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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Edward Hudak GK



Let me begin this article by congratulating everyone who worked so hard these past 12 months, culminating with our Council receiving the New Jersey State "Council of the Year" Award for District 23! It was truly a group effort and in my humble opinion, well deserved!

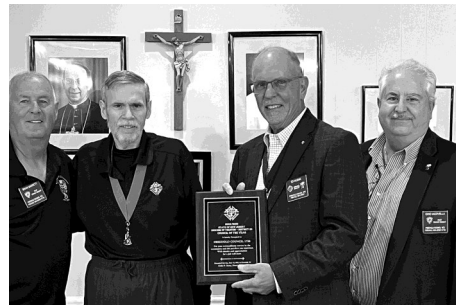
As your Grand Knight for this past Columbian Year, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you better. We definitely have quite a mix of personalities at this Council. So many come from different backgrounds, different professions, and different life experiences. You put them all together and you wonder how this mish mosh is ever going to be able to work together to produce anything that might be considered worthwhile.

Well Brothers, it appears that we have consistently defied the odds! Winning our District "Council of the Year" Award for 5 years in a row is quite an accomplishment! I am honored to have served as your Grand Knight for this past Columbian Year and I look forward to once again serve in that role for the upcoming year.

I especially want to thank all of the 2022-2023 officers. The hard work that all of you put in this past 12 months made the year a breeze for me. I welcome most of you back for the next year and am confident that our new additions will be up to the task. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on that many of you are unaware of. The hundreds of texts, the phone calls, the closed-door meetings... all contribute to the success that we have experienced as a Council. It is not something that one individual can do alone nor is it my leadership style. So many Brothers really stepped up this past year and trying to name all of you would result in me leaving a name out and someone feeling like they weren't appreciated. You all know who you are and know that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I look forward to working alongside all of you during this next Columbian year and my wish is that we make 2023-2024 the best year yet for Council #1672!

VIVAT JESUS !

FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672 is
New Jersey State District 23's
"Council of the Year"
& our Edward Hudak
is their "Grand Knight" of the year !
(L-R) PGK-Brian Barrett,
DDSK-Colin P. Casey,
GK-Ed Hudak, PGK-Gino Iacovella



SUMMER ALIBIS - Deacon Rolf Friedmann

Summer is upon us and with it comes the warm weather and our thoughts of leisure vacations, travel, beaches, sport activities or just plain relaxation. And of course, we enjoy family time whenever and wherever we can during this time! As they say-School's out-it's time to have fun!

Unfortunately sometimes we seem to believe that all else takes second place in our pursuit of this happiness.

This brings us to our Sunday obligation to attend Mass and have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. We may fall prey to coming up with numerous excuses such as *there is no church nearby, *there is only one Mass and it's not in English, and my favorite, *we're on vacation.... *(even from going to church)*, as well as other excuses.... all to

avoid going. Let's review: There is always a Mass somewhere within driving distance. The question then becomes - how important is it to you and your family to take 1 hr. out of 168 hrs. during the week to go to Mass? Remember, that we go to Mass to celebrate our faith and receive the Holy Eucharist in praise and thanksgiving for all that He did....for us!

WE need this.... if nothing else but to remind us that we are disciples of Jesus and as such, have a role to play!

Yes, as Knights, we do good works but without the help of the Holy Spirit we are very vulnerable to outside influences. So, as we enjoy the summertime, let's not forget that without a firm continuous practice of our faith....we are just marking time.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

As the Financial Secretary of this council, I am responsible for the revenue we get from our various fund raisers and also our membership information. Boring stuff, but many of you may be interested in these numbers. The Columbian year 2022 - 2023 dues collection has finally come to an end. This year, we had 5 men that chose not to continue their membership in our order.

We completed this year's billing cycle at 98% of membership paid. Current membership numbers stand at 375 + 35 Inactive members *(Inactive members are members that have been suspended or removed from the council, but need to stay on the Roster due to them having KofC insurance)* for a total of 410. Despite having a gain of 23 men, *(both new and transfers in)* we are only 10 men above last year's numbers. We had 13 brothers that passed. May they all rest in peace. Since last year's Compass, of these 410, 22 are Honorary members, *(at least 65 years old and 25 continuous years of service, up 4 from last year)* 80 are Honorary Life members, *(at least 70 years old and 25 continuous years of service down 4 from last year)* and 84 are 4th degree members. Remember too, that if you are a 4th degree member and are suspended from the council you are also suspended from the 4th degree regardless if your dues are paid in the 4th degree. In addition we still have 12 Brothers that are nonagenarian's *(men that are 90 - 99 years of age with the oldest turning 100 the end of July)* May

God bless them and give them long life!! Lastly of the 375 men, 348 are in NJ, 2 in Co, 4 in Del, 12 in Florida, 1 in Georgia, 1 in Illinois, 2 in NY, 2 in Pa, 2 in Texas, and finally 1 in Virginia. You can see that our brothers are scattered around the country in 10 different states. Looks like a bunch are down in Sunny Florida!

