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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett, GK

By the time you are reading this, we will be in our 7th month of collecting food for Open Door. I could not be more pleased with the work our Council has done during this time of Corona Virus and the continued unemployment and food insecurity for many neighbors. The Freehold community has responded with very generous donations that are grouped by grains, cereals, proteins, vegetables, and snacks, then bagged and delivered every Thursday. People are often lined up hours before any food is distributed. Council 1672 has delivered more than 10,000 meals.

We have transitioned back to monthly meetings at the council hall. ZOOM is done!!!

On August 27th a group of Knight's got together and assembled a caravan for a drive-by birthday celebration. Brother Fred Trotter turned 80! With horns blaring, Happy Birthday playing Fred met everyone on the driveway. Fred was presented with a KofC face mask and a bottle of Cabernet (no ice on the side). The look on Fred's face said this was a good day for the Knights. Many more Fred!

In late August we also attempted "A Night of Classic TV Comedies" in our parking lot, featuring The Honeymooners, I Love Lucy and Seinfeld. It was a good thought. We sold snacks, hotdogs, beer, wine and soft drinks. Brothers, wives and friends brought their lawn chairs and we all settled in. Then besides the audio problems the skies opened up and down came the rain. Working on the audio and thinking about a mid October Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein Halloween movie. We'll keep you posted.

In August the Columbian Club had a very successful Polish Night Take Out Dinner. Learning from past mistakes a Chicken and Ribs Take Out Dinner was held September 12th. We cannot thank-you enough for supporting these much needed fundraising events. Thanks to Peter Weber, John Favorito, Dan Dawidowicz, Drew Luhman, Bill and Dolores Suky, Steve Kedulich, Gino and Mimi Iacovella, Bill and Donna Butch, Brian and Monica Barrett, Rich Pepe, Pat Facchini, John Wilson, Irv Cruz, Chris Barnett, and John Mooney. As you can see by the list - it was a true Knights team effort. Awesome teamwork. A special shout-out to Our Worthy Warden, Bill Butch or should I say THE RIB MASTER. It's one thing to cook a few racks of ribs in your backyard but 160 racks!!! Well done Sir.

Our next planned dinner is Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10 - ITALIAN NIGHT. Cathy Sobocinski has a crew ready to cook. We need Knights to pack it up and run it out.

We get back to outdoor fundraising September 19th with our Annual Canning Drive to support Coats for Kids organized by Brother Doug LeRoy. It will have finished by the time you read this. Look for pictures and a report in the next issue of the award winning Compass.

Our Culture of Life Chairman Roger Zurro has our Council scheduled for the 40 Days for Life Campaign at Planned Parenthood on Newman Springs Road in Shrewsbury from 10-11am every Friday from September 25 through October 30. Join us any Friday you can make it.

The busiest time of the year is just ahead of us. Make sure you read your emails, come to a meeting, and sign-up. We can't do our good works without your help.

Vivat Jesus !

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Msgr. Sam Sirianni

What the Seasons tell us

Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year. The cool weather give off a sense of energy that allows many to see this part of the year as a new beginning. The new academic year, the return from vacation, and the end of summer means it is back to work and doing stuff.

Yet, this year Autumn may seem like the rest of the year so far, or at least since March. The pandemic and the frustration and stress it has caused will seem like Lent 2020 is still with us. Concerns about safety and care for those who are scared of the virus, as well as patience with those who think the virus is a glorified Flu, will try the sensibilities of a Saint. We are not saints yet.

So what to do? Let us look to this season's Saints to give us direction and hope. Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th, reminds us that our lives will have trials and we are called to carry our cross. But by the gracious will of Jesus upon the Cross, He entrusted His Mother to be the Mother of humanity, who's motherly heart, filled with love and compassion prays for us as we face the trials of life.

The Feast of the Little Flower, St. Teresa of Jesus, October 1st, reminds us that it is in the little things of life we can show great love. While the Holy Day All Saints, November 1st and the Commemoration of All Souls, November 2nd, reminds us that those who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith are praying for us as we journey through life.

