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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Edward Hudak GK

You're most likely reading this just after celebrating Easter. Maryann and I hope that you all had a Blessed Easter!

At our March Business meeting I appointed a Nominating Committee who will be tasked with putting together a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 Columbian year. That Committee consists of PGK Brian Barrett, Jeff Yoder, and myself. Elections will be held at our June 11th Monthly Council Business meeting. It is important to have new faces move up through the Chairs so that we have sustained leadership of our Council. Our Past District Deputy, the late Colin Casey, and our current District Deputy Lou DiBello have brought up the following question at meetings on numerous occasions, "what will your Council look like in five years from now, ten years?" As your Grand Knight for the past two years, it is time for me to step down and pass the mantle on to my successor. I will do my best to assure that this Council is left in good hands and will continue to succeed in the coming years.

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 Kid's Day/Magic Show featuring Randy Butters in February. In February we once again we began our 40 Days for Life peaceful protest at the Planned Parenthood building in Shrewsbury on Fridays and our 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive every Saturday leading up to Holy Week. Our Membership Drive at both parishes took place during the first weekend in March. Unfortunately, the response was underwhelming for this Drive. I am hoping this was just a "blip" and we can continue to grow our Council moving forward. Our Worthy Chancellor, Pat Facchini has worked tirelessly in cultivating new candidates from names that we are given and I am confident that we will continue to attract good Catholic gentlemen to our Council going forward.

During March we held our Palm Cross Sales at both parishes and also participated in several Columbian Club events. The Dueling Pianos and Randy the Magician shows along with the traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef meals were enjoyed by many Brothers, our families, and welcomed guests. Thanks to all who assisted at these events! Upcoming events in the next couple of months are the Baby Bottle Boomerang, the K of C Flags for Departed Brothers, the Memorial Day Parade, and the Knight's Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church. I hope to see all of you there!

Vivat Jesus!

MESSAGE WE ARE SENDING - Deacon Rolf Friedman

Spring is finally here and once again it presents us with the opportunity to take stock of ourselves by asking if we are fully using the gift we just received from this Christmas season. No, I'm not talking about the gifts under the Tree. It's about receiving the gift of Jesus in our lives! Vivat Jesus!

Celebrating the birth of Jesus brings us many graces that help us reach our goal of loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves.

Now as Knights, we have many opportunities to help our neighbor. We do this by volunteering our time and energy in activities that directly show the love we have for our neighbor. We see the need and help. Through our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism we truly fulfill our service- to our neighbor. And with each new year we look at not only continuing with the programs that fill these values but also look into newer ways to accomplish them.

Now, we come to the first part of the Great Commandment- Loving God above all things! This brings us to the core of who we are as Christians. So, how are we doing? This sounds like a personal matter between us and God alone and is not necessarily visible to others. Or is it? We are Knights-aren't we? We wear our shirts and jackets with great pride especially when we are in service to others. But what about the times when we are just by ourselves or with our family or friends? "Out of uniform"... so to speak. Does our lifestyle fully reflect who we are as Christians- first and foremost? Don't we send a message to others? (Remember as Knights we are always in front of the camera). Are we consistent in what we say and what we do? A quick example, do we attend mass weekly and if so, do we receive Holy Eucharist? And if not ...why not?

With this in mind, let us "spring into action" and see where we can more openly demonstrate our love of God and our neighbor.

Vivat Jesus!

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Chris Barnett

Fellow Knights, by the time this goes to print and distribution, the last of Winter will hopefully be behind us. I'm beginning to see some signs outside of the quickly approaching Spring, including both crocuses and daffodils.

Since all we read about these days is artificial intelligence, I'm sure that some of you may suspect I've used a bit of "AI" to write this Compass update, I promise that is not the case. Each word is typed and hopefully there are no misspellings. As with each of my Spring submittals, let me welcome back any of our snowbird brothers returning from Florida. Council activities are again in full swing with many activities either having occurred or are upcoming. This past weekend we again sold Palm Crosses since Easter is so early on our Calendar so much so that I can't wish you all a Happy Easter since it will have already occurred by the time you read this article. Bummer, so instead I'll wish all of you a very happy Spring. Get out there and do some

plantings and go for walks or exercise any hobby that you may enjoy.

I'm pleased to see some of our new Brothers highly engaged in our activities. Now we need to attract some of our longer term brothers to come out and get involved. Shortly after publication will be our Spring Canning Drive benefiting Monmouth ARC. Let's beat our previous collection record, having Brothers at every street corner. Monmouth ARC counts on us so let's not disappoint. And how about that Star Council Award we received - it takes the work of many to achieve such a distinguished honor, but we should absolutely congratulate our Grand Knight, Ed Hudak, for his tireless leadership guiding us towards the award. Let me close my narrative by saying how proud I am with all the actions of this Council. You guys who deliver again and again know who you are, so let's work to get even more of our brothers involved. There are lots of activities forthcoming.