Revenue for this Columbian year, from June of 2022 - Dec of 2022 = \$31,390.46 and from Jan 2023 through almost the End of June *(remember this is being written mid-June)* we have Revenue of \$27,278.45 for a Grand total of \$58,668.91. I'm looking for some nice numbers on the Baby Bottle Boomerang which will start coming in on June 18th.

I guess the missing information we have with wrong phone numbers will stay that way! I still get NO replies from any request that I send out. Should you decide to send me your information, 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 (70 E. Main St. Freehold NJ 07728-2223) and put "George F" on it. I will get the information! Please get me your changes!

Hope you all have a Safe & Happy Summer of 2023. I look forward to our new Columbian year; having another record breaking year for our Fund raisers!

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director



40 Days for Life Inspires record 250 abortion workers to quit jobs

The international pro-life prayer campaign 40 Days for Life recently celebrated the 250th individual to quit a job with the abortion industry due to the organization's prayers and peaceful witness to the dignity of the unborn. 40 Days for Life president and CEO Shawn Carney told LifeSiteNews in a statement that "this beautiful milestone is a rejection of the cynical attitude that Americans want abortion at all costs in a post - Roe America."

"Abortion workers are awakening to the truth, thanks to our collective prayers!" the pro-life group celebrated on Twitter: "With over 250 courageous individuals quitting their jobs and counting, it's evident our voices are making an impact. Let's keep lifting them up in support of life!"

On May 16, the organization announced its "big news" that "the 250th abortion worker has become pro-life and left her job in the abortion industry thanks to YOUR prayers." The latest employee to leave the business of murdering the unborn came from Illinois, which 40 Days for Life described as "one of the most extreme

pro-abortion states in America." Illinois law permits abortion on demand until viability and up to birth under broad "health" exceptions. The state has also codified a "right" to abortion and removed bans on partial-birth and taxpayer-funded abortions. "She and the 69 babies saved from abortion in the Land of Lincoln during this spring's 40 Days for Life campaign are living proof that prayer works - even in locations where abortion remains legal (and celebrated) in the post - Roe era," the blog post reads.

"For decades, the abortion industry has seen an exodus of workers and abortion doctors who have realized the barbaric reality of abortion and are now some of the most powerful voices for the unborn. While the left wants to ignore them, they will continue to share the truth about abortion to so many who are on the wrong side of history."

Since the historic overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, 40 Days for Life has continued its prayerful mission outside abortion facilities across the world, saving hundreds of babies from murder in the womb. In September, LifeSiteNews reported that the organization's first campaign since the *Dobbs* decision was launched in 622 cities, a record high in the nearly 20 years since the apostolate's founding. Almost 50 babies were saved from abortion in just the first two weeks of the fall campaign.

The spring campaign has continued to break records. Last month, 40 Days for Life celebrated that there had been 672 known cases of parents who chose life and babies saved from abortion during the first campaign of 2023.

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MEMORABLE MEMBERS

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

Danny Michael Vnenchak, Age 63, Served 25 years, 4th Degree Member, **Died 4/28/23**

Frank Cinque, Age 67, Served 31 years, Honorary Member, **Died 5/20/23**

Theodore "Ted" R. Kelsey, Age 77, Served 38 years, 4th Degree Member, Honorary Life Member, **Died 6/18/23**

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S DESK - Colin P. Casey, DDSK

Brothers all,

I am saddened to write this final Compass Submission as your District Deputy. It has been a wonderful 5 years and I have been blessed to interact with your council ! Hopefully, you all had a wonderful Father's Day with your families. I am confident you are getting ready to celebrate our wonderful country on Independence Day!

Words could never truly express my gratitude to the Freehold 1672 Council for their love, prayers, and support during my tenure as District Deputy. I have had the pleasure of serving with Gino, Brian, and Ed as your Grand Knights during that time and each was awarded the District 23 **"Grand Knight of the Year"** honor while they served. On that note, congratulations to Ed Hudak on being presented with that same award for this Fraternal Year. And, no surprise to anyone, your Freehold Council is once again selected the District 23 **"Council of the Year"**!!

I have repeatedly said over the years that Freehold is the leader in our District. In all honesty, I see your council as the leader in Monmouth County, and one of the premier councils in both the Diocese of

Trenton and the State of New Jersey. Nobody does it like Freehold!!!!

As we get ready for another Fraternal Year, I have no doubt that my Freehold Brothers will once again lead the way! I need to also applaud you on being a recipient of a Star Council Award this Fraternal Year. I am so proud of all of you and it has been a privilege to serve you the last 5 years!

