



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

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January, February and March 2026

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Star Council Award  
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### William "Chris" Barnett

#### Grand Knight Reflection

As the holiday season has past, I'd first like to wish all a very happy and healthy New Year 2026. Closing out CY 2025, our Council has been bustling with activity.

November and December were filled with meaningful events, not only within our Council but also at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Robert Bellarmine and the Parish of St. Rose of Lima. We began November with a heartfelt Council Mass for Departed Brothers, led by Father John Campoli. Families joined us in remembrance, expressing deep gratitude for honoring their loved ones. Mid-month, our "Send a Soldier Home for the Holidays" campaign was a resounding success, reaching both churches and local merchants. We also brought festive cheer by decorating our Council, hosting a joyful party with the Catholic Daughters, and lighting our Council Tree with a lively sing-along.

As November ended, we supported the Keep Christ in Christmas Drive, and once again, both parishes showed remarkable generosity.

December kicked off with two busy days of selling Christmas trees, wreaths, pillows, and grave blankets. We installed, lit, and dedicated Memorial Trees at both churches, creating spaces for reflection and remembrance. Our Kids Santa party was a highlight, with a new Santa delighting 37 children, each receiving a special gift. We also organized a successful blood drive with 20 donors, supported the Christmas "Coffee and ..." event, and assisted the Diocese at the Sensory Mass for autistic individuals.

Looking forward to January, February and March, our calendar is full of activities, so please take some time to review the calendar we include in this compass and pick out a couple of activities and events in which to become involved. There are activities and events for all to choose from, and we should take a moment to reflect on the many charities that benefit from our Council's support. In closing and on the behalf of all Council Officers, I express my gratitude to all our members who get involved to make all this possible.

Chris Barnett -Grand Knight  
VIVAT JESUS!



## **Deacon Rolf –** **Fresh Beginnings in 2026**

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What just happened?

Once again, the world changes as God comes into our lives and through Jesus gives us hope and salvation. Once again, Jesus comes into our lives and we are changed forever!

Once again, we have the chance to revive our faith life in Jesus.... A sort of revival when and where it is needed in our everyday lives. While some of us may have “dropped the ball” in some areas of our life, many of us have dutifully followed the resolutions we made last year.

It's up to us to look at our lives and make the appropriate changes to get us back to where we need to be! We all know what needs to be done. So, what are we waiting for??? As the winter season is fully upon us...and Jesus is with us.....it's also a good time to reflect on our relationship with Him.

Ask yourself “How am I doing.....As a Christian...How's my spiritual life going?” What can I do to increase my spiritual life both in me and my family? How can I more fully live my life as I am called to be as a Christian?

What about my life as a Knight of Columbus? Am I living up to my potential as a Knight.....Charity? Unity? Fraternity? Patriotism? Where can I do more to live up to my full potential?

Remember, Family always comes first. But, what about making a little sacrifice with your free time and giving some of it in service to others? A great way to start- would be in attending more meetings and being aware of the needs within our community.

This coming new year will once again give each of us an opportunity to leave off where we ended in 2025 and to do better. It's up to us.. We have to decide how this year will be just a little different...make us better disciples and bring us closer to God.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Rolf Friedmann



**HAPPY EASTER!**  
**REMEMBER EASTER IS ON APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

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

Winter is upon us, and we have just completed one of the busiest times of the year for our council. Starting in November with our Send a Hero Home and Keep Christ in Christmas fund raisers. Memorial trees at both parishes, tree and wreath sales, children's Christmas party, buying gifts and coats for kids; all possible because of our dedicated brothers and the generosity of our community. It's wonderful to see the spirit of the season shared by our brothers as we take part in all our council activities. As the years go by, I reflect on the past and how families and neighbors shared the joy of the season. We are all so caught up in our personal lives today that sometimes we overlook the joy we can share with our friends and neighbors. It takes only a moment in our personal lives to partake, but it is a rewarding moment.

In the upcoming month, our WGK will be notifying us of activities in addition to our regular meetings. Notable is the Free Throw Contest, 40 Days for Life and Food Canning Drive all scheduled in February. Details will be communicated.

We have all joined Knights because of our commitment to our religious beliefs, and in giving and sharing with those most in need. Let us all look within ourselves to examine how we are all giving. If you have not been to a council meeting or one of our events, I invite you to join us. It is most rewarding to share these opportunities with your fellow Knights.

**I wish you and your families a Healthy and Happy New Year!**

Vivat Jesus.  
Deputy Grand Knight PAT

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



Hoping that all have had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brothers at Council 1672 who, during this past year have given me their invaluable support. It is my pleasure to work with you and be a part of this Council.

To my Brothers, I am confident that you will continue your Councils good works for both your parishes and community. This is often a time of the year for looking back on past achievements and planning for new ones in the coming year. The Council has a history of doing this. Your presence in your parishes and community is an effective way for your council to continue to grow, recruit and retain members.

