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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Edward Hudak GK

You may be reading this just before or immediately after Easter. I hope you all had or (will have) a Blessed Easter!

As I said in my last article, "I can't believe how quickly this Columbian Year is flying by", well, believe it or not, it is almost over. At our next Business meeting I will appoint a Nominating Committee who will then be tasked with putting together a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 Columbian year. Elections will be held at our June 13th Monthly Council Business meeting.



Since our last publication we have been involved in quite a few activities. We had our Annual Free Throw Contest in January, followed by our Magic Show featuring Randy Fellows. Closing out the month of January was our PGK Dinner featuring our guest of honor, PGK Brian Barrett. A fun time was had by all! In February we had a very well attended Kids Day Program and a gathering of Brothers and wives for a Super Bowl Party at the Columbian Club. March started off with a very well received Game Show Night followed by our Membership Drive at both parishes and our Open House. Nine prospective new members attended the Open House and it appears that we will have more than ten new Brothers attending the CUF Degree at our Council later in the month of March. I am very happy to see this much interest in joining our Council. I believe this is because of the fact that we are so visible to both parishes throughout the year collecting for so many charities and our Brothers actually appear to be having a good time doing these good deeds, that people are taking notice. We are a vibrant Council that is made up of many different individuals, unified to accomplish the goals of our Council.

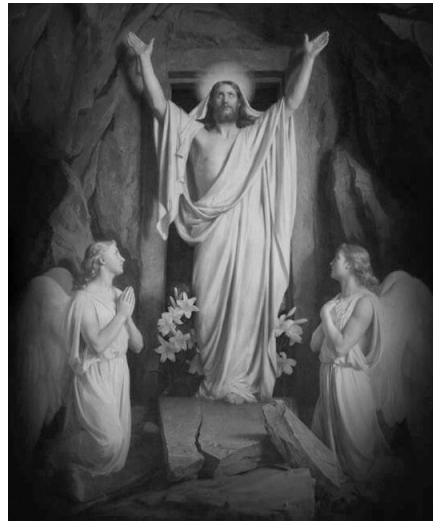
Many thanks to all who assisted at the after party on the day of the St. Patrick's Parade and at our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The Columbian Club was packed on both days and everyone had a wonderful time. Many attendees commented that the Knights are known to have the best corned beef sandwiches and platters in town! Upcoming events in the next couple of months are the Palm Cross Sale, CPR Training in April, and a trip to see the Jersey Shore Blue Claws in May. Please consider joining us. You just might have a good time!

VIVAT JESUS !

EASTER BLESSING

**“Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
 By your radiant and magnificent
 Resurrection, You broke the
 Bonds of death and rose from
 The grave as a conqueror.
 You reconciled Heaven and earth
 Our life had no hope of eternal
 happiness before You redeemed us.
 Your resurrection has washed away
 our sins, restored our innocence,
 and brought us joy. How inestimable
 Is the tenderness of Your love”**

St. Gregory the Great



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Welcome to Spring and Happy Easter! The days are getting longer! Summer is right around the corner.

Dues collection for the 2023 year is coming to an end. Intent to Retain letters have gone out. This is the last step in the Dues Collection, Retention process. Membership at this writing stands at 370 members; of which 23 are Honorary and 81 are Honorary Life members.

To those of you that are paid up THANK YOU! 20 members are still in arrears as of this writing, and have been notified by the Retention committee. We are at 91% of collections. If you are one of the 20 PLEASE send me your dues ASAP to avoid suspension. You can use Venmo, Kofc1672FS@gmail.com. If it appears not to work, keep reading. You might get an error saying that this email cannot be found. If you TAP the error message

another screen will come up that reads PAY or REQUEST. From here, tap the Pay or Request on the top of the screen and it will allow you to type the amount in and TAP Pay. A check can also be mailed to my home at 361 Colgate Way, Freehold, NJ 07728.

I receive change of address, email and phone number information by accident when I receive the dues. This information is important for emergency purposes. I have put the following paragraph in every issue of the compass, PLEASE notify me of changes!

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!

