



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

# COMPASS

JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 2021

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### Brian Barrett GK

On Tuesday June 8, Council 1672 held elections for the 2021-2022 Columbian Year. Results are:

Outside Guards - Frank Musto and Rich Pepe, Inside Guards - Dan Dawidowicz and Irving Cruz, Recorder - Pat Fachinni, Advocate - Gus Vang, Treasurer - John Belbol, Warden - Bill Butch, Chancellor - Chris Barnett, Deputy Grand Knight - Ed Hudak and Grand Knight - Brian Barrett.

Appointments include Lecturer John Annetta and Financial Secretary George Ferriso. Monsignor Sam Sirianni will return as Chaplain.

Trustees are 3 Year Tom Nevenglosky, 2 Year Gino Iacovella and 1 Year Steve Kedulich. Thank-you Brothers, I'm confident we will all work to make this a great year.

On Memorial Day we had great attendance. Our parade unit consisted of 6 members of Assembly 650, a dozen council members and 2 trucks. Back at the council Brothers George Ferriso and John Wilson fed hamburgers and hotdogs to the many post parade guests that showed up.

On Sunday June 6, Monsignor Sam celebrated a Mass for the Knights at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral. He then joined twenty Knights along with their wives and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast at the Park Nine Diner. Next years Mass is planned for St. Rose of Lima Church.

Deputy Grand Knight, Ed Hudak and myself presented a check to ARC of Monmouth County on Tuesday June 8. The \$3500 was a result of our record breaking Canning Drive for Individuals with Disabilities organized by Brother Doug LeRoy. ARC's Director, Mr. Robert Angel was very appreciative.

Our weekly Food Drive to support Open Door and Fulfill has donated over 47,000 lbs. (*over 23 tons*) of food because of the generosity of our Brother Knights and their neighbors. In addition to the food, more than \$7000 in cash (*mostly from one VERY generous young lady who wants no recognition*). We will scale back the drive for this summer - July 17 and August 21 only.

We are currently in the planning stages for 2 new events: 1, KofC Soccer Challenge and 2, A Car Show. Hopefully we will have more details in the next Compass.

**Thank you all**  
**for this outstanding year despite the Covid challenges.**  
**Vivat Jesus!**

## WORTH READING AND REPEATING

### Prayer for the United States of America

Whatever our politics may be, whatever side we may have taken, whatever vote we may have cast, we are all called anew to pray for our country and its leaders, that Almighty God may continue to bless the United States of America and its people with his grace, wisdom, guidance and protection as He has throughout our history.

May God inspire our nation, our current president, and all those elected to serve us in public office, to deepen their commitment to respect human life in all its stages, from conception to natural death; to overcome racism and to resolve the tensions and injustices that divide us; to “turn from evil and do good, to seek peace and follow after it (Psalm 34: 14);” to foster and protect our religious liberty and to care for and about one another as children of a loving God.

With the hope that has characterized our nation from its beginning; “with malice toward none and charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives

us to see the right (President Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865),” let us move forward with joyful gratitude for our past, steady resolve in our present and unceasing prayer for our future.

May Mary, our Immaculate Mother and Patroness of our country, hold us in her loving arms and lead us to the heart of her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*By Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
On the Diocese of Trenton's Website,*



## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak



Brothers, I hope that this edition of the Compass finds you in good health and good spirits, enjoying these summer days like in Mungo Jerry's lyrics from “In the Summertime, When the weather's fine we go fishing or go swimming in the sea. We're always happy. Life's for living, yeah, that's our philosophy.” (I always

loved that song!) As most of you are aware, we will only be meeting once a month during the Summer, July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>, so if you aren't away on vacation, please try to join us! Please mark your calendars for July 10<sup>th</sup>, which will be the State K of C Officer's Installation at the 10am mass at St.

Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral. Help is needed for the following: ushers, Eucharistic ministers, parking lot, and food servers. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, our Council will be participating in **Olde Freehold Day** at Lake Topanemus Park from noon till 5pm. Help will be needed. cooking burgers and hot dogs.

