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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### Edward Hudak GK



The Freehold Knights of Columbus' 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show and Blessing of the Autos was once again a huge success for our Council. Our Brothers (and their wives) were out in full force, registering / parking cars, selling / handling raffle tickets, and also doing all of the cooking this year. The weather was hot and humid and many of us were sweaty messes! When the clouds began rolling in around 1pm and the weather reports changed to indicate we were looking at some very foul weather, we quickly notified Monsignor and the

Blessing was moved up on the agenda. We were able to present the top 3 awards to the Car Show winners just as the skies opened up. Everyone was totally drenched by the end of cleanup. When all was said and done, I think we can agree that it will be one of our most memorable shows! We did the best we could do when faced with the unexpected storms that came through and I was proud of how my Brothers handled themselves.

The September 12<sup>th</sup> Council Business meeting, in my opinion, was "one for the ages!" Our famous Football Hall of Fame Brother, Joe Klecko gave an inspirational and thought-provoking talk, showing his love for football and God that only his family and close friends are aware of. I could have listened to him for hours! What a dynamic speaker! Many thanks to Brother Bill Harms for making the evening possible. and a warm "thank you" to Brother Joe for being our star personality for the evening!

As we roll on into the Fall, our Council has many activities and events on the schedule. In order to truly be a part of the Freehold Knights it is important to participate in some of them. We truly have a great bunch of guys, but unless you come around occasionally to meetings or to help out at some of our events and fund raisers, you will never get to really know us. On top of that, you will be doing good works! Sounds like a win-win to me!

Dear Brothers and their families,  
from myself and the Freehold Council 1672 Officers  
Thank You! For such an outstanding 2023  
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Grand Knight, Edward Hudak Vivat Jesus!

## **'TIS THE SEASON OF CHANGE - Deacon Rolf Friedman**

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With the ending of summertime vacations and parties, we now look forward to the coming of the Fall and Winter seasons and their offerings. We're already beginning to feel the change coming, not only in the weather around us, but also inside ourselves as we prepare to give thanks for those blessings in our lives such as family, friends and the things that we have at Thanksgiving. But more importantly, we begin to once again prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into our lives at Christmas time.

This seasonal change reminds us also of the changes that occur in our own hearts as we once again look at the meaning in our lives, beyond the turkey or the Christmas wrappings.

As Knights, through our service to others, we've come to understand that our commitment to our neighbor (helping those in need) helps us to build our treasure in heaven. And if we are not completely focused on this and have placed all our energies totally on the here and now and its offerings with little to no concern for our neighbor's well-being, we need to have a change of heart and redirect our hearts to those things in our life that bring us closer to our spiritual goals.

The coming season gives us a great opportunity to re-evaluate who we are and how we are doing and make the necessary changes.

*Have a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** and  
a truly **JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**.*

## **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Chris Barnett**

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Here it is, the end of Summer. I am happy that cooler temperatures are beginning to occur on some days, yet in other ways, it appears the darkness following Sunset is quickly shortening our days. Automatic timers on lights needing adjustment is just one of the tell-tale signs of these shortened days.

The good news is that our Council is now back in full swing with a lengthy list of activities underway. Two weekends back, we wrapped up our 3rd Annual Blessing of the Autos Car Show and last weekend we wrapped up our semi-annual Canning Drive with proceeds going to Coats for Kids. Both activities are core fundraisers for our Council, and it was great to see so many brothers involved in either or both activities. As in previous years, we will be able to buy hundreds of coats for children in need. Many of our newer brothers are getting involved and I am thoroughly enjoying talking with these newest members about our Council and all the good work we do for our local community. This past Friday, several of our brothers attended the Oren Carrol Memorial KoC Golf Tournament. I hear these brothers represented our council well through their excellent play.

Over the next 30 days, our very busy calendar continues with supporting our SRB Annual Picnic

on September 17 and then on September 25 is the Father O'Connor Golf Tournament. Rounding out the remainder of September is our Council Installation of Officers on the 26<sup>th</sup> and then the Pride In Priest Dinner on September 28.

Then on October 14, we have the Soccer Challenge at 3pm in Opatut Park and we begin the two days of our Fall 2023 Membership Drive at both Churches. On Tuesday, October 16, we will then have our Open House for all men who signed up at the Drives and then we will host a CUF Degree at our Council on October 27.

So, you can see that our Council is in full swing for the Fall of 2023. Please mark your calendars, come to our Council Meetings, and participate with your fellow Brothers.

