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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Edward Hudak GK

You may be reading this just before or immediately after the New Year but regardless, I wish to extend my wishes to all of you for a Happy and, most important, Healthy 2023!! I can't believe how quickly this Columbian Year is flying by. As I have written previously about in my emails to all of you, December was, and probably always will be an exceptionally busy month for our Council. We finished up November by having the Keep Christ in Christmas Sales at our parishes, putting up the Christmas decorations in the Council Hall, and having our Tree Lighting/Christmas Carols outside followed by a Christmas party as guests of the Catholic Daughters. The first weekend of December was our weekend of selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and grave covers, along with our Kids Day with Santa on Saturday, and our Breakfast with Santa on Sunday. Barely recovered from that, we held our annual Blood Drive on the second weekend of December.

I was able to acquire the Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph the week of December 12th and brought it to our Monthly Council meeting the following night. On December 17th we held a Prayer Service in the Chapel at St Robert's using the Pilgrim Icon Program from Supreme. The following day we sponsored and worked the "Coffee and..." after the 8am and 10am Masses at SRB. St. Nick was the guest of honor again.

It's known that we have some events planned in January, but the pace will drop down a bit (*at least that's what I have promised my wife!*). I am really looking forward to the Randy Butters show on Jan. 13th. It will really be a night of laughs and amazing magic. On Jan. 28th we will have our Past Grand Knight's Dinner that was postponed back in October. I'm sure you Brothers remember the old PGK...it hasn't been that long. All kidding aside, I am expecting a packed house that night as we honor the Man, the Myth, the Legend, PGK Brian Barrett!!! He gave so much of himself as our Grand Knight for three years that the least we can do is to make his PGK Dinner a memorable one!

One last event that I am really looking forward to is Game Show Night on March 3rd. The Emcee is a friend of mine who I guarantee you will find extremely entertaining. Check out his website at the gameshownight.com. Get your tickets early because I know it will be sold out quick. Both of these events are fund raisers for the Columbian Club Building Fund. Let's all support our home!

VIVAT JESUS !

CATHOLIC NECESSITY

God made you for a unique purpose. Even before you were born, He knew your vocation, your mission in life. And if you are a faithful Catholic man, God may be calling you for a higher purpose - to become a Catholic Priest.

Priests have a critical mission: to bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people. They are spiritual fathers to thousands of Catholics. They preach the Gospel and offer the sacrifice of the Mass. In short, priests are living witnesses of Christ in the world - men of strong character who stand out in our secular culture.

. Diocese of Trenton Website

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

By the time you read this, it will be 2023 and I wish you and your families a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and a Prosperous New Year. I sincerely hope that you are all well. BE SAFE and STAY SAFE however you need to do it!

It is DUES time again! The dues cover all council expenses which, like everything else have gone up.

TRY using VENMO! Just put kofc1672fs@gmail.com. For the 2022 Dues collection, we had 66 Brothers that used Venmo or 22.5% of the members. This is up from 2021 where we had 53 brothers or 18%. It is safe and easy. Please contact me if you are having issues 732 780-4815. POSTAGE will be going up to \$0.60 in January, Venmo is FREE.

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 1/28/2023, 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 or in prior years 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 1/28/2023 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 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

Will the Supreme Court admit that *Roe v. Wade* is 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 14th 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 14th 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 14th 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."

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Chris Barnett

Fellow Knights, I'm writing this article as the end of Autumn is here, and it sure feels like Winter tonight. Going outside today for a quick break in my workday was refreshing with the temperature almost perfect for a light jacket. Tonight, however, is another story and the winter coat is yet again becoming a staple of the wardrobe. For those of you who will soon be leaving us for the sunshine and warmth of the South, I wish you all safe travels and suggest that you first get familiar with Zoom so you too can join your fellow Brothers who log in remotely and participate in our business meetings. Our Council is now back in full swing with a lengthy list of recent activities and more to follow. These recent activities have included our Send a Hero Home Bracelet Sales, Our Mass for Departed Brothers (very well attended and a thank you to all of you who prioritized your being there), a fun yet exhausting day of Council grounds cleanup, Keep Christ in Christmas magnet (and more) sales, Council Hall Christmas decorating, our outdoor sing-a-long with Brother Mike, our Christmas Party with the Catholic Daughters and our Tree / Wreath / Grave Pillow and Blanket sales.

There are other activities too but this list gives you an idea of our recent activities and I encourage all of you to become even more active in your Council. Doing so will stoke new friendships and maybe even re-ignite some old relationships. I should also mention our C.U.F. Degree Ceremony where we and other Councils welcomed new Brothers to our ranks, and I'd like to thank all those in attendance who supported the Degree Team and these new Brothers. I would be remiss not mentioning our great Degree Team and a big shout out to all of you for making this C.U.F. Degree a success for all. PLEASE, PLEASE mark your calendars for January 28 which will be our Past Grand Knight Dinner. Our Worthy PGK Brian Barrett gave his all for 3 years as our Freehold GK and this night is an opportunity to have lots of fun (yes, it will be themed) and show him how much his involvement meant to all of us.

In closing, I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and your families but also take a moment to remember our Brothers who have recently passed and let's all say some Prayers for their Souls and their loved ones still with us.

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Pat Facchini

Well winter has arrived. Along with it so many council activities, that it will keep us all busy through this Christmas season. The Fall membership drive was well supported with just a few of our brothers covering multiple masses and though it did not produce the interest I had hoped for we had a successful C.U.F. ceremony initiating 4 of our new brothers: Angelo Appierto, Harry Palmer, Shawn Swingle and Thomas LoBocchiaro. We also had 2 transfers, Albert Endler and Michael Perugino. The lifeblood of our fraternal organization is membership. At our C.U.F. ceremony, District Deputy Lou DeBello

challenged our new brothers to bring in one new member, which should be our own challenge as well.