Finally, I want to congratulate Roger Zurro on being a recipient of the 2023 Wings for Life Award for his continued efforts in the Pro-Life Movement. Roger, you have the heart of a lion. Never change the person you are because you are an exemplary Knight! Congratulations!!

Again, thank you for the love, prayers, and support you have given me. I love the Knights of Columbus and feel especially close to my Freehold Brothers. May you all experience the best life has to offer in the days to come.

God Bless you all... Let It Begin With Me!

Much love & admiration,

Colin

Brothers all.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Chris Barnett

Fellow Knights, the Summer Solstice is only a couple days away and the warmer weather is already making itself known and I am sure that all of you are enjoying this change of seasons as I am. And with the beginning of Summer, soon comes the end of the 2022-2023 Columbian Year. As I look back at this year, we as a council have many reasons to be proud. First and foremost are the great works of charity we did in giving back to our community and causes with over \$20,000 of assistance. With 400 members, that's roughly \$50 per Knight and if more of our brothers became actively involved, think how much more we could do. But for my fellow brothers who continuously support our council daily, I would like to thank you for your dedication to both our community and each other. For those brothers who are not as involved, please get involved and you will find a transformation happening within you starting with making new friends, learning new things and simply feeling good about what you and we do. I am also proud of the numerous awards our council achieved

this year culminating in Colin Casey's presentation to our Council from District 23 Council of the year at our June 13 meeting. A special congrats to Ed Hudak, our Grand Knight for leading us to that award. As I continue to look back at our year, several other events come to mind. I thoroughly enjoyed our various social activities, most recently our BlueClaws baseball game trip even though the food left a bit to be desired. And from the charity side, my favorite activity remains the canning drives where we collect money from passing motorists. I learn a lot about people doing the canning drive and it meant a lot to be at Monmouth ARC assisting with the presentation of the \$3,200 we raised at the canning drive to them for their activities. Coming up, we have our 3rd annual car show. Can you believe that? Three years, WOW! Get involved with that event, you will not be disappointed. I'd like to close with a prayer that all of you and your families have a healthy, happy and relaxing Summer. But stay alert to our council emails keeping you informed on our happenings. God Bless!!

FOND FAREWELL

Dear District Deputy Colin,

Thank you for your wonderful letter for our councils quarterly Compass newsletter!

Your sincere love and guidance to the Knights of Columbus, especially Freehold 1672 Council, has formed a relationship that is unprecedented for our Catholic men's group.

It is with much sorrow but also gratitude for all you've done for us that we feel when reading your farewell.

May God Continue to Bless you and your family always! **Vivat Jesus!**

Ed Hudak, *Grand Knight*

Gino Iacovella, *PGK* and Brian Barrett, *PGK*

FANTASTIC FOTOS



COUNCIL 1672's VERY FIRST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

(L-R) Julia Pannullo, & Jordan Struble

each receive a \$1,000 check towards HS tuition from
Grand Knight, Edward Hudak & Committee Chair, Mike La Rosa

May 31st BLUECLAWS Game
Council fans were happy according to all reports



FREEHOLD BORO's MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
Our Council 4th Degree Members pictured,
John Annetta (back) PGK Brian Barrett (front)

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Pat Facchini

Summer has arrived and like me, you are all looking forward to enjoying the warm weather and summer activities. Having kicked off the summer with our recent participation in the Memorial Day Parade, "lest we forget" those who made the ultimate sacrifice. I thank all of you who have served in the uniformed services of our country.

Our Columbian year has come to an end, and my first year as Chancellor. I thank you all for assisting in our successful membership drives and Open Houses. As I start my second

year as Chancellor, our challenge is the same, to grow our Order. Without your assistance, our membership campaign cannot be successful and surpass the 16 new members we welcomed in this fraternal year 2022-2023. It is from our membership drives that we ensure the success and future of our order and council. Our Council has so much to offer in both our charitable work, social activities and camaraderie.

I end by wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer.

FOURTH DEGREE UPDATE - Brian Barrett, FN

Monsignor Kivelitz Assembly 650

We wrap up this Columbian Year in a busy fashion. Thank you to all Sir Knights (in and out of uniform) for participating in this years 149TH Freehold Borough Memorial Day Parade. Congratulations to Alice, Amanda and Pat McCobb for all their hard work and the volunteers that put on a great show.

On June 14th the Assembly had the honor of announcing our first ever Sir Knight of the Year. This award is named for SK Francis 'Fritz' Rodgers who embodied the joy of what it means to be a member of our order. Drum roll...Sir Knight of the Year for 2022-2023 is Lou Tinto of Freehold Council 1672. Lou is an inspiration to every 4th Degree uniformed member as he shows up ready for action at all our Call-Outs. Well deserved 'Sweet' Lou!!!

