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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett GK

Most active members know (but think I'm nuts) of my love for NASCAR. The time period near the end of the racing season is known as the 'silly season' with driver trades, driver retirements, crew chief hirings and firings, etc... Well as our council nears the end of the calendar year we have just finished our silly season - a flurry of activity including, a CUF degree, a Mass for Departed Brothers, Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service, decorating the council hall for Christmas, and a party with the Catholic Daughters, Fund raising to Send a Hero Home for the Holidays, Keep Christ in Christmas, a Blood Drive, Kids Party with Santa and our annual Christmas Tree-Grave Blanket and Wreath sale and shopping for Coats for Kids. Thanks to many volunteer Brothers (*notably Stephen Grzelak, Santa's helper*) we made it through it all.

It's the Coats for Kids I'd like to focus on. Back in September we held our Coats Canning Drive organized by Brother Doug LeRoy where we raised a record amount. For the past 3 - 4 years we have had requests for roughly 70 coats. This year we had requests for 208 coats. With the help of Brothers Stephen Grady and Tommy Grimes the shopping was completed and every single coat distributed to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society (St. Rose of Lima), Open Door, Father Benedict Society (St. Robert Bellarmine) and the Colts Neck Reformed Church. I think this is a great reflection on our council and the efforts of every Brother who stood on the street corners in Freehold Borough asking drivers for a donation. But, maybe more importantly it is a tribute to the generosity of our community. Without the people dropping pennies, dollars and twenty's into our cans it would not have been possible. Thank you Freehold Area for aiding the Knights in upholding our first principle of Charity.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Vivat Jesus!



BLESSINGS TO ALL

**May GOD bless America
and the Knights of Columbus
in 2022**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso



Winter 2022 Jan, Feb March

By the time you read this, it will be 2022 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. BE SAFE and STAY SAFE however you need to do it!

You should have received your electronic invoice if we have an email on file for you and 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.

Please pay your dues **ASAP**. **NOTE: At the council meeting of November 8, 2016 a motion was passed to charge an administration fee to cover additional expenses incurred for late dues. Any dues paid after 1/28/2022, the dues will be \$65.00.** 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 your dues check in the middle of February with a check dated before 1/28/2022 without the \$5.00 Fee!

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 at 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!

MEMORABLE MEMBERS

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

Louis Carotenuto, Age 91, Served 65 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 11/25/21.**

John S. Certo, Age 85, Served 7 years, **Died 11/12/21.**

Stephen Morris, 4th Degree, PGK Age 74, Served 49 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 12/2/21.**

Harold T. Uhrig, Age 89, Served 25 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 12/10/21.**

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

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Is Roe v. Wade indefensible on Every Level?

In a sane country with a Supreme Court committed to doing its job honestly, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* would be a done deal. There wouldn't be any question that Mississippi's ban on abortion at 15 weeks was perfectly constitutional, nor would there be any doubt of a complete reversal of the past half-century of pro-abortion judicial precedent.

At its most basic level, the ban is lawful for the same reason *Roe v. Wade* is not: because absolutely nothing in the Constitution requires states to permit any abortions, and the principles the Constitution does affirm weigh heavily against violating the right to life. Step One of understanding this is simply recognizing that not even *Roe* claimed to find a right to abort in the Constitution's actual text, but in the "penumbras" (a fancy word for "inferences") of other rights that Justice Harry Blackmun claims formed a general "right to privacy" from which abortion springs.

This has always been absurd for two reasons. First, because making such grand leaps from much narrower text runs contrary to the reason we have a Constitution and unelected judges in the first place. And second, because privacy for one's self cannot logically encompass harm to someone else.

Perhaps sensing this inadequacy, Blackmun also famously acknowledged that this justification "of course, collapses" if the fetus is established to be "a 'person' within the language and meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment." Of course, he and the *Roe* majority got around that by concluding the fetus did not qualify as a constitutional person, based on other constitutional uses of the word "person" applying only postnatally and the "far freer" nature of abortion law "throughout the major portion of the 19th century."

But he was wrong then, and is, if anything, more wrong today. As a matter of biological fact, there is no serious question that the fetus is a living human being from the earliest moments of his or her existence. And as attorney Josh Craddock has exhaustively shown, the Constitution was built on a legal tradition which recognized that personhood exists before birth.

"By the time of the Fourteenth Amendment's adoption in 1868, 'nearly every state had criminal legislation proscribing abortion,' and most of these statutes were classified among 'offenses against the person,'" Craddock notes. Further, the Fourteenth Amendment's drafters and sponsors, including Sen. Jacob Howard and Reps. Thaddeus Stevens and John Bingham, expressly declared that its promise of equal

protection would apply not merely to those whose personhood had been previously recognized, but to, in Bingham's words, "any human being."

