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Star Council Award
Congratulations!**

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

William "Chris" Barnett

Dear Brother Knights, It is officially Fall and I hope you all enjoyed a healthy and happy season. Summertime is typically our slower schedule of activities, and this year was no different. However council activities are now in full swing, just look at the calendar included within this Compass Edition. But I caution all Knights that the calendar continually evolves with activities being added (or deleted) and almost always there are date and time changes. So, I encourage all Knights to read the council emails I put out on a regular basis as these emails contain the latest information. I'll typically update the council weekly along with other emails that contain pertinent information to our Council and to our Roman Catholic Faith we all share. And if there are any questions, you can always call me or text me (732-915-0506) or email me at chris_public@me.com. I'd love to hear from you whenever the need arises. I'm now well into my second term as your Grand Knight and I remain extremely grateful for the trust you've placed in me this past year. It continues to be a real honor to lead the Freehold Council, and I hope my time as Grand Knight will continue to bring success. But as I've mentioned many times, success of our Council depends on more than just the wisdom of the current or past Grand Knights, it relies on all of us. I encourage each of you to get involved, participate, or even take on a leadership role in our activities. A big thank you to the 30+ members who do so much already, and to the other 300+ who haven't been to a recent meeting or event, we'd love to see you there. You'll make new friends, find a renewed sense of purpose, and take pride in being part of Council 1672. Last week, I had the opportunity to visit the Shrine of our Lady La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts <https://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org>. It was designated a Sacred Pilgrimage Site for the 2025 Jubilee Year and on the day, I went, there was a festival in honor of Saint Padre Pio. As I joined others in saying the Rosary, and I prayed for Saint Pio's intercession, I felt a profound calmness come over me. My point? Prayer works!!!! and I encourage all my fellow Knight Brothers to actively pray every day even if it is as simple as one of Saint Pio's shortest prayers, "Pray, Hope and Don't worry." When it comes to supporting our Council, we've had a busy few months since July 1! We performed several prayer services for brothers or brother's families. We helped cook for the Freehold Summer Camp, cooked for Olde Freehold Day, cooked for the SRB Parish Picnic, participated in the Father O'Conner Annual Golf Tournament, celebrated Blessed Michael McGivney Feast and held four Council meetings (July 22, August 12, September 9 and September 23. I'm sure I've missed a couple of activities, but it's been a great run so far! In the coming months, we've got some exciting events lined up! We'll be hosting our Canning Drive and Car Show, installing new officers, attending the Pride and Priest Dinner, and hosting our annual soccer challenge to name a few. I'd like to wrap up by emphasizing how important the work we do as a Council is, and how much the charities we support truly rely on us. We discuss all of this at our Council meetings, and for those of you who haven't attended a meeting or event in a while, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome you'll receive when you do. The dates (and times) are in the calendar and your Grand Knight emails. Please come out support these activities.

Chris Barnett Grand Knight

VIVAT JESUS!

Deacon Rolf – A Change of Season **A Change of Heart**

A Change of Season & A Change of Heart

As our summer weather turns into fall- like weather and followed by the winter season, we have an opportunity to step back and take stock of ourselves, see how we are doing and ready ourselves for what comes next.

We also realize that for many of us, we have done well as Knights- with our contribution of time, talent and treasure. However, it comes to mind, that we didn't do this all by ourselves. We had help from God. He gave us: family, friends, a good life as well as giving us the opportunity as His followers to help and serve others.

In realizing that we didn't do it all alone and God was instrumental in what we have, we should take this time to thank God for all that He has done for us. During this time of reflection we can see where we came from, where we are now and where we are headed. It can also become an opportunity for us to give thanks for all the blessings that we have received!

And, we have already set aside a special time to for this: Thanksgiving Day...It's quickly approaching! This, is a great time being with family and friends to show our thanks for all that we have received.

Yes, they are blessings! And they are from God. Unfortunately, the trap of thinking that we did it all by ourselves sets us up to for failure. And, if we fall for it, we become vulnerable to all sorts of problems.

So where does that leave us during this season of change?