Attend our meetings and get involved.

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Defending and Promoting Pro-Life Post Roe

(Helen Alvare is an attorney who has spent most of her professional life defending the rights of the unborn. She holds the prestigious Robert Levy Endowed Chair and is a professor at the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University. The following is a summary of the address she gave at the 2024 National Catholic Prayer Breakfast.)

Recently, the provisions of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution have been examined and believed to have relevance in the protection of unborn life; I think this argument has legs. Establishing protection for the unborn under the 14th Amendment is an originalist interpretation. An originalist argument says that in interpreting the Constitution, what was its meaning at the time that the Constitution was amended?

In 1868, after the Civil War, slavery was no more, and former slaves were now persons; and at that time, an unborn child was considered a life. The States, at that time, amended their abortion laws to protect human life from conception and onwards. That is the originalist case.

Pope Benedict wrote that the abortion issue is a proxy for whether we acknowledge that the very structure of human existence is interdependent, is relational. It's a conversation on whether we respect other human lives, however weak or vulnerable. Are we willing to take responsibility for the lives given to us - whether unborn, childhood, motherhood, family, our future - should all of this be of

importance to us in the United States?

What should we say to those supporting abortion as a woman's right to choose, as health care? *In this context we ask you to consider our pro-life proposal: we ask you to consider extending protection to the unborn. America, whatever State, you know that we would like to protect every life from the very beginning, but we also will do what is feasible, at this time, with the understanding that we don't stop there, that we do everything we can until we can convince you, in this pluralistic democracy, of the same respect for human life that we feel.*

The conversation should not focus on how many weeks, or on which protections should be included without an exhortation towards respecting the structure of human life and our need for one another, no matter how vulnerable.

Regarding the politics, you can say to people: *I'm pro-life I would like to extend protection to all human life, from conception to natural death. But I do understand that I am in a democracy, and I will go as far as I can go because that's who we are as Americans - people who appreciate the necessity of taking care of those who are strewn in our path, Good Samaritan Style; and I want to exhort you to go as far as you can go in that, and I will agree to protect life as far as we can in this democracy, but always exhorting you to greater care.*

Announce the principle: Tell people who you think we really are on our best day and bring them along with you.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S DESK - Louis Di Bello-DD27

Catholic Brotherhood Changing the World

The inaugural feast of Blessed Michael McGivney is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on his life, holiness and legacy.

It has been many years since Blessed Michael McGivney gathered a group of men at his parish of St Mary's in New Haven. His intent was to prevent Catholic men from joining secret societies, uniting Catholic

men, and helping families of deceased members. We have certainly accomplished these things over the years. Look at how we have emerged from these early days through today. Your council has exceeded the expectation for Charitable works both financial and all the good works performed.

Thank you for all you do for your council, Parishes, community and our Order.

Vivat Jesus !

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso



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You can also mail a check 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!** A week or so ago I received back from the Post office a Membership card for a Fellow brother who moved and never notified me. The card went out on 12/11/23 and came back to me on 3/6/24 - So your changes to me are important! Please notify me of a change of address, email, or phone number. I can be reached by phone at 732-780-4815, by email 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 send me your changes!**

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

Dues collection for the 2024 year is ending. "Intent to Retain" letters have gone out. This is the last step in the Dues Collection, Retention process. Membership at this writing stands at 376 members; of which 21 are Honorary and 81 are Honorary Life members.

To those of you that paid your dues, THANK YOU! Twenty-Eight members are still in arrears as of this writing and were notified by the Retention committee. We are at 91% of collections. If you are one of the 28, PLEASE send me your dues **ASAP** to avoid suspension.

MARK THIS DATE DOWN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 28, 2024

For K of C Council 1672's 4TH Annual
BLESSED CAR SHOW
At Co-Cathedral St. Robert Bellarmine

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Steve Kedulich, Vice Pres.

We hope and pray that everyone, all knights and their families, had a blessed and a very Happy Easter.

The Columbian Club has been a beehive of activity. Our St. Patrick's Day lunch, dinner, and 50/50 were a great success. We thank all of you who helped in so many ways, especially the chefs and servers. The Dueling Pianos evening event was a musical smash - great audience participation - attended by 140 people! Thanks to Lester Preston, Deb and Michael. Don't forget Friday Pub Nights - bring your

wives, girlfriend and families for a fun time. All are Welcome.

