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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### Brian Barrett GK

Dear Brothers

For slightly more than a year, District Deputy Colin Casey and assisted by Middletown Grand Knight John Gillis, have been conducting a Rosary every Monday and Thursday evening via Zoom. Sometime in January, GK Gillis shared a video from a Knight series titled "Into the Breach." The specific video was 'Brotherhood.' In the video it is said that "one-third of Catholic men don't have a single man that they know on a first name basis in their parish, another third only know a couple of men on a first name basis." In 2015 I could absolutely relate to that statement. I have been a Knight just since 2016 and no longer feel that way. I can walk into almost any Mass at my home parish of St. Robert Bellarmine or St. Rose of Lima and I will recognize and know other Freehold Knights.

This year the concept of Brotherhood, Fraternity and Friendship really began to sink in. I know everyone must be tired of hearing me talk about our Food Drive for Open Door (as well as Casa Freehold and The Foodbank of Monmouth County/Fulfill) but every Saturday for more than a year now 5-7 men (Gino Iacovella, Dan Dawidowicz, John Annetta, Steve Kedulich, Jim Gallagher, Steven Grady, Tommy Grimes and myself) have gathered to accept and sort the generous food donated by our community. But in-between carrying food down the stairs we sit, drink coffee, tell stories, and solve the problems of the world. A few times with a shelter to protect us from the rain and often with the warmth of a fire-pit. These men I could always call fellow Knights and Brothers but I now truly feel I can call them friends. I hope they feel the same!

Then there was the Columbian Club take-out dinners. Wow what a crew of helpers we have - John Favorito, Peter Weber, Bill and Donna Butch, Emil Stefanacci, John Wilson, Chris and Gina Barnett, Bill and Dolores Suky, Gino and Mimi Iacovella, Steve and Teri, Kedulich, Nebil Toutouchi, Jim Gallagher and Eileen Allen, Drew Luhman, Tom Abbate, John Annetta, Brian and Monica Barrett, John Mooney and Pat Facchini. We all work so well together. The work gets done, we have more than a few laughs and sometimes take an adult beverage break. Friendship. Some are even planning summer get togethers!

Even our Lenten/40 Days for Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood. Organized by Culture of Life Chairman Roger Zurro and joined by myself, Mike LaRosa (*award winning editor of the Compass*), John Belbol it has become another opportunity to develop that Band of Brothers. For this non-cradle Catholic (*I'm RCIA*) the group welcomed me and nurtured me through the Rosary. We easily do 3 decades of the Rosary but always seem to find time for a few laughs and some discussion. Before Covid we would then go to the bakery next door for coffee and a delicious pastry.

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## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Msgr. Sam Sirianni**

### **A Second Easter with COVID-19**

Again the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will have the pandemic ever before our eyes. During the last year the COVID 19 disease has casted a pall over everything we had planned or hoped to do. Still, we as Catholics must look through this pandemic to see where Christ is and where he is calling us. Charity and service knows no limits during the storms of our present age. Our Hope in the Risen Christ fortifies our Faith to continue to act as men of Good Will in offering service to those in need. This reality has given hope to many who were overwhelmed by the gloom of illness, political unrest, and economic upheavals, that have plagued this past year.

The spirituality of the Knights of Columbus calls us to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ and His Church by putting our Faith into action. We commit ourselves to the principles of the Order by embracing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. These works rooted in faith, strengthened by grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit allow each one of us to show forth the Face of Christ during this time of stress and anxiety. These works are:

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

- ♦ Instruct the ignorant
- ♦ Counsel the doubtful
- ♦ Admonish the sinner
- ♦ Forgive injuries
- ♦ Comfort the sorrowful
- ♦ Bear wrongs patiently
- ♦ Pray for the living and the dead

### **Corporal Works of Mercy:**

- ♦ Feed the hungry
- ♦ Give drink to the thirsty
- ♦ Give alms to the poor
- ♦ Shelter the homeless
- ♦ Visit the sick
- ♦ Visit the imprisoned
- ♦ Bury the dead

Although this Easter will be a bit subdued due to the continuation of the pandemic and so many other issues that seem to surround us, let these pillars of Charity, rooted in the Sacred Scriptures give us strength to live the Easter message of New Life, Hope, and Christ's presence in our hearts, families, and communities.