None of the above would be controversial in a sane, serious legal atmosphere, and one of the reasons why is that more than a few pro-abortion legal scholars themselves know better, as compiled by the *Washington Examiner's* Timothy Carney:

Roe, I believe, would have been more acceptable as a judicial decision if it had not gone beyond a ruling on the extreme statute before the court. ... Heavy-handed judicial intervention was difficult to justify and appears to have provoked, not resolved, conflict. - U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

As a matter of constitutional interpretation and judicial method, Roe borders on the indefensible...A constitutional right to privacy broad enough to include abortion has no meaningful foundation in constitutional text, history, or precedent - at least, it does not if those sources are fairly described and reasonably faithfully followed. - former Blackmun clerk Edward Lazarus

One of the most curious things about Roe is that, behind its own verbal smokescreen, the substantive judgment on which it rests is nowhere to be found. - Laurence Tribe of Harvard Law School

Roe is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be...What is frightening about Roe is that this super-protected right is not inferable from the language of the Constitution, the framers' thinking respecting the specific problem in issue, any general value derivable from the provisions they included, or the nation's governmental structure. - John Hart Ely of Yale, Harvard, and Stanford Law Schools

That's also why Justice Sonia Sotomayor found herself defending *Roe* expressly on the grounds that dumping *Roe* would mean the Court would have to similarly dump "so much that's not in the Constitution."

Lastly, it should be deeply telling that virtually every argument for keeping *Roe* sidesteps the question of whether *Roe* is correct. Instead we're urged to give it a pass for the sake of "stability" (despite abortion being the most heated policy dispute in the nation), "confidence in the Court" (which is even more absurd, considering millions of people will despise the court no matter what it does here), or *stare decisis*, the legal principle that a ruling's status as precedent grants it weight independent of its innate merits.

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PHOTO ALBUM



(Left to Right) Frank Aburto, PGK -
Ed Hudak, DGK
At Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service



Chris Barnett Decorating Lounge



Santa Claus at Kids Party



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak

With the Christmas season behind us and 2022 at hand we march into another year of doing what we do best and that's serving others. I hope all of you had a Blessed Christmas and wish all of you a Happy, Healthy New Year!

It's kind of nice to be able to take a breath and look back on everything that we were able to accomplish in these past couple of months. We had the Send a Hero Home bracelet sales, the Mass for our Departed Brothers, the Keep Christ in Christmas sales, and topped it all off with a Blood Drive, Santa's Kids Party, and our Tree, Wreath and Grave Blanket sales, the last three events all occurring on the same weekend! Talk about an "active" Council!

January and February are historically slow months for us and this year will follow that same trend. On Sunday, January 9th, we will have our Free Throw

Contest at the SRL Gym, from 1 - 3 pm. The former Gym Teacher, our Worthy GK Brian Barrett, will be in charge, but volunteers are needed to assist at this event.

The January Council Business Meeting is on the 11th and the Planning Meeting is on the 25th.

On Saturday, February 5th, we have our Kids Day Program Scheduled, featuring Randy the magician. Help will certainly be needed for this event. If you have Children or Grandchildren, don't miss this event.

February's Council Business meeting is on the 8th and the Planning meeting is on the 22nd.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Vivat Jesus!

BLESSED CAR SHOW Brian Barrett

Freehold Council 1672 did something different this past October 16th. We went outside the box and did something that was not in anyone's comfort zone. At the suggestion of Brother Rich Pepe, we held the first annual "Co-Cathedral Car Show and Blessing of the Autos". On a day when rain was forecasted and with clouds threatening in the morning, things looked bleak. Then all of a sudden the sun came out about 9:30am. Our spirits then lifted. It turned into a truly gorgeous, blessed day. Parish family and friends came out. Freehold Township officials and people new to the region came, and most importantly, The cars came! Over 60 beautiful antique and classic cars from all around the area participated.

With a DJ on hand along with live music and rides for the kids, there was fun had by everyone. Through donations, we raffled off over 50 different prizes. There was a drawing every 15 minutes. Prizes ranged from a free Pizza to the grand prize of a 60" TV.

As far as the cars went. We had everything from '57 Chevy's, Mustangs and Thunderbirds, Broncos, Pontiacs, Camaros, and an absolutely stunning 1929 Cadillac Convertible owned by Robert McGirr, who drove away with the Best of Show award. All total there was 5 trophies awarded.

A highlight of the day occurred when Msgr. Sam and Fr. Brian offered a blessing of safe travels on each show car along with a sprinkling of holy water to keep them and all who ride in them safe.

The council raised close to \$4,000 for our charities that day, God really blessed us.

When all was said and done, it was an **awarding** day for each person. No matter why you were there, to display your car, to review them, to judge them or there to just help out. A good time was had by one and all. We are planning another Co-Cathedral Car Show this year too. Hope to see you there.

