memento mori reminds us that we - with certainty - will die, but that we may very well not - with certainty - know when. So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable? You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.

To get a complimentary copy of the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, contact me today at: 732-284-6414 or ken.downey@kofc.org.

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
APRIL			
1	4th Degree Meeting CANCELED	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
5	PALM SUNDAY		
12	EASTER SUNDAY		
14	Council Business Meeting CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting CANCELED	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
16	Pride in Priest CANCELED	Spring Lake, N. J.	7 pm
18 & 19	Birth Right Rally CANCELED - Arts Sales	St. Rose & St. Robert's	All Masses
25	Can Drive for the Mentally Challenged	Outside of Council	9 am - 1 pm
25	Birth Right Dinner	St. Thomas More	TBA
26	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30am
28	Council Business Meeting / Founders Mass	Council Main Hall	8 pm
MAY			
6	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
10	MOTHER'S DAY		
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
21	K of C Flag's Departed Brothers Graves	St. Rose Cemetery	TBA
24	Community Breakfast - (Veterans & Essay Winners)	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
25	Freehold Memorial Day Parade	Freehold Borough	9:30 am - 12noon
25	Parade Luncheon	Council Main Hall	After Parade - ?
26	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
JUNE			
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
7	Knights of Columbus Mass	St. Rose of Lima Ch.	8:15 am
7	Knights Breakfast	TBA	Following Mass
9	Council Business Meeting - (Officer Elections)	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	FLAG DAY		
16 - 20	St. Rose of Lima Carnival	St. Rose School Yard	6 pm - 10 pm
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
21	FATHER'S DAY		
23	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Life's most important things.

It seems that this time of year is the season of love. Spring has sprung. Just past was St. Valentine's Day, a sure day to show appreciation to our loved ones. The feast of St. Joseph, a day to remember how he had to have loved the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus, and how they had to love him in return. Then comes Easter Sunday, the day that tops all the other days of the year showing how much Jesus loved all of us because after dying on the cross, He rose from the dead to save us.

We talk all the time about love and how much we like it. But do we ever think about what the world would be like if love didn't exist in it. No happiness, delight, pleasure or enjoyment. Not a very cheerful outlook is it. No kissing, maybe even no purpose in having children. There would be a lot less children for sure. Fewer pets too. How quiet our homes would be. There probably would be more arguments, more fights, more wars and you might not be able to drive your car anymore because there would be an epidemic of road rage.

All types of crimes would increase. There would be absolutely no reason to get out of bed in the morning. Really... Could anyone survive on this globe without love.

Even if you are not experiencing any love right now, I bet you're searching for it. In today's world sometimes I get the feeling that many people don't even know what it is. It's certainly is a lot more than passion but you wouldn't know that by watching TV or the movies. You'll find it in: caring, affection, benevolence, devotion, endearment and just being nice. So think how fortunate we all are to be loved and able to return love.

They say there is only one place where love does not exist, and that's **hell**. If you're lucky enough to be in love, Thank GOD.

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