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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett, GK

Praying for a better and happier New Year. After 9 months of Covid restrictions it looks like we are headed back to ZOOM meetings. It's obviously been a challenging year. However, I am very proud of the efforts our Brothers of Council #1672 have made. Much of our success comes from Msgr. Sam of the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine and Father Jim of St. Rose of Lima. Both have allowed the Knights to hold our fundraising events at the respective parishes. This is not happening everywhere.

Since Saturday March 21, and EVERY Saturday since, we have held a Food Drive to support the Open Door Food Pantry on Throckmorton Street in Freehold. We provide 20-25 grocery bags full of food that is donated by fellow Knights and the community at large. The generosity is heart warming. We continue every Saturday from 9am until noon. We were even out there on Saturday December 5th in monsoon conditions – and people came out and donated!

Recently, myself and DGK Ed Hudak went on a shopping spree and purchased warm winter coats for EHAP (Emergency Housing Assistance Program), St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Rose, and St. Robert Bellarmine. Primark gift cards for coats were also purchased for Open Door's kids coats program. Our record setting Fall Canning Drive provided the funding for these purchases.

Unfortunately, we have to cancel our monthly breakfast and our Annual Kids Day. The January Basketball Free-Throw Contest is postponed - I'm awaiting further details. But they will all return in 2022. Our Spring Membership Drive will go on as will our Palm Cross sale and Canning Drive to support Monmouth ARC. Despite these cancelations the CHARITABLE work of our council will continue. If you would like to be a part of that work please contact our membership director, Chancellor Chris Barnett at 'chris_public@me.com.'

Perhaps the biggest news this Fall was the Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. For the beatification to occur Pope Francis had to approve a miracle. The miracle approved involved the healing of young Michael Schachle. To view this amazing video go to KofC.org, under "Father McGivney Has Been Beatified" click [learn more](#). Scroll down to "Miracle Approved by the Vatican" and enjoy, but have the tissues ready.

On the same day that Fr. McGivney was beatified, October 31st, several members of our council participated in the Lighting and sending forth of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torches throughout the Trenton Diocese. This was a beautiful ceremony that I would encourage all to attend next year when more people are allowed to attend. To read more about Our Lady of Guadalupe go to KofC.org, click "Latest News" under News Hub. Scroll down to "Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Digital Age" and click [learn more](#). If you have Prime Video (Amazon) you can watch the entire film narrated by Jim Caviezel "Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message."

Vivat Jesus!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - A Worthy Cause

PRAY FOR THE USA WHAT EVERY KNIGHT SHOULD DO IN 2021

WHAT IS PRAYER

St. Paul advises us to "Pray without ceasing." But what is prayer? When we enter into a loving relationship with someone, there is a desire to share every aspect of our lives with that person. We seek their presence, we express our love and gratitude, share our hopes and fears, and listen for their voice.

Prayer flows from the desire for a loving relationship with God. It is a raising of our minds and hearts to the One who loves us, and who continually invites us into a relationship with Him. Prayer is our response to God's invitation. As we pour out our hearts to God, we acknowledge God's

loving presence in all the circumstances of our lives.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux expresses it this way: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

From the Diocese of Trenton's website



MEMORABLE MEMBER



I regret to inform you that we lost a long time Brother who recently pass away.

Brother Frank A. Yuknes, Age 91, Served 62 yrs., Honorary Life Member, Died: September 8, 2020

Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Wm. Chris Barnett

Wow, wintertime has arrived and COVID-19 continues to impact all of us in so many ways and yes, our Council too. But no matter how hard these times, the Knights get through it together. For instance, the membership drives at both Parishes this past Fall were very fruitful and that success can be attributed to my fellow brothers who dedicated their time to help. A big thanks to all of you for your assistance and guidance which when combined with names we had from our Spring 2020 efforts, resulted in approximately 20 potential candidates for our subsequent Open House in Mid-October. Speaking of the Open House, I'd also like to thank our Grand Knight as Master of Ceremonies, for his warm welcome as well as the many brothers who came to support the event and share their time and stories with the candidates. At the conclusion of the Open House, we had ten completed Form 100's and of those ten men, five attended the in-person CUF degree led by our Degree Team Lead Rick Scott. I'd like to congratulate our five new Third Degree Brothers. They are Dennis Annarumma, Cruz Avila, Frank Cavallo, Victor Mistretta and Derek Popchinski. Additionally, Andrew Diaz has completed his Form 100 and will be taking his CUF Degree shortly. All in all, I'd call it a very successful Fall of 2020 membership effort for Council 1672. More recently, as Chancellor, I have received several additional names with whom I would like to say that I hope all of my brothers and their families had a Merry Christmas. Stay safe in the new year. Let each of us take this time to reflect on all that God has given us as he guides us through these challenging times.