After realizing that we need help, we as Knights can look at our four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and see how we can do better in serving others. We had help. Others too need the help

that we can give. If you haven't shown gratitude for all that you have, perhaps during this season, you can show your gratefulness by becoming more actively involved as Knights..... in serving others.
Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Rolf Friedmann



**Keep Christ in Christmas!
Don't Forget to Buy your
Magnets and Cards!**

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Pat Facchini

Brothers, Summer has come to an end, and I hope you all had a safe and wonderful time enjoying the warm weather, vacations, families and friends. I congratulate our WGK Chris and our council on being awarded "Star Council" for the fraternal year 2024-2025. This is a wonderful honor and speaks to the efforts of our council members in fulfilling all the requirements necessary to be recognized as such. As you read this, our council has already kicked off one of the busiest times of the fraternal year. In addition to returning to our twice a month council meeting in September, the second and fourth Tuesdays, we held our canning drive for "Coats for Kids" on September 27th. On October 3rd there is our Soccer Challenge, held at Saint Rose of Lima and brothers are needed to assist with the children as they compete. October 4th is our car show, "Blessing of the Cars" at St. Roberts with a rain date of October 11th.

This is now our biggest and most successful event thanks to the efforts of several of our brothers, dedicating so much time to planning it. Therefore, we look to all our brothers to give whatever time they can to fill many of the roles and responsibilities so to make this year's event another success. November and December are busy as well. All information on the business and activities of our council is communicated through our WGK emails. These emails provide you with the all the necessary details so that you can participate in our meetings and activities when you can.

We all became Knights because of our faith and desire to help others. Coming out and giving whatever time you can in support of our events not only contributes to their success, but I believe we are personally rewarded for the good work we do.

I wish you a wonderful and safe fall.
Vivat Jesus.

Deputy Grand Knight PAT



CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Lila Rose delivers strong pro-life message in Yale debate with Frances Kissling

The news that pro-life activist Lila Rose was declared the winner by students attending a debate earlier this week with an abortion activist at Yale University — a campus not particularly known for its pro-life sentiment — lit up the pro-life corners of the internet. After last Tuesday night's debate, which was hosted by the Yale Political Union, Rose, the founder and president of Live Action, said the event's organizer was "shocked" that those in attendance voted in favor of the pro-life argument by a margin of 60-31. For defenders of the lives of unborn babies, it was heartening to see apparent evidence that arguments against abortion are making headway, even at one of the country's most elite educational institutions. Rose's opponent, Frances Kissling, the former head of Catholics for Choice and founding president of the National Abortion Federation, laid bare the diabolical essence of the "pro-choice" argument. An unborn baby may be human, according to Kissling, but a woman should be able to decide whether the child lives or dies. "We need to begin to think about abortion as a conflict of values. I tend to favor more or think more about the value of women's lives," Kissling said. "I'm not talking about whether they're going to die or not," she said. "I'm talking about the fact that they have decisions to make about how they are going to live that life," Kissling clarified. Kissling, who is Catholic and had spent two years as a religious sister in a convent, went on to say that abortion should be condoned by what she said is an ever-evolving Catholic Church. "The idea that Catholicism never changes is not true, even in very serious decisions," she said. "I was thinking about this: Whatever happened to limbo?" I'm in the group of Catholics who look at the idea that even the Catholic Church can change. We learn new things," she said. Rose countered by describing what allowing "choice" to trump life really looks like, citing the recent case of a 21-year-old college student whose newborn baby was found deadwrapped in a towel and stuffed in a closet. "A child hidden in a closet, his humanity denied. If this does not grieve us, then what will? This is what choice over life looks like when the choice of adults is made supreme."

Rose continued: "What about the child's choice? That has not been represented here yet tonight. And so, let me ask the question here plainly: Should murder be legal? Of course not. Then why do we excuse abortion? Abortion is the direct and intentional killing of an innocent human being," she said. "Instead of turning to violence against the most vulnerable as a solution to problems that we face, instead, we should be a society that uplifts, that makes life better for the vulnerable, that focuses our energy and our efforts and our organizations and our resources on supporting women and young families and children,"

Kissling then presented the argument put forward by adherents of utilitarian moral theory that an action can be justified if it leads to the "happiness" of the greatest number

of people. The abortion activist suggested considering a "thought experiment" involving a situation in which there is a fire in a building, and one is faced with deciding whether to rescue a poor family of six or a doctor who was about to come up with a cure for

cancer. "I'm asking you to think for yourself about how much you really believe and how much you act and how all our governments act within the principle of 'every single life has equal value'. The greatest good for the greatest number of people. Good principle. Do you save the family of six or do you save the doctor? That's it," she said.

