



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

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# COMPASS

JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025

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| Grand Knight        | William (Chris) Barnett   |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Paschal (Pat) Facchini    |
| Chancellor          | Bob Barry                 |
| Recorder            | Peter Parillo             |
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| Treasurer           | John Belbol               |
| Advocate            | Spencer Purdum            |
| Warden              | Tom Fuciniti              |
| Lecturer            | ?                         |
| Inside Guard        | Nebil Toutouchi           |
|                     | JJ Occhiusio              |
| Outside Guard       | Albert Endler             |
|                     | Walter Pehowich           |
| Trustees            | Ed Hudak, PGK             |
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## COLUMBIAN CLUB OFFICERS

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**Home of the  
2023-2024 &  
2024-2025  
Star Council Award  
Congratulations!**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**William "Chris" Barnett**

Dear Brother Knights,

We are now in the final month (June) of our current Columbian Year. At our most recent business meeting, the Council elected its slate of officers for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year. I am humbled to be elected your Grand Knight for a second year and I am very much looking forward to working with our new slate of officers, some new, some also coming back for a second year. The officers for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year are as follows:

Grand Knight – Chris Barnett

Deputy Grand Knight – Pat Facchini

Chancellor – Robert Barry

Recorder – Peter Parillo

Warden – Tom Fulciniti

Financial Secretary – George Ferriso (Year 2 of 3)

Treasurer – John Belbol

Inside Guards – Nebil Toutouchi and JJ Occhiusio

Outside Guards – Albert Endler and Walter Pehowich

Lastly, I'd like to thank PGK and nominating committee chair Ed Hudak for his work in putting together the nominees for this next Columbian Year. Since April, our council has remained busy with many activities. We wrapped up the 40 Days for Life prayers said each Friday outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. We also completed the 40 Cans for Lent Canned Food Drive with brothers each Saturday collecting dropped off food and cash donations. A big thank you to the brothers involved in either or both activities. At the end of April, we had a CPR renewal class with both brothers and family members participating. In early May, we had our annual canning drive for the ARC of Monmouth and in early June, DGK Pat Facchini and I handed a check to the ARC of Monmouth for \$2600. In mid-May we began our Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign on Mother's Day weekend and just this past weekend, we collected many of the bottles at all Masses on Father's Day weekend. Other activities included our support of Memorial Day Parade by again marching as well as placing flags at the gravesites of deceased knights in the St. Rose Cemetery.

In closing this article, I'd like to encourage all our brothers, particularly our new knights, to get involved with the Council. Most of our activities have a consistent group of

Knights, about 20-25 in number, who show up consistently. For the rest of you, even if you come to one meeting and / or one activity, your involvement will help our council support all the goals we have as we close out this Columbian Year.

Please come out support these activities.

Chris Barnett

Grand Knight

VIVAT JESUS!

## **Deacon Rolf – Holy Smoke...We have a new Pope!**

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Holy Smoke.....We have a new Pope

Yes, with the white smoke a new Pope was elected. And Pope Leo XIV quietly and quickly implemented 10 changes that will make the Church more transparent and get it closer to its roots. Here is a summary but for more detailed information to include Pope Leo's reasoning for these directives, please go You-Tube and select Pope Leo XIV.....

10 things already changed:

- 1.A small portion of the Vatican Garden will be set aside for the homeless to be given food and a place to sleep for the evening....;
- 2.Every Bishop must process barefoot in public streets once a year....;
3. Pope Leo XIV will wear ornate vestments only at special events otherwise, he will wear simple garments....;
- 4.Quietly introduce more inclusive language into church prayers and Liturgy....;
- 5.Launched a "Green Vatican Initiative" for the Vatican to be carbon free by 2030....;
6. Giving more decision-making power to local dioceses who are closer to the people and their needs;
- 7.Creating new Councils that focus more with interacting with other faiths instead of arguing with them;
- 8.Increasing financial transparency so that all can see where their church contributions are being used;
- 9.Creation of a Global Youth Council where the youth play a more active role in guiding the Church's direction;
- 10.Bringing back the use of traditional confessionals where confessions are available for two full days during the month and not just on Sundays.

