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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

William "Chris" Barnett

I'm told the Spring 2026 Compass edition will publish just prior to Easter. Depending on when you read the Compass, you may be reading this just before or immediately after Easter. Gina and I hope you all had or will have a Blessed Easter!

We are now in the final months of our current Columbian Year, and it is again that time for us to begin to think of our upcoming elections for the next Columbian Year. The elections take place in June, and I am asking all members of our Council to think and pray on whether you want to take that next step of becoming a Council Officer. Being an Officer gives you the opportunity to play an important role in the functioning of our Council. If you are interested, please tell any of our current officers. Becoming an officer of our Freehold Council is how we continue the tradition of our Council 1672. Our Nominating Committee will begin its annual work shortly and that committee will be propose a slate of officers for the 2026-2027 Columbian Year. Elections will be scheduled for our June 9th Council Business Meeting. Since the start of the new year, the Council has been very busy with many activities. In January our council supported the Diocesan Right to Life Mass and Expo. During that event, we had an opportunity to talk to Bishop David O'Connell as well as to meet many of the organizations who devote their time to protecting the unborn. Also in January, we continued our monthly Rosary led by Brother Roger Zurro. For the most part, our attendance has been good, but I'm hopeful that even more brothers will participate this year and next. Brothers, please remember the power of the Rosary. Reciting the Rosary is one of the most powerful tools we as Catholics have to defend against evil.

In February we had our Basketball Free throw challenge and with Ash Wednesday being early in the calendar this year, we also kicked off our 40 Days for Lenten picketing at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury as well as our 40 Days for Lent canned food drive each Saturday morning. We also celebrated our Council's 113th birthday!! In March, we supported both the St. Patrick's Day Parade with all day cooking including free meals to the First Responders who protect us every day. We also supported St. Patrick's Day with all day cooking. We had our Spring Membership Drive as well as CUF Degree in which we welcomed three new Brothers, Robert Walsh, Peter Rozewski and Milton Roth. We also sold Palm Crosses at both Parishes and attended a wonderful evening with the Colin Casey Foundation on March 22. And as I always do, a special thank you to all the brothers who get involved in these and the many other activities we do throughout the year. Regarding Charity support, our Council remains on target with consistent year over year support of local charities. Coming up in April, is the Spring Canning Drive for Monmouth ARC on Saturday, April 11 and in May we begin our Baby Bottle Boomerang as well as march in the Freehold Memorial Day Parade. And in June, we have our annual Knights Mass and breakfast, so please mark your calendars for these events as well as other events coming up in our Council.

VIVAT JESUS!

Deacon Rolf – Fresh Beginnings in 2026

You Don't Say.....Did you hear about.....

This happens far too often. We meet up with a friend who is ready to tell us about something he has heard about another friend. Yes, it seems innocent at first but, but is it helpful?

I came across this story about Socrates that gives us a way of handling this kind of "gossip". One day an acquaintance met with The great philosopher Socrates and said "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?" "Hold on a minute." Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test".

"So before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you are going to say. That's why it's called the triple filter test ."

"The first Filter is TRUTH. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is absolutely true?" "No" the man said, actually I just heard about it and" "All right," said Socrates. So, you really don't know if it's true or not." ...

"The second filter is GOODNESS, is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?" "No on the contrary" So you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true.....

"The third filter is USEFULNESS. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?" "No, not really." "Well," concluded Socrates, "If what you want to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor even useful...why tell it to me at all? (source unknown) As Knights who are always in the public eye and we want to be careful that we are not seen engaging in what may appear to be gossip. This triple test can be very useful to us in not falling prey to gossip.

As Knights. Albeit followers of Jesus...we have a great responsibility to be "Christ like" and lead our lives accordingly.

Needless to say, worse than listening to hearsay is being responsible for it!

As we get into springtime and the summer months, and as we get more involved within the community- we need to remember that... we are what we say!

Deacon Rolf
Vivat Jesus!

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO SPENCE PURDUM AS A KNIGHT!



I want to thank the officers of the Council for recognizing my fifty years of membership and presenting me with a plaque. That may be a lot of years, but I'm still only tied for 37th on our seniority list! In the 113 years Freehold Council has existed, only 124 members have reached that milestone – barely 5% of the over 2,300 men who have joined our Council. Today, 42 of our members have over fifty years; of those, ten have over sixty years and one of them has over seventy. Over our entire history, five brothers have attained seventy years of membership, and 41 between sixty and seventy years. About one in five have transferred into our council, but the great majority were lifelong members here. The list includes 24 Past Grand Knights, ten Past Faithful Navigators and three Former District Deputies.

Best Regards, Spence

50th!