Finally, I wish to tell all of you men how proud I was to recently march along with you in the Memorial Day Parade and join with you at the Knight's Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine. I am truly thankful to be a part of this group of “Brothers” and look forward to our future activities. Our Council's charity work is definitely being noticed by members of our church congregations as well as members of our communities. I believe that we ARE making a positive difference. Thank you all!

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

### **Sanity, and Pushback from the People; Ohio Bill Proposal Bans Teaching of Critical Race Theory**

Ohio is the latest state in which lawmakers have introduced legislation to ban the teaching of far-left critical race theory (CRT) in public schools, this time with the added step of protecting a teacher's right to refuse to promote gender-fluid ideology.

HB 322 forbids school officials from requiring that educators "discuss current events or widely debated and currently controversial issues of public policy or social affairs" (and requires that teachers who choose to do so "strive to explore such issues from diverse and contending perspectives"); requiring students to engage in political lobbying or protesting for class credit; or teaching that any race or sex is inherently superior, shameful, or oppressive, that members of different races shouldn't engage each other in a color-blind manner, that present members of one race bear responsibility for the past crimes of others, that hard work is a concept inherently belonging to or at odds with any one races, or that slavery was not merely a grievous sin of past Americans, but was fundamentally intertwined with the United States' founding principles.

It also bars school districts from accepting private funds for the purpose of "curriculum development, purchase or selection of curricular materials, teacher training, professional development, or continuing teacher education" on history, civics, or politics-related subjects; and ensures that teachers cannot be forced to "affirm a belief in the systemic nature of racism, or like ideas, or in the multiplicity or fluidity of gender identities, or like ideas, against the teacher's sincerely held religious or philosophical convictions."

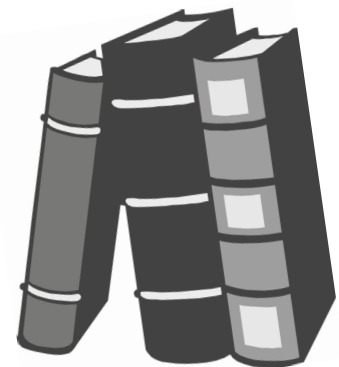
"The government is giving that to teachers as a kind of 'save yourself' from getting fired for not

believing in transgender rights," LGBT activist Daniel Tirabassi complained to CBS affiliate WKBN. But one of the bill's authors, Republican State Rep. Don Jones, responded that "HB 322 is an anti-discrimination bill that promotes equality. Anything to the contrary is wrong. The bill also reinforces teachers' basic rights that they not be compelled by the government to adopt any belief systems and indoctrinate their students with those teachings."

The bulk of the new language is meant to quash the taxpayer-subsidized propagation of critical race theory, a doctrine that asserts race is a "socially constructed (culturally invented) category that is used to oppress and exploit people of color," and that "law and legal institutions in the United States are inherently racist insofar as they function to create and maintain social, economic, and political inequalities between whites and nonwhites, especially African Americans."

Critical race theory's spread in public schools has been a topic of growing concern on the Right. Conservatives argue that it stokes racial divisions rather than healing them; former President Donald Trump worked to remove it from federal training programs and publicly advocated its removal from public education. One of President Joe Biden's first acts was to dismantle Trump's 1776 Commission, an antidote to the race-minded, error-riddled 1619 Project that called for educational curricula focused on teaching students to understand and embrace the founding principles of the United States.

*(LifeSite News, 2021)*



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

The Columbian year 2020 - 2021 dues collection has finally come to an end. At the time of this writing, we still have 19 Brothers that have not paid their dues for the year. The suspensions have gone into Supreme and they will be taken out of the email system in July when the Suspensions are processed. These men know who they are and can still pay their dues and be returned to a good standing.