So, how can we as Knights change our lives to conform to our Pope's initiative to bring us closer to our Christian roots of being there for others? While relaxing on the beach or just in the back yard during these summer months, think about who you are as a Christian. Ask yourself if you are doing enough as a Christian. Are you helping other with prayer or in deed? Are you reaching out and bringing others closer to the Church? It's by the Pope's approach, that we are given a path to follow.....

Deacon Rolf Friedmann



**God Bless our new Pope!  
Pope Leo the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Our 267<sup>th</sup> Pope and first USA born!**

## **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Pat Facchini**

Summer has arrived and like me, I'm sure 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 service of our country. We close out June with our participation in the Saint Rose of Lima Carnival. It requires a lot of brothers to cook, serve and sell the food we prepare. If you haven't participated in the past, I hope you'll try to. There is plenty of fun and laughs to go along with the work we do.



July and August will give us a pause in most activities. There will be only one council meeting in the months of July and August. On August 3rd is Olde Freehold Day, this is a Columbian Club event.

We barbecue at Topenemus Park in Freehold. I encourage you to come out and lend a hand. It's fun for the family as well with plenty of activities and vendors.

Membership is always a top priority for the Knights and the one activity that never stops for each of us. Our Council has so much to offer in both our charitable work, supporting our parishes and communities, social activities and the camaraderie we all share. I believe this is what draws new members to us and encourages them to become active members of our council.

I wish you and your families a safe and wonderful Summer.

Vivat Jesus

Deputy Grand Knight PAT

In the week leading up to Memorial Day, members of our Council placed Knights of Columbus flags on the graves of 279 departed brothers at St. Rose and four other nearby cemeteries. The weather that week was far from ideal, but we finally got a good window on Friday evening, when a party of ten completed St. Rose Cemetery in just over an hour. Many thanks to Brian Barrett, Vinny Orandello, Ed and Maryann Hudak, GK Chris Barnett, Jim Meyer, Bob Barry, Dan Dawidowicz and Albert Endler who all joined me that evening; and to the Council for supporting this fraternal activity.

Spence Purdum, PGK



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

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### **Supreme Court Delivers Unanimous Victory for Religious**

#### **Freedom**

When government bureaucrats start playing theologian, deciding which religious activities are “religious enough” to deserve constitutional protection, you know we’ve got an administrative state with tentacles that reach far beyond its intended purpose. That’s exactly what happened in Wisconsin, where state officials took it upon themselves to judge whether a Catholic charity’s work was sufficiently spiritual to qualify for religious tax exemptions. Wisconsin authorities declared that Catholic Charities charitable work was “primarily secular” because they served people of all faiths and employed non-Catholics. The state’s message was crystal clear: conform to our narrow definition of religious behavior, or pay up. This wasn’t just about unemployment taxes – it was about who gets to define what constitutes religious activity in America. But on June 5th the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a resounding rebuke to Wisconsin’s overreach. In a unanimous decision that should send shockwaves through every state capitol where bureaucrats think they can second-guess religious institutions, the justices reversed Wisconsin’s ruling entirely.

From the Supreme Court opinion:

When the government distinguishes among religions based on theological differences in their provision of services, it imposes a denominational preference that must satisfy the highest level of judicial scrutiny. Because Wisconsin has transgressed that principle without the tailoring necessary to survive such scrutiny, the judgment of the Wisconsin Supreme Court is reversed. Justice Sonia Sotomayor, writing for the entire Court, didn’t mince words about Wisconsin’s constitutional violation. The state had engaged in “unnecessary entanglement” by attempting to define religious behavior according to bureaucratic criteria rather than respecting the First Amendment’s clear protections. The state had argued that Catholic Charities didn’t engage in “distinctively religious activities” and hadn’t asserted “religious objections” to unemployment insurance. But here’s the thing they conveniently ignore – faith organizations shouldn’t have to prove their religious good faith to government officials who wouldn’t know authentic ministry even if it served them soup in a church basement.