There are so many other great feasts and memorials during this time of the year. Check your calendar and allow the wisdom of the Saints to be your courage and strength as you carry on in service to the Church and the wider community.

God bless,



MEMORABLE MEMBERS

I regret to inform you that we lost 2 long time Brothers recently pass away

Brother Robert J. Vasta, Age 73, Served 10 yrs., Died: August 28, 2020

Brother Robert F. Kirwan, Age 87, Served 47 yrs., Honorary Life Member, Died: September 5, 2020

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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

I hope this award-winning newsletter finds you and your families healthy and happy!

While we continue to endure uncertain times, I want to say that I am so proud of our Knights throughout Monmouth County. The continuously successful Food Drives, the Rosary Prayer Groups, the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, the many Coats for Kids Programs, the work being done for the upcoming of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch Pilgrimage, councils working parking lots for their outside Masses. . . regardless of what may be considered an obstacle, the Knights continue to serve their parish communities.

Your Worthy Grand Knight, Brian Barrett, has been appointed the Co-Chair of the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch in a Season of Remembrance" Pilgrimage for Monmouth County. The Opening Ceremony for this wonderful event will take place outdoors at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine on Saturday, October 31st. The **Silver Rose** will also be on display at this ceremony. It is

my hope that you will support your Grand Knight and be present for the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch in a Season of Remembrance" as Msgr. Sam Sirianni lights the torch! There is a website page on the Diocese of Trenton website about this exceptional event. A special Tribute Wall has been set-up on this website so you can leave a memorial message for a loved one who has gone home to be with the Lord.

Please visit the website at:
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/Guadalupe>

I would like to thank my brothers of the Freehold 1672 Council for their efforts over the last Fraternal Year and pray that you continue your success during the new Fraternal Year.

May God Bless you all and I pray that we see an end to this pandemic soon so we may all celebrate your accomplishments together. My best to you and your families in the upcoming weeks and may you have a Blessed, healthy, Holiday Season.

Vivat Jesus,

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Everybody's walking on eggs these days. You can say something which you think is perfectly innocent but that touches on a point you didn't know was hypersensitive. Suddenly someone's feeling affronted. Who wants to risk making people mad? But is avoiding discussion really an option right now? The fate of our nation - of our entire way of life - will turn on developments of the next few weeks. It all has to do with politics - that is to say with government and our relationship to it.

We need a resolution of the coronavirus lockdowns that crippled what had been the most robust economy in our history. We need peace and order restored in the streets of our cities. And we need to know who will serve the next presidential term and, accordingly, what will be the focus of government action during that administration. These concerns have special added significance for people of faith. Our ability to worship has been severely curtailed. Churches, church-affiliated organizations, and individual believers have come under attack. And we have reason to fear imposition of significant limits to religious freedom.

The central issue of this moment is Socialism, which at various times in our history has emerged as a potent movement, and at present is being aggressively promoted. The lockdown orders by which state and local officials have closed our churches are expressions of centralized power, which is the key feature of the Socialist vision. Antifa, Black Lives Matter, and other radical groups proudly trumpet both their Socialist credentials and their hostility to Christianity. The Democratic Party has veered farthest to the left of any time in its existence, desperately trying to ignore the radical violence, and expunging any support for traditional religious and moral values from their platform.

Politics and religion are inseparable. Any statement made about the Church - from one viewpoint or another - suggests some particular understanding of the First-

Amendment. To express a preference for either candidate automatically raises assumptions about the role of faith in one's life. Certainly, all of this complicates our efforts at evangelization. It's hard enough for Catholics to reach out to brothers and sisters in spiritual need. That's a job we've traditionally left to priests and nuns.

But more than ever, we're called upon to speak the truth, not only about the Kingdom of God, but about the threat which Socialism poses to faithful people and the nonreligious alike. That truth is this: Wherever Socialism has been tried, invariably it has turned into Communism. And because Communism is atheistic, the end result has always been tyranny, suffering, and death. Some 100 million people have been killed in the course of Communism's march through Russia, Eastern Europe, China, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and other parts of the world. Why such a toll in blood? Because Communism recognizes no higher moral principle than raw power. Without God to limit human action, any action considered necessary to achieving ideological goals is acceptable. Human beings become nothing more than expendable pieces to be used in pursuing the utopian society which Communism promises to create.