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS – Pat Facchini

Brothers, as the warmth of spring blooms, our council is actively involved in a variety of important events that embody our mission of supporting life, faith, charity and honoring those who serve our country and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our freedoms. These events provide ample opportunities for us to come together and put our faith into action. As we close out March and enter Holy Week, we come to close our Lenten activities supporting 40 Days for Life and Canned Food Drive. Thank you to all the brothers who participated and donated. The following are our upcoming activities which will need your support.

April 11th from 9 AM to 1 PM is our Charities Canning Drive. Shifts are 9 to 11 and 11 to 1 PM
 April 26 th Columbian Club Community Breakfast.
 May 9/10 Baby Bottle Boomerang at all masses at St Rose and St Roberts. A fund raiser for our charities.
 May 19/20 we will be placing American flags at the resting places of our departed brothers.
 May 24 th Columbian Club Community Breakfast.
 May 25 th Freehold Memorial Day parade.
 If you are unable to sign up at one of our meetings, but able to participate, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight or myself. Your participation is vital in making our events successful.
 And, a wonderful way to share in our camaraderie. I wish you and your families a wonderful spring and Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus

LOU DIBELLO DISTRICT 27 DEPUTY

Hoping everyone is well after all the snow issues this past winter. We are now in Spring and it feels so good after the cold winter.
 As we enter into the last quarter of this Columbian year you all have much to be proud of. You have completed so many good works for the council, community, and parishes. Each of these small tasks add up to help so many people, it's what we do as Knights.
 You council is on track to receive the cherished Star Council Award which is acknowledgement for all the great things you have done. As we enter into this last quarter it gets to be a busy time with all you have planned. Please continue to participate to help make this last push a success.
 Happy Easter-Lou



CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Outspoken pro-life Christian, cultural icon Chuck Norris dies at 86

Renowned American actor and martial artist Chuck Norris — who often bucked Hollywood trends by speaking about his strong Christian faith and staunch pro-life views — died Thursday, March 19, at age 86 after suffering from a medical emergency while vacationing in Hawaii.

Norris' family confirmed his death Friday in a post on Instagram and said he was “surrounded by his family and was at peace.” His family thanked fans for the “prayers and support you sent his way” during his brief hospitalization before his death.

“He lived his life with faith, purpose, and an unwavering commitment to the people he loved,” they said. “Through his work, discipline, and kindness, he inspired millions around the world and left a lasting impact on so many lives.”

Norris, a U.S. Air Force veteran, began training in martial arts while stationed in South Korea in the late 1950s and competed in several martial arts tournaments in the 1960s. Norris met the actor and martial artist Bruce Lee in the mid-1960s, and they became friends and trained together.

Lee offered Norris his first movie role — the very successful 1972 film “The Way of the Dragon” — which includes a seven-minute fight scene showcasing their respective martial arts talents. From there, Norris went on to star in numerous films and the long-running television series “Walker, Texas Ranger.”

Norris lived his life as a Protestant Christian, regularly attending services at Prestonwood Baptist Church, which is a Southern Baptist congregation. He was open about his faith, often speaking about it in interviews and embedding it into his professional work.

In a 2004 interview with Trinity Broadcasting Network, Norris credited his mother with raising him as a Christian, saying: “I had a mother who kept me very close to the Lord in my younger days.”

“You know, unfortunately, in periods of my life, I did drift from the Lord, but the Lord never drifted from me,” he said. “He stayed with me the whole time ... and I just praise God for that.”

Norris acknowledged the temptations that come with stardom. In a 2009 interview with Hollywood TV, he noted that a lot of actors “try to be happy, but you can see that they're not.” He warned that many actors seek to “fill that void” with drugs and alcohol, but they are “not going to cure that void that they have in them until they really find their faith.”

“The actors I meet that have their faith, you can see the brightness in their eyes,” he said. “And the ones that don't have it, you can see that darkness in their eyes. And so, I just say, you know, try it. Try your faith. Just try it out and see if it works for you. I know it will. It worked for me.”

Norris starred in one explicitly Christian film called “Bells of Innocence.” He also co-authored Christian Western books. Although he mostly acted in nonreligious shows and films, he would often bring Christian themes into the storyline.

The show “Walker, Texas Ranger,” for example, included several scenes with prayer and a few scenes that showed divine intervention in the form of miracles in recoveries. Some episodes had faith-based plots, including “The Neighborhood” in Season 5, which showed a miraculous health recovery.

During his life, Norris also spoke in defense of the unborn. In a 2008 op-ed for WorldNetDaily, Norris criticized conservatives who seek to sidestep the issue of abortion, saying it “is not about a woman's

‘Right to choose’” but rather “it is about a more fundamental ‘right to life,’ which is one of three specifically identified unalienable rights in the Declaration [of Independence].”