This unanimous decision represents far more than one charity’s tax bill. It’s the latest evidence that President Trump’s judicial appointments are delivering exactly the constitutional restoration that conservative voters hoped for when they elected him. The Supreme Court that Trump reshaped is systematically dismantling decades of hostility toward religious institutions. The economic implications alone are staggering. This decision could clear the way for states nationwide to broaden religious tax exemptions, potentially saving faith-based charities millions of dollars that can be redirected toward their actual mission of serving communities. For too long, secular bureaucrats have treated religious organizations like unwelcome guests at America’s constitutional table. They’ve demanded that faith-based institutions check their beliefs at the door if they want equal treatment under the law. Thursday’s unanimous decision signals that era is ending.

And that, Brothers, is a victory not just for Catholic Charities, but for every American who believes our founders knew what they were doing when they put religious freedom first in the Bill of Rights. The Supreme Court has sent an unmistakable message: government officials don’t get to play theology professor when determining which religious activities deserve constitutional protection.

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

Summer is finally here, barbeques, Hamburgers, Franks and Only one Knights of Columbus meeting during July and August!. The end of the 2024– 2025 Columbian year is now over. The weather is warming up, and the days are longer! Congratulations to the new council officers for 2025-2026 and welcome back the familiar faces of the previous leadership. As the Financial Secretary of this council, I am responsible for the revenue we get from our various fundraisers and our membership information. Boring stuff, but many of you, especially you newer men, may be interested in these numbers.

The Columbian year 2024 – 2025 dues collection has finally ended. This year, we had five men that chose not to continue their membership in our order. We did have Three men that Withdrew from the council and two that have transferred to other councils.

We completed this year's billing cycle at 98% of membership paid. Current membership numbers at this writing stand at 380 + 32 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 412. We had a gain of Seventeen men, (both new and transfers in). Six brothers that passed. May they all rest in peace. Since last year's Compass, of these 412,

28 are Honorary members, (at least 65 years old and twenty-five continuous years of service, up six from last year) 87 are Honorary Life members, (at least 70 years old and 25 continuous years of service up 4 from last year) and 82 are 4th degree members. Remember too, that if you are a 4 th degree member and are suspended from the council you are also suspended from the 4 th degree regardless of if your dues are paid in the 4th degree. In addition, we still have 10

Brothers that are nonagenarian's (men that are 90 – 99 years of age, and One turning 102 in July) May God bless them and give them long life!! Lastly of the 380 men, 353 are in NJ, 2 in Co, 3 in Del, 11 in Florida, 2 in Georgia, 1 in Illinois, 1 in NY, 2 in Pa, 1 in South Carolina 1 in Tennessee, 2 in Texas, and finally 1 in Virginia. You can see that our brothers are scattered around the country in 12 different states. Looks like a bunch are down in Sunny Florida!

Revenue for this Columbian year, from June of 2024 - Dec of 2024 = \$34,136.00 (Because of Rain, we LOST an approximate revenue of \$10,000.00 from the car show.) From Jan 2024 through almost the End of June (remember this is being written mid-June) we have Revenue of \$20,046.31 for a Grand total of \$57,182.31. I am looking for some nice numbers on the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fund raiser which is not complete as of this writing. I guess the missing information I have with the 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 BEFORE YOU MOVE!

Hope you all have a Safe & Happy Summer of 2025. I look forward to our new Columbian year, having another record-breaking year for our Fund raisers.

George Ferriso  
Financial Secretary  
Knights of Columbus  
Freehold Council 1672

## **COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz**

Summer is here, schools are out and families are planning vacations. I wish all brother Knights and their families safe travel wherever you go and whatever you do. A few upcoming events are cooking hamburgers and hotdogs at the Fireworks at Freehold Raceway, Thursday, July 3, (community service) bbq for Freehold Boro Summer Campers, Friday, August 1, cooking at Olde Freehold Day, Saturday, August 2, at Lake Topenemus and the annual Car Show, Saturday, October 4. Cooking at these events are Colombian Club fundraisers. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, cashiers, etc. The monthly Breakfasts will resume in September.