**God's blessing to you and yours**

## **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak**

As the Spring Season is now upon us, I am confident that most of us will not miss snow shoveling and cleaning off our vehicles that seemed to be a constant for the past month or so. Another thing some of us won't miss is the task of contacting Brothers during February who are in arrears with their annual dues. The process that we follow is handed down from Supreme and includes two contacts with invoices (usually one via email and one via USPS) and then Brother's names are turned over to the Retention Committee for them to make a personal attempt to contact each one of them who have not paid. As our Worthy GK said, it is pretty much a thankless job. It's unfortunate that some of those in arrears have no valid phone numbers and/or emails associated with their membership documents. In this day and age, this is truly sad. I urge all Brothers to make sure that we have "good" contact information for you and that you look for the Annual Dues Notices which begin being sent out in December. It certainly would be welcomed by those on the Retention Committee if more than 75% of our Brothers were to pay their annual dues in a timely fashion thereby reducing the work required of this Committee.

While we still deal with the restrictive pandemic guidelines, some of our activities will go on as planned. Please don't forget to help out with our Canning Drive on April 3rd (9am-1pm). Money collected will go to the mentally challenged. Our last canning drive which was for Coats for Kids was an overwhelming success!! Please consider joining your Brothers in this worthwhile endeavor. The more the merrier!

Upcoming events for April include our Council Business Meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. During May, we have our Council Business Meetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>, and placing our K of C Flags on our departed Brother's graves is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup>.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a Knights Mass at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Robert Bellarmine at 8 am, followed by a Knights Breakfast. The Council Business Meetings are on June 8<sup>th</sup> (Council Elections Meeting) and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. All meetings will be held at the Council Hall as well as broadcasted on ZOOM. Please join us! We had a total of 37 Brothers in attendance at our February 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting!!!

Happy Easter to all!

**Vivat Jesus**

## **CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director**

### **Planned Parenthood, Second-largest Provider of Trans Hormones in the US**

Last month, the **Family Research Council (FRC)** released its annual report "The Real Planned Parenthood: Leading the Culture of Death." It is a sobering look at America's largest abortion business, which not only perpetrated over half of all reported abortions in the United States from 2018 to 2019, but also expanded into the exploding market for transgender hormone therapy. In the 2019 fiscal year, Planned Parenthood killed 354,871 babies.

According to the FRC, Planned Parenthood received 38% of its funding - \$618.1 million - from the U.S. government, the bulk of it through Medicaid. "Planned Parenthood's total revenue for 2019-2020 was \$1.6 billion, the highest in its history," the FRC reported. "Planned Parenthood reported \$888.3 million in unrestricted net assets, which it can draw on if it loses government funding.

According to the author of the report, Director of the FRC's Center for Human Dignity's Mary Szoch: "Based on Planned Parenthood's yearly increase in the number of abortions they commit and the decrease in the number of abortions committed nationally, Planned Parenthood is becoming more and more of an abortion monopoly." In undercover footage shot by David Daleiden and his colleagues at the Center for Medical Progress, independent abortion clinic owners were filmed complaining about Planned Parenthood increasingly pushing them out of business.

FRC's report also noted that transgender hormone therapy is now available at 200 Planned Parenthood facilities in 31 states, making the abortion giant the second-largest provider of trans "treatments" (if they can be called that) in the country.

"Planned Parenthood has also become the second largest dispenser of hormones designed to interfere with the natural progression of puberty in healthy teenagers, which can have lifelong, detrimental impacts on their health, including interference with brain development, inhibition of normal bone-density development, and sterilization," Szoch stated. "Planned Parenthood's indifference to the truth that cross-sex hormones can leave a person incapable of having children is completely in line with their racist, eugenicist founder, Margaret Sanger's words, 'But for my view, I believe that there should be no more babies.'"

The story of Planned Parenthood's growing side line in transgender hormone therapy was broken by the *Wall Street Journal's* Abigail Shrier, author of

*Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters*, on her Substack newsletter "[The Truth Fairy](#)." Shrier interviewed a Planned Parenthood staffer who stated that "trans-identifying kids are cash cows" for the abortion business, and that a number of employees have expressed concern with how easy it is for teen girls to access hormone therapy. The employee is pro-abortion but appalled by Planned Parenthood's new sex-change sideline.

Planned Parenthood's political advocacy also appears to be paying off. "Planned Parenthood pledged to spend \$45 million on the 2020 election cycle," Szoch noted. "Though they claim to be a 'non-partisan' organization, \$0 went to Republican candidates. It is not shocking that the Democrats Planned Parenthood campaigned so hard for are now doing the organization's bidding. Nearly six in ten Americans oppose taxpayer dollars for abortion, yet Democrats in Congress and President Joe Biden have called for an end to the Hyde amendment, which prevents federal taxpayer dollars from going to fund abortion, and these same politicians are currently working to increase Planned Parenthood's government funding."

With the levers of power in the hands of Joe Biden, the most pro-abortion president in American history, and Kamala Harris, a long-time abortion extremist, Planned Parenthood is poised to expand even further, with all barriers to government funding being removed and the Equality Act potentially paving the way for abortion laws to be wiped away across the country. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are destroyed in the womb each year - and Planned Parenthood is making a killing.