MEMORABLE MEMBERS

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

Donald Cusson, Age 84, Served 32 years, had he not had a 33 year break in service he would of had 65 Years as a Knight, Honorary Life Member, **Died 3/13/23**

Michael M. Crawford, Age 89, Served 53 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 3/20/23**

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

In an Abuse of Power, FBI Raids Home of Pro-Life Christian with Guns Drawn as Family Watches in Horror

The FBI used a major show of force to arrest pro-life Christian Mark Houck, 48, on the early morning of September 23, 2022. Dozens of agents reportedly descended on his home with guns drawn as Houck's wife and children looked on in horror.

The FBI arrived at the Houck's residence in Bucks County, PA and began pounding on the door. Despite putting his hands up and willingly cooperating, multiple agents pointed guns in Mark's face as his family – including his seven children – were forced to watch their dad “shackled” and taken away, according to family representative Brian Middleton.

Houck's wife Ryan-Marie described the shocking scene, saying her husband was pleading with agents. “Please, I'm going to open the door, but, please, my children are in the home. I have seven babies in the house. But they just kept pounding and screaming.” She added that they “had big, huge rifles pointed at Mark and pointed at me and kind of pointed throughout the house.”

Houck was released Friday afternoon.

“This show of force carried out by the Biden regime against ordinary Americans is an abuse of power that stands against the fundamental principles on which our country was founded,” Pennsylvania State Senator and Republican nominee for Governor Doug Mastriano said in a statement.

This massive display by the FBI (*Houck claims 25-30 heavily armed agents were used to haul him in*) raises serious questions as to why so much force was deemed necessary. The FBI raid stems from a minor altercation back on October 13, 2021 with a volunteer at a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Philadelphia. Police were called, but declined to pursue the case because of lack of evidence. The volunteer, 72-year-old Bruce Love, is familiar with Houck, as the two have crossed paths at the Philadelphia abortion clinic many times previously. An indictment

against Houck claims he “assaulted” Love only “because Love was a volunteer at the abortion clinic”. According to Houck's family representative, that's not what happened.

Houck was at the abortion clinic praying and ministering within his legal rights (on the sidewalk, not clinic property) when, according to Middleton, it was Love who approached Houck's 12-year-old son and began unleashing a string of vile comments, cursing the young man. That's when Houck intervened, and eventually pushed Love in order to protect his son, causing Love to fall to the ground. Then police were called but they eventually decided there was a “lack of evidence” of an assault taking place and declined to pursue the issue any further.

Love filed a criminal complaint against Houck, but failed to show up to any of the court hearings, prompting the judge to dismiss the case. Six days after the case was dismissed, Houck received a target letter from the DOJ notifying him he was the subject of a federal grand jury investigation. According to Middleton, Houck and his attorneys promptly replied to this notice but never heard back from the government – until Friday morning when the FBI began pounding on their door.

In a press release from the DOJ, they claim Houck violated the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. The FACE Act prohibits “violent, threatening, damaging, and obstructive conduct intended to injure, intimidate, or interfere with the right to seek, obtain, or provide reproductive health services.”



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Chris Barnett

Fellow Knights, the end of Winter is here, and although the past several days have been quite chilly, the setting of the clocks 1 hour ahead back on March 12th was a sure reminder that Spring was just around the corner. Rumor has it that by the end of this week, we will have daily high temperatures approaching the high 50's. (*Didn't know that I was a weatherman did you*) I will be putting away my Knights of Columbus 1672 winter jacket for the season and start breaking out those nice Knights of Columbus sweatshirts I've accumulated over the past several years.

Let me also take some time to welcome back many of our snowbird Brothers now returning from Florida. Our Council has been quite busy these past several months with many activities both charitable and social. For those of you who don't regularly attend our meetings, now is a perfect time to come back and say hello and help those Brothers who seem to be at every event supporting the causes which depend upon our council.

This past January, we had a great time celebrating and thanking our PGK Brian Barrett

for his three years of GK Service to our Council. From what I could tell, everyone who came had a great time. And how about all the new brothers who are joining our council. New Members are the lifeblood of our Council's future and it sure is great seeing all the new faces.