God Bless all and see you at the next meeting.

Lou Di Bello

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

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### **Poll: Catholic support for IVF falls below 50% when Church teaching explained**

A new poll reveals that a majority of Catholic voters in the United States support access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) when initially asked about the topic but that some are willing to immediately change their minds when informed about the Church's teaching on why it is immoral.

The survey, released by EWTN News and RealClear Opinion Research on Dec. 11, polled 1,000 Catholic voters in the United States between Nov. 9 and Nov. 11. The results demonstrate that just informing Catholic voters about the Church's position on IVF and the immorality of the procedure is sufficient to cause an immediate 14-point shift against IVF in the public opinion of the Catholic faithful. When first asked about IVF, 53.5% of Catholics said they supported access to the procedure and just 18.8% said they opposed it. The remaining 27.6% said they neither supported nor opposed access or did not know enough to offer an opinion. The pollsters then informed the respondents that the Catholic Church opposes IVF because it separates the creation of life from the marital act between the husband and wife and results in the loss of unused embryos. When asked a second time after receiving this information, support dropped by nine points, with 44.5% of respondents still saying they supported access. Opposition increased by more than five points, with 24.1% now saying they are against the procedure. The amount of people who said they neither supported nor opposed IVF or did not know enough to offer an opinion went up by nearly four points to 31.4%. IVF is a fertility treatment in which doctors extract eggs from the woman and fertilize the eggs with sperm to create human embryos in a laboratory without a sexual act. Millions of fertilized human embryos that clinics do not implant are destroyed, which ends human lives.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, a neuroscientist and senior ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) told CNA that broad support of IVF within the American public is "connected to broader misunderstandings about human sexuality, common among Catholics and non Catholics alike."

"IVF is 'babies without sex' while contraception is 'sex without babies,' and Catholics have largely adopted prevailing societal attitudes in regard to both of these issues," he said. "Even a basic catechesis on these foundational issues has been lacking for an entire generation of Catholics." Pacholczyk said some in the clergy avoid the subject to prevent offending others, but this has left many Catholics "in an ideological vacuum." He said many form their opinions on subjects like IVF "from social media sites, the 'Today Show,' or People magazine" rather than the Church.

FRATERNALLY,  
Roger  
Culture of Life Committee



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

To All My Brothers, I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year 2026! I also hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas.

It's that time of year again—DUES time!

The dues cover all council expenses, which, like everything else, have increased. If you are experiencing any financial or health issues, please contact me. You should have received an invoice for your due's payment by now. If we have your email on file, you received it electronically (check your Spam Folder) with the subject line ;Dues Notice For Council 1672.

Please let me know if you did not receive it at gfgman@gmail.com or 732-780-4815.

Payments, like last year can be made Electronically via Venmo Or Zelle. The email address for both is

kofc1672FS@gmail.com (Case does not matter). PLEASE PLEASE double-check the address to avoid

mistakes with the council number and the FS at the end. Zelle payments go into our bank account

instantaneously. Venmo needs to be transferred to the bank account. Make it easy for both of us and go ELECTRONIC!

For the 2025 dues collection, 88 brothers used Venmo, which is 29% of the members, and 28 members used Zelle which is 9% of the members. For you old-timers, VENMO and ZELLE are both safe and easy.



Please contact me if you are having issues at 732-780-4815. Postage is up to \$0.78 for first-class mail, and Venmo and Zelle are free.

Please note: For some reason, which Venmo has no answer for, when you start to type this email, a message will pop up saying they

find any matches.& Continue to type the entire address. Once the entire address is typed, you will see Pay or Request

[kofc1672FS@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1672FS@gmail.com) at the top. Tap this message, enter the \$60.00 amount, and tap Pay. It will come to me.

Please pay your dues ASAP. Note: At the council meeting on November 8, 2016, a motion was passed to charge an administration fee to cover additional expenses incurred for late dues. Any dues paid after 1/24/2026 will be \$65.00. Should you receive a second invoice, you will see the administration fee added to the invoice. If you pay late and the \$5.00 is not added to your payment, it will remain on your ledger as an accounts receivable. If you see the \$5.00 charge on the first invoice this year, it means that you were late last year or in prior years and did not pay the \$5.00 fee!

George Ferriso  
Financial Secretary  
Knights of Columbus  
Freehold Council 1672



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

The last three months have gone by in a flash. We had three very successful Columbian Club fundraisers: Homecoming Wednesday, the Christmas Memorial Trees at St. Rose of Lima and St. Robert Bellarmine and the Breakfast with Santa. If you have not seen the Memorial Trees, please take a drive by the churches any evening and see them all lit up and decorated. The trees will stay lit at St. Rose of Lima Church until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) and until January 13 at St. Robert Bellarmine.