Throughout his career, Norris starred in more than 38 movies and a long-running television show and maintained that success while emphasizing the importance of faith in Christ and the power of prayer.

FRATERNALLY,

Roger

Culture of Life Committee



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Welcome to Spring and Happy Easter! The days are getting longer! Summer is right around the corner. Dues collection for the year 2026 is ending. Intent to Retain letters have gone out. This is the last step in the Dues Collection and Retention process. Membership at this writing stands at 382 members; of which 28 are Honorary and 91 are Honorary Life members. To those of you that paid your dues, THANK YOU! Seventeen members are still in arrears as of this writing and were notified by the Retention committee. We are at 93% of collections. If you are one of the 17, PLEASE send me your dues ASAP to avoid suspension. You can use Zelle Kofc1672FS@gmail.com or Venmo, using Kofc1672FS@gmail.com or @george-F. Please also note that the section on the bottom of the screen that reads "Turn on for Purchase" SHOULD BE OFF. This is protection for goods or services that you may have bought or used. We are a Catholic Men's Fraternal organization not a service and we do not sell anything except for charity purposes. You can also mail a check to my home at 3 Colgate Way Freehold NJ 07728.

We are a BUSY council with many fund raisers to be staffed by many. If you are one of the 17 please consider renewing your membership. I receive a 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! 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.

George Ferriso
Financial Secretary
Knights of Columbus
Freehold Council 1672

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz

I recently read a story based on the poem written by Charles Osgood, The Story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody, that I would like to share with my Brother Knights. Here's the story titled: Whose Job is it, Anybody? This is the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have. This story maybe confusing but the message is clear: no one took responsibility so nothing got accomplished. Almost everyone calls 70 East Main Street the Knights of Columbus. They look at the property and see a building well maintained outside and clean and updated on the inside. Often, they comment that the Freehold Knights are doing well. Not many people realize that everything that is being done on the property is done by the Columbian Club of Freehold. It is reassuring that the Knights of Columbus 1672 look favorable to all people who drive by or visit the building. The Columbian Club is made up of Brother Knights. We maintain the building, pay all the bills, work all the rentals, and volunteer at fundraising events, such as breakfasts, dinners, etc. We have a core group of Somebody's that are our volunteers. I am most grateful to all of them. We need to see more Somebody's at our monthly meetings, fundraising events, stopping by to have a drink at the pub on Friday nights and to volunteer to do whatever needs to be done. I look at empty chairs and see Nobody in them. Everybody thinks Anybody else will volunteer so they don't step up, but Somebody has to. Our St. St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Fundraiser and Palm Cross Sale were a huge success because of the Somebody's who stepped up. Give me a call, join the fraternity of Somebody's and make a huge difference, you will be glad you did.

Dan Dawidowicz

Columbian Club President

Home of the Freehold 1672 Knights of Columbus)

FREEHOLD 1672 KNIGHTS AT WORK



LENT FOOD DRIVE

ST PATRICK'S DAY



NEW CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY (CUF) DEGREE MEMBERS
ROBERT WALSH
MILTON ROTH
PETER ROZEWSKI
JOHN BARBUZZA



PRAYING THE ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD "RIGHT TO LIFE"



COLIN CASEY FOUNDATION DINNER

April 2026 thru June 2026			
Date	Item	Location	Time
April 2026			
2	<i>Holy Thursday</i>		
3	<i>Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord</i>		
4	<i>Holy Saturday</i>		
5	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>		
9	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Council Hall	7:30PM
11	K of C Charities Canning Drive	Freehold Borough	9am-1pm
12	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		
23	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room-Council	7:30PM
26	Columbian Club Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8am-11:30am
28	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
May 2026			
7	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	7:30pm
9-10	Baby Bottle Boomerang	SRB/SRL	All Masses
10	<i>Mother's Day</i>		
12	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8PM
17	<i>Ascension of Jesus</i>		
28	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room-Lounge	730PM
19-20	K of C Flags for Departed Bros.	SRL Cemetery+	TBA
24	Columbian Club Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8am-11:30am
25	Freehold Memorial Day Parade/Luncheon	Council Main Hall	
26	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	730PM
June 2026			
4	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Council	7:30pm
7	Knights Mass	SRB	10am Mass
7	Knights Breakfast after mass	Side Room-Lounge	11:30 am
9	Council Meeting - Elections	Council Main Hall	8PM
14	<i>Flag Day</i>		
20-21	Baby Botle Boomerang	SRB/SRL	All Masses
21	<i>Father's Day</i>		
23	Council Awards for 2025-2026	Council Main Hall	8PM
25	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM

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