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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett GK

Having just one council meeting in July and August one might think we slowed down. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In July we completed our Semi-annual audit. On August 14 the council participated in Olde Freehold Day at Lake Topanemus. We sold hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, soda and water. Our prices were so good (maybe too good) we never had time to rest. Dan Dawidowicz and Tom Panettiere slaved over a hot grill non-stop while myself, Gino Iacovella, Nebil Toutouchi, Steve Kedulich, Rick Scott and Frank Aburto packed and served food, took money, and got drinks (not to mention a mid day emergency food run to Sam's Club). After expenses we added \$900 to our charity account.

We finished up 16 months of Food Drives with a final delivery of 39 bags of food to Open Door and 450 lbs. to Fulfill Food Bank in Neptune. Well done council 1672.

While all this was going on, we have been VERY busy working on our upcoming Car Show and Blessing of the Autos to be held at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine on Saturday, October 16 from 11am - 4pm. A dozen Brothers have been meeting all summer to work on obtaining Sponsorships and raffle prizes donated from local businesses. PGK Rick Scott will sing the national anthem as members of BSA Troop 18 present the colors. Carnival rides and food trucks have been arranged. This is all spearheaded by Outside Guard SK Rich Pepe who has years of car show experience. The highlight and uniqueness of this show will be Msgr. Sam (Council Chaplain) blessing the show cars. Bring the whole family - spread the word.

We are also gearing up for our first KofC Soccer Challenge at Opatut Park on Saturday, September 28, 3PM. Brother Stephen Grady is involved with the Freehold Soccer League and because of his help we have already registered more participants than we've had at our similar Basketball Free-Throw Contest. More to report in the next issue of the Compass.

Sadly, we've also been busy with funeral services for Brothers Tommy Boyle and George Halo. PGK, PFN, FDD, Daniel Foley also buried his beloved wife MaryAnn in August. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

I'll end on a happier note. On Friday, September 17, DGK Ed Hudak, myself and Jeff Yoder participated in the Oren Carrol Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by KofC Council #17430 - St. Ann's. The tournament was organized by Brother Randy Butters (our Kid's Day magician, randybuttersmagic@comcast.net). While Ed walked away with a wireless microphone raffle prize both Jeff and Brian won closest to the hole prizes on the two contested holes. Now, I know what you're thinking, poor Ed is not as good a golfer as Jeff and Brian. Well....no. Ed saved the team on many holes and Brian occasionally gets lucky. Jeff is Mr. Consistency!

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GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL

Thanksgiving – taking gratitude a step further

A century before Christ was born, the Roman statesman and orator Cicero (106-43 BC) wrote, “There is nothing that I can esteem more highly than appearing or being grateful. For this one virtue is not only the greatest but is also the parent of all virtues.”

Gratitude and thanksgiving have endured in our nation’s memory since the days of its first settlement. “Gratitude” is a feeling, an emotion that originates in a full heart that realizes and recognizes all the blessings God has given.

Almost 60 years ago, President John F. Kennedy wrote in his 1963 Thanksgiving Proclamation, “Our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together, and for the faith which united them with their God.”

“Thanksgiving,” often considered synonymous, takes gratitude a step further. Thanksgiving is an action – it’s what we “do” with our gratitude. To be grateful, to express thanksgiving gives birth to so many other emotions, dispositions and virtues: humility; patience; kindness, charity and many more

good things we show to and do for one another in response to what has been shown to and done for us by the Almighty.

In our American experience, “Thanksgiving” brings us to a table where a feast of wonderful foods await. In our Catholic experience, thanksgiving also brings us to a table, the Eucharistic table where the greatest of all foods are given to us, the precious Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. When we share the Eucharist, we find the truest “parent of all virtues.”

Have a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving
with and for those you love most.
God bless you



*Excerpts of “2020 Thanksgiving Message”
by Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M. November 25, 2020*

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT’S VIEWS - Edward Hudak

As Autumn arrived and summer is now a memory, our K of C calendar is ramping up once again. Our next membership drive is scheduled for the first weekend of October at both of our parishes followed by an OPEN HOUSE at our Columbian Club on Tuesday evening, October 5th. The first ever Car Show and Blessing of the Autos is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th. (Please pray for nice weather!). Our next C.U.F. Degree Ceremony will be held on October 29th. The first weekend of November, will feature our always popular “Send a Hero Home for the Holidays bracelet sales” at both parishes followed by our Annual Council Mass for Departed Brothers on Friday, November 12th. Finishing out the month of November, we have our Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sale scheduled for the last weekend at both of our parishes. Our October meetings are the 12th and 28th and November’s the 9th and 23rd.