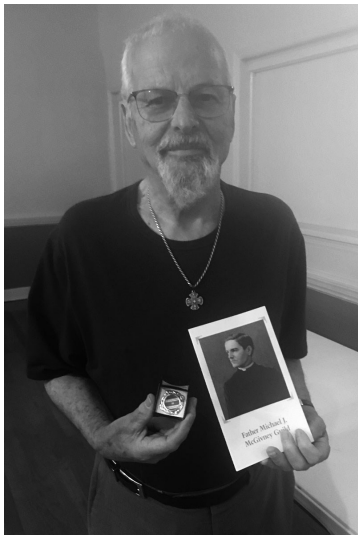
Here are the "stats" for our council. We completed this year's billing cycle at 94% of membership paid. Current membership numbers stand at 390 + 39 Inactive members for a total of 429. **(Inactive members are members that have been suspended or removed from the council, but need to stay on the Roster due to them having KofC insurance)** Of these 429, 14 are Honorary members, (at least 65 years old and 25 continuous years of service) 87 are Honorary Life members, (at least 70 years old and 25 continuous years of service) and 85 are 4<sup>th</sup> degree members. Remember too, that if you are a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member and are suspended from the council you are also suspended from the 4<sup>th</sup> degree

regardless if your dues are paid in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. In addition, we have 10 Brothers that are nonagenarian's (men that are 90 - 99 years of age.) and one man is 101! May God bless them!!

We are STILL missing or have incorrect phone numbers from a lot of members. I still get NO replies from any request that I send out. Is it so hard to write a couple of phone numbers and an email address and shove it in the mailbox? I asked before for someone, anyone, to please let me know what the problem is! THIS IS **NOT** A RHETORICAL QUESTION! I can be reached by phone at 732 780-4815, gfgman@gmail.com if you have a computer or by mail at 361 Colgate Way Freehold. In addition you could also drop a note in the mailbox in the front of the council (70 E. Main St. Freehold NJ 07728-2223) and put "George F" on it. I will get the information! Please get me your changes!

Hope you all have a Safe & Happy Summer of 2021 since we are almost out of this Pandemic! I look forward to our new Columbian year, hopefully getting back to NORMAL.

## **FATHER MCGIVNEY RELIC RECEIVED**



Brother Paul Fournier (*Left*) applied for and was fortunate to receive an authentic third degree relic of the Venerable Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. It is a tiny piece of cloth that was actually touched or worn by Father McGivney, encased in the small jewelry box (*Right*).



## **BROTHERS AND WIVES HONORED**



Top photo are some of the Knights of Columbus Brothers who attended the June 6, 2021 Mass celebrated by Msgr. Sam Sirianni.

Bottom photo shows the Brothers and Wives

*(standing back row L-R):* Rich Pepe, Nick Fugaro, Rick Scott, Pat Facchini, Dan Dawidowicz, Tom O'Connor, Deacon Rolf Friedman and Dave Ritchie

*(standing-middle row L-R):* Steve Kedulich, Nebil Toutounchi, Brian Barrett, Irving Cruz, Spence Purdum, Jeff Yoder, Ed Hudak and Gino Iacovella

*(seated L-R):* Donna Chong, Donna Banjany, Monica Barrett, Bushra Toutounchi, Mary Yoder, MaryAnn Hudak, Terri Kedulich and Mimi Iacovella.



A breakfast followed at the Park Nine Diner.

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

As I write this article, it seems that Summer has arrived and may I add, not a day too early. With the warmer weather already here, we now look forward to putting the pandemic in the rearview mirror. Having members at meetings in person and opening our building again to the community for parties - these are small yet significant steps towards a return to normality for our council.

We had two very successful membership efforts this past Columbian year and I'd like to again thank all the brothers who stepped up at either the membership drive or the open house or even both activities for their assistance in keeping the Knights of Columbus 1672 front and center in our community. New members to the Knights from our Spring Drive include John Weir, Mike Lichardi and Tom Fulciniti. And, in addition to the new brothers, we also had brothers from other councils joining 1672: Stephen Grell and Frank Gill. Let us pray that

all these men recognize the benefits of our council and become active members in our day-to-day operations.

To our existing members, I ask that you reach out to our new brothers and mentor them. The more that we can teach about our fundraisers, charitable activities and the importance of our Columbian Club Sister Organization, the stronger we become.

Lastly, I thank the council for electing me as your Chancellor for the 2021 - 2022 Columbian Year. I will continue to try my best to recruit new members as well as support existing members in growing our council.



