



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

CHARTED IN 1913

COMPASS

2026-2027 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Monsignor Sam A. Sirianni
Grand Knight	Paschal (Pat) Facchini
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Fulciniti
Chancellor	Bob Barry
Recorder	Wayne Basilio
Financial Secretary	George Ferriso
Treasurer	John Belbol
Advocate	Spencer Purdum
Warden	JJ Occhiusio
Lecturer	Chris Barnett (PGK)
Inside Guard	Nebil Toutouchi
	George Bonanno
Outside Guard	Ted Zbikowski
	Walter Pehowich
Trustees	3- year Ed Hudak, PGK
	2-year Brian Barrett, PGK
	1 Year Gino Iacovella, PGK

COLUMBIAN CLUB OFFICERS

President	Daniel Dawidowicz
Vice President	Steven Kedulich
Treasurer	Nebil Toutouchi
Secretary	Frank O'Shea
Financial Secretary	Lester Preston

Trustees

William (Chris) Barnett, GK	
Pat Facchini, GK	Gino Iacovella PGK
Dennis Annarumma	Edward Hudak, PGK



**Home of the
2022-2023
2023-2024
&
2024-2025
Star Council
Awards
Congratulations!**

JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2026

NEW GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Paschal (Pat) Facchini

My thanks to PGK Chris Barnett for leading our council for the past two fraternal years and congratulating him on achieving Star Council in both years. I was fortunate to serve as his DGK and thank him for the guidance he provided me with in my role.

I wish to thank the council for their confidence in me as I assume the role of Grand Knight for the fraternal year 2026-2027. I follow in the footsteps of our PGK's who have led and built this council into what it is today. As with them, our continued success is dependent on the support and participation of our membership. It is only with your help that we can continue to support our parishes, charities and community. I look forward to us achieving this.

I wish to congratulate our slate of officers for this fraternal year:

- Grand Knight-Pat Facchini
- Deputy Grand Knight Tom Fulciniti
- Chancellor Bob Barry
- George Ferriso-Financial Secretary
- Treasurer John Belbol
- Recorder Wayne Basilio
- Advocate Spence Purdum
- Warden JJ Occhiuzzo
- Inner Guard Nebil Toutouchi & George Bonanno
- Outside Guard Walter Pehowich & Ted Zbikowsk
- Lecturer PGK Chris Barnett
- 1 Yr. Trustee PGK Gino Iacovella
- 2Yr. Trustee PGK Brian,
- 3 Yr. Trustee PGK Ed Hudak.

Please note:

Our only summer meetings will be July 21 st and August 11th.

A charity meeting will proceed with the 7/21 meeting.

I wish you and your families a safe, wonderful and enjoyable summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Pat Facchini, Grand Knight

A note from our PAST GRAND KNIGHT – Chris Barnett

It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight these past two years. I am proud of all the work we have done together for both our Parishes and the Community which has resulted in our Council 1672 being named a Star Council for each of these past two years. Now, as we look forward, let us continue to support our new Grand Knight, Pat Facchini, and all the officers of our Council as we begin the 2026-2027 Columbian Year.



**Fraternally,
Chris Barnett
Past Grand Knight (2024-2026)**

Deacon Rolf – Keep Your Shirt On

KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON.....

Though the summer months provide plenty of sunshine and warmth...too much of any "good" thing can be harmful to us. And in this case, we could end up getting burned! So too, we can get "burned" by allowing ourselves to be "over exposed" to those things around us that may provide enjoyment on the one hand (when taken in moderation) and while on the other hand (when overdone in) we end up regretting.

So, what am I really talking about? Life provides us with boatloads of enjoyment when used with forethought and good judgement. It can be very enjoyable.

However, we must be on guard so that we don't overdo it overcomes us and we become victims by forgetting who we are as Christians. We have to ask ourselves is there such a thing as too much of a good thing such as partying too hard or basically letting our good sense take a back seat and we end up "getting burned"? So, how do we successfully navigate these treacherous waters? Be on guard.

"Keep your shirt on while in the blazing sun". And use the sun screen given to us as Christians to protect ourselves. Life has many traps and we must be on guard not to become a victim by forgetting our "sun screen". How? By not using the "I'm on summer vacation" excuse for not going to church or not receiving the Sacraments. We then allow ourselves to become vulnerable. Unfortunately, this excuse can easily lead us into a long- lasting avoidance of our protective shields in our lives and make us even more vulnerable in our spiritual lives. Like taking our shirt off in the sun, we must remember to use good judgement. The tan may seem "colorful" at first, but there is a price to pay if don in excess.

Now, with the summer months upon us, let's not fall into the trap of "I'm on my vacation" mindset and letting go of what we have worked so hard to become.