As one can see, this is an extremely full slate of activities. Please take advantage and volunteer for some activities. The work is easier when the

number of helpers is greater. Newer Brothers will have the opportunity to meet their Council Brothers and I assure you that all will find the experience worthwhile and rewarding.

Finally, I’d like to share with you this Autumn Prayer:

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun

Remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

Remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of squirrels and the migration of birds,

Remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen

Enjoy Autumn brothers!

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director



Federal judge urges Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade

A federal judge reluctantly voted to block several pro-life laws, but urged the Supreme Court to overturn its landmark 1973 decision *Roe v. Wade* that imposed abortion on all 50 states.

Judge Amul Thapar said in a September 10 **Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals** decision that as a lower court judge he was “bound by the Supreme Court’s decisions” to strike down Tennessee’s Heartbeat Act. At the same time, he said it is time for *Roe* to be reversed. President Donald Trump had nominated Thapar to the Court of Appeals in 2017 and had placed him on his shortlist for a Supreme Court nomination.

“*Roe* and [*Planned Parenthood v. Casey*] are wrong as a matter of constitutional text, structure, and history,” Thapar wrote in his partial dissent. He criticized *Roe* for creating a separate approach to law than what is generally recognized by the courts. “There are rules for most cases, and then there are rules for abortion cases. This case proves the point,” Thapar said. Under *Roe*, Thapar argued, lower federal courts had to overturn laws passed by individual states.

“By manufacturing a right to abortion, *Roe* and *Casey* have denied the American people a voice on an important political issue,” Thapar argued. He said that the two main judicial philosophies, originalism and the living Constitution approach, should both lead to a reversal of *Roe*. “The *Roe/Casey* framework doesn’t just conflict with the original understanding of the Constitution - it cannot be justified under any modern approach to constitutional interpretation,” Thapar said. “Even living constitutionalism, taken seriously, permits Tennessee’s (and many other states’) efforts to combat fetal pain. After all, the living constitution theory considers evolving

standards of decency.”

He noted that states have passed restrictions on abortions, polling has shown support for abortion limits, and the United States joins just seven other countries in allowing abortions past 20 weeks.

The rest of the dissent further explores the false data and assertions made by NARAL in order to get the Court to overturn abortion restrictions in 1973. The Court will have an opportunity to reverse *Roe v. Wade* in the new term, when it will take up *Jackson Women’s Health Org v. Hobbs*.

A **Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals** decision upheld Mississippi’s 15-week abortion restriction. One federal judge similarly said he had to uphold the law because of *Roe* but urged the reversal of abortion precedents.

“The opinion issued by the district court displays an alarming disrespect for the millions of Americans who believe that babies deserve legal protection during pregnancy as well as after birth,” Judge James Ho, a Trump-appointee, wrote in December 2019. He said his colleagues disregarded the views of Americans who believe “abortion is the immoral, tragic, and violent taking of innocent human life.”

“Because *Casey* establishes viability as the governing constitutional standard, I am duty bound to conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in forbidding discovery and fact development on the issue of pain,” Ho said. “But neither would it have been an abuse of discretion if the district court had *permitted* discovery and fact development on the issue of pain.”

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), who has said he would not vote to confirm any judges who support *Roe*, praised Thapar’s dissent.

“Students of the law - and anyone who cares about the Constitution - should read Judge Amul Thapar’s dissent today,” he tweeted. “He explains in unanswerable detail why abortion is not a constitutional ‘right’ - and why courts’ efforts to overrule the people’s voice are wrong.”

“For those wondering what a decision overturning *Roe* can and should look like, see Judge Amul Thapar’s separate opinion ... Thapar’s a legal rock star that should be on SCOTUS,” President Trump’s former Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights director Roger Severino said.

(LifeSiteNews)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Since this is the last issue of the Compass for the calendar year 2021, I wish you and your families a Merry Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. I hope you and your families are in Good Health and free of Covid-19!

This is the Compass where I need to discuss **DUES**. I will again discuss the New Year's (2022) **Dues Invoices** and **Dues** process since many of you still do not understand how dues need to be paid.

Please read this carefully. After over 8 years of doing this I STILL get notified by our membership that they did not receive any notification of dues. The procedure has NOT changed in 8 years!