## **THE FOURTH DEGREE UPDATE - AI Normandia FN**

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As the current 2020-2021 Faithful Navigator of the NJ Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monsignor Kivelitz Assembly, I am honored to announce that Sir Knight Gino Iacovella, PGK of Freehold Council 1672, has been elected as the Faithful Navigator of the NJ Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monsignor Kivelitz Assembly.

Faithful Navigator, Sir Gino along with the July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 slate of Officers begin their term on this July 1<sup>st</sup>.

On behalf of our newly elected slate of Officers we pledge our support and energy to our New Faithful Navigator Gino.

**Vivat Jesus!**



## **COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, President**

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Worthy Brothers, As we come to the end of another Colombian year, I look back at the trials and tribulations. Shutting down everything, except the bills. This was truly a very scary time. We had three loans to pay, with no money coming in and we did not qualify for any grants. Then we started take out dinners that turned out to be quite a success. Between the dinners, the generous donations and the 50/50 we were able to get rid of

two of the loans and make a nice payment on the last. In fact, if we have no issues going forward with covid 19, by this time next year we hope to have no loans outstanding. So, at this time, I would like to thank all my volunteers who helped make the dinners a success, everyone who made generous donations and all that purchased 50/50 tickets. I hope everyone continues supporting our events and has an enjoyable summer.

## **ARC ANGEL IS RECIPIENT**

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ARC of Monmouth is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals who are intellectually and developmentally disabled. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Grand Knight, Brian Barrett (*Right*) and Deputy Grand Knight, Ed Hudak (*Left*) present a check for \$3,500 to ARC's Executive Director, Mr. Robert Angel. The money was the result of our April 3<sup>rd</sup> Can Drive, Chaired by Brother Doug Leroy.

## 2021 SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
<b>JULY</b>			
<b>4</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>		
<b>4</b>	Freehold Fireworks <b>CANCELED</b>	Freehold Raceway	4 pm - 10 pm
<b>7</b>	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>13</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>17</b>	Council Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - Noon
<b>21</b>	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>27</b>	Council Business Meeting <b>CANCELED</b>	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>			
<b>4</b>	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>10</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>14</b>	Olde Freehold Day	Lake Topanemus	Noon - 5 pm
<b>15</b>	<b>ASSUMPTION OF MARY</b>		
<b>18</b>	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>21</b>	Council Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - Noon
<b>24</b>	Council Business Meeting <b>CANCELED</b>	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>1</b>	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>6</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>		
<b>14</b>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>15</b>	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
<b>18</b>	K of C Charities Canning Drive	Streets Near Council Hall	9 am - 1 pm
<b>28</b>	Installation of Officers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
<b>26</b>	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am



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

Big things are happening in the near future. I am not referring to the lifting of Covid restrictions and the opening up of our churches, or our KofC Council 1672's election of our officers for the year 2021/22, as important as they all are. No, I'm referring to the meeting of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and a U. S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) hearing.

At their virtual meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, the USCCB was scheduled to discuss the controversial topic of Catholic public officials receiving the Holy Eucharist while defending the deadly abortion laws. How any person can say that killing an unborn baby is ok boggles my mind. **(Roman Catholics can not support abortion in any way)** Maybe by the time you read this we will all know what the Bishops have decided. If no resolution has been announced, pray that the present-day Apostles made the correct decision.

**The results are in.** The outcome of the June electronic convention is that the Bishops will draw up a Holy Eucharist document and vote on it at an

in-person general assembly in November. Between now and then they plan some regional meetings to discuss the document's wording. So we should know by the Winter Compass what they have decided. Hopefully.

The next big happening is that SCOTUS has decided to hear the Mississippi case of, Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization. Mississippi has recently passed a law that prohibits aborting an unborn baby after 15 weeks. No date has been set for the hearing at this time. Some have predicted that this is going to change the federal abortion laws that we now have. Each state will then have to make their own law. Let's everyone pray if not an end to all abortions, at least restricting the ones that we have, so not as many precious lives are lost.

There is nothing that is so cherished as living. Ask anyone who has a terminal illness and they will tell you. Even a fifteen week unborn infant feels pain, so it is definitely alive.

**SAY YOUR PRAYERS !**