There have always been efforts to reconcile Communism and Christianity. Last year, the Jesuit magazine, *America*, published an essay, *The Catholic Case for Communism*, by Dean Dettloff of the Institute for Christian Studies, which tried to show parallels between Communism and Catholic social teaching. "For communists," Dettloff wrote, "global inequality and the abuse of workers at highly profitable corporations are not the result only of unkind employers or unfair labor regulations. They are symptoms of a specific way of organizing wealth."

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak

I hope you and your families are in good health. It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone. With autumn upon us, it reminds me of a quote by Albert Camus, "Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower." I hope we are all able to enjoy the beautiful colors of the season that is upon us.

Our upcoming Council Business Meetings are as follows: October 27th, November 10th, December 8th and January 12th, 2021. All meetings are scheduled to be at the Council Hall at 8pm and I encourage everyone to attend. Masks are required and we will continue to practice social distancing. If you are feeling under the weather or have any COVID-like symptoms, please **DO NOT COME**. You will be missed, but your brothers will appreciate your concern for their health.

Columbus Day, October 12th, falls on a Monday this year and will actually be celebrated on that day! We will be checking with CentraState Hospital to determine the first born baby on that day.

On October 3rd and 4th we will be having a recruitment drive at both parishes and will follow that up with an Open House at the Council Hall on October 13th. Let's hope we are able to sign up some new brothers!

At both parishes on November 7th and 8th we will be having our "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays" and on November 28th and 29th we will be having our "Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale". Please sign up and help us try to match the success that we had last year with these two fund raisers.

On November 13th we will be having our Annual Mass for Departed Brothers. More information will be coming out prior to this date concerning this service.

On November 24th we will be having a Council Social Meeting and on December 7th we will once again be having our Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas carol sing-a-long with the Catholic Daughters. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Vivat Jesus,

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Since this is the last issue of the Compass for the calendar year 2020, I wish you and your families a Merry Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Covid-19 has put a major crimp in donations and fund raisers for our Council and if you have not heard the Columbian Club LLC, who owns our building and pays all our bills, is literally hanging on by a string to keep us from selling the building. We have not been able to rent the hall, which was a MAJOR income generator to pay the bills.

In this Compass I need to discuss **DUES** since we will have changes this year, I will again discuss the 2021 year **Dues Invoices** and **Dues** process. **Please read this carefully. After 7 years of doing this I STILL get notified by our membership that they did not receive notification of dues. The procedure has NOT changed in 7 years!**

DUES INVOICES: If we have an email address on file for you, please check your email by the 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". **Please Check Your Spam Folder!** 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 Jan. 30, 2021 to avoid a second invoice going out. Like the past few years, anyone paying after 1/30/21 will be assessed a \$5.00 Admin fee to cover the extra cost of time, paper, ink, envelopes and postage. If you have not paid this Admin fee after being late last year, it will be on your invoice in 2021!

2021 CHANGES: Member Dues is the only money the council receives that is used for the operation of the council. The Per Capita we pay to State and Supreme is quite substantial. At our meetings and in my Compass articles, I've told you we have had a deficit for years to pay the council's bills. Our emergency fund which was put into place long ago to cover the deficit for a while, gets reimbursed each year as your dues come in. This emergency fund is also being depleted. We had a vote on 9/11/18 to raise the dues to \$60.00, it was approved. Due to some additional money which was put into the Operating Account in 2019 and 2020, I elected to keep the dues at \$40.00. With the possibility of us losing our building and the long running deficit, this year the dues must go up to \$60.00. A 2nd motion on 9/8/20 was also approved by those men at the business meeting. This is necessary and

the dues have not been raised since 2012. Honorary Life members are still exempt from paying (although we have quite a few HL members that do make donations!). In addition Honorary members will still pay \$10.80 in dues, unless Supreme orders us to raise them. This amount is set by Supreme.