May you and your loved ones have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

**Deacon Rolf
Vivat Jesus!**

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Tom Fuciniti

By the time of publication of the Summer Compass 2026 arrives, it will mark the coming of the end of the 2025-2026 Columbian Year. Elections have taken place, and I'd like to thank those who served in officer roles for the past years while welcoming in all new officers for the coming year. Personally, I am very excited and honored to serve as the new DGK under our new GK Pat Facchini.

After a bitterly cold and long winter, we can finally feel the heat of the summer and warm evening breezes.

The summer kicked off with a large number of brother Knights participating in the Freehold Memorial Day Parade in honor of the men and women who served our country to protect our American rights and freedom.

Looking ahead, as in past years, there will be only one meeting per month during July and August due to everyone's busy schedules throughout the

summer. I hope you will take the time to get some well-deserved rest and enjoy the extra time with friends and family. But it cannot be all rest as we have many important events coming up that could use your support, starting with Father's Day weekend when we will collect Baby Bottles, hopefully filled with generous donation, from the parishioners of St. Rose of Lima. If this year is anything like prior years, the collections help fund multiple charitable purposes, so your support is greatly appreciated.

The winners of the Freehold Knights of Columbus Council 1672 scholarship awards for 8th grade students entering into Catholic high school this coming September will be announced in the coming weeks.

This year marks the third annual scholarship program which exemplifies our belief that such students deserve to be recognized and rewarded for their academics, community service, and most importantly, their decision to continue their Catholic education.

The Scholarship Committee has put in a significant amount of effort to finalize the selection of winners and will ask the Charity Committee to confirm award amounts at next month's meeting. Next, Olde Freehold Day is scheduled for August 1 where we will barbeque at Lake Topenemus Park in Freehold. This family-fun event is sure to please with its numerous activities, live music and local vendors. If you haven't already, I encourage you to sign up and lend a hand.

Lastly, in preparation for this year's Car Show, meetings will begin to discuss and review all of the tasks that it takes to make another successful annual event. As Rich Pepe has said many times, "if everyone can do what they did last

year plus one small added action, we can make this a great event". Whether

you participated every year in the past or this is your first time hearing about it, please consider participating as it's a great way to meet fellow brother

Knights and help to raise a significant amount of money for our charity account.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable, fun-filled, safe summer.

**Fraternally,
Tom Fuciniti
Deputy Grand Knight**

DISTRICT DEPUTY 27-MARIO ROJAS

It was great to meet you guys at your last meeting. As we start the new Columbian year it's very easy to follow the status quo. I want to challenge the council to think about something new and radical that you can do to put the council and the emblem in the eye of the community and parishes you support. You see, I think of Jesus in Luke 5:1-11 where the fisherman came back from a long night of fishing and did not catch anything. Now I know you may not be downtrodden as they were but you may be tired from the long calendar of events that you have accomplished this year. What I'm asking is basically what Jesus said to Simon Peter tired and all, "Put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch." If you've ever been fishing before that means in Jersey you have to go out 50 miles off shore again to fish if not more; back then it would have been done by hand. What Jesus is asking is not easy. What I'm asking is not easy. Observe Simon Peter's response though. Though tired, he says he will do as Jesus asked and he will let down the nets. They catch so many fish that the ship starts to sink. I'm asking you to put out into the deep for a catch. A catch that will bring more men to your council. A catch that will bring more men to the church more often. A catch that will bring more men to have a friendship and a trust renewed in Jesus. So, council 1672 put out into the deep for a catch not because I'm asking you to but because Jesus is asking you to go into the world and baptize the nations in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you in this.

MARIO ROJAS

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

New Gallup Poll Shows Americans More Pro-Life Than Pro-Abortion

[On June 18th Gallup released the results of its annual poll on sanctity of life issues.

Pollsters surveyed over 1,000 adults in May. Overall, the results show that there has been a considerable amount of stability in public attitudes toward abortion.

The poll found that 42 percent of respondents identify as “pro-life.” That is a one percentage point decrease from last year’s poll. The poll also found that a plurality of Americans, 49 percent, believe that abortion should be either “illegal in a circumstance” or “legal in only a few circumstances.” This represents a one percentage point increase from the previous year. The most important takeaway for pro-lifers is that today’s Gallup poll adds to a growing body of survey data that finds that pro-life sentiment has increased since the Dobbs leak.

Since May 2022, according to Gallup, the percentage of people who identify as “pro-life” and the percentage of people who find abortion “morally wrong” have both increased by three percentage points.

Additionally, the percentage who believe that abortion should be either “illegal in all circumstances” or “legal in only a few circumstances,” has increased by four percentage points. Furthermore, polls conducted by Pew, Associated Press/NORC, and the Public Religion Research Institute also show gains in pro-life sentiment since Dobbs.