Following the debate, Sabrina Soriano, a junior and art history major at Yale, said she thought Rose was the clear winner. "I think Lila definitely just swept the floor with her and took the trophy prize because she came in with a sense of humility, and with a deep sense of wanting to do justice to the Church in general, and to the unborn. I think regardless of if you were pro-choice, you understood that the argument Kissling made was weak, that it was based on more of a crowd-surfing or sentimentality rather than the facts," said Soriano, who is Catholic and a member of the campus pro-life group. Kylyn Smith, a 19-year-old senior and double major in physics and economics, told the National Catholic Register, CNA's sister news partner, that while there was a strong contingent of pro-life advocates in the audience, Rose bested Kissling in the debate fair and square. "Lila Rose valiantly defended the pro-life position with a logical, secular argument centered on the humanity of the unborn child. It was incredible watching her speak just as incisively and coherently live and in person as on her videos."

Passion from attendees of all opinions quite literally rang throughout the auditorium, from hissing in disagreement to stomping in support. Ms. Rose's cogent reasoning stood in stark contrast to the often-contradictory statements of the other guest, solidifying Lila's win."

(This story was first published by the National Catholic Register, CNA's sister news partner, and has been adapted by CAN.)

FRATERNALLY,
Roger
Culture of Life Committee



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. I wish you and your families a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. I hope you are all in Good Health and enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season. We are heading for another WONDERFUL year for Fund Raisers. This article is being written before our Car Show, which last year had to be cancelled due to Rain, but this year we have a rain Date. Our Canning drive will also take place after this article is being written, but hopefully with enough men we will bring in \$4,000 in funds for our Charity Account. I am sure other "fund raisers" will be addressed elsewhere in this Compass. This is also the time of the year when I remind all of you that Dues Invoices will be sent out the 1st or 2nd week of December. Dues remain the same this year, \$60.00 (or \$0.16.4 per day!) and must be received by January 23, 2026. AFTER January 23, 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 to me and avoid the \$5.00 Fee. PLEASE do not send dues after January 23, 2026, with a check dated prior to January 23 or the postmark after January 23. The dues can be paid to me directly at a meeting, sent to my home address at 361 Colgate Way, Freehold, NJ 07728, VENMO Or ZELLE. Use the following email address for Both: kofc1672FS@gmail.com. Do not forget 1st class Postage is \$0.78. Venmo and Zelle are FREE! For those of you that are skeptical about Venmo or Zelle, for the 2025 dues collection period, combined, 112 Members or about 38% used these online tools. I can also receive any monies from any of our Fund raisers using Venmo or Zelle! If you need directions on how to use

Venmo or Zelle, please contact me.

After 10 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 10 years! Your dues notice was sent out either electronically 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 mailbox 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, or 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! 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

Another Columbian year has come to an end. The holidays will be here before we know it. I want to wish all my fellow Brothers and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas. This past year has seen many needed improvements to the Columbian Club building. Some of the most important has been: all electric service panels have been replaced, many new outlets were added, the four bathrooms have been completely remodeled and upgraded, new vinyl flooring installed in the entrance landing, and upstairs and downstairs, and new carpet on the stairs. All the above projects have been completed and now we have to repay the loan. Later this year you will receive the 2026 Membership Dues letter, along with 2026 St. Patrick's Day raffle tickets. Your dues payment and purchase of raffle tickets will help your Columbian Club reach its financial goals. If our member Knights could spread the word to family, friends and neighbors, that we have a beautiful meeting hall, and the building is available for hosting events and parties, this would help increase our building rental income. And remember, all Knights in good standing receive a rental discount. Stop by and see for yourself all the changes that have been made. The Club Bar is open every Wednesday and Friday night, 6 pm to 10 pm. Please come and join your fellow Knights for camaraderie. Better yet, join us for the monthly breakfast buffets or any of our fundraisers. In closing I would like to express my gratitude to all the Knights who helped make the building improvements happen, volunteered or supported the Columbian Club anyway they could.