There have been many improvements to our Council Home over the past three years: the parking lot was repaved, the floors refinished in the ballroom and the pub, the building repainted inside and outside, the electrical service was upgraded, property landscaping and the bathroom renovations on both floors will be completed this summer. All of these repairs and upgrades were made possible by 1672 members paying their Colombian Club dues and especially by supporting the fundraisers.

Many thanks to the members for showing the ballroom hall, booking rental parties, planning music nights, special entertainment events, and all those working the parties and events. All of the monies from the rentals and the bar also go a long way towards the cost of maintaining the Council Home.

The weekly morning cleaning crew is always looking for extra help. One morning, once a week, usually one hour of your time, makes cleanup easier for everyone. The Colombian Club can always use TAMS trained bartenders and hosts for rentals. Training is provided and these are paid positions.

Also remember the Colombian Club Hall is available to rent at discount to all Knights in good standing. Think about it for your next event, birthday, or anniversary party, etc., and call Lester (732) 462-7867 for details and bookings. The Club Bar is open every Wednesday and Friday night, 6 pm to 10 pm. Please come and join your fellow Knights for camaraderie, maybe bring your dinner, watch your favorite sports team. The Pub bar proceeds go directly to support the building. Keep a look out for emails and postings about Friday night events at the Pub such as live music, bar bingo, etc. My hope is that with your continued support, the Freehold Colombian Club will be a place you can be proud to call Knights of Columbus 1672 Council Home.

Dan Dawidowicz,

Columbian Club President (Home of the Freehold 1672 Knights of Columbus)



## DISTRICT DEPUTY' S DESK - Louis Di Bello-DD27

Again, I say thank you for all you have accomplished this Columbian year. You should be proud. Your Council has also accomplished the requirements for the Star Council award. There is not much else to report at this time. Next week your GK and I will be attending the State Deputy meeting to get our direction for next year. This is going to be a new State Deputy so I think we can expect some changes.



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## FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT-CARLOS ACUTIS



The canonization of Carlo Acutis, the Catholic Church's first millennial saint, will take place on September 7, 2025 Pope Leo XIV has announced.

Acutis, an Italian teenager who died from leukemia in 2006, will be declared a saint by Leo at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square expected to be attended by thousands of young people. Acutis was just 15 when he died, but during his short life he used his computing skills to spread awareness of the Catholic faith by setting up a website that documented reports of miracles.



## 2025\_Freehold Memorial Day Parade-151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary featuring Freehold 1672 Council and Monsignor Kivelitz Assembly 650



**OUR WARDEN FRANK MUSTO AND GRAND KNIGHT CHRIS BARNETT LEAD THE MARCH!**



**Sir Knights, Our Gourmet Chefs and Marchers**



**New 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights  
Pietro Parillo, Mark Volpe and  
George Bonanno**

**GK Chris Barnett and DGK Pat  
Facchini donate \$2600 check to  
Monmouth Arc**



**CPR, AED AND HEIMLICH MANEUVER TRAINING AT THE COUNCIL  
MANY KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE NOW CERTIFIED  
SAVE A LIFE!**