PAYING DUES: 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. Below you will find a new way of paying your dues. You can also pay multiple years if you choose. Those members that have prepaid in 2020 along with all Honorary Life members will receive their member cards in December.

NEW WAY TO PAY: The world is becoming more ELECTRONIC. Many members have asked why we are still in a "check payment" mode. To be frank, there has not been a way for members to pay electronically without the council paying to collect the money; until just recently! I have researched two FREE methods of paying dues and wanted to give you Brothers a choice. The two methods are Zelle and VENMO. Since the bank that we have our money in does not participate in Zelle, we can't use it for the time being. I have decided to go with VENMO (which is owned by Pay Pal and is totally free as long as you do not use a credit card to pay the dues) Below I have put instructions for getting a VENMO account and how to use it.) **You can still use a check or cash, but VENMO is VERY EASY to use and very quick. Once I get the money I can easily transfer it to our bank with a few clicks on my phone. If I do get a check, I can easily take a picture and deposit that as well via the Bank App. This is a SMART PHONE APP and will not work on a computer.**

VENMO FOR MOBILE SMART PHONES:

Make and Share Payments. Use Venmo with anyone! Pay friends and family with a Venmo account using money you have in it, or link your bank account or debit card quickly. Use your Venmo account as a way to pay in mobile apps. Pay family and friends with Venmo accounts using a phone number or email. If they don't have a Venmo account, they just need to create one.

It's free with when you send money using your Venmo balance, **bank account, debit card or prepaid card, Venmo waive fees so it's free. Venmo's standard 3% fee applies only to credit cards.** Receiving money and making purchases in other apps is always free.

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CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Wm. Chris Barnett

It is hard to believe that Fall 2020 is upon us. Yet COVID-19 continues to impact our Council in so many ways. Such is also true for our membership efforts. During a "normal" year, we would now be planning our Fall Membership Drives at St. Rose and St. Roberts and the follow-up open house at our council. Well, the good news is that both Churches have partially re-opened and I am very happy to report Council 1672 will be having a Membership Drive scheduled for the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. A big word of thanks to my fellow brothers who have already signed up for staffing the membership information tables at the two Churches. In addition to these membership drives, I do have some "warm leads" on prospective Knights and I am in the process of contacting them.

October 13th. I expect we will have prospective candidates from our Membership Drive who will need to be interviewed at our Open House and I therefore encourage my fellow Brothers (Officers only) to attend that night to share your stories of becoming a Council 1672 Knight.

For my fellow brothers who regularly attend our Council meetings, you are aware of significant changes made to the Exemplification Program where what had been three separate Degrees and Ceremonies (Charity, Unity and Fraternity) are now rolled up into a single Exemplification Ceremony which upon completion, the attending member becomes a full fledged 3rd Degree Knight. And given the complications surrounding gatherings, this unified Exemplification Ceremony is now being offered online (virtual) both on demand as well as on certain specific dates. Specifically, the Supreme Council will be hosting a number of scheduled Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity each month. They will host degrees on the 1st Saturday and Sunday of each month and on certain Feast Days of the Church. These will be in addition to their

We will also be having our Open House at the Council and it is scheduled for On-Demand exemplifications, which continue to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

HOW TO USE VENMO

- 1) Download the App for the iPhone or Android Phone.
- 2) Sign Up using your First Name, Last Name, email and Password. You can also put in a Cell phone number. Venmo will send a verification code to your email address which you will need to enter.
- 3) Once this is done, open Venmo and Tap the 3 Lines on the upper **right** Hand of the App.
- 4) Go to the Settings menu option, select the "Payment Methods".
- 5) Add a Bank Account (**Using a Bank Account is Free for transfers and payment, when using a Credit Card, Venmo will charge you a 3% fee**).
- 5) When you've added your Bank Account Information, tap the arrow in the upper **left** hand corner.
- 6) Select "**Privacy**" and tap on **Private**.
- 7) Once Linked you're all set to send or receive money.
- 8) Down on the bottom of the App you will see a "Blue" Button that reads Pay or request; press this button and pick the person you are paying, or enter the email address of the person you are paying on top. For dues payments or donations or any money coming to the council please use **Kofc1672FS@gmail.com**, put in the amount and what it is for. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND MEMBER NUMBER IN THE MEMO SECTION.