DUES INVOICES: FIRST and FOREMOST: If you are having any kind of difficulties, money, health or whatever else please notify us, we can make arrangements. If we have an email address on file for you, please check your email the first or 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 1/28/22 to avoid a second invoice going out. Like past years, anyone paying after 1/28/22 will be assessed a \$5.00 Administration fee to cover the extra cost of time, paper, ink, envelopes and postage. If you have not paid this administration fee after being late last year, it will be on your invoice for 2022!

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. Last year we also started Venmo, which is an electronic form of paying dues on a Smart Phone. Owned by PayPal, despite what some of you think is quite safe. I paid a repairman \$1,500.00 for work performed and did not have any glitches! Last year, 53 men paid dues with Venmo or about 19%. It is quick and easy and the money goes in the bank right away without any lag time like

checks. **You can pay multiple years if you choose.** Those members that have prepaid in 2021 along with all Honorary Life members will receive their member cards in the beginning of December.

WHAT IS VENMO? - AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHOD FOR MOBILE SMART PHONES: Make and Share Payments. Use Venmo with anyone!

Free with many payment methods. 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 to credit cards.** Receiving money and making purchases in other apps is always free.

Below I have put instructions on 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. **This is a SMART PHONE APP and will not work on a computer.**

How to USE:

Download the App for the iPhone or Android Phone

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. Once this is done:

Open Venmo and Tap the person (symbol) with a \$ sign symbol on the bottom right of the app

On the upper R/H corner tap the "gear" symbol, which opens settings

Scroll down to the Privacy section and tap it.

Tap Private.

Select the Payment methods

Add a Bank Account (**Using a Bank Account is Free for transfers and payment, Using a Credit Card, Venmo will charge you a 3% fee**)

Once Linked you're all set to send or receive money.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT *(continued)*

Down on the bottom of the App you will see a "Blue" Button that reads Pay or request. Pick the person you are paying, or enter the email address of the person you are paying on top, for dues payments 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)

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

As always we are STILL missing or have incorrect phone numbers from a lot of 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 the 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 cannot get a response from someone even after I send out a SSAE. Can anyone answer this question? This is the 3RD year I have asked and I still have gotten no responses! God Bless and please be safe out there!



Officer of the Year Award
Financial Secretary, George Ferriso, is presented
with the plaque by District Deputy, Colin Casey
at August Council Meeting.
CONGRATULATIONS!

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Wm. Chris Barnett

It is hard to believe that Summer has ended. As I write this article, the warm temperature outside suggests otherwise. Regardless, cooler temperatures will come quickly as they always do, so I hope you will join me in enjoying what little warm weather we have left.

Please join me in welcoming Jim Meyer, Danial Tobia and Frank Gill to our Council. Jim and Daniel are new Knights and Frank has transferred into our Council. All three attended our hybrid online/council CUF degree on August 25. A big shout out to all my fellow brothers who assisted in making this first online CUF degree at the council a big success. I again ask that all of my fellow brothers 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.

Looking ahead, on October 2nd and 3rd, we will again have our Fall Membership drive at both St. Rose and St. Robert followed by our open house later in October. Support of the drives by Council brothers has been great these past couple of years and I again ask you all to help in any way you can.

Lastly, as we quickly transition to the CY 2021-2022 Columbian Calendar year, I would like to thank my fellow brothers for having again voted me as your Chancellor. I will continue to do the best I can at recruiting new members and with your help I am sure we will again have a very successful year.



Car Enthusiasts Don't Miss THE BLESSED AUTO SHOW

St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral
61 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728



Saturday, October 16th, 10 am - 4 pm
Antiques · Hot Rods · Restores · All Beauties !!!
Plus Food and Refreshments

All proceeds support Knights of Columbus Freehold Council 1672's charities

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

We are entering our busy time of the year. Make sure you get to meetings, read your emails and volunteer.

Lastly....

To all Brothers and their families,
from myself and the
Freehold Council 1672 Officers

Thank You!!!

For an outstanding 2021
despite the Covid challenges.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Vivat Jesus!

PHOTO ALBUM



Tournament Golfers

Three of our Council Representatives
From L - R, Jeff Yoder, Edward Hudak & W GK. Brian Barrett

OLDE FREEHOLD DAY

Council fed the hungry & quenched the thirsty visitors
From L - R, Tom Panettiere, W GK. Brian Barrett, Gino Iacovella
Dan Dawidowicz, Pat Facchini, & Rick Scott



MEMORABLE MEMBERS

I regret to inform you that we lost 4 devout and worthy Brothers since our last Compass Edition.