(By Jonathon Van Maren / LifeSiteNews)



## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso**

### **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ THIS !**

Welcome to Spring and a Happy Easter! The weather is still "cool", but the days are getting longer! Summer is around the corner. I hope the Covid virus is wiped out soon and your families are all safe!

Dues collection for the 2021 year is coming to an end. **Intent to Retain** letters have gone out. This is the last step in the Dues Collection Retention process. Members that have **NOT** paid their dues have about 90 days to get their dues in before suspension. Membership at this writing stands at 388 members; of which 12 are Honorary and 88 are Honorary Life members.

As stated above, we are coming to the end of the Dues collection Cycle for 2021. To those of you that are paid up **THANK YOU!** 46 members are still in arrears as of this writing, and have been notified by the Retention committee. We are at 83% 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 7-8 years. **THE FIRST INVOICE is sent ELECTRONICALLY** via your email address the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.** After that, the retention committee attempts to contact brothers in arrears via phone, email, or letter. Then 2 additional letters are sent out by me, **Hard Copies.** These are the Supreme rules for

dues collection. Some members receive both a hard copy and electronic copy. You should 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!

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 let us know that you are having difficulty! Council dues had to be raised this year due to the shortfalls in revenue in the operating account. If you are still in arrears please get me your dues ASAP.

I often 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 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 if you have a phone, gfgman@gmail.com if you have a computer; or 361 Colgate Way Freehold if you have a stamp. In addition you could also drop a note in the mailbox in the front of the Council Hall and put "George F" on it. I will get the information! **Please** get me your changes!

### **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ THIS !**

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE - Brian Barrett GK**

*(from page 1)*

Ohh, lets not forget Cigar Night at our next door neighbor and Worthy Lecturer John Annetta's house. You did **NOT** have to smoke a cigar but the campfire, beverages and laughs made it a wonderful evening. I know I'm looking forward to doing it again when the weather warms.

I encourage everyone to log onto 'KofC.org' and search for **Into the Breach** and watch the video series.

Finally, as promised, last Fall we held our first C.U.F. Degree, our next Degree Ceremony was March 26<sup>th</sup>. Dennis Annarumma became a Knight that evening and under the new rules his wife Linda was able to attend the ceremony. That evening she became the first woman in the 108 year history of Council 1672 to witness this powerful event. Your name is engraved in the record books Linda!

**Happy Easter! Vivat Jesus!**

## **CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Wm. Chris Barnett**

Springtime is here! As I write this article, it is 61 degrees outside, birds are chirping and the sun is a bit higher in the sky. The warmth is very inviting. Yet more important than the coming of Spring 2021 is my hope we will all be able to return to being together and having COVID-19 in the rearview mirror. It has been a very difficult year and the impact to our Council was no exception. However, no matter how hard these times, the Knights get through it together. At the Spring 2021 membership drives this past weekend, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, we had several men asking questions and signing up with us and I again thank all my fellow brothers for their assistance in helping to staff the tables and speaking with parishioners. Let us pray that these men and others who had demonstrated interest previously and had reached out will come to hear more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council in particular. I also ask all of you if you know of a friend, colleague, or acquaintance who may be

interested in joining the Knights, give them my contact information and ask them to email me.

Because of the Compass printing deadline I can't report on the success of our Open House back on March 16<sup>th</sup> or our CUF degree on March 26<sup>th</sup> here at our Freehold Council.

Stay safe and let each of us take this time to reflect on all that God has given us as he guides us through these challenging times.



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

As the Lenten season comes to close, together we have all observed a period of fasting, reflection, repentance, and spiritual discipline. We bid farewell to our leader, State Deputy, Vinnie Tavormina, who lost a hard-fought battle to COVID-19. We saw our longtime Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, complete his run while we welcomed in our new Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly. As we continued to endure this terrible pandemic we also saw many changes in the last year.

We enter a new era remaining faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Our new Supreme Knight possesses the knowledge, experience and commitment necessary to carry the Order forward in service to our brother Knights, their families, our parishes, and our communities according to our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly intends to build on the strong legacy of Carl Anderson, his predecessor of our fraternal organization, with a focus on evangelizing and strengthening families in their faith.

More than half of those raised Catholic leave the Church during their lives, and most never return. And stopping the exodus of Catholics and bringing them back is on the forefront of Patrick Kelly's mind

as the new leader takes the helm of the world's largest Catholic fraternal order. His focus is on the Knights evangelizing and forming men as missionary disciples. He sees this as key to building stronger marriages, stronger families and a stronger Church.