I recently attended a Gold Star Mother event at the VFW in Brick. This time of year, is extremely difficult for those families who have lost loved ones in the service of our country. I ask that you remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and their families this holiday season.

I wish that you and your families all had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year !!!

MESSAGE FROM SUPREME KNIGHT

"I encourage all Knights across the United States to support and participate in Pro-Life events at the local, state /province, regional or national level and invite Knights of Columbus and their families to join me at the annual

March For Life in Washington, D. C., on Friday, January 20, 2023."

Patrick Kelly, *Supreme Knight*

PLEASING PICTURES

THE RESTORED NATIVITY SCENE



THE RESTORERS
(Left - Right) Anthony Graci, Bill Harms, Tommy Grimes,
Nebil Toutouch & Deacon Rolf Friedman



THE NEWEST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
(Left - Right) Harry Palmer III, Shawn Swingle,
Angelo Appierto & Thomas LoBacchiano

FOURTH DEGREE UPDATE - Brian Barrett, FN

On Sunday November 13, 2022, Master of the Second NJ District, SK John Brandon directed a Fourth Degree Exemplification aboard the USS Battleship NJ - the most decorated battleship in US history. I was accompanied by PFN Gino Iacovella and PFN Al Normandia. More than 100 Brother Knights were Knighted into the Patriotic Fourth Degree that day,

Our Assembly added 6 new Sir Knights, Dennis Annaruma, Robert Braccia, Salvatore Carollo, Patrick Crowley, Vincent Decaro and Peter Pisaniello. Congratulations and welcome. The next Exemplification will most likely be held in March right here in Freehold at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine. When details are finalized I will pass them along.

Sadly, while we welcomed new Sir Knights we lost a great man, SK Peter Weber, to a battle with cancer on Tuesday December 13, 2022. Peter was a member of Council #1672 and served as Faithful Navigator of our Assembly, Rest in peace Sir Knight.



(left - right) Gino Iacovella, Chris and Peter Weber

CULTURE OF LIFE (Continued) - Roger Zurro, Director

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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.

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)

MEMORABLE MEMBERS

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

Elvin Giordano, Age 93, Served 13 years,
Informed 8/19/22 & Corrected **Died 2/27/21**

Joseph V. Hayes, Age 85, Served 34 years,
Ins. Member & a Life Member **Died 9/23/22**

Donald T. Rothman, Age 86, Served 26 years,
Honorary Life Member **Died 11/4/22**

Rev. Richard Milewski, Age 76,
Served 47 years, **Died 9/6/22**

Peter G. Weber, Age 66, Served 16 years
Past Faithful Navigator **Died 12/13/22**

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

2023 WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JANUARY			
1	NEW YEARS DAY, Solemnity of Mary		
4	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
7	Council Free Throw Contest	St. Rose Gymnasium	1 - 3 pm
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
16	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY		
18	Columbia Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
20	March For Life	Washington, D.C.	All Day
24	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
FEBRUARY			
1	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
11	Kid's Day Party	Council Main Hall	11 am - 1:30 pm
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	ST. VALENTINE'S DAY		
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
22	ASH WEDNESDAY		
24	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	Shrewsbury	10 am - 11 am
25	40 Cans for Lent - Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 12 noon
23	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
MARCH			
1	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
3	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	Shrewsbury	10 am - 11 am
4	40 Cans for Lent - Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 12 noon
4 & 5	Membership Drive	St.Rose & St.Roberts	All Masses
7	Open House	Council Main Hall	8 pm
10	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	Shrewsbury	10 am - 11 am
11	40 Cans for Lent - Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 12 noon
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY Parade & Luncheon	Downstairs Lounge	12 Noon - ?
17	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	Shrewsbury	10 am - 11 am
18	40 Cans for Lent - Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 12 noon
24	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	Shrewsbury	10 am - 11 am
25	40 Cans for Lent - Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 12 noon
25 & 26	Palm Cross Sales	St.Rose & St.Roberts	All Masses
28	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
31	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	Shrewsbury	10 am - 11 am
31	C. U. F. Degree Ceremony	Council Main Hall	7:15 Sign In / 8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

One thing that I've never given much thought to until recently is our schools. Since my son is grown, out of college, he for the most part is set in his ways. He is still learning, I'm sure, but attending school is basically over for him.

I am just now realizing how important primary education is for our children and grandchildren. It is VITAL for the USA. If our youngsters are not taught the truth about science, technology, about what is right and wrong, about their gender, our history and most of all, about GOD, then our country is doomed as a nation. That may sound too frightening, but it's a fact. Today's world has become too woke, too anti-religion.

We however are very fortunate to live where we do. We have the advantage of having an excellent Catholic school near us in the Freehold area. I'm talking about St. Rose of Lima School. There the children in grades kindergarten through 8th are taught what is needed to be a good adult and most importantly about God. Some students probably will not realize it until they are an adult but they will

eventually. I'm not going to go into the extra cost that is required to attend a private or parochial school in NJ, but don't expect any help from the state. If you can afford it, or even if you have to scrimp some to send your children there, do it. It is money well spent.

You are probably wondering, why this unsolicited ad for St. Rose of Lima School? I am proud to announce that your Freehold Council 1672 of the Knights of Columbus has formed a Scholarship Committee to award two worthy graduating eighth graders at St. Rose, a \$1,000 scholarship each, who are continuing their education to a Catholic high school. This is an appropriate thing to do at this time. Catholic schools need our support more than ever and this is our way of showing that support. I cannot think of a better way to demonstrate our concern for our schools, our state, our country and our future.

May the Knights of Columbus always support the truth.

**Pray Brothers that 2023 is a
good year for all of us.**