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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brian Barrett, GK

BUSY BUSY BUSY. Just another quarter at the Knights. If you didn't come to Kid's Day in February you missed a wonderful event. Kid's Day is one of our Council's FREE activities, open to the entire community, as our way of saying thank-you for supporting our fund raising efforts. The highlight of the day was the magic of Amazing Randy Butters (a Brother Knight). While chowing down on hot dogs, nachos, chili, popcorn, and cookies, the kids were entertained with arts and crafts, a Home Depot building project, Pine Wood derby races, and cornhole. A special shout-out to the Youth Group of Saint Rose/St. Robert for all the volunteer help.

We were also busy with another successful Membership Drive and Open House directed by Chancellor Chris Barnett. For Lent we renewed our Food Drive to support Open Door and we are praying the Rosary to end abortion outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury.

Busiest of all was the Columbian Club's St. Patrick's corned beef sandwiches and platters March 13 and 17. Until you witness the efforts of master chef's John Favorito (*Columbian Club President*), Dan Dawidowicz (*Columbian Club Vice President*) and Bill Butch (*Council Warden*) you can't imagine the amount of work that goes into such an endeavor. And the food was great. Many Brother Knights volunteered as bartenders, servers and runners, many to make the 2 days a success. Special thanks to Brother Knights DJ Tom 'Duke' Connor and bagpiper Ed Nowak II for the entertainment.

On February 27th, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine a plaque was unveiled for the painting of our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. State Deputy Jim Stoeve and his wife Marlene did the unveiling and presented flowers. Thank you to all the Brothers in attendance.

Moving forward, here is the proposed list of Officers for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year. Elections will be held at our June 14 meeting.

Ed Hudak.....Grand Knight
Chris Barnett.....Deputy Grand Knight
Pat Facchini.....Chancellor
John Belbol.....Treasurer
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Frank Musto.....Warden
Gus Vang.....Advocate
Richard Pepe.....Inside Guard
Irving Cruz.....Inside Guard
Tom Fulciniti.....Outside Guard
Anthony Grazi.....Outside Guard

VIVAT JESUS!



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE - Msgr. Sam Sirianni

Prayer for the People of Ukraine



Heavenly Father,
From age to age, you
have never failed to
come to the aid of your
people.

Bless and protect the
people of Ukraine.

For those who have
fled from their homes,
Give them comfort and
shelter.

For those who have
stayed to fight,

Give them courage in battle.

For those who have lost homes and livelihoods
from missile attacks,

Give them aid and the strength to rebuild.

For those who worship in the streets and in
underground shelters,

Hear their prayer and calm their fears.

For those who have died,

Welcome them to the warmth of your embrace.

Make your presence known in all the leaders
that strive to protect them,
In all the neighbors who welcome them,
In all the clergy who serve them,
And in all people of good will who are praying
for their safety.

For victory over evil, we pray -

Lord, have mercy

For courage over fear, we pray -

Christ, have mercy.

For everlasting peace, we pray -

Lord, have mercy.

Our Lady of the Ukraine, pray for us.

Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us

Our Lady of Pochiv, pray for us. Amen

Rita Thiron,

FDLC



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Welcome to spring and Happy Easter! The weather is still "cool", but the days are getting longer! Summer is right around the corner.

Dues collection for the 2022 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 60 days to get their dues in before suspension. Membership at this writing stands at 374 members; of which 18 are Honorary and 84 are Honorary Life members.

As stated above, we are coming to the end of the Dues collection Cycle for 2022. To those of you that are paid up THANK YOU! 29 members are still in arrears as of this writing, and have been notified by the Retention Committee. We are at 90% of collections. If you

are one of the 29 PLEASE send me your dues ASAP to avoid suspension.

I also 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, 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!

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

LETS NOT CALL PREBORN CHILDREN "BABIES"

A powerful pro-abortion OB/GYN organization would like everyone to stop using terms like "baby" when discussing the destruction of innocent human life. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) released a March 2022 *Guide to Language and Abortion*.

"Much of the language that is colloquially used to describe abortion or discuss health policies that impact abortion has a basis in anti-choice rhetoric and is inherently biased and inaccurate - and at the very least, is not medically appropriate, the guide says. It instructs readers on the "preferable language" to use. For example, do not say "baby" or "unborn child," because "centering the language on a future state of a pregnancy is medically inaccurate."