Overall, during the past few years, supporters of legal abortion and their allies in the mainstream media have worked overtime to argue that Dobbs caused a surge in public support for legal abortion. It is true that some polls did show modest gains in “pro-choice” sentiment after the Dobbs leak. However, it should be noted that not one pro-life incumbent has lost a statewide election since Dobbs. This includes governors who signed strong pro-life laws. More important, this poll adds to a body of survey data that pro-life sentiment has rebounded in the past four years. [We] Pro-lifers certainly have our work cut out for us, but we need not despair.

FRATERNALLY,

Roger

Culture of Life Committee



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Summer is finally here, barbeques, Hamburgers, Franks and Only one Knights of Columbus meeting in July and one in August! The end of the 2025 – 2026 Columbian year is now over. The weather is warming up, and the days are longer! Congratulations to the new council officers for 2026-2027 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 2025 – 2026 dues collection has finally ended. This year, we had Eight men that chose not to continue their membership in our order. We completed this year's billing cycle at 97% of membership paid. Current membership numbers at this writing stand at 379 + 31 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 410. We had a gain of Twenty men, (both new and transfers in). Eight brothers that passed. May they all rest in peace. Since last year's Compass, of these 410, 30 are Honorary members, (at least 65 years old and twenty-five continuous years of service, up three from last year) 91 are Honorary Life members, (at least 70 years old and 25 continuous years of service up 4 from last year) and 81 are 4 th 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 4th degree regardless of whether your dues are paid in the 4th degree.

In addition, we still have 12 Brothers that are nonagenarian's (men that are 90 – 99 years of age, and One turning 103 in July) May God bless them and give them long life!! Lastly of the 379 men, 354 are in NJ, 2 in Co, 3 in Del, 10 in Florida, 1 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 July of 2025 - Dec of 2025 = \$40,495.57 From Jan 2026 through almost the End of June (remember this is being written mid-June) we have Revenue of \$17,430.86 for a Grand total of \$57,926.43. 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 2026. 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**

ADVOCATE-SPENCE PURDUM

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE -Between May 15 and May 22, members of our Council placed 278 Knights of Columbus flags at St. Rose of Lima and four other nearby cemeteries. Over 92% of them are at St. Rose. The weather for our biggest work parties, Thursday and Friday, was more like February than May. My thanks to PGK Frank Aburto, Bob Barry, Wayne Basilio, Dan Dawidowicz, DGK Pat Facchini, Tom Fulciniti, PGK Ed and Lady Mary Ann Hudak, Frank O'Shea and PGK Vinny Orandello who helped at one of the St. Rose work parties. Thank you, too, to the Council for continuing to support this fraternal activity that memorializes our departed brothers. **Spence Purdum, PGK, FDD**

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 at Olde Freehold Day, Saturday, August 1, 11 am – 5 pm, set up 8 am, at Lake Topenemus and the annual Car Show, Saturday, September 19. Cooking at these events are Columbian Club fundraisers. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, cashiers, etc. The monthly Breakfasts will resume again in September. There are 410 members of our Council, of that number, there are only 140 members of the Columbian Club. To all members of 1672, the Columbian Club is a separate non-profit corporation. Your K of C dues do not support the Columbian Club. I am asking all Knights to join the Columbian Club membership. The dues are only \$20 per year. Your membership is not mandatory, but with more members, it helps offset some expenses which we face every month in operating the building. Please come to a meeting (last Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm) and see the financials for the previous month's expenses and income. 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 Columbian Club can always use TAMS trained bartenders and hostesses for rentals. Training is provided and these are paid positions.

Also 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. 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 Columbian Club will be a place you can be proud to call Knights of Columbus 1672 Council Home.

Dan Dawidowicz Columbian Club President

CALENDAR

July 2nd 4th Degree Meeting 7PM

July 4TH HAPPY 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USA

July 21st Knights of Columbus Business Meeting 7:30PM

July 23rd Columbian Club (CC) meeting 7:30PM

August 1st Olde Freehold Day (8AM to 5PM)

August 6th 4th Degree Meeting 7PM

August 11th Knights of Columbus Business meeting 7:30PM

August 27th Columbian Club meeting 7:30PM

September 3rd 4th Degree Meeting 7PM

September 8th Knights of Columbus Business meeting 7:30PM

September 10th Good Council Dinner (TBA)

September 13th St Roberts Parish Picnic (12PM-5PM)

September 19th Car Show at St Roberts 11AM to 4PM

September 22nd Knights Meeting 7:30PM

September 29th Pride in Priest Dinner (TBA)

FREEHOLD 1672 KNIGHTS CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY PLEDGE



CHRIS BARNETT PASSING THE GRAVEL TO OUR NEW GRAND KNIGHT PAT FACCHINI (R)

BILL HARMS & RICH PEPE PRESENTING A CAR SHOW CHECK TO MSR. SAM (L)

FREEHOLD 1672 COUNCIL AT THE 151ST FREEHOLD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE (R)



FREEHOLD 1672 KNIGHTS COLLECTING MONIES FOR MONMOUTH ARC IN OUR ANNUAL SPRING CAN DRIVE (L)

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