Lastly, I close with a short prayer for our Council and our Columbian Club.

Lord, thank you for watching over us and  
for helping us persevere  
for new days in which  
we can continue to help  
not only each other,  
but all members of our communities  
Who benefit directly or indirectly  
from our charitable actions.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director**



### **The Spectre of Socialized Medicine Looms, How Would You Feel if You Were These Parents?**

In England, an ill baby girl's parents will this week beg a High Court judge to grant her a chance to stay alive. Indi Gregory faces having life-saving treatment denied after doctors said it would be kinder to let her die. The six-month-old girl is battling mitochondrial disease. Little Indi's parents say that despite her disability, she is a happy baby who responds to their touch. Her father Dean Gregory told the London Daily Mail: "Indi is a strong little girl and a real fighter. She deserves a chance at life. The hospital wants to take this away and we are beyond horrified." Doctors are understood to have concluded that Indi suffers from so many profoundly serious conditions that invasive treatments would not be in her best interests.

Mr Gregory, 37, said: "She could have surgery to fix her heart, but we don't think the doctors think it is worth it because of her other conditions." The parents have spent the past six months at their daughter's bedside at the Queen's Medical Center in Nottingham, along with the three other daughters they have between them.

Indi's father said: "Look, if we thought Indi was brain-dead, we would be utterly crushed but we wouldn't be disagreeing with the doctors. But our daughter responds to us, and on her good days she is babbling, making noises, moving all her limbs. Her parents say that despite her

disability, she is a happy baby who responds to their touch. They understand that Indi will never be the same as other children because she has several disabilities but urged doctors to give her a "chance at life. "She can definitely experience happiness. She cries like a normal baby. We don't know how well she can see yet, but she follows the action if watching an iPad and she looks at us when we speak. We know she is disabled, but you don't just let disabled people die. We just want to give her a chance."

Mr. Gregory added: "She has had infections and seizures, but she is being discriminated against because she has mitochondrial disease. If a healthy child got an infection, they would be treated accordingly, but if Indi gets an infection, the doctors don't seem to want to give her a fighting chance to get better". They are saying she should get palliative care only. She is disabled but that does not mean she does not have a good quality of life."

Doctors are understood to have concluded that Indi suffers from so many profoundly serious conditions that invasive treatments would not be in her best interests. After the hospital and the parents failed to agree, the hospital decided to ask the High Court to make a ruling. A judge will be asked on Friday to authorize doctors to stand back from carrying out life-saving treatment if Indi needs it to stay alive.

Michelle Rhodes, the Chief Nurse at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "Cases like this are so difficult and we are of course saddened that we are unable to do more for Indi, but we will always act in the best interests of our patients and do all we can to advocate for them when needed. We can confirm that the Trust has made an application to the High Court to ensure that Indi's best interests can be protected."

(Excerpted from The London Daily Mail, 2023)

*(Editor's Comment: This story of a little life and parent's rights over their children lends to the argument that medical decisions by medical professionals will be guided in the future by the financial dictates of health insurance providers, public and private. The primacy of morals, medical ethics, and the Hippocratic Oath are being displaced in favor of economic considerations.)*

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso**

Autumn is here and the leaves are beginning to change color and the days are becoming shorter and colder. What does this mean? It means this is the last issue of the Compass for the calendar year 2023, I wish you and your families a Merry Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. I hope you and your families are all in Good Health and enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season.

We've had a great year with fund raisers. Our most Recent Car show bringing in Gross approximately \$11,000.00. Also our Coats for Kids Canning drive will be taking place after this article is written, but I am hoping for at least \$4,000.00! Many other fund raisers for the holiday season will be taking place, that I am sure will be addressed in other areas of this Compass.

This is also the time of the year where I remind all of you that Dues Invoices will be sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Dues remain the same this year, \$60.00 (or \$0.16.4 per day!) and must be received by **January 27, 2024**. AFTER January 27, Dues will be \$65.00 to defray the cost of the extra invoice, postage and paperwork involved in collecting the dues. You can also pay multiple years if you want! Prices are rising on everything so get the dues into me and avoid the \$5.00 Fee. PLEASE do not send dues after January 27, 2024 with a check dated prior to January 27 or the postmark after January 27.

The dues can be paid to me directly at a meeting, sent to my Home address at 361 Colgate Way Freehold NJ 07728 Or VENMO, by using the following email address: KOFC1672FS@gmail.com. For those of you that are skeptical about Venmo, for the 2023 dues collection period, 83 members used Venmo or about 28%. I have also received many donations, payment for the Pride in Priest Dinner, and Christmas blankets/wreaths via the Venmo Account. If you need directions on how to use Venmo, please contact me.

