



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

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COMPASS

2026-2027 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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2022-2023
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2025-2026 (tba) Star
Council Awards
Congratulations!

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Paschal (Pat) Facchini

Brothers,

As summer ends, I hope you all had a safe and wonderful time enjoying the warm weather with family and friends. As fall brings crisp mornings and autumn foliage, we return to our busy calendar. Our business meeting will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM; on the fourth Tuesday, our meeting is changing. This is an officers and chairman meeting and will be held in the bar side room. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend and will start at 7:30 PM. I've formed a Charity Committee that will now meet to review and make recommendations for our charitable donations, which will be brought to the floor at our business meetings. Wish to thank all those who assisted at Olde Freehold Day and all the who attended Fr. John Campoli last mass at St. Rose on August 30th. Regrettably, Fr. Jim Conover, pastor at St. Rose passed away. Thank you to all the brothers who attended his services and mass. Special thanks to the Fourth-Degree Honor Guard. I'm extremely grateful for the turnout of brothers in honoring Fr. Jim. Thanks to brother Emil Staffancci and all those who assisted at the St. Robert's Picnic I wish to thank Chancellor Bob Barry and PGK Chris Barnett for our recent CUF degree which brought in three new brothers. Finally, thanks to brothers Rich Pepe, Bill Harms and all would work so hard on putting on another successful Car Show. You couldn't have asked for a better day and our brothers turned out in full support of this fundraiser for our charities.

There are several events scheduled now through the Christmas holidays, which will need your support to make them successful. I'll email all details as they approach. I wish you all a safe and happy fall season.

Vivat Jesus!

Pat Facchini, GK

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Tom Fuciniti

Brothers, Summer has come to an end, and I hope you all had a safe and w notable season surrounded by families and friend 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, at 7:30pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays, On September 19, we brothers Rich and Bill, along with dozens of others that helped in many different ways, pulled it off again with an incredibly successful Blessing of the Cars event. Thank you to all those that contributed to this event. Here is a list of key events and dates for the 4th quarter of 2026.

OCTOBER

1st 4th Degree meeting

4th Soccer Challenge SRL field 2 to 4 PM; Chair PGK Barrett

10th & 11th Membership Drive all masses; Chair Chancellor Barry

12th First Baby Born in Freehold (CentraState) ; Chair GK

13th Rosary and Business meeting

22nd Columbian Club Meeting

24th Canning Drive; Chair PGK Barnett

27th Charity and Planning meeting

NOVEMBER

7th & 8th Send A Hero Home Fund Raiser all masses. Chair GK

10th Rosary and Business meeting

13th Mass for Departed Brothers

20th Christmas Hall Decorations

24th Council Tree lighting

30th, (week of) Start of Memorial Tree setup SRB and SRL; Chair Dawidowicz

DECEMBER

5th and 6th Keep Christ in Christmas SRL/SRB. Tree sales Council/SRB

5th Children's Christmas Party - Chair: OPEN; Blood Drive Chair: Albert; Breakfast with Santa - Chair: OPEN

5th Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting after 4:30 PM mass SRB and after 4:00 mass SRL

13th Coffee And; 7 AM to 12:30 PM

15th Rosary and Business meeting

27th Sensory Mass

As you can see, we have a packed calendar. Please take a moment to look at the events and dates and strongly considering volunteering for at least one or more. Without your help, we cannot sustain the charitable work that we do as Knights. Take particular notice of December 5 when we have multiple commitments throughout the day. For all the new joiners, now is the time to get more actively involved. Coming out and giving whatever time you can in support of our events will ensure our success, but also provide you with a personal sense of fulfillment and gratitude for all the good work we do. See Pat or I if you have any questions. As a reminder, all information related to our business and council events are communicated throughout the month via emails from our WGK. I wish you a peaceful and cool Fall season

DISTRICT DEPUTY 27-MARIO ROJAS

2 Timothy 1:6-14

“For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed preacher and apostle and teacher. On this account I am suffering these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know him I whom I have believed and am confident that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the holy Spirit that dwells within us.” Wow what a loaded message from Saint Paul to Timothy. I believe these words are for all of us today. We are reminded that we were given a spirit of power in our baptism. A spirit to proclaim his Kingdom at any age, even the toughest of ages. The question is why do we not always caring out this mission we are called to. We are called to holiness and to baptize the nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The word call means to cry out. You see God in sending his Son to die for us on the cross was and is answering our cry. This cry is still in our hearts today. That is why Saint Augustine famous tag line resounds today, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” And having received the gift of faith Saint Augustine did not just go home and sit on the couch to watch reruns. He lived a life to proclaim the Gospel, to baptize the nations, in search of holiness. The question is why? I believe it came through the relationship that he built with God out of love for Him. Who wouldn’t love a God that came to rescue you. And having been rescued, you go back and rescue those imprisoned in darkness, the darkness of sin; answering now the cry of the Lord. You see Saint Paul says, “I am not ashamed for I know him in whom I have believed.” Do you know who it is that we serve? Do you know what your calling is? Are you living it out? God give us the grace to answer your cry as you have answered ours with such a great work of giving up your only begotten son for us. Let us respond to your cry faithfully and with trust to holiness and to baptize the nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you in this.

District Deputy MARIO ROJAS

Deacon Rolf – Just a Thought.....

I hope that everyone had a great summer filled with lots of sun and summer activities- BBQs, picnics and gatherings with family and friends. So, now we are again in October-with shorter and cooler days. Soon, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and prepare for the coming of Christ into our lives!