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

A “Day of Outrage” in Freehold

On the afternoon of Wednesday, December 2nd, our Council, along with pro-life organizations such as New Jersey Right to Life and Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey, participated in New Jersey’s second “Day of Outrage.” We stood together to protect babies in the womb from the most atrocious and radical abortion bill ever introduced in our State, and possibly in any state – the so-called **Reproductive Freedom Act! (S030/A4848)**. We gathered in Freehold outside the offices of three primary sponsors – Senator Vin Gopal in Freehold, Assemblywoman Joann Downey, and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling.

This Act would codify into law the right to abort a baby minutes before birth, prohibit the prosecution of individuals who attempt to terminate the life of their preborn child, and eliminate the requirement that a medical and legal investigation be done in cases where the aborted baby’s death occurs without medical attendance. **This is an open door to state-sanctioned infanticide.** Governor Murphy, along with the sponsors of this bill, are responsible for this gross assault on human

life and they must be held accountable.

Please do your best, Brothers, to inform others about this dangerous bill. People across this state should be outraged that elected state officials would use the office their constituents have entrusted them with to push this dangerous legislation. It threatens women’s health, jeopardizes children’s safety, and removes conscience protections for medical health professionals.

Every child has the right to live. Tragically, our governor, six state senators, and twenty-one assembly members do not believe that every child has the right to live. Therefore, the current pro-abortion lawmakers want to end this debate in New Jersey once and for all. And allow **abortion at any time, for any reason, without any restrictions – without end.**

Clearly, the soul, and stability of our state is on the ballot in 2021 when the office of governor and every state legislative seat is up for reelection. But we cannot wait to hold them accountable; we must speak up now as if lives depend on it – because they do.



**MARCH FOR LIFE, - January 29th, Washington, D.C.
Due to Carona virus Scare.
St. Robert’s will not be sending a bus.
Please check church bulletins for details.**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

It is now 2021 and I wish you and your families a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I sincerely hope that you are all well and that this year Covid will be gone and we will all be back to normal!

You should have received your electronic invoice if we have an email on file for you or 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. After putting it off for 2 years, unfortunately, I had to raise the dues to \$60.00 this year due to these rising cost. **NOTE: At the council meeting of November 8, 2016 a motion was passed to charge an administration fee to cover these expenses. Any dues paid after 1/30/2021, the dues will be \$65.00 after 1/30/2021.** 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. If you see the \$5.00 charge on the first invoice this year it means that you were late last year and did not pay the \$5.00 fee!

Please do not send me a dues check in the middle of February with a check dated before 1/30/2021 without the \$5.00 Fee!

Dues can be paid multiple ways: **1)-Now we have Venmo!** Refer to the Autumn Compass on our website for instructions - www.kofc1672.org. You can use Kofc1672FS@gmail.com or the **QR CODE below** and your payment will come through. Please put your name in the description and what it is for - dues or donation. **2)-You can mail me the dues (361 Colgate Way Freehold, NJ 07728) 3)-Drop them in the mail box in front of the council,**

attn. George F. 4)-Bring the dues to the lounge and give it to the bartender with my name on it; 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 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. Not sure how I can make dues payment any easier!

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!

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Please include in the description:

- Your name
- What this donation is for

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, President

Worthy Brothers, On behalf of the Columbian Club, trustees we would like to wish everyone a belated Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Thank you everyone for supporting us and our fund raisers this past year . I hope we can count on your continuing support for 2021.

FOTOGRAFIC FUNOMENON



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I
Can
Recognize
Santa but don't ask me
Who the elves are? Darn
Corona Virus. I'm sure they
Are Brother Knights. I'm guessing,
Since I don't see any packages, they
Must have Already delivered
Them.

2020 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS - Mike La Rosa

This year, because of the China Virus, we were unable to present awards to our Essay Contest Winners and give them proper recognition before the school year ended. Typically they would have received their prizes at our Council's Sunday Community Breakfast in May, just before Memorial Day. There wasn't a breakfast last year because of the quarantine. But we never forgot them. Oh no, we would never do that. It was postponed until our November 10th meeting night. God looked down on us because it was the very last "in-person" meeting that our council had last year. It was a grand event because I presented them with their awards before a large crowd of Brothers making that meeting special to the winners and their parents. The winners and myself were especially happy to wrap

up the 2020 Essay Contest year.

It was a very difficult year for the participants and the judges, Spencer Purdum, George Ferriso and Peter LaFrance. First the theme, "How I Demonstrate the Virtue of Charity Towards My Family and Neighbors". Second was the quality of the essays. Out of a possible score of 300:

#1 - Stacy Mancino, scored 279,

#2 - Infantina Francis, scored 278 and

#3 - Caitlin Mahala scored 275

It was the tightest essay finish that the judges have ever called. Congratulations to the three winners.

There were 32, 8th graders in last year's contest. The council greatly appreciates their participation. The 2021 Essay Contest starts later this month.