**Freehold 1672  
Knights Mass at  
St. Roberts**

## JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025

### Calendar of Events

|                  |  |                       |            |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>JULY 2025</b> |  |                       |            |
| 22               | Council Business Meeting*** <b>REVISED</b> | Council Hall          | 7:30pm     |
| 10               | 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree meeting             | Freehold Council      | 7:30pm     |
| 21               | Father O'Conner Golf Tournament            | Battle View CC        | All-day    |
| 24               | Columbian Club meeting                     | Council Main Hall     | 7:30pm     |
|                  |  |                       |            |
| <b>AUG 2025</b>  |  |                       |            |
| 2                | Ole Freehold Day                           | Lake Topenemus Park   | All-Day    |
| 12               | Council Business Meeting*** <b>REVISED</b> | Council Main Hall     | 7:30am     |
| 7                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting             | Freehold Council Hall | 730PM      |
| 13               | <b><i>Father McGivney Day</i></b>          |                       |            |
| 15               | <b><i>Assumption</i></b>                   |                       |            |
| 28               | Columbian Club Meeting                     | Council Main Hall     | 7:30pm     |
|                  |  |                       |            |
| <b>SEPT 2025</b> |  |                       |            |
| 4                | 4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650            | Freehold Council      | 7:30pm     |
| 9                | Council Meeting                            | Freehold Hall         | 7:30pm     |
| 13               | Can Drive                                  | Freehold Boro         | 9am to 1pm |
| 10               | Council Meeting - Elections                | Council Main Hall     | 8PM        |
| 14               | Columbian Club Breakfast                   | Council Main Hall     |            |
| 25               | Columbian Club Meeting                     | Side Room - Lounge    | 7:30PM     |
| 25               | Pride and Priest Dinner                    | South Gate Manor      | 7-10pm     |
|                  |  |                       |            |

**Don't forget  
THE CAR SHOW on  
OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rain date OCTOBER 11th**

## **PGK-Korner Editor Comments – Gino Iacovella**



### **JUBILEE 2025- PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

I had the opportunity to participate in 3 pilgrimages this year. One to Rome, Italy and to our Lady of Fatima in Portugal and Our Lady of Lourdes, France. My third was in NYC to the Shrine of Saint Mother Cabrini. You don't need to go far from home! There are many spots within a short drive from Freehold. The Diocesan of Trenton lists the Co-Cathedral of St Roberts as a destination! Others include:

1. [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#)  
400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC
2. [The National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton](#)  
339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD
3. [National Shrine of St. John Neumann](#)  
1019 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA
4. [The Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal](#)  
475 E. Chelton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
5. [Shrine of Blessed Carlos Acutis](#)  
St. Dominic Church  
250 Old Squan Road, Brick, NJ
6. [The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa](#)  
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA
7. [National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima](#)  
674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ
8. [St. Francis Cabrini Shrine](#)  
701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, NY
9. [Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine](#)  
St. Mary Parish  
19 Cherry Tree Farm Road, Middletown, NJ

**The 2025 Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church is themed "Pilgrims of Hope". Pope Francis has called on all the faithful to participate, either by traveling to Rome for a pilgrimage or by seeking opportunities within their local dioceses to experience the graces of the Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal, with a focus on encountering God's grace and mercy.**

**May God Bless You and  
Happy Travels!  
Gino Iacovella**

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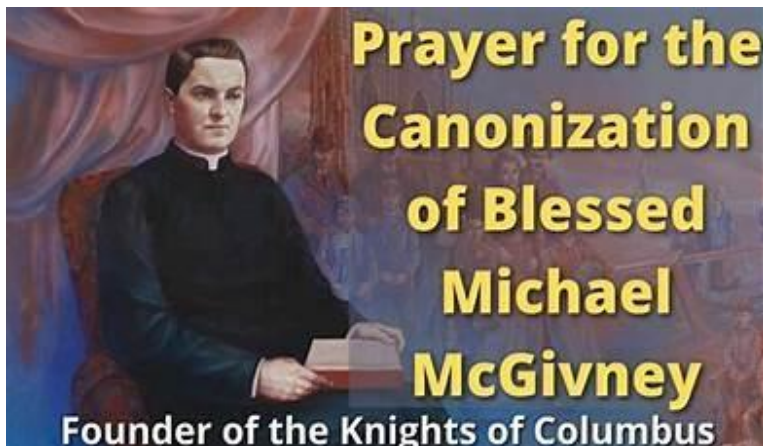
**Meetings:**

Second and Fourth Tuesdays  
7:30pm Sharp

**William "Chris" Barnett  
Grand Knight**

**Gino Iacovella  
PGK & Editor**

**Mail To:**



**The Feast Day of our  
Founder  
Father Michael McGivney  
is on  
August 13<sup>th</sup>. Pray for us!**