I am writing this in the middle of March so I am looking forward to our events taking place during it's final week. The weekend of March 26th is our Palm Cross Sale at both parishes St. Rose of Lima and Co-Cathedral St. Robert's. I hope you were able lend a hand? On March 31st our Spring 2023 CUF degree occurs. At last count we expect to have 10 new Brothers. How about that for a turn out? A big thanks in advance to our Worthy Chancellor.

As I always do, I'll close with a hope that more of our 400 members become active in our Council. Many hands make light work. Oh, one other thing I should mention. It was fantastic seeing everyone come out to our Council for the post St. Patrick's Parade Lunch / Dinner and then the actual St. Patrick's Day dinner. The food was very tasty, and fun was had by all.

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Pat Facchini

Springtime is here, and we just completed our Spring membership drive. Without the help of our brothers being available to meet and greet anyone who was interested in joining our fraternal order, the success we had would not have been possible. I wish to thank all who volunteered and special thanks to those who addressed the masses at St. Rose of Lima, PGK Brian Barrett, Jim Meyer, and Tom Fulciniti.

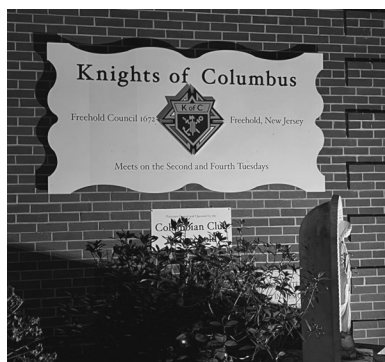
We had 11 who signed up and at our Open

House, 8 who completed the Membership Documents as well as 1 transfer. Additionally, the son of one of our prospective new brothers will also be standing alongside his father at the CUF degree. In total, I am hopeful we will have 11 prospective Knights attending our CUF ceremony at our council on March 31st. I encourage you to join us at the CUF ceremony in welcoming and supporting our new brothers.

I want to wish you and your families a wonderful and blessed Easter Holiday.

**To all my Knights of Columbus Freehold Council 1672 Brothers
My Officers and I want to wish you and your families
The very best Easter ever. Edward Hudak, Grand Knight**

PLEASING PICTURES



New Lights for OUR LADY QUEEN of the KNIGHTS



TWO NEW BROTHERS
Thomas Tocci Charles Pomaro



ST. ROBERT'S "COFFEE AND" Crew



VISIT with FATHER EDWARD JAWIDZIK
(L - R) Brian Barrett, PGK - Ed Hudak, GK - Fr. Ed Jawidzik - Gino Iacovello, PGK



TRENTON DIOCESE FREE THROW CHAMPION
(L - R) Ryan H. (brother with ball) and
Champ, Olivia H. (with trophy)

COUNCIL KIDS DAY 2023
Magician Randy Mystifying Audience

Kids Enjoying the Day



FOURTH DEGREE UPDATE - Brian Barrett, FN

I recently made visits to the Englishtown, Lincroft and Marlboro councils to present a brief talk on the Fourth Degree. I cannot claim any correlation but we have 12 Brother Knights planning to make their Fourth Degree Exemplification at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine on Sunday March 26, 2023 (*more on that in the next Compass*). These 12 new members are really due to the work of each councils GK, DGK and membership directors, and Fourth degree members.

Becoming a 'Sir Knight' member of the Fourth Degree is an additional sacrifice of time and money. A sacrifice that makes sense the first time you participate in a Bishop's Mass, a confirmation, or you stand in Honor at a fallen Brothers viewing and escort his casket at the funeral Mass.

The uniform is expensive. To help offset the cost I have requested members of the Fourth Degree who no longer participate in call-outs (*perhaps their age no longer makes it possible or a member has passed*) to consider donating their swords. Donated swords save a new Sir Knight roughly \$200.

We are set to donate 3 swords to new members thanks to the following donations... Jim Brown PGK 1672 – donated by his wife Pat Brown

Henry Debski, PGK 1672, PFN Assembly 650, PDD – donated by Henry

George Gabriel, PGK 1672, PFN Assembly 650 – donated by Christopher Harney

Thank you for these donations. The swords will live on to honor our Brothers and serve the Church.