George J. Wood, Jr., Age 101, Served 60 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 6/7/21.**

Thomas Boyle, PGK & FN, Age 81, Served 28 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 8/5/21.**

Eugene P. Warchal, Age 86, Served 59 years,

Honorary Life Member, **Died 8/10/21.**

George E. Halo, Sr., Age 89, Served 39 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 9/7/21.**

Please remember them and their families
in your prayers.

2021 AUTUMN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION	TIME
OCTOBER			
2 & 3	Membership Drive	St. Rose and St Roberts	All Masses
5	OPEN HOUSE	Council Main Hall	8 pm
6	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
11	Columbus Day Observed		
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
12	Columbus Day Baby-First Born in Freehold	CentraState Hospital	Only God knows.
16	Car Show and Vehicle Blessing	St. Robert Bellarmine	11 am - 4 pm
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
26	Council Social Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
29	New - C. U. F. Degree	Council Main Hall	Sign-in 7:15/8 pm
31	Halloween	Council Main Hall	8 pm
NOVEMBER			
1	All Saints Day		
2	All Souls Day		
2	Election Day		6 am - 8 pm
3	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
6 & 7	Send Hero Home for Holidays Bracelet Sale	St. Rose and St Roberts	All Masses
7	Daylights Savings Time ends		
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
11	Veteran's Day		
12	Council Mass for Departed Brothers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
23	Council Social Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	Thanksgiving Day		
26	Black Friday		
27	Council Hall Decorating	Council Main Hall	9 am to Noon
27 & 28	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale	St. Rose Parish & St Roberts	All Masses
DECEMBER			
1	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Council	8 pm
4	K of C Blood Drive	Council Main Hall	8 am to 2 pm
4	Santa Party, Gifts for kids from Santa	Downstairs near bar	2 pm to 4 pm
4 & 5	Christmas Tree, Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale	Council outside	8 am to 4 pm
7	Tree Light, Carol Singing & Party CDC	Council Main Hall	8 pm
8	Immaculate Conception		
12	Community Breakfast w/Santa	Council Main Hall	8 am to 11:30 am
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Council	8 pm
19	Coffee And.....	St. Robert's / Dentici Hall	7:30 am - Noon
25	Christmas Day		
28	Council Social Meeting CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 pm
1/21/2022	Save a Date - March For Life	Washington, D. C.	All Day

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

This Summer's been a bummer. But maybe it's because of a lousy August mostly.

We owe a great debt to all our armed force personnel who died in Afghanistan, especially the last 13 who died on August 26th. They gave their lives assisting in the evacuation of United States citizens at the Kabul airport. It seems so many times in past wars we have underestimated our enemies and have been caught off guard resulting in unnecessary deaths to our servicemen and women. It's a shame that their families have to suffer the tragedy of losing a son or daughter just because a vital warning was not heeded or of someone's negligence. **We must remember to keep those families in our prayers.**

The Afghani citizens who have struggled for years and have aided us in fighting the Taliban are still at their mercy and need help. **We must remember to keep those people in our prayers**

Unfortunately they were not the only deadly events that has happened recently. On August 14th a magnitude 7.5 earthquake destroyed much of Haiti just before tropical storm Grace moved through the island on August 17th. The quake destroyed many buildings and the storm dumped 10" of rain flooding the island. Most of its population's homes and businesses are gone. Many deaths have occurred

there. **We must remember to keep those people in our prayers.**

In the USA we had to deal with two tropical storms, August 22nd, Henri and September 8th, Ida. Fortunately the death toll was small in New Jersey but the flooding and damage was severe enough for President Joe Biden to tour the area. **We must remember to keep those people in our prayers.**

How about the deaths and devastation from the huge forest fires out in the western United States. They started well before August and some are still burning. Thousands of acres have been obliterated along with many homes. **We must remember to keep those people in our prayers.**

I think I see a pattern setting up here. Do you? All the people effected by those tragedies are in need of help. The Knights and other charities can only do so much. They need God's help to keep their families and neighborhoods together. **Prayers** for them are a must right now.

This year we need a special Thanksgiving Day more than ever. One that answers all our prayers.

*May all your seasonal holidays,
Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years
be healthy, peaceful, joyful and bright.*