(Although I should see who the payment is coming from). If this is NOT a Dues payment please just put a remark about what it is for.

- 9) Then Tap Pay, and down on the bottom it shows you the bank account and who you are paying in green. Tap the Green

Should you have problems, please feel free to contact me and I will try to assist you. In addition if any of you have any feedback, I would also like to hear that!

We are STILL missing or have incorrect phone numbers for many members. I find out about changes of address by accident when the mail comes back. 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 our 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 can't get a response from someone even after I send out a SSAE. WHY? This is the 2nd year I've asked and I still haven't gotten any responses! God Bless and please be safe out there!

TIME FOR CATHOLICS TO TALK POLITICS

One that did not exist at the creation of the world and one that represents part of a 'culture of death,' to borrow a familiar phrase. "...although the Catholic Church officially teaches that private property is a natural right, this teaching also comes with the proviso that private property is always subordinate to the common good." But from the beginning, the Catholic Church has condemned Communism. As author-historian Paul Kengor has noted: "In 1846, Pope Pius IX released *Qui pluribus*, affirming that communism is 'absolutely contrary to the natural law itself' and if adopted would 'utterly destroy the rights, property, and possessions of all men, and even society itself.' In 1849, one year after the [Communist] Manifesto was published, Pius IX issued the encyclical, *Nostis Et Nobiscum*, which referred to both socialism and communism as 'wicked theories' 'perverted theories,' and 'pernicious fictions.'

The Church has maintained its resistance to Communism consistently through a long series of pronouncements. An unpublished document of the Second Vatican Council, *On the Care of Souls With Regard to Christians Infected With Communism*, observed that some people educated in Catholic doctrine support the Communist cause not necessarily out of ideological commitment, but for pragmatic reasons: "...they regard it as an effective way to bring about the perfect establishment of social justice, and, in fact, for obtaining a better salary or wage for less work, for receiving an equal part of the division and distribution of wealth and material goods, and for living a more comfortable and easier life." The document warned, however, that even "those who favor communism only for economic convenience are mistaken." Kengor points out that the authors of this document foresaw a need for special action to counter the influence of Communist thought "in

universities and in other institutions of higher education of the sciences and arts ..." They recommended that "particular groups or associations be instituted for professors or students to ensure that they may not only give a public and clear testimony regarding the Christian faith by their truly Christian beliefs and manner of life, but also so they might expressly and efficaciously act to frustrate, or at least restrain, the nefarious work that is carried out hotly and bitterly in the aforementioned schools by so-called communist cells."

The hordes of young people creating havoc in our streets just now show how we've failed in that area. Communism cannot live side-by-side with religion, because it cannot abide any rules and principles other than those set by Communist leaders. It must dominate all of society and all of society's institutions. And so, difficult as it may be, committed Christians must take a stand against this mounting threat to our Faith and our freedom. How to proceed?

1- Know the facts. Know what the Bible says. Know what the Catechism says. Know what the candidates stand for.

2- Speak with other people. Despite the limitations imposed on us by social distancing and other coronavirus restrictions, we need to share our knowledge with people who are less informed.

3- In humble and considerate ways, invite people into conversation. Engage respectfully in healthy debate with friends and relatives who hold other points of view. Introducing new ideas, opening people's minds to different perspectives, educating them, these are good things. These are things on which the future of our nation depends.

It's time to talk politics and religion. Let's get to it.

A priest of the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, Rev. Michael P. Orsi currently serves as parochial vicar at St. Agnes Parish in Naples, Florida. He is host of "Action for Life TV," a weekly cable television series devoted to pro-life issues, and his writings appear in numerous publications and online journals.

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, President

Worthy Brothers, the Columbian club hopes this article finds everyone healthy.