#2 - Infantina Francis



#1 - Stacy Mancino



#3 - Caitlin Mahala

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

As we bid farewell to 2020 (a year we would all like to forget thanks to this pandemic), I want to take a moment to recognize your Freehold Council for continuing to stand tall in tough times. My Freehold Brothers never cease to amaze me when the going gets tough!

Not even the COVID could keep you from making a difference in your community. You continue to serve the parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima well. Brothers came together each weekend to collect food for the Food Pantry in your town. You were able to host a CUF Degree and welcome in new members. Your Columbian Club did a great job with their "Dinners to Go" events to raise funds. The "Coats for Kids" Campaign at your Council achieved unbelievable results! You took part in the "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays" Campaign. Thank you to your F.S., George Ferriso, your council is dynamic in the member retention sector. These are just some of the things you accomplished in uncertain times and my brothers, you should all be very proud of the impact you made throughout your parish communities.

One thing that will get us through this pandemic is prayer. I would like to remind you all that we host a Zoom Rosary Prayer Meeting every Monday and Thursday evening at 7:30PM. Your Worthy Grand Knight, Brian Barrett, and your Deputy Grand Knight, Ed Hudak, often participate in these sessions so please reach out to them to see how you can join us. There is nothing more powerful than a group coming together to pray the Rosary.

Due to a health issue, I will be taking a sabbatical until I recover from my upcoming surgery. Fellow District Deputy, Lou DiBello, will be covering your council until I return so you will be in good hands. I would like to thank all of you that have reached out to me to let me know that I am in your prayers. Please know that I very much appreciate it and I can feel the love and power those prayers bring.

I would like to wish each of my Freehold Brothers and their extended families a very happy and Blessed Christmas Season and all the best for 2021. I hope you all realize your dreams.

God Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus.

DECEMBER DONORS



The December 5th Blood Drive took in over 30 pints of the precious fluid. Photos supplied by Drive Chairman, John Annetta.



WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JAN-			
1	NEW YEARS DAY		
6	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	ZOOM	8 pm
10	Council Free Throw Contest POSTPONED	St. Rose of Lima Gym	1 - 3 pm
12	Council Business Meeting	ZOOM	8 pm
18	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY		
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
24	Community Breakfast CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
26	Council Social Meeting, Mo CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 pm
29	MARCH FOR LIFE	Washington, D.C.	All Day
FEB-			
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	ZOOM	8 pm
6	Kid's Day Party CANCELED	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
9	Council Business Meeting	ZOOM	8 pm
14	ST. VALENTINE'S DAY		
15	PRESIDENTS DAY		
17	ASH WEDNESDAY (<i>Lent Begins</i>)		
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
23	Freehold Council 1672 - 108th Anniversary	(1913 - 2021)	
23	Council Business Meeting CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	Community Breakfast CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
MAR			
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	ZOOM	8 pm
6 & 7	Membership Drive	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
9	Council Business Meeting	ZOOM	8 pm
14	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Main Street	12 Noon
17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY Luncheon & 50/50	TBD Lounge	12 Noon - ?
20 &	Palm Cross Sale	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
23	Open House	Council Main Hall	8 pm
26	C.U.F. Degree Cer TBD	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	Community Breakfast TBD	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
28	PALM SUNDAY		

Conditions may improve so frequently check your emails & our website for event updates

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

IS IT ALL WORTH IT?

Is 2021 going to be another year of fear? It looks to me like it is starting out that way. The China Virus, WooHan Virus, the Corona Virus or the Covid-19 pandemic, whatever you want to call it, is still with us. As long as there is one person with this manmade disease, the government, assisted by the media will keep that fear the lead story on the broadcast news and on the front page of every newspaper; while all that time we'll have to deal with quarantines, our churches with stiff restrictions, schools and colleges with online classes. Many local restaurants, stores and groceries are going out of business. Even some chains.

So many people are staying inside their homes, not thinking about what the isolation is actually doing to them and their families. Stuck with watching more TV (media spreading fear), on the internet (more media), or playing games, doing puzzles and of course eating. They do not realize what they are doing to themselves.

Psychiatrists are telling us that the virus is taking a great toll on society. There are big increases in

marital discord, with spousal abuse, pornography and divorce. Alcoholism is on the rise, so is the gaining of weight. When they do venture out to a store or for a doctor visit they tend to be more argumentative and less trusting (possibly because of mask wearing). Auto accidents are on the increase too (possibly because of alcoholism).

It's a crying shame. All those problems just because of fear. Great Fear, a fear of contracting the virus, and the fear of dying, caused by the media? As Catholics we should have more trust in God. Here in the USA in our Constitution we are very fortunate to have a Freedom of Religion clause that protects our right to practice our faith. I hope the Bishops did the right thing when they agreed to the restrictions.

The death rate from the virus is actually very low and the side effects are so minor many of those who contract the virus don't even know it and those who do, mostly are easily cured with present medications over the counter in drug stores.

May God bless us all in 2021