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz

I wish all my Brother Knights a Holy and Happy Easter and may God Bless you and your families. May you stay safe and healthy whatever you do for the rest of the year.

I want to thank everyone who was involved with the planning and execution of the Amazing Randy Magic Show and the Bob Scott Game Night. Both shows were well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All the participants (*contestants*) were good sports and had a great time. All the funds raised from the two nights are going to help with the house repair projects. Thank you to all who attended, and were "amazed" or received a "Bob."

I would also like to give thanks to the Knights, parishioners of St. Rose and St. Robert's and the people from the Freehold Area, for your support at our St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinners and the 50/50 raffle. A special thanks to our cooks, John Favorito and Bill Butch, Jim Gallagher and Eileen Allen for

coordinating the many bartenders, arranging the entertainment, the Jimmy & Gene McMahon Clan and the many other jobs they took on in the planning of the fundraiser, and to Rich Morano for making sure we had a full stock of alcohol, to all the many Knights and their wives who helped set up, serve food, collected money, sold 50/50 tickets, or helped with whatever was needed, the bartenders who kept everyone happy and the day after cleanup crew, Brian Barrett, Jim Meyer, Steve Kedulich and Fred Trotter. The two-day fundraiser was a fantastic success.

I am grateful for all that the Knights of Columbus do to support their home base, The Columbian Club. Wednesday and Friday nights the Pub Bar at The Columbian Club is open. Stop on by and meet old friends and new.

Stay tuned for our upcoming fundraising events; and we welcome any new ideas you might have.

2023 SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL			
1	APRIL FOOLS DAY		
1	40 Cans for Lent - Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 12 noon
2	PALM SUNDAY		
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
6	HOLY THURSDAY		
7	GOOD FRIDAY		
9	EASTER SUNDAY		
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
19	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
22	K of C Charities Canning Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 1 pm
25	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
MAY			
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	MOTHERS DAY		
17	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
18	JESUS' ASCENSION DAY		
20	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	9 am - Noon
23	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
26	Flags on Departed Brother's Graves	St. Rose Cemetery	TBD
29	MEMORIAL DAY Parade & Luncheon	Council Main Hall	After Parade
JUNE			
7	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
11	Knights Mass	St. Robert's Co-Cath.	10 am
11	Knights Breakfast following Mass	TBD	11 am
13	Council Business Meeting (Elections)	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	FLAG DAY		
14	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
18	FATHERS DAY		
27	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

1) It seems to me that stress and fear are two topics that are getting an enormous amount of press lately. It's no wonder though because of: Covid, the war in the Ukraine, the economy, the USA's dealings with China, abortions, gender reassigning of children, the suicide rate, world war III, inflation, taxes, the end of the world, the upcoming election...Wow! I've got to stop listing things, because I'm starting to scare and stress myself out.

Why am I doing this? The point is that we have to face a good deal of things every single day, yet alone our own personal difficulties. The TV, the news papers and the internet keep reminding us of all these troubles constantly. What is a person to do?

Just ignore all these evils and go about doing your daily activities and say your prayers. When I say prayers, a peace comes over me and gives me the strength to do what I have to do. The only real answer is God.

Plus, I don't watch much TV.

2) Spring is upon us, which means that Easter is here. Rejoice! It's the proof that Jesus was and is God. What a coincidence. Right now everything is coming back to life and growing. The weather's comfortable. It's the time to wake up and start doing. No matter how young or old we are, we still have things that must get done and now's the perfect time to do them.

My advice... don't put off whatever it is you have to do. Start on it, get it over with and then relax for the Summer. I seldom take my own advice though. I for one have a bunch of stuff that I must do and get done. But something always seems to bump into me and I get sidetracked and never get done the stuff that I wanted to do. I do try to take my Summer advice which is: "The weather's too hot to do things."

So I probably won't get my stuff done until Autumn. Good luck with your projects.

Have a HAPPY EASTER SEASON