(Left to Right) Msgr. Sam Sirianni blessing Car - Ed Hudak, D6K



(Left to Right) Mrs. & Mr. Robert McGirr, Best of Show Winner
Msgr. Sam Sirianni presenting Trophy, Rich Pepe



Brother Richard Pepe, Car Show Director

Council 1672, Fourth Degree Color Guard



COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - John Favorito, President

On behalf of the Colombian Club of Freehold I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a wish for a healthy and Happy New Year. Last year we had several fund raisers to keep our home afloat. I would like to thank everyone for all of his and her

support without which we would not be where we are today. My hope is Covid stays in check so that we can start having functions again at the council. Please continue to support our cause and may all have a healthy 2022

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Wm. Chris Barnett

Although you will be reading this in 2022, according to the calendar, it is December 10, 2021 as I write this article. The official start to Winter is only 11 days away. However, you wouldn't think that given it was 50 degrees outside this afternoon. As I look back at previous Compass articles I've written, there have been several references to COVID-19 and so even with this article we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Council activities though have brought some normalcy to each of our lives, and I look forward to seeing both new and familiar faces at our meetings and charity events. Our Council continues to get its work done and I thank both new and existing Brothers for their continued support of our activities. Speaking of activities, the membership drives at both Parishes this past Autumn were successful as was our open house. I thank my fellow brothers who dedicated their time

to help. A big thanks to all of you for your assistance and guidance in these events. When combined with names we had from our Spring 2021, Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 efforts, we had approximately a dozen newly degree'd Council Brothers this year. Over the Summer, Jim Meyer and Danial Tobia joined the Knights and Frank Gill and Danny Vnenchak transferred into 1672. This Fall, Martin Mulligan, Scott Lee, Mark Roessler, Anthony Graci and Phil Agolia all became new Knights. I also have several other men interested in our council and I will reach out to them after the Christmas Holiday.

Speaking of the Holiday, I wish that you and your family, had a joyous Christmas, and will have a Blessed New Year. Take time this season to reflect on all that God has given us as he guides us through our days.

CULTURE OF LIFE *(continued from page 3)*

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in 2019: "In my view, the Court's typical formulation of the *stare decisis* standard does not comport with our judicial duty under Article III because it elevates demonstrably erroneous decisions - meaning decisions outside the realm of permissible interpretation - over the text of the Constitution and other duly enacted federal law." Instead, he argued, the doctrine's modern understanding exacerbates judges' temptation to substitute their personal desires for the law "by giving the veneer of respectability to our continued application of demonstrably incorrect precedents."

But again, all of the above is what we would expect in a sane country with a Supreme Court committed to doing its job honestly. With the Supreme Court we actually have here in the real world, however, justices frequently make decisions they know are wrong based on other considerations: personal ideology, partisan politics, personal or institutional optics, you name it.

(Calvin Freiburger, LifeSiteNews)

2022 WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JANUARY			
1	NEW YEARS DAY		
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Council Main Hall	8 pm
	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose of Lima Gym	1 - 3 pm
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
17	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY		
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
23	Community Breakfast CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
25	Council Social Meeting, Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
21	MARCH FOR LIFE	Washington, D.C.	All Day
FEBRUARY			
2	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Council Main Hall	8 pm
5	Kid's Day Party	Council Main Hall	11 am - 2 pm
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	ST. VALENTINE'S DAY		
15	PRESIDENTS DAY		
16	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
22	Council Business Meeting, Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
23	Freehold Council 1672 - 108th Anniversary	(1913 - 2021)	
27	Community Breakfast CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
MARCH			
2	ASH WEDNESDAY (<i>Lent Begins</i>)		
2	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Council Main Hall	8 pm
5 & 6	Membership Drive	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
9	Open House	Council Main Hall	8 pm
13	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Main Street	12 Noon
17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY Luncheon & 50/50	Downstairs Lounge	12 Noon - ?
22	Council Business Meeting, Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	C.U.F. Degree Ceremony TBD	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27	Community Breakfast CANCELED	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January 1st 2022 is a great time to make a resolution to change your mind. I mean to **really change your mind**. Not to lose 20 lbs. or quit smoking, even though they are excellent goals to strive for. But how about resolving to work improving this country by helping someone else instead of ourselves. If that's too tough or too lofty, then how about making a resolution to help improve your community, or the street you live on, or maybe making your brother's or sister's life a little better.

This country is in bad straits, as the media constantly likes to remind us. I really get upset with the bad news that we hear and see each day. No one seems to care. No one seems to have the time or wants to take the time to help. So things just keep getting worse. Abortions keep happening. Illegal immigrants keep flooding in. The fear of COVID still remains strong. Patriotism is not popular. It appears that the good people are too troubled to do anything. Maybe it's time we join in helping a family member or neighbor. If we did then our world would change for the better.

OUR NEWSLETTER

According to "The American College Dictionary" a *Com-pass* is an instrument for determining and showing directions. It lets us know where we are going.

I had nothing to do with choosing the title of this newsletter, but when I thought about it, "Compass" is a fitting title and truly reflects what I try to convey in each issue. I want to keep you informed about the direction Freehold Council 1672 is going in.

- Brothers pulling together helping to solve the needs of our community by the charities that we aid with funds.
- Following the many activities that serve the poor and the ailing.
- Pointing out the direction we are taking in supporting our Catholic Church with each challenge that it faces.
- By staying the course of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

**That's why I'm proud of the "Compass"
and of being a Knight.**