**For some reason which Venmo has no answer for, when you start to type this email, a message will pop up saying they "couldn't find any matches".. continue to type the entire address. Once the entire**

**address is typed, on the top, you will see Pay or Request "kofc1672FS@gmail.com" Tap this message, put the \$60.00 amount in and tap Pay. It will come to me.**

**After over 9 years of doing this I STILL get notified by our membership that they did not receive any notification of dues. The procedure has NOT changed in 9 years! Your dues notice was sent out either electronic or via Snail Mail.**

**If you are having any kind of difficulties, money, health or whatever else please notify us, we can make arrangements.** If we have an email address on file for you, **please check your email the first or second week of December. (If you have changed your email since last year and have not notified me, please do so ASAP).** You will receive an Electronic Invoice with the Subject line "Dues Notice for Council 1672". **PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER!** If we have no email address on file please check your mail box around the same time, you will receive a paper invoice via the Post Office.

As always we are STILL missing or have incorrect phone numbers from a lot of members. I find out about changes of address by accident when the mail comes back. 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 and let me hear from you

God Bless and please be safe out there!



## **COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz, Pres.**

It seems that time is flying by faster every year. The holidays will be here shortly and with that being said, I want to wish all by fellow Brothers and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and healthy New Year.

This summer the parking lot was completely torn up and repaved. There were problems with the poor quality of the soil and several buried tree stumps, that caused a slight increase in cost. My thanks to Brother Bill Harms for his knowledge of paving and helping to select the best paving company. Fiore Paving did a superb job and treated the Columbian Club very fairly with the price increase for the extra work.

Also, over the past year, the ballroom floor was refinished and the air conditioner for the ballroom had to be replaced. We had to have the ice machine cleaned and bar cooler recharged. There were yearly inspection and fees for the fire extinguishers, kitchen fire suppression, fire and smoke sensors, exhaust hood cleaning, etc. Each of these cost over \$300 each. There was also yearly liability insurance costs, food and liquor license renewal and the biennial gaming license renewal.

When you pay your annual dues to Council 1672, also consider paying your annual dues to the Colombian Club as we are a separate organization with the responsibility and the expenses of maintaining the building that the

Knights hold their functions in. The Columbian Club dues notice will be mailed to you in December.

We also welcome all donations for our building fund. The good news is that party rental bookings are up (*thanks to some advertising and the House Committee for their commitment*). We could use a few more bartenders and security men to sign up for the parties. (*Training is provided and these are paid positions.*) The Club Bar is open every Wednesday and Friday night, 6pm to 10pm. Please come and join your fellow Knights for camaraderie, maybe bring your dinner, watch Jeopardy or your favorite sports team. The bar proceeds go directly to support the building.

If you have any new ideas how to raise funds, reach out to me. Upcoming fund raisers include the Memorial Christmas Trees, Game Show Night and the biggest fundraiser of the Columbian year, the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Raffle.

In closing I would like to express my gratitude to all the Knights who volunteer and support the Columbian Club anyway they can, from building maintenance, cleaning crew, small construction, plumbing and electrical repairs, fundraiser staff and especially all who continue to donate money toward the building. And if you would like to help in maintaining the building doing small projects, please contact me at (908) 313-1312.

## **CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Pat Facchini**

Brothers, as our summer season comes to an end we look forward to the fall and a host of activities for our Council. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and wonderful summer. I am happy to report that in July we had three new brothers complete their CUF Degrees: Jonathan Abate, Peter Balestrino and Leo Parmegiani. A wonderful start to our membership drive for the current year. In addition, I am communicating with four additional perspective new brothers, hoping they attend the CUF ceremony in October.

Our Membership drive at St. Rose and St. Roberts starts off on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Your participation in supporting this event is crucial, especially at St Rose which has 9 masses

scheduled between Saturday and Sunday. In addition to manning our membership table outside, we will need a brother to say a few words at the end of each mass at St. Rose. October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm is our Open House to welcome and share with perspective new brothers the good work we do. I encourage you all to attend; having a strong turnout sets an example of the camaraderie we share and an example of how active our council is. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, our Council will host our CUF Degree ceremony and again look for your participation in supporting and welcoming our new brothers and their families.

I wish you a wonderful and safe  
Holiday Season.