Thank you to all who supported these fundraisers. A special thank you to all the Knights that stepped up to help set up the poles, extension wires and mounted and strung lights on the 90 trees in record setting time.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner, March 15 (parade day), March 17 (St. Patrick's) and the 50/50 Raffle. You can help support these events by helping to set up/clean up, cook, serve, but most importantly, by you attending and supporting this fundraiser. The 50/50 raffle total is slowly growing. Please send in your raffle tickets if you have not already done so or pick up another book of tickets and to sell to your family and friends. The raffle books were mailed to all Knights with your Columbian Club membership dues letter. Additional raffle books are available at the Pub bar. The Pub is always open Wednesday and Friday nights. Remember the Columbian 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.

As a result of the improvements to the building the rental bookings are doing very well. This leaves us needing additional staff to work the parties. Hostess and bartender is a paid position and training is provided.

I wish you all a happy and healthy year, and may you be blessed in everything you do.

Dan Dawidowicz,

Columbian Club President

(Home of the Freehold 1672 Knights of Columbus)



## FREEHOLD 1672 KNIGHTS ALWAYS BUSY RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

### Knights of Columbus Car Show October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025



### Brothers delivering 65 Kids Coats to the St Vincent DePaul Society

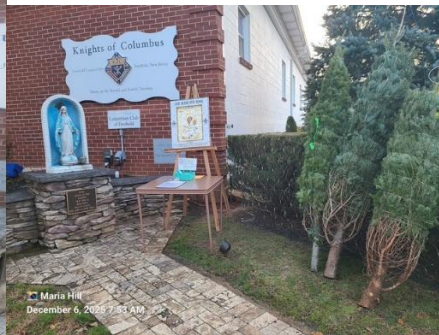


### Keep Christ in Christmas Sale at St Roberts





## CHRISTMAS TREE, WREATHS AND GRAVE BLANKET SALE



## BREAKFAST AND DONUTS WITH SANTA PLUS BUILDING THE NAVITY SCENE AT ST ROBERTS



## 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE-WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AT OLD TENNANT CEMETARY





**JANUARY, FEBRARY & MARCH 2026**

<b>JAN 1</b>	<b><i>New Year Day - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i></b>		
5	Take down Christmas Decorations	Council Hall/PUB	9am
8	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM
13	Remove Memorial Trees at SRB	SRB	9am
13	Take down SRB Christmas Manger	SRB	9am
13	Council Charity Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:00 PM
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
<b>19</b>	<b><i>M.L. King Day</i></b>		
22	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room-Lounge	7:30PM
23	National March for Life	Washington DC	TBD
23	Diocese of Trenton Mass for Life and Expo	SRB	11am
25	Community Breakfast for January	Council Main Hall	8am-11:30am
27	Council Rosary	Council Main Hall	7:00pm
27	Council Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker TBD	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
<b>FEB. 1</b>	<b>Basketball Free Throw Contest</b>	<b>SRL School Gymnasium</b>	<b>12:30pm - 3pm</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Remove Memorial Trees at SRL</b>	<b>SRL</b>	<b>9am</b>
5	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	7:30pm
10	Council Charity Meeting	Council Main Hall	7 PM
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
<b>14</b>	<b><i>Valentines Day</i></b>		
<b>18</b>	<b><i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i></b>		
20-21	40 Days for Life-Planned Parenthood & Food Drive	69 E.Newman Springs Rd.Shrewsbury	10-11AM
22	Columbian Club Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8am-11:30am
23	112th Anniversary of Council #1672		All Day
24	Council Rosary	Council Main Hall	7pm
24	Council Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker TBD	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
26	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM
27-28	40 Days for Life-Planned Parenthood & Food Drive	69 E.Newman Springs Rd.Shrewsbury	10-11AM
28	Kid's Day Program w/Randy the magician	Council Main Hall	11-1:30PM
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Basketball Free Throw District Contest</b>	<b>SRL School Gymnasium</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>MAR. 5</b>	<b>4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650</b>	<b>Side Room - Lounge</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>7-8</b>	<b>Membership Drive - First Weekend in March</b>	<b>SRB/SRL</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
10	Open House	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
6-7	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood & Food Drive	69 E. Newman Springs Rd. Shrewsbury	10-11am
10	Council Charity Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
13-14	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood & Food Drive	69 E. Newman Springs Rd. Shrewsbury	10-11am
15	St Patrick Day Parade After Party	Council Bar Area	TBD
17	St Patrick Day Party	Council Bar Area	TBD
19 - TBD	CUF Degree Ceremony - Tentative	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
20-21	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood & Food Drive	69 E. Newman Springs Rd. Shrewsbury	10-11am
<b>21</b>	<b>Palm Cross Sales</b>	<b>SRB/SRL</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Columbian Club Community Breakfast</b>	<b>Council Hall</b>	<b>8am-11:30am</b>

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