As we start another Columbian year we still have the same issue as the last one. With no hall rentals no income. We are trying take out dinners. I thought that this would work but it's not enough. The 1st dinner, which was Polish Night, we sold 120 dinners. The 2nd was, chicken and ribs, we sold an unbelievable 145 dinners. On October 10th, we plan the 3rd with an Italian night.

I would like to thank Peter Weber for cooking up Polish night and Bill Butch for cooking up chicken and ribs. We had lots of compliments on the dinners. Also, I would like to thank all members and their wives who bundled, bagged and brought the food to the

cars. We had so many volunteers it made everyone's job that much easier. Going forward, we are now opening up the bar with restrictions, planning more dinners, and having a super 50/50 by Christmas .

Over the summer, with the help of Grand Knight Brian Barrett, an e-mail went out to the membership asking for \$5.00 per month for six months to help with the monthly expenses. We have done well with this, but were hoping for better. Thank you to all those members who are making a monthly or one time donations.

By putting all these efforts together and with your support, we should be able to get through Autumn. I hope everyone stays safe so that we can all get together for the holidays.

AUTUMN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION	TIME
OCTOBER			
3 & 4	Membership Drive	St. Rose and St Roberts	All Masses
7	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
12	Columbus Day Baby-First Born in Freehold	CentraState Hospital	Only God knows
13	OPEN HOUSE - Social	Council Main Hall	8 pm
21	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
25	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 am
27	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
30	New—C. U. F. Degree	Council Main Hall	7:15 sign-in/8 pm
31	Halloween		
31	Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch Lighting	St. Robert Bellarmine	10 am
NOVEMBER			
1	All Saints Day		
3	Daylights Savings Time ends		
2	All Souls Day		
3	Election Day		
4	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
7 & 8	Send Hero Home for Holidays Bracelet Sale	St. Rose and St Roberts	All Masses
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
11	Veteran's Day		
13	Council Mass for Departed Brothers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
22	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 am
24	Council Social Meeting - Movie, Gosnell the Trial	Council Main Hall	8 pm
26	Thanksgiving Day		
27	Black Friday		
27	Council Hall Decorations	Council Main Hall	9 am to Noon
28 & 29	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale	St. Rose & St Roberts	All Masses
DECEMBER			
2	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Council	8 pm
5 & 6	K of C Blood Drive - Santa Party - Evergreens Sale	Entire Hall	Times Vary
7	Tree Light / Carol Singing / Christmas Party - CD	Council Main Hall	8 pm
8	Immaculate Conception		
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
13	Community Breakfast with Santa	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 am
16	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
22	Council Business Meeting CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	Christmas Day		
TBA	Coats for Kids	Council Main Hall	8 pm
1/29/2021	IMPORTANT Save a Date - March For Life	Washington, D. C.	All Day

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Just twelve months ago I sat down and typed my "After Thoughts" article about how difficult the students had it by attending public schools. They and their parents had so much stress to deal with. I never ever thought that the year 2020 would be even more stressful plus weird. Wow, I'm sure that no one could ever have predicted a school year start like we are presently having.

Learning is hard enough going to school daily on a fixed classroom time schedule. On somedays the teachers with computers / books will pose questions to the students in the classroom with computers / books, who are raising their hands, trying to answer, as they refer to their computers, solve the problem and learn. **STRESS**. Then other days they don't go to school at all. Their teacher is in their home on their computer. The pupil must sit and watch the screen, understand the questions and the answers to solve the problem and learn. **A lot of STRESS**. Will they be on the computer with their fellow students and teacher, or will they be watching the teacher speak directly to them? Will they be given home assignments to do after their lesson time is over? It gives "homework" a whole

new meaning when compared to the way that I did homework.

What about tests and exams? How will they be conducted? Will the students be under the watchful eyes of cameras? Will the students learn more? Will they learn faster? We will have to wait and see. **More STRESS**.

Computers are designed to make our lives easier and less complex. This arrangement seems to be more complicated.

Let's hope and pray that the 2021 school year will be back to ordinary, predictable stress levels soon.

**Best wishes for a
Very Merry Christmas & a
Happy & Healthy 2021
to all Brothers & Families
from me & the
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