Here in our home State of New Jersey, we prepare for the annual Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention which **was** to be held once again in Wildwood on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. We just learned that the convention will be online only as it was last year. The state council has decided to play it safe in these times of COVID. During the convention we will see the present State Secretary and Acting State Deputy, James E. Stoeber, elected as our Worthy State Deputy for the next two Fraternal Years. We are all familiar with Jim who has long been the State Officer that oversees our Diocese of Trenton. It is my hope that your strong Freehold Council will be represented at the convention to support Jim Stoeber and his fellow State Officers who do a great job! Once again, it will be online so please consider being a part of this pertinent event.

I wish each of you, your families and parishes a very healthy and Happy Easter! God Bless you all.

**Vivat Jesus.**

## **FOURTH DEGREE UPDATE - Albert B. Normandia, FN**

The Fourth Degree is frequently regarded as an honorary title with its regalia of Uniform, Beret and sword but should rather be thought of in terms of service to Church, country and fellow Sir Knights. The goals of this Highest Degree may be summarized as the promotion of the ideals of Catholicism and Patriotism side by side. In more detail, these goals may be stated as:

- To promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community.
- To educate its members, and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.
- To promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation of our democratic government.
- To oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.
- To support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state and national government and to recognize excellence in public life.

Therefore, it is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights participating visibly in church events, such as Eucharistic processions as well as parades, wakes and funerals. Also, in the community, by standing up for the unborn and the elderly at Pro-Life events, and commemorating the sacrifices of previous generations on Memorial Day and Wreath-laying on fallen Veterans' gravesites.

I invite and challenge all 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers to step up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and consider the honor of becoming a fellow Color Corps member!

There is an opportunity to become a "Sir Knight" very soon. The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification is being held "Virtually" on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible for further information. The deadline for paid applications is fast approaching.

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**Vivat Jesus**

## **CONGRATULATIONS NEW SUPREME KNIGHT**



**Prayers and Best Wishes  
to our new  
Supreme Knight  
Patrick E. Kelly**

## **MEMORABLE MEMBERS**

I regret to inform you that we lost 5 devout and worthy Brothers since our last Compass Edition.

**William M. Fisher**, Age 62, Served 31 years, Died 11/8/20.

**Gerard P. Gorman**, Age 69, Served 9 years, Died 12/28/20.

**Phillip J. Halpin**, Age 87, Years served unknown, Died 2/16/21.

**Thomas A. Weaver**, Age 76, Served 32 years, Honorary Life Member, Died 2/17/21.

**James Slattery**, Age 87, Served 62 years, Honorary Life Member, Died 3/3/21.

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

## SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>APRIL</b>			
3	Can Drive for the Mentally Challenged	Freehold Borough	9am—1 pm
<b>4</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		
7	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
21	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
25	Community Breakfast <b>CANCELED</b>	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30am
27	Short Business Meeting + Speaker, Kathy LoBue	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>MAY</b>			
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>9</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>		
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>13</b>	<b>ASCENSION THURSDAY</b>		
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
25	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
28	K of C Flags on Departed Brother's Graves	St. Rose Cemetery	TBA
30	Community Breakfast - (Veteran <b>CANCELED</b> )	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
<b>31</b>	Freehold <b>Memorial Day</b> Parade	Freehold Borough	9:30 am - 12noon
31	Parade Luncheon	Council Main Hall	After Parade - ?
<b>JUNE</b>			
2	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>6</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTIE</b>		
6	Knights of Columbus Mass	St. Robert Bellarmine	8:30 am
6	Knights Breakfast <b>TBD</b>	TBA	Following Mass
8	Council Business Meeting - (Officer Elections)	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>FLAG DAY</b>		
16 - 19	St. Rose of Lima Carnival <b>CANCELED</b>	St. Rose School Yard	6 pm - 10 pm
16	Columbian Club Meeting	Downstairs - Lounge	8 pm
<b>20</b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>		
22	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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

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## **AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa**

Thank God, Spring is finally here along with Easter and the Vaccines. This past Winter's coldness didn't want to leave, at least it seemed to me. Maybe "Old Man Winter" was imitating the Corona Virus.

But at long last we should all feel optimistic now because:

the weather is warming up,  
the days are brighter and getting longer,  
the creeks and lakes are full,  
the trees and plants are greening,  
the animals are awakening from hibernation,  
the birds are returning,  
the virus is losing its grip on society, hopefully,  
the people are going outside and doing things,  
churches are able to increase their seating capacity,  
restaurants can serve more eaters,  
theaters and stores are reopening and  
office workers are returning to their offices.

After such a troubling year like we've all been through, we finally have so much to rejoice about this Spring. In fact, it's the perfect time and the

perfect year for Jesus to rise from the dead. We should all make an effort to retake our freedoms and assist in getting things back to NORMAL.



**Enjoy a VERY HAPPY EASTER!!!**