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.

Please continue your good work and add new members whenever you can!

Vivat Jesus and May God Bless you ALL.



TWO NEW SAINTS Carlos Acutis & PierGiorgio Fassati



The canonization of Carlo Acutis, and Pier Giorgio Fassati took place on September 7, 2025 at Vatican City by our new Pope Leo XIV.

Acutis, (1991-2006) an Italian teenager who died from leukemia in 2006, was declared a saint by Leo at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square. 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.

Fassati (1901-1925) was also a student and mountain climber. He was known for his strong faith, joy, service to the poor and love for the Beatitudes.

ST ROSE OF LIMA CARNIVAL PHOTO
Chefs of the Future!



2024/2025 Knight of the Year
Sir Robert Barry

2024/2025 Knights Rookie of the Year!
Sir Knight Pietro Parillo

**Columbian Club Honorees
Dan Dawidowicz
Nebil Toutouchi
Presented by Steve Kedulich**



Freehold Council 1672 2025/2026 Officers



2025 Pride in Our Priest Dinner



OCTOBER , NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

Calendar of Events

<u>Oct. 2025</u>			
<u>2</u>	4Th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room-Lounge	7:30PM
<u>3</u>	Soccer Challenge	SRL Athletic Field.	5pm
<u>4</u>	Blessing of the Autos Car Show	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert	11AM-4PM
<u>11</u>	Blessing of the Autos Car Show - rain date	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert	11AM-4PM
<u>12</u>	Columbus Day Baby-First Born in Freehold	Centra State Hospital	TBD
<u>13</u>	<i>Columbus Day Observed</i>	SRL/SRB	All Masses
<u>14</u>	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
18 and 19	Membership Drive – TBD	St Rose/St Robert	All Masses
23	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM
28	Council Planning Meeting Speaker Debbie Biskey	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
29	Bus Trip to New Haven	SRB Parking Lot	8:30AM
30	C.U.F. Degree Ceremony TBD	Council Main Hall	6:30 sign-in / 7PM
<u>Nov. 2025</u>			
<u>1</u>	<i>All Saints Day</i>	SRL/SRB	All Masses
<u>2</u>	<i>All Soul's Day</i>	SRL/SRB	All Masses
<u>4</u>	<i>Election Day</i>		
6	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room Lounge	7:30PM
7	Council Mass for Departed Brothers	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
8th and 9th	Send a Hero Home for the Holidays Bracelet Sales	SRL/SRB	All Masses
<u>11</u>	<i>Veterans Day</i>		
11	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
18	Council Hall Decorations	Council Main Hall	7PM
20	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM
22nd and 23rd	<i>Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale</i>	St Rose/St Robert	All Masses
25	TreeLighting-CC Tree-Sing Along-CDA Party	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
25	Council Planning Meeting --Cancelled .	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
<u>27</u>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		
<u>28</u>	<i>Black Friday</i>		
<u>Dec. 2025</u>			
4	4th degree meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM
6th and 7th	<i>Tree-Wreath-Blanket Sales</i>	Council Hall and SRB Ent.	9-3PM
6	<i>Blood Drive</i>	Parking lot (bus) and inside	9-2PM
6	<i>Kids Christmas Party w/Santa</i>	Council Downstairs	2-4PM
7	<i>Breakfast w/Santa (Columbian Club Event)</i>	Council Main Hall	8am-Noon
<u>8</u>	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	Holy Day of Obligation	
9	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
10	SRL Memorial Tree Lighting	SRL	7pm
14	Coffee And...	SRB	7:00AM-12:30PM
23	Council Planning Meeting Cancelled due to Holiday		
<u>25</u>	<i>Merry Christmas</i>		
25	Columbian Club Meeting cancelled due to Holiday	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM
28	Sensory Mass at Noon	SRB	2PM

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