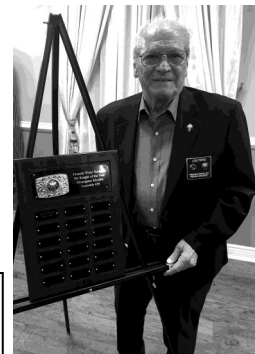
Our incoming officers for 2023-2024 are:
Faithful Navigator - Paul Lorenz,
Faithful Comptroller - Paul Dioguardi,
Faithful Friar - Deacon Michael Lee Foster,

Faithful Captain - Ed Quagliariello,
Faithful Admiral - Brian Barrett,
Faithful Purser - Nebil Toutouchi,
Faithful Pilot - Robert Braccia,
Faithful Scribe - Sal Carollo,
Inner Sentinel, - Peter Pisaniello,
Outer Sentinel - Rich Bilon,
One Year Trustee - Gino Iacovella,
Two Year Trustee - Al Normandia
Three Year Trustee - Doug Walsh.

The Assembly is in GOOD HANDS.



Sir Knight of the Year, 2022 - 2023
Lou Tinto



COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz

It has been a year that are present officers, trustees, and Columbian Club members have been working together. I would like to thank you all for the support in helping with all the fundraising. This achievement is reflected in the many improvements in the building. We have received a number of compliments on the ballroom floor and the appearance of the outside of the building.

The main reason the Columbian Club of Freehold exists is to provide a meeting place for the Knights of Columbus Council 1672. We do this by collecting Columbian Club dues separate from the Council dues, and renting the hall for celebrations, events, meetings, etc. We also do fundraising events to benefit the Building Fund. The fund balance is always changing because there will always be unexpected repairs and maintenance above the usual monthly costs to operate the building. The Columbian Club building is over 50 years

old as of this writing the last of aging air conditioning units (installed 31 years ago) had to be replaced. And this July we are planning on finally having the weedy, pothole and crumbling parking lot completely torn up, replaced and line striped. If I only could have the advance knowledge of what will go wrong or break next, but that is a just a big wish. I ask that all members keep working on ideas how to build up the balance in our Building Fund.

Upcoming events are Olde Freehold Day, August 5, and the annual Car Show, September 9. The Columbian Club will be doing the cooking for both events and cooks, servers, cashiers, and helpers will be needed. Fundraisers scheduled for later this year include Game Night and the Memorial Christmas Trees. Any other ideas would be welcome, just need your suggestions.

Attend the Columbian Club meetings and bring your suggestions with you.

2023 SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY			
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY		
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
16	Pray for Vocations/Coffee & Donuts - Masses	St. Robert's Co-Cath.	8 am & 10 am
August			
2	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
5	Olde Freehold Day	Lake Topanemus	Noon - 5 pm
8	Council Business Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
15	ASSUMPTION of MARY	Obligation	
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
September			
4	LABOR DAY		
8	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
9	Car Show & Blessing of Autos	St. Robert's Co-Cath.	11 am - 4 pm
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Oren Carrol Memorial K of C Golf Tournament	Fort Dix	8 am
16	K of C Charities Canning Drive	Council Parking Lot	9 am - 1 pm
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Lounge Side Room	8 pm
25	Father O'Connor Golf Tournament	Battleground C. C.	8:30 am
26	Installation of Officers	Council Main Hall	8 pm

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8:00 PM Sharp

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

The last two months have been very busy for me. In that time I've sold my house, bought a house, packed up the stuff in my old house, had an estate sale of the stuff that I didn't want to take with me, moved the stuff that I wanted to keep, and then, I am still unpacking the stuff that I wanted to keep but will probably end up throwing out a good part of it. Moving! What a laborious, traumatic experience for a person to go through and deal with.

Not just the aches and pains of the packing, the pushing, the pulling, the lifting and sorting of boxes and furniture but how about the emotional stress there is in that memorable stuff that you want to hold on to but must get rid of. Stuff that you have collected over a life time. The trinkets, the photos, the knick-naks, the jewelry etc. The joyful times that I haven't thought of in years came streaming back.

I wonder why God has given us such a clear memory at times like this. Why does he want us to remember the happy times that once filled

our hearts with joy and then when a loved one dies or we feel melancholy those same cheerful events are then turn to sad times. Those first Communion, the first days of school, your first kiss, the weddings the vacations can then become times that you don't necessarily want to recall. Times that can bring tears to your eyes.

God then pulls a fast one on us. He takes those bad traumatic times, like when we broke a leg, or were in an car accident, or a fist fight, or a check bounced, times when we actually cried. Years later when remembered, we laugh and joke about them and find them funny to recollect.

God uses our brains to flip those occurrences 180 degrees to the opposite of what they actually were. Only God knows why.

I keep telling myself that some day I probably will be laughing and joking about these last couple of moving months.