## PHOTO PORTFOLIO

**Msgr. Sam blessing autos**



**CAR SHOW and BLESSING**  
**GK, Ed Hudak speaking/Rich Pepe, Event Chair. Car Show National Anthem**



**Speaker, Brother Joe Klecko**



**SEPTEMBER COUNCIL SPECIAL JOE KLECKO MEETING NIGHT**

**Brothers speaking with Joe**



**(L-R) Pat Facchini, Bill Harms,  
 Joe Klecko, Roger Zurro**

**A crowd of Brothers were in attendance**



**(L-R) GK, Ed Hudak awarding  
 "Knight of the Year" to Jim Meyers**



**Council donation to Grace Huegel,  
 future Salesian Sister from Ed Hudak, GK**



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!  
 CHEERFUL CHARITY COIN COLLECTING CREW  
 Not enough space to list their names  
 But we know who they are.**

## MEMORABLE MEMBER

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

**Robert L. Schwartz**, Age 82, Served 59 years,  
 Honorary Life Member, **Died 7/16/23**

**Please remember him  
 and his families  
 in your prayers.**

## **2023 AUTUMN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Item	Location	Time
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
9	<b>Columbus Day Observed</b>		
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
12	Columbus Day 1st Born Baby in Freehold	CentraState Hospital	Only God knows
14	Soccer Challenge	Opatut Park	3 pm
14 and 15	Membership Drive	St. Rose / St. Roberts	All Masses
16	OPEN HOUSE—Social	Council Main Hall	8 pm
18	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
24	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27	C.U.F. Degree Ceremony	Council Main Hall	7:15 Sign-in/8pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1	<b>All Saints Day</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
2	<b>All Souls Day</b>		
2	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
3	Annual Council Mass for Departed Brothers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
4 & 5	Send a Hero Home - Holiday Bracelet Sale	St. Rose / St. Roberts	All Masses
7	<b>Election Day</b>		<b>6 am - 8pm</b>
11	<b>Veterans Day</b>		
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
15	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
17	GAME SHOW NIGHT	Council Main Hall	7 pm
23	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>		
24	<b>Black Friday</b>		
25 & 26	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale	St. Rose / St. Roberts	All Masses
27	Council Hall Christmas Decorating	Council Main Hall	7 pm
28	Tree Lighting, Carol Singing & CDA Party	Council Main Hall	7:30 pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
2 & 3	Christmas Tree, Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale	Council Hall & St. Robert's	9 am - 3 pm
2	Santa's Kids Party	Council Main Hall	2 pm-4 pm
3	Breakfast with Santa	Council Main Hall	8 am - 12 noon
3	Blood Drive	Council Main Hall	9 am - 2 pm
7	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
8	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
17	Coffee And....	St. Robert Bellarmine	7:30 am - 12:30 pm
17	Sensory Mass	St. Robert Bellarmine	TBD
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
26	Officers Planning Meeting <b>CANCELED</b>	Council Main Hall	8 pm

**SAVE-A-DATE, Friday January 19, 2024, Washington DC - MARCH FOR LIFE**

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## **AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa**

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Ever since Roe vs Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court of the United States of America for being unconstitutional, the media has depicted Roman Catholics and conservatives in general, as uncaring people and the seekers of abortions to be, pitiful, loving and poor women, who are only concerned about their innocent unborn babies lives, who go to some nice doctor that will painlessly and sterilely remove the baby from her body and sell the corpse on the black market to save the human race.

In a nut shell that's how I see it.

Do you?

A) - 95% of the mothers to be **are not** "pitiful, loving or poor" women. They are selfish and they feel that a baby will complicate their lives. Deep down they know it's at least 50% of their fault that they are even having a child.

B) - They **are not** concerned with the baby's life at all. If they were they would put it up for adoption. Babies who are adopted go to very loving, caring and affluent couples or families.

C) - The doctors **are not** nice people. They and the organization they work for do not even try to counsel and help the women. They know that a large percentage of the women who abort will have serious mental problems for months and even years later just from the guilt.

D) - The abortion mills pay off the doctor and sell the baby to the highest bidder. They usually go to big pharmaceutical companies, laboratories, or universities for experiments and their body parts, and **are not** even given a decent burial.

So far all the reasons for abortions are false and the only person to benefit from the baby's death is the father.... No child support ever !

We must cheer up and not give up. Be content and hopeful through peaceful demonstration and praying. We are making measurable progress. Christmas and a whole New Year are just ahead.

Think of all the people in the world  
who have adopted JESUS.