Where does the time go?

Once again, it becomes our wake-up call-to take stock of ourselves and what we have accomplished as Knights. As we plan forward, we look to the newer members of our Council who joined us this year this year: How are they doing? Have they been fully welcomed and integrated into our mission as Knights? As older members, have we “brought” them into the “fold”? Do we go out of our way to get to know them and make them truly part of the “inner circle” of knights? Do we mentor them or do we continue to stay within our safety zone of friends. I realize some of us have known each other for years, but let’s make room for the “new guy”. I know that we are excited to see fresh new faces that will bring renewed strength to our Council. However, at times their presence is short lived. And we have to ask ourselves Why? Here’s a thought, when a new member arrives, let’s go out of our way to get to know him and introduce him to others who may have similar attributes (such as age/schooling/career etc.) and common interests. So as we go forward, let us all remember that the lasting strength and viability of any organization rests with the incorporation of newer members into our mission. Afterall, we did advertise the Knights and it’s Christian values.

They had great expectations. Don’t let them down.

Deacon Rolf

CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Pope Leo Condemns Abortion and Euthanasia as Acts "Against Life Itself"

At Wednesday's general audience, Pope Leo recalled the Second Vatican Council's condemnation of abortion, euthanasia and voluntary suicide as acts "against life itself," and said Catholics should use that teaching to judge today's political projects. He turned to the chapter of *Gaudium et Spes* on "the human community" and quoted the Second Vatican Council's list of "practical consequences of greater urgency," beginning with respect for the human person.

"Everything that is opposed to life itself, such as any kind of homicide, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, and even voluntary suicide; everything that violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilations, tortures inflicted on body and mind, psychological coercion; everything that offends human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary arrests, deportations, slavery, prostitution, the trafficking of women and young people, or also the ignominious conditions of work, in which workers are treated as mere instruments of profit and not as free and responsible persons: all these things and others like them are certainly shameful," citing *Gaudium et Spes* 27.

Leo said the council's vision of humanity as a "community of persons" still guides discernment: "It helps us all to carry out personal and communal discernment, to responsibly evaluate today's social and political projects, according to the criteria of the dignity of the human person, social justice, and free participation in building the common good". "Because the future of humanity depends on the commitment of each one to collaborate with God and with brothers in building a more human world." The Pope also warned that technology and artificial intelligence can make relationships "increasingly less personal, more virtual," and that people may grow used to "delegating to algorithms decisions that belong only to the human conscience."

Those concerns appear as well in his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, which says AI "threatens to normalize an anti-human vision" and criticizes a "futuristic vision of an 'enhanced human being' or 'human-machine hybrid'" Our relationship with life seems to be in crisis today," the encyclical says. "Everything that appears as a 'limit' – incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, vulnerability – tends to be seen primarily as a defect to be corrected, rather than as a reality through which our humanity matures and opens it to relationship."

The Pope repeated the council's teaching that "the human person, who by his very nature has absolute need of social life, is and must be the principle, subject, and end of all social institutions." He also cited its call to overcome "every form of discrimination in the fundamental rights of the person." By placing abortion and euthanasia with homicide and genocide as things opposed to life itself, Pope Leo restated the Church's judgment that those acts are not private medical options. He tied that judgment to politics: social programs, he said, are to be measured by whether they protect the dignity of the human person and the common good.

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 just after our Car Show, and I am Happy to report that we brought in GROSS \$12,300.00! Great money for our Charity Account. 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, 2027. 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, 2027, 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. If you are having trouble with Venmo with this email address, please use @georgef.

Do not forget 1st class Postage is \$0.82. Venmo and Zelle are FREE!

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 11 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 in 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 and emails from a lot of members. I find out about changes of address or email by accident when the mail comes back or someone notifies the GK that they are not getting emails.

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!

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz

For me, the summer went by too fast; there is a nip of Autumn in the air and the leaves are falling fast. I want to say welcome to another Columbian Year to all old and new members of Council 1672. Joining the Columbian Club is NOT mandatory but joining and becoming an active member helps the Club meet all our financial obligations. The Club provides a well-kept building for Council 1672 functions and meetings. We try to project a positive image of the Knights of Columbus to all who visit the building. I am asking for your help. First is that you become a member of the Columbian Club and pay the CC dues. Second, support our fundraising events, monthly breakfasts, Friday night pub, bar bingo, music nights, etc. The upkeep of the building is done by brother Knights and we could use more helpers, one hour once a week. Please consider lending a hand even if you can only help once a month. Also, bar tenders and hostesses are needed to work meetings and rental parties. 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 (Our Home) President

FREEHOLD 1672 KNIGHTS CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY PLEDGE



**OLE FREEHOLD DAY AT
LAKE TOPANEMUS
AUGUST 1ST 2026**

**OUR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
WINNERS W/GK & JUDGES
AUGUST 11TH 2026**



**REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH
25 YEARS LATER
FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP
MAYOR & BROTHER
LESTER PRESTON
SEPTEMBER 11TH 2026**



**ST ROBERT'S PARISH PICNIC
MASTER CHEFS AT WORK
SEPTEMBER 13TH 2026**



**ST ROBERT'S BLESSING OF THE
AUTOS CAR SHOW
6TH ANNUAL
SEPTEMBER 19TH 2026**

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Second Tuesday Business
Meeting
Fourth Tuesday Planning
Meeting Only
7:30pm Sharp

Paschel "Pat" Facchini
Grand Knight

Gino Iacovella
PGK & Editor

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"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen."