Instead use embryo (for the first eight weeks since the last menstrual period) or "fetus" until the baby is delivered. Other words to avoid are "partial-birth abortion," "abortion-on-demand" and "elective abortion." "Abortion-on-demand" is a common rallying cry of abortion activists. Elective abortion is a term frequently used in medical journals.

The term "abortion provider" is verboten now, too. "Clinicians who provide abortion care are highly trained medical experts who provide patients with a wide range of medical care, of which abortion is a part," ACOG explains. "Using this phrase perpetuates the myth that they are not medical experts and that abortion care is the extent of their expertise. "Instead, make sure to say "physician(s) who provide abortion."

The term "dismemberment ban" is out of bounds, too. Referring to this medical procedure as 'dismemberment' is intentional use of

inflammatory, emotional language and centers the procedure on the fetus, rather than on the pregnant person who is the clinician's patient,"; the guide warns, erasing the biologically accurate "pregnant woman" from its lexicon at the same time.

ACOG also says to avoid referring to a "heartbeat bill" or a "fetal heartbeat." Legislation should be referred to as "gestational age bans." Fetal heartbeats should be referred to as "fetal cardiac activity."



This last one is the latest language change advocated for by the abortion industry and the mainstream media. However, historically medical professionals and pregnancy websites have acknowledged the detection of a heartbeat as early as six weeks. "A fetal heartbeat may first be detected by a vaginal ultrasound as early as 5 1/2 to 6 weeks after gestation," an entry at Healthline stated. OB/GYN Valinda Nwadike reviewed and approved that definition.

An entry on pregnancy education website *What to Expect* said "a baby's heart tube begins to beat spontaneously, though you quite can't hear it yet" by week 5 and a first-term ultrasound can allow a sonographer to "get a visual on your baby to check that his heart is beating." Dr. James Greenberg, the vice chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, signed off on this statement as medically accurate.

A textbook used at Johns Hopkins' University's medical school stated that "the fetal heart begins beating as early as the 5th week after the last menstrual period." But language games are nothing new for ACOG - it previously has argued both that life at conception laws could lead to a prohibition on hormonal birth control and also that those same drugs are not abortifacients.

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Edward Hudak

I am writing this letter in mid-March, and in looking over the many activities we participated in during the past couple of months and what is on the schedule for this spring, I am amazed at how busy we have been! "Busy little beavers," as my mother used to say.

The month of January was relatively quiet but things began to take off in February. Our annual Kid's Day Program (Feb. 5th) was once again a great success. Randy the magician, in true magical fashion, "stole the show" and everyone had a great time, young and old alike. About 40 of us got together for a Valentine's Dance (Feb 12) and other than putting up with our GK's attempt for us to play some sort of "Oldywed Game (*opposite of Newlywed*)," we all had a blast.

On Feb. 16 we had 10 brothers respond to a last minute request for assistance at the Co-Cathedral St. Robert Bellarmine for a sacred relics presentation and exposition which featured over 150 relics. There was a large crowd on hand and we provided crowd control as well as acting as the welcoming committee. There was a relic on display from Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, and I believe he was pleased with the work of his brothers that evening. At the Co-Cathedral (Feb 27) 10am mass, about 10 of us including our Worthy State Deputy, Jim

Stoever, were on hand for the unveiling of the plaque, located directly under the portrait honoring our founder. Msgr. Sam presided over a wonderful mass, speaking of Blessed Michael J. McGivney many times during his homily and the plaque ceremony.

Without us getting a chance to take a breath, the 1st weekend of March was upon us with our new member drives at our two parishes, followed by a vital Columbian Club meeting, our monthly Council Business meeting, and our Open House for new prospects. We had our after St. Patrick's Day Parade party (Mar 13) and St. Patrick's Day lunch/dinner (Mar 17). Our CUF Degree ceremony was March 25 and there was a 9am mass followed by a March for Life at St. James Church, Red Bank (Mar 26). The month of March ended with our Pride in Priests banquet on March 29th.

Please don't forget to help out with our Palm Cross Sales, after the masses at both parishes on the weekend of April 2-3 and our Spring Canning Drive on April 16 (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.

Happy Easter to all! Vivat Jesus!

BLESSED FATHER J. McGIVNEY PLAQUE UNVEILING



(Left to Right) I NEED THESE NAMES WORTHY GRAND KNIGHT

COUNCIL PHOTOS

Annual Kid's Day, February 5th



Magician, Amazing Randy

Police K-9 Demonstration

HAPPY EASTER !