We're trying to revive our monthly breakfasts for April and May, which were quite successful in the past. We will keep you updated on the exact dates. Future projects include replacing all four bathrooms and painting the inside hall and outside the building. Our fundraising events make all repairs possible.

I would like to thank all those for your support in both fundraising and keeping our building in great shape. God bless.

CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS - Pat Facchini

Springtime is here, and we just completed our Spring membership drive. Though we didn't have the numbers of previous drives, we did have some interest. And I am looking forward to them joining our council. I must thank all the brothers who made themselves available to meet and greet anyone who showed an interest in joining our fraternal order. Without you, the success in recruitment we have seen in the last two years would not have been possible. We should keep in mind that recruiting really is not restricted to our membership drives. As Knights, inviting friends, family or anyone with an interest in our fraternal order is an opportunity to grow our membership and another helping hand.

For me, as Chancellor, my responsibility begins after a candidate has been spoken to

by a brother Knight. It is you, that piques a candidate's interest after hearing how Knights support our parishes and community. Hearing of the fraternalism and comradery we share, and how rewarded one feels from helping in any of our many charitable events.

To our newer brothers, I encourage you to join us whenever possible at any of our events. You will be rewarded by the satisfaction and fulfillment of working alongside fellow Knights, spending time socially and building friendships. Often our Grand Knight emails upcoming events, I encourage you to see what interests you and look forward to you joining us.

Thank you again for your continued support. I hope you and your families had a joyful and blessed Easter holiday.

MEMORABLE MEMBERS

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

Cornelius Hopkins, Age 87, Served 22 years, **Died 12/20/23**

Daniel Foley, PGK, FDD, PFN, Age 75, Served 26 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 12/2/23**

John P. Gilmartin, Age 88, **Died 2/21/24**

Rev. Daniel F. Gowen, Age 64, Served 35 years, Honorary Life Member, **Died 3/9/24**

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

PHOTO PORTFOLIO

**1672 BROTHERS PAYING RESPECT, HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF OUR
LATE DISTRICT DEPUTY COLIN P. CASEY
AT HIS FAVORITE EATORY
HAROLD'S NY DELI LOCATED IN EDISON, NJ**



**BROTHERS IN ATTENDANCE (in alphabetical order)
Brian Barrett, Dan Dawidowicz, Pat Facchini,
James Gallagher, Bill Harms, Gino Iacovella,
Steve Kedulich, Nebil Toutouchi, Lou Tinto,
Fred Trotter and Roger Zurro**

2024 SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

.	Item	Location	Time
APRIL			
1	April Fools Day		All Day
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Pub	8 pm
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
20	K of C Charities Canning Drive	Freehold Borough	9 am - 1 pm
23	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Pub	8 pm
MAY			
1	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Pub	8 pm
9	Ascension of Jesus		All Day
11 - 12	Baby Bottle Boomerang (distributing)	St Rose - St. Roberts	All Masses
12	Mother's Day		All Day
14	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
23	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Pub	8 pm
23 - 24	K of C Memorial Flags on Departed Brothers	St. Rose Cemetery	All Day
26	Community Breakfast	Council Main Hall	9am - 11:30am
27	Freehold Memorial Day Parade / Luncheon		
28	Officers Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8 pm
JUNE			
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Pub	8 pm
9	Knight's Mass	St. Rose of Lima	9:30am Mass
9	Knight's Breakfast following Mass	Council Main Hall	11am
11	Council Business Meeting + Election of Officers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	Flag Day		All Day
15 - 16	Baby Bottle Boomerang (collecting)	St Rose - St. Roberts	All Masses
16	Father's Day		All Day
25	Council Awards + Officers Planning Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
27	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Pub	8 pm

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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Growing old gracefully is something that I am sure that all of you Brothers are striving for, along with your spouses, your children, relatives and everybody else. Well, so am I, especially since I am considered in the category of the elderly and have been for a few years.

Lately I have been thinking about what God wants me to do with the rest of my life besides living each day as it comes. I'm not planning on going anywhere but what should I do with the time I have left here on His green earth? Have you given it any thought? Maybe we all should.

After much thought, I think that He wants us to first set a good example for all the younger people that we come in contact with everyday and not just in our families. Of course, we owe them that, but we should include strangers too. By demonstrating charity and our faith, teaching them what's right and what's wrong and about the things that we've learned during our lives, by

being more helpful and patriotic, we will enjoy our lives.

I was at a 90th Birthday party for a person not long ago and it was really enjoyable. She lives all the qualities described above. She is amazingly healthy too.

In our favor we are all Knights. We should be living those same qualities too.