*At this time of extreme turmoil in the world,
I along with my fellow officers of Council 1672
want to wish you all a
Holy, Joyful, Peaceful, Loving and a Happy Easter.
Brian Barrett, Grand Knight*

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Wm. Chris Barnett

Springtime is here, well at least today it is here. Sixty-Eight (68) degrees outside and the kitchen door is open to the fresh air. Birds are chirping and I may go for an outside walk without the jacket. Don't get me wrong, I love the KofC Winter jacket as I get many comments on it, but it is time to **March** forward to warmer weather, no pun intended.

As for the Council, we just wrapped up our Spring 2022 Membership Drives and our Open House. I'd like to thank the many brothers who stepped up and either staffed tables and or spoke at the Masses. We had several signups

and then to my surprise we also had some walk ups at our follow-up Open House on Wednesday, March 9th. In total, we have six prospective knights who I hope will all attend our upcoming CUF degree on Friday, March 25th. Let us pray that these men and others who had demonstrated interest previously either in the Fall of 2021 or earlier will again respond to the call of our charitable mission.

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.

TRENTON MARCH FOR LIFE - Rodger Zurro

January 14th, 2022, was a very cold and windy day. A crowd of approx. 400-500 individuals gathered in Trenton to show their support for life. Council Brother Jim Meyer (*Center photo*), head of the St Rose of Lima Respect Life Committee attended the rally. The assembly was addressed by a number of local politicians and speakers, some sharing very personal stories about their own abortion experiences. One of the speaking was an Orthodox Jew representing members of his community who were also in attendance.



MEMORABLE MEMBER

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

Vivaldo Sciarappo, Age 84, Served 44 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 2/6/22**

Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

2022 SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
APRIL			
1	FOOLS DAY		All Day
2 & 3	Palm Cross Sale	St. Rose & St. Roberts	All Masses
6	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
10	PALM SUNDAY		All Day
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	HOLY THURSDAY		All Day
15	GOOD FRIDAY		All Day
17	EASTER SUNDAY		All Day
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
26	Officer's Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
MAY			
4	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
8	MOTHER'S DAY		All Day
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
22	Community Breakfast for CANCELED h's	Council Main Hall	8 am - 11:30 am
24	Officer's Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27	Memorial Flags on Graves	St. Rose Cemetery	TBA
30	Freehold Memorial Day Parade	Freehold Borough	9:30 am - 12noon
30	Council's Memorial Day Parade Luncheon	Council Main Hall	After Parade - ?
JUNE			
1	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
12	Knights of Columbus Mass	St. Rose Church	9:30 am
12	Knights Breakfast after Mass	TBD	TBD
14	FLAG DAY		All Day
14	Council Meeting - Election of Officers	Main Street	12 Noon
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
19	FATHER'S DAY		All Day
28	Officer's Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Many Questions - No Answers

Two and an half months ago I had all the intentions of basing this "After Thoughts" on our liberal politicians who openly support abortions and then tell us what great Catholics they are since they can openly receive Holy Communion.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has made my original topic less important, at least for now.

It makes you wonder what in the world the Russian President, Vladimir Putin was thinking? Why did he order his troops to severely attack the Ukrainians? Is he sane? He could not have done this on his own. He needed the support of his armed forces' generals, the majority of the politicians and the Russian citizens, wouldn't he? What could the Ukrainian people have done to deserve such a brutal assault? Why try to destroy them? Did they threaten Russia by desiring freedom?

What does this do for Russian's reputation? Can the world even trust them? No way, they fear this superpower more because it not only possesses nuclear weapons but now it is so

unpredictable. If another country disagrees with Russia, what then? Does it have to prepare for war? I thought NATO was supposed to prevent acts of hostilities between countries. To say it's a bad situation is an understatement.

What do we do now? There has been many civilians and soldiers killed. Who's responsible? Putin? The Russian Generals? All of Russia? When it's over, what consequence does Russia face? There must be a balanced penalty dealing with their extreme aggressions, or else there might be no stopping the next confrontation. There's a great deal to think about.

The world must be very suspicious with any future dealings with Russia.

This war is almost as evil as abortions.

About the article I was planning on writing. My personal belief is that the politicians who **openly** support the killing of unborn babies, are the opposite of good Catholics and should **openly** be denied the Host, the body of Christ, by the presiding